



## Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for your patience, support and well wishes this week as we have been dealing with a number of poorly children. Additional information was sent out today via Classlist and email, and children also have a letter. Please be mindful of the 48 hour rule before children are able to return to school.

On a lighter note, plans for Sports Day and the Summer Fete are in their final phases. Thank you to the group of parents who have been busy planning for the activities and logistics in the afternoon. A letter will be sent to you with information including timings for the day. All children will be required to wear their PE kit to school on Friday 12th July so they are ready for their races in the morning.

Continuing with the theme of sports, we are excited to have been awarded the School Games Mark silver award! This is our first Sports Mark and I would like to thank Mrs Southgate for all of her hard work on achieving this. Originally we were aiming for the bronze award, however Mrs Southgate was informed that we would be granted silver as there is already so much in place- fantastic! A big well done to all of the children and staff, but also to parents. We very much appreciate all of the support you offer in transporting children to the many sporting events.

Although we are entering the final two weeks of term, we have a number of events scheduled to take place. This includes the Year 6 leavers trip, a Key Stage One athletics events, whole school picnic at Oaksbrook Farm, Key Stage 2 summer performance and others. Please be aware that there has been a change of location for the Leavers Assembly taking place on Monday 22nd July. This will be held at the Village Hall in Messing instead of All Saints Church.

Very best wishes,  
Mrs Charlotte Brown

## Musical Extravaganza

The choir had an exciting opportunity on Thursday 27th June. They joined New Hall School for an evening of entertainment and fabulous singing.

Write up by Shyla and Caroline

In school we had been busy practising songs with Mrs Lewis. Some of them were new and so we had to learn all of the words. We got to New Hall on two minibuses and we went into a huge tent. There were children from New Hall and three other schools. We all got a lanyards so everybody could tell who we were.

The music was very loud because it was played by a live orchestra. We also got to eat at the school and play in the walled gardens. We felt excited and nervous because there were so many people in the audience, but it was a lot of fun.



## Key Stage 2 Athletics

On Tuesday 18th June, children from Kingfisher and Owl classes were selected to compete in different events at The Garrison in Colchester. Thank you to all of the parents who transported, but also supported the children in all events. We were most grateful for the cheering squad.

Write up by Esme

On a sunny afternoon, we arrived and had lunch on the field. First, we competed in the field events including throwing and jumping. Gracie-Sue came second in the long jump which was a great achievement.

We participated in many track events. In the majority of them we placed second. I was proud to have come in first place in the 600m.

The relays were quite competitive. In the year 5 and 6 race with Thomas, Bobby, Erin and myself, we came second. Well done to Baynards School who came in first place. In the year 4 and 5 relay, Maddison, Heath, Arlo and Chloe did really well and tried their best.

Overall, we came in fourth place, but this was still a great achievement. If you have been offered a place for next year, then I definitely recommend going as it is such a fun experience.





## Agents of Change Conference

On Friday 21st June, a group of 12 children visited the University of Essex Business School for a full day of networking and workshops for Agents of Change. The children who went on the trip are our school ambassadors. They were a credit to the school in the way they made connections with others and were open-minded. A mix of children of different ages from other schools within the Tiptree and Stanway Consortium were also there.

Write up by Zach and Gracie-Sue

We did a range of activities such as basketball, sustainable fashion, gardening with the Skinny Jean Gardener and an assembly on perspective. When lunch time came around we found a small natural playground that we ate at and had time to explore. There was a tree swing that was great fun! During the sustainable fashion workshop, we learnt how to reuse newspapers to create an outfit of glory. The model in one group was Samia, Agatha modelled for the second group. Within the basketball session we trained with the coach of The Essex Rebels. This was great for our physical wellbeing and mental health.

To end the day, we had an inspirational talk from [Will Hussey](#) that helped us to communicate with children from other schools. He used a beach ball to explain different perspectives and how you being right does not make somebody else wrong. We also got an Agents of Change goody bag that included a book, lyrics to a song, badge and seeds.



## Food and Farming

On Tuesday 25th June, Mr Pearce led a school trip for the new Owl class to Writtle College.

Write up by Jess and Tommy

On a very warm Tuesday morning, we went to the food and farming event. Firstly, we went to a field where there were lots of machines and we learnt how cereal was made. Some of us had eaten cereal for our breakfast! It is created with wheat and barley.

We then walked back to the main section and visited the livestock tent. We were able to get key chains, stickers and seeds. There was a lot of information and some activities about saving water and helping bees. Bees are so important for pollinating and also make our honey. We should try to save water because it is so important for us to drink, as well as to grow produce to eat and make things.

Afterwards, we had lunch and got to watch a sheep show. The sheep were dancing to music! We learnt that mother nature created 5 breeds of sheep, and humans then cross-bred them to make many more different breeds of sheep.

In the afternoon, we got to see baby turkeys. We also saw cows, including a calf, fed alpacas and were able to stroke pigs. There were local vegetables on show and some of us were able to dig for potatoes.



## Pirates of the Curry Bean

The roles have been cast and the lines are begin learned as children in Owl class are busy preparing for their upcoming performances of their summer play. For parents of children in Yr 5 or 6, you should have already received a letter containing 2 tickets to each performance. If you do not require the tickets, please return them to the school office.

A taste of what's to come, written by Leonie.

A piratical style show is going to be performed in the school hall. Get ready to set sail as you join Pearl, who makes a jaw-dropping discovery. Once the safe is blown, the story will unfold itself and secrets will be revealed.

Prepare for an evening of jokes that are sure to make you belly laugh.

## Summer Term Diary Dates

**Mon 8th Jul-** Yr 6 transition session in school

**Tues 9th- Thurs 11th Jul-** No hot meals, packed lunches instead

**Thurs 11th Jul-** Yr 6 Leavers Trip

**Fri 12th Jul-** Sports Day and Summer Fair

**Tues 16th Jul-** Reports to go home

**Tues 16th & Weds 17th Jul-** Owl class summer performance (evening)

**Thurs 18th Jul-** Wrens and Robins celebration assembly & whole school picnic at Oaksbrook retreat (children will take their packed lunches or Mrs Owens will make a packed lunch for those normally a school dinner)

**Mon 22nd Jul-** Leavers assembly (9.45am) at Messing Village Hall

**Tues 23rd Jul-** Final day of term