



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year! We've had a super start to the term. The children have come back energised and with an excellent attitude towards their learning. I have already awarded 4 Headteacher stickers for excellent effort.

We are excited for both clubs and music lessons to begin next week. We still have a few spaces remaining for before and after school sports club, so if you would like to sign your child up then please do contact Ms Gooday. A list of all of the clubs can be found on the [school website here](#). Children have been signing up for the lunchtime clubs in their classes throughout the week.

Today is the first of the new weekly bulletins. This will be shared weekly with notices for the week ahead, as well as upcoming dates. I will send it via Classlist and email for parents not on Classlist every Friday. The aim of this is to ensure that key information reaches you in the most streamlined way. Of course, this will not remove the need for individual or more urgent notices being shared when needed, but I hope it supports the flow of communication.

A reminder to any parents of children due to start Reception in September 2025 that applications must be submitted by 15th January. You can find out more [information here](#).

If you are struggling with the 'January Blues', please do check out the [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) section of the website. It contains a wealth of information, as well as a wonderful calendar of ideas to promote positivity throughout the month. This is developed by Action for Happiness who produce them each month with a different focus.

Next week we have a group of children from Year 5 and 6 who will be attending a Tag Rugby competition at Maldon Rugby Club. I wish them the very best of luck and look forward to hearing about their successes!

Very best wishes,
Mrs Charlotte Cornelius

Attendance Celebrations

Last term we celebrated a number of children with Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum attendance certificates. Below are the Platinum award winners for 100% attendance to 6th Dec 24. This is an excellent achievement and well done to all of the children!



Wrens

Ava Jake Sapphire
Benjamin Hunter

Robins

Mbassy Aiden Charlie
Toby Eli Ava
Frazer Otilie

Kingfishers

Samia Chloe Dexter
Olivia Ben Wilf
Bonita

Owls

Jamie Xavier Margot
Pippa Heath Agatha



Agents of Change

We continue to promote Agents of Change across the school, encouraging children to complete personal projects and earn stamps in their passports. This promotes children's personal and social development, as well as citizenship. It was wonderful to hear from some of the children in assembly this week about their New Year's resolutions and goals.

Classes will be working on the below this term:

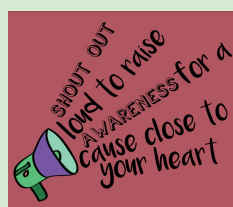
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NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local **Boots** pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

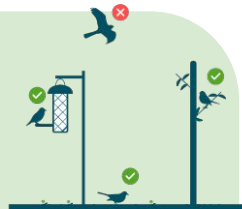
Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply).

| Common condition | Patient eligibility |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Earache | 1 to 17 years |
| Impetigo | 1 year and over |
| Infected insect bites and stings | 1 year and over |
| Sore throats | 5 years and over |
| Sinusitis | 12 years and over |
| Uncomplicated urinary tract | Women 16 to 64 years |
| Shingles | 18 years and over |

*NHS Pharmacy First Service: In pharmacies in England only. Subject to availability. Treatment is subject to suitability assessment. Normal NHS prescription charge rules apply.



Big Garden Birdwatch



The RSPB are encouraging people to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch once again, **24-26th January**. This is to help gain a picture of how garden birds are faring. You can find out [more here](#).

Our gardening group will be encouraging birds to our school site, but we are keen to encourage this at home too. In order to support this, we will be supplying bird seed next week for children to take home if they would like to take part. Please send your child into school with a small plastic box or sandwich bag if you would like this. Children will be able to earn a stamp in their Agents of Change passport.

Car Park Safety

There has been a real cold snap recently. A reminder to please take extra care on the local roads, as well as in the school car park. When there is snow/ ice/ frost forecast, we do our very best to ensure that the school site is safe for everybody by spreading salt. However, please ensure you reduce your speed in the car park.

Families using the drop off area should ensure that children exit the car by Miss Andrew, close to the gate.

Lunch Clubs

We have exciting clubs that children are able to sign-up to join at lunchtime. Clubs for this term are:

Monday

Sing and Sign (EY/ KS1) *Miss Brooks*

Tuesday

Choir (KS2) *Mrs Lewis*

Wednesday

Drawing (KS2) *Miss Andrews*

Thursday

Starbooks (Everyone) *Mrs Evans*

Friday

Sports Ambassadors (KS2) *Mrs Southgate*



Diary Dates

Fri 10th Jan- Kingfishers first swimming lesson

Mon 13th Jan- Clubs and music lessons to begin

Tues 14th Jan- KS2 Library session

Thurs 16th Jan- Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby group event

Tues 21st Jan- EY/KS1 Library session

Thurs 23rd Jan- School Choir to Young Voices, O2

Fri 24th Jan- Free Write Friday

Mon 27th Jan- Yr 6 SATs talk for parents 3.20-4pm

Weds 29th Jan- Chinese New Year

Mon 3rd Feb- Messing Maths Week

Thurs 6th Feb- Yr 4 parent talk for Multiplication Check 3.20-4pm

Fri 7th Feb- NSPCC Number Day