

NEWSLETTER



Friday 20th March 2026

This week we have been wowed by Year 4's phenomenal performance of Annie.



KEY EVENTS next week

Tues 24th	Inclusion event for invited KS2 pupils at Lord Butler 9.30—11.30
Wed 25th	Easter Journey prayer stations for all classes
Wed 25 th	Parents evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thurs 26 th	Parents evening – 4.30pm – 7.30pm
Fri 27 th	End of term awards assembly / Church Easter service 9.30am Last day of term – children finish at 1.30pm

Out and about with our learning



It was an absolute pleasure to take Sarah and Piper to Chelmsford Cathedral on Tuesday to participate in the annual Pupil Summit: 'Growing Future Leaders.' This year's theme was identity and diversity. The day was cleverly woven around drumming and samba percussion workshops to illustrate what makes a leader, can anyone be a leader and the power of collaboration. We explored examples of strong leaders from a diverse range of people and considered the importance of being an upstander rather than a bystander. We were asked to consider what we could go back to our schools and ask everyone to commit to in order to celebrate everyone's differences and be upstanding for each other. Sarah and Piper were super ambassadors for our school and look forward to sharing what they learnt with Year 6.

Different

Individuals

Valuing

Each other

Regardless of

Skin colour

Intellect

Talents or

Years

News from the HUB



On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have Amy from The Multi-Schools Council come to Elsenham to join the Inclusion Ambassadors in hosting an assembly for British Sign Language Week.

Amy taught the whole school how to sign the alphabet and a few common signs such as good morning and thank you. Amy then conducted a workshop for Year 6 and taught them how to sign the chorus for 'A Million Dreams' for their upcoming production.

Thank you Amy for giving us such a memorable and educational morning.

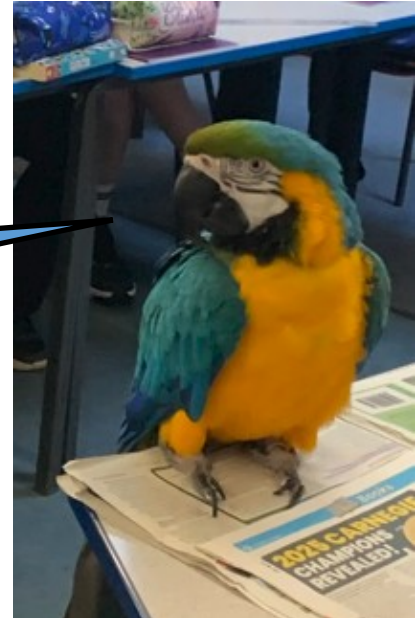
E Carruthers, Assistant SENDCo

We have had a super turn out for our series of parent workshops. There is clearly an appetite for upskilling. There are lots of free online courses available. Please see our web site and facebook page.

round and about the classes

George's parrot, Blue, paid Pine class a visit and they learnt all about him during George's Time to Talk. The children were fascinated with him. Blue even shouted "bye" as he left!

BYE!



SPORTS NEWS

Elsenham were back on home soil yesterday, taking on Rickling in beautiful conditions and what a performance it was!

The team delivered an emphatic 11-0 victory, showcasing excellent teamwork, sharp passing and a real attacking threat throughout the game. Every player contributed, with positive attitudes and energy from start to finish.

Goals came from Connor, Bleu, Haiden, Mason and Alfie, capping off a dominant display.

It was a fantastic all-round team effort and the perfect way to build momentum ahead of the final game of the season—an eagerly anticipated away fixture against local rivals Henham.

Mr Markham





Happy Playtimes

We have welcomed the sunshine this week, and seen lots of creativity during play times through the use of our 'loose parts'. The children have built castles, row boats, islands, army bunkers, marble runs and even created a theme park! It has been wonderful to see children working together, building upon each others' ideas about organisation and safe building.

A plea from us! If you have any pallets, tubing, cable drums, little tyres or hose pipes that you would be able to donate, they would be gratefully received. Please ensure there are no big nails sticking out though.

Thank you, Mrs Draper.





Let's rock with

iRock!

iRock band members put on another enthusiastic concert yesterday to the school and to their families.

We loved it!

Thank you



Celebrating success



A huge well done to Leilani, Bella, and Charlotte for their fantastic efforts in their recent Dance School show. The girls all performed their hearts out in 3 wonderful shows at Harlow Playhouse after months of rehearsing. They looked very professional in their costumes and performed their respective Street dance, Musical Theatre, Tap, Ballet and Modern routines with so much confidence and energy in front of 3 full theatre audiences. They certainly had some of the biggest smiles on stage! Well done girls

STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn	Jake
Cherry	Chloe
Beech	Sonny
Chestnut	Abi
Silver Birch	Alexander
Cedar	Louis
Sycamore	Luna
Rowan	Alba
Elm	Everyone
Ash	Everyone
Willow	Astrid
Pine	Archie
Maple	Alfie
Oak	Seb

CONGRATULATIONS!



Darcy enjoyed success too in her first gymnastic club competition. Well done Darcy!

Sammy has achieved a stage 6 in swimming and came 1st on the vault for gymnastics with a 2nd for her floor routine We're super proud of her.



FROM FOES... "EBOW LOE?"



Last Friday was disco night here at Elsenham Primary School! What an incredible night! Our latest school disco was a massive success, filling the hall with high energy, flashing lights, and some seriously impressive dance moves.

From the latest chart-toppers to those classic floor-fillers, our students truly danced the night away. It was wonderful to see everyone letting loose, celebrating with their friends, and making memories that go far beyond the classroom.

Events like these don't just happen by magic. We want to extend a huge thank you to the Volunteers for the tireless planning, setup, and supervision, to the staff staying late to ensure everything ran smoothly, to the parents for the transport runs and the amazing outfits! And also, importantly, the students for bringing such a positive and fun-loving spirit to the evening.

Your support makes our school community the vibrant place it is.

Louise Judd, FOES Chair



DIARY DATES

MARCH	
Wed 25 th	Parents evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thurs 26 th	Parents evening – 4.30pm – 7.30pm
Fri 27 th	End of term awards assembly (invite only) / Church Easter service 9.30am Last day of term – finish at 1.30pm
Mon 30th March – Fri 11th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS	
APRIL	
Tues 21 st	Chestnut class Assembly—doors open 2.30pm for a 2.40pm start
Tues 28 th	Yr4 HFL Maths challenge Beech class Assembly—doors open 2.30pm for a 2.40pm start
MAY	
Mon 4th	BANK HOLIDAY—school closed
W/B 11 th May	Yr 6 SATs week
Sat 16 th May	FOES summer fayre
Mon 25th May – Fri 29th May – HALF TERM BREAK	
JUNE	
Wed 3 rd	Sports Day
W/C Mon 8 th	Phonics screening
Tues 9 th	Reserve sports day
Tues 9 th	Yr3 HFL Maths challenge 6pm Welcome talk to new Year R parents 2026/2027
Tues 16 th	Cedar class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Weds 24 th	Silver birch class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Thurs 25 th	Transition day for Yr. 6 into Yr. 7 at JFAN and SWCH
Tues 30 th	Acorn class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
JULY	
Wed 1 st	Open evening 4.30pm – 5.45pm
Fri 3 rd July	Relaxed dress rehearsal to KS1 of Yr. 6 play FOES frozen Friday
Tues 7 th	1.45pm Dress rehearsal to KS2
Wed 8 th	Yr. 6 performance 1.45pm & 6pm
Fri 10 th	FOES colour run
Tues 14 th July	Cherry class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Thurs 16 th	HT awards assembly
Fri 17 th	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 17 th	Last day of term—finish at 1.30pm

2026/2027 Term Dates

Autumn Term: Tuesday 1 September 2026 (NPD) – Friday 18 December 2026
Half Term 26 October – 30 October
Friday 4th December 2026 (NPD)

Spring Term: Monday 4 January 2027 (NPD) – Thursday 25 March 2027(NPD)
Half Term 15 February - 19 February

Summer Term: Monday 12 April 2027 – Wednesday 21 July 2027
May Bank Holiday - 3 May 2027 Half Term 31 May – 4 June
Monday 7th June 2027 (NPD)

Health and safety.....No
scooting by anyone, (including
preschoolers) on the
playground please!



Butterfly Easter holiday club
Elsenham c.o.e school CM22
6DD

Easter HOLIDAY CLUB

Tues 31st March,
Weds 1st April, Thurs
2nd April, Tues 7th,
Weds 8th & Thurs 9th
April 2026.
8.30am - 4pm
£30 per day
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
FUN COOKING
ARTS & CRAFTS
SPORT CHALLENGES
AND MANY MORE....
Must bring own
lunch, Light
snacks provided.

FOR BOYS & GIRLS
AGE 2 - 11

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SIGN UP NOW!

FOR INFORMATION
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The background of the flyer features three cartoon children. On the left, a girl with black pigtails and a pink dress. On the right, a boy with dark curly hair and orange overalls. At the bottom, a boy with blonde hair and blue overalls. They are standing on a green grassy field with several large, colorful Easter eggs (purple, yellow, blue, green) scattered around.

What's on this MARCH at



All take place at Crafton Green, Chapel Hill, Stansted CM24 8AQ unless otherwise stated, are funded by TouchPoint and are free of charge with donations welcomed:

Regular TouchPoint events and activities:

MONDAYS

10am-12pm: Memory Lane Café (free dementia support group)
1:40pm-2:30pm: Chair Boogie seated exercise - Wimbish Primary School, Maple Lane, Tye Green, CB10 2XE
2:45-3:15pm: Community Foodshare - Wimbish Primary School, CB10 2XE
6:30-7:15pm: Women's Running & Fitness*
7:15pm-8pm: Women's Body Blitz*

TUESDAYS

9:15-10:15am: Yoga Mindfulness
12:15-1pm: Community Foodshare - Elsenham Memorial Hall, CM22 6BY
10-11am: Pilates - Pam's Place, Thaxted, CM6 2RL
11am-12pm: Chair-based Pilates - Pam's Place, Thaxted, CM6 2RL

WEDNESDAYS

12pm: Chair-based yoga (45 mins)
1pm: Chair Boogie seated exercise (40 mins)
5-5:30pm: Community Foodshare - Stansted (time subject to change, please check our website before heading out)
6:30-7:30pm: Women's 'Stronger You'* - Elsenham Village Hall, CM22 6DD
7-8pm: Yoga - Birchanger Primary School, Birchanger, CM23 5QL

THURSDAYS

9:15-10am: Chair-based exercise - Takeley Old School Community Hub, CM22 6OJ
10am-10:45am: Community Foodshare - Takeley Old School Community Hub, CM22 6OJ
10am-2:30pm: Community Café (inc. small Community Foodshare)
3-6pm: TouchPoint Teatime

FRIDAYS

8:30-10:30am: Free Breakfast Club
9:15-10am: Running Group Couch to 5K - Recreation Ground, Stansted, CM24 8BD
10-10:45am: Community Foodshare - Saffron Walden Baptist Church, CB11 3HD
10-11am: Friday Walking Group
10-12pm: Friday Social
1-2pm: Community Foodshare - Stansted

SATURDAYS

10-11am: Community Foodshare - Stansted

SUNDAYS

10:30-11:30am: Yoga Mindfulness
1pm-4pm: Sunday Afternoon at the Movies: **NOTE:**
1st and 15th March ONLY

***Women Only**

For more information, visit our website, www.thetouchpoint.org:



Also this month at Crafton Green House:

Bereavement Café, with St Clare Hospice:

- 10-11:30am, Wednesday 4th March
- 10-11:30am, Wednesday 18th March
- 7-8:30pm, Wednesday 25th March

Peabody Trust drop-in housing advice session:

- 11am-3pm, Thursday 12th March

Essex Police Advice session:

- 10am-12pm, Monday 9th March

MHST Support Sessions

MHST are offering free 1:1 support sessions.

If your child is displaying either challenging behaviour or anxious symptoms mostly at home and you would like to receive support please scan the code below.

**Scan here to
complete an
enquiry form...**



Possible anxious symptoms:

- Worrying or having negative thoughts
- Experiencing lots of fears
- Tearfulness
- Difficulty concentrating
- Becoming angry or irritable
- Clingy
- Feeling unwell; constant stomach ache, feeling sick

Possible symptoms of challenging behaviour:

- Having lots of angry outbursts or 'tantrums'
- Ignoring or refusing to follow requests
- Verbal aggression e.g. shouting, swearing
- Physical aggression e.g. hitting, biting
- Damaging things
- Excessive anger when not getting their own way