

NEWSLETTER



Friday 17th April 2026

Thank you to Josh Colson who has stepped down from our Governing Body. We are grateful for your time and commitment to the school in your role as a parent governor. This opens up a vacancy, and so on Monday, you should have received an invitation to stand for election as a parent governor. This is an important role that offers a valuable opportunity to contribute to the continued success and development of our school.

Huge excitement has been created by the arrival of construction workers, diggers and skips on the adventure playground area this week. The old castle has been removed to make way for new play equipment. We are extremely lucky to have received a significant donation of £18K from FOES towards the cost of the project. Thank you! Our schools council were consulted over the design and we are all looking forward to playing on it very soon....me included!



Year 2 have been inspired by the building works during their continuous provision sessions and are enjoying watching progress



KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Clubs start and it is Battle of the Bands week for Times Tables Rock Stars!

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| Tues 21st | Chestnut class Assembly—doors open 2.30pm for a 2.40pm start |
| Wed 22nd | Rescheduled Parents evening for Beech class in meeting room 3 |
| Thurs 23rd | KS2 Archery finals (pm) |

Celebrating success



Well done to scouts: Piper, Jared, Willow, Archie and Alfie on how well they did at the Essex Scouts County Backpack camp over the Easter holidays. This event is a challenging test of navigation, endurance, and teamwork. Strategically planning their routes from base to base, the Scouts navigated through the Essex countryside over the Saturday and Sunday, visiting as many manned bases as possible, completing a task at each base - including preparing a meal - before returning to the main campsite at Thorrington.

One team reached 7 bases walking for over 6 hours and the other 8 bases and walked for over 8 hours. They have also had to put together a presentation. This has earned them all their Expedition challenge badge which goes towards their Chief

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Cherry	Wren
Acorn	Rudy
Beech	Ethan
Chestnut	Florry
Silver birch	Mila
Cedar	Anaya
Rowan	Ella
Sycamore	Chester
Ash	Oliver
Elm	Dulcie
Willow	Ted
Pine	Mason
Maple	Archie
Oak	Jared



SCHOOL FETE!

16th May
11am to 2pm

A FUN PACKED EVENT

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

ELSENHAM C of E Primary School



Bouncy Castles • BBQ • Raffle • Cash Prizes!

The PTA promise to make it a wonderful event!

£1 ENTRY TO ADULTS

DIARY DATES

Mon 30th March – Fri 11 th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS	
APRIL	
Tues 21st	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 16th May	FOES summer fayre
Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th 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
Wed 10th	Class photo day
Tues 16 th	Cedar class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Weds 24th	Silver birch class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Thurs 25th	Transition day for Yr. 6 into Yr. 7 at JFAN and SWCH
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 Yr 6 Dress rehearsal to KS2 6pm Yr 6 performance to parents
Wed 8 th	Yr. 6 performance to parents 1.45pm
Fri 10 th	FOES colour run
Tues 14th July	Cherry class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Thurs 16 th	HT awards assembly
Fri 17 th	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 17th	Last day of term—finish at 1.30pm

Please note that whilst we will do our best to keep to these dates, circumstances may require us to make a change

2026/2027 Term Dates	
Autumn Term:	Tuesday 1 September 2026 (NPD) – Friday 18 December 2026 <i>Half Term 26 October – 30 October</i> <i>Friday 4th December 2026 (NPD)</i>
Spring Term:	Monday 4 January 2027 (NPD) – Thursday 25 March 2027(NPD) <i>Half Term 15 February - 19 February</i>
Summer Term:	Monday 12 April 2027 – Wednesday 21 July 2027 <i>May Bank Holiday - 3 May 2027 Half Term 31 May – 4 June</i> <i>Monday 7th June 2027 (NPD)</i>

EXPLORERS

A NEW GROUP FOR YEARS 4-6

STARTING 15 APRIL

Join us on a Wednesday after school as we play great games, activities and crafts and hear true Bible stories. Make new friends and have a wonderful time!

Parents and carers are invited to stay to enjoy free homemade refreshments while the kids are in their group. Plus, there will be space for younger siblings to play.

 **WHEN?** Wednesdays in term time, 3.30-4.45

 **WHERE?** Henham Church (CM22 6AL)

 **HOW DO I BOOK?** Scan the QR code



Henham, Elsenham & Ugley Churches

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Visit the website or contact us at office@heuchurch.co.uk

Health and safety.....No
scooting by anyone,
(including preschoolers)
on the playground or
through the car park
please.



Free food from Pret!

Please note Pret will not be at school this evening with their donation delivery.



School Nurse Details

Feel free to contact the school nurse for advice on physical and mental health- including sleeping difficulties.

Michelle Coates

School Nurse

Uttlesford Team

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service (ECFWS)

Service provided by: HCRG Care Group in partnership with Barnardo's.

Main Office Number: 0300 247 0122

Email: michelle.coates@hcrccaregroup.com

Mental Health Support Teams in Schools

ONLINE PARENT GROUP - Helping Your Child with Fears & Worries

Are you looking for effective ways to help you,
help your young person, navigate anxiety
and help them manage their worries?

The Mental Health Support Team is
running 2 online parent groups in June

When?

Thursdays
1pm - 2pm

11th June
18th June
25th June
2nd July

When?

Fridays
9:30am - 10:30am

12th June
19th June
26th June
3rd July

Choose sessions on Thursdays or Fridays.
Attendance at all four sessions is expected.

Next steps:
scan QR code
complete form

A practitioner will call you to complete a short assessment



For any questions email: mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk

Information for parent/carers

