

NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st May 2026



What a simply incredible day was spent in London taking part in the TCS Mini Marathon, last Saturday.

Our 25 children represented our school brilliantly! Their energy, positivity and team spirit was impressive and the parents matched this in abundance. We had such supportive spectator crews all the way around who spurred us on with their very loud cheers and words of encouragement. Well done to all that took part – we are so proud of you.

Mrs McCraith and Miss Verlander

KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Mon 4th BANK HOLIDAY—school closed

EVERYONE IS SOMEONE, BECOMING LEARNERS FOR LIFE. READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Celebrating success

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Cherry	Phoebe
Acorn	Effie
Beech	Arabella
Chestnut	Chester
Silver birch	Arthur
Cedar	Ford
Rowan	Alfie
Sycamore	Kayleigh
Ash	Demi
Elm	Ollie
Willow	Vinny
Pine	Olivia
Maple	Sylvia
Oak	Jess

Thank you!



Thank you FOES....We love the new climbing frame!



Thank you to Mrs Jarvis and M&S for the donation of seeds and bulbs. The children have been busy scattering summer scented flower seeds around school and planting summer bulbs. EYFS and KS1 have been able to use some of the bulbs for hands on science exploration too. Let's hope they bring colour and scent to our school later in the term.



Out and about with our learning



Sycamore and Rowan classes have been working incredibly hard on their Young Leader Award and proudly completed their Community Action project this week. As part of this, we visited Elsenham Recreation Ground equipped with litter pickers, gloves, and bin bags to help tidy and clear the area of rubbish.

The trip was a great success, with the children collecting an impressive eight bags of litter to bring back to school for disposal. Everyone felt a strong sense of achievement, and we had some thoughtful discussions about how contributing to our community can make us feel proud and connected.

Mrs Channing and Miss Wilson would like to extend a huge thank you to the parent helpers who generously gave up their time to support us. Without your help, this local visit would not have been possible.

Thank you also to Julie Wright for the donation of bin bags and litter pickers!

SPORTS NEWS



Year 1 and 2 children had a fantastic time at the 3 Tees Cricket Festival at Joyce Frankland on Thursday. Their batting and fielding skills were superb. Mrs Carruthers and the adult helpers were so impressed. Great news too - one team were the overall tournament winners! Fantastic!



On Wednesday, 11 Year 6 children proudly represented Elsenham Primary School at a rounders tournament, held at Joyce Frankland Academy. The team played three matches and demonstrated outstanding skill and determination throughout. Their batting was powerful and confident, while their fielding was equally impressive, with accurate throwing, reliable catching, and excellent teamwork on display in every game- especially from back stop to first base! The children supported one another brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship, winning all three matches and finishing overall winners. They returned to school with well-deserved medals, and we are incredibly proud of their fantastic achievement, well done. Big thank you to Mrs Cooper and Mrs Brown for helping and to all the parents that gave the children lifts.

Mrs Fox and Mrs Winder

From the HUB Team



Some children have been going monthly to gymnastic sessions. They are enjoying using all the apparatus and developing their skills. This week they were proud to earn their purple medal.

OUT OF THIS WORLD



Year 1 and Year 5 enjoyed this year's visit from the mobile planetarium which brought their Space topics to life.

They entered the inflatable Wonderdome and were able to see projections of the moon and the planets.



Free food from Pret a Manger at the school gate every Friday at 5.30pm.

Don't let food go to waste!

Open to everyone!

DIARY DATES

Mon 30 th March – Fri 11 th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS	
MAY	
Mon 4 th	BANK HOLIDAY—school closed
W/B 11 th May	Yr 6 SATs week
Tues 12 th May	Rowan class Assembly—doors open 2.30pm for a 2.40pm start
Sat 16 th 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 10 th	Class photo day
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 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 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

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>

What's on this MAY 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:

MONDAYS

10am-12pm: Memory Lane Café (free dementia support group)
CLOSED on 4 May. 25 May is TBC, please check website before heading out
1:40pm-2:30pm: Chair Boogie seated exercise - Wimbish Primary School, Tye Green, CB10 2XE *CLOSED on 4 and 25 May*
2:45-3:15pm: Community Foodshare - Wimbish Primary School, CB10 2XE
6:30-7:15pm: Women's Running & Fitness* *CLOSED on 4 and 25 May*
7:15pm-8pm: Women's Body Blitz* *CLOSED on 4 and 25 May*

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

12.15-1pm: Chair-based yoga
1-1:40pm: Chair Boogie seated exercise
5-5:30pm: Community Foodshare - Stansted *(time subject to change, please check our website before heading out)*
6-7pm: Men's Nordic Walking Group**
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
10-10:45am: Community Foodshare - Saffron Walden Baptist Church, CB11 3HD
10-11am: Parent & Baby Yoga - *booking essential, email active@thetouchpoint.org for info*
10-11am: Friday Walking Group
10-12pm: Friday Social
1-1.45pm: Community Foodshare - Stansted

SATURDAYS

10-11am: Community Foodshare - Stansted

SUNDAYS

10:30-11:30am: Yoga
1pm-4pm: Sunday Afternoon at the Movies: *NOTE: Sunday 3 May and Sunday 17 May only*

***Women only**
**** Men 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 6 May
- **10-11:30am**, Wednesday 20 May
- **7-8:30pm**, Wednesday 27 May

Essex Police Advice session:

- **10am-12pm**, Thursday 21 May
- **10am-12pm**, Thursday 28 May

Peabody Trust drop-in housing advice session:

- **11am-3pm**, Thursday 14 May

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

