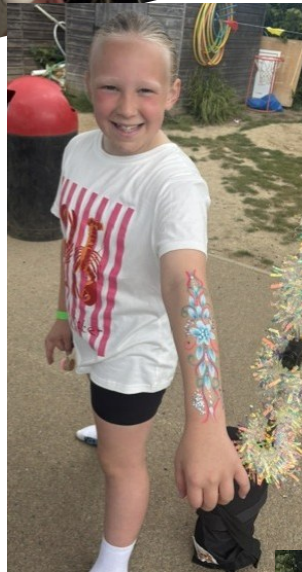


NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd May 2026



Thank you to our Amazing FOES who ran an extremely enjoyable and successful fete on Saturday. There was a wonderful community atmosphere.

Thank you for supporting the event and for helping to raise a record breaking £5,635!

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

Out and about with our learning



Year 2's guided reading text this term is 'House Held Up By Trees' by Ted Kooser. This book explores the themes of growth, loss and change, and has formed the basis of lots of our forest school adventures this term.

For homework, the children built their own mini houses, and this week they got to take their creations into forest school, to complete their challenge; **Use natural materials to create a 'House held up by trees'.**

The children had to use skills of patience and resilience, as this task was not easy. They created sturdy structures to hold the weight of their houses, ensuring their house was held up off of the ground. We felt very proud of the children as we watched them help each other and share ideas, such as "You need a stronger base, let me help you get thicker sticks to support the bottom of your structure" and "Have you thought about leaning your first sticks against the tree to get them steady?". The final outcomes were fantastic!

Mrs Draper

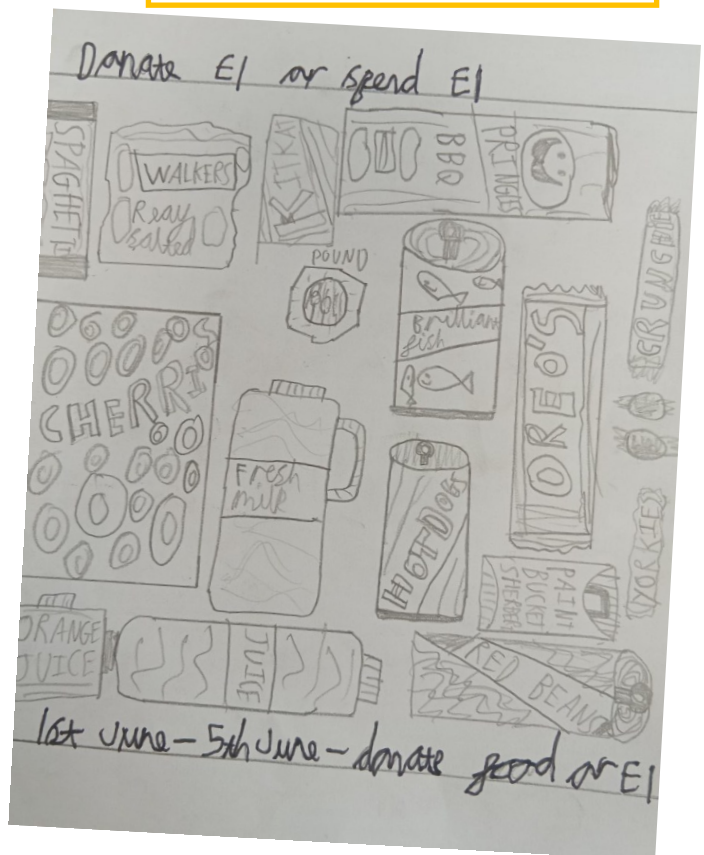


round and about the classes



Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed learning about Pentecost and explored its meaning through thoughtful discussions and creative activities. The children created beautiful symbolic artwork inspired by the flames, doves, and colours associated with the Holy Spirit. They showed great enthusiasm and creativity while reflecting on the importance of Pentecost in the Christian faith. Their finished pieces were both meaningful and visually impressive.

We were also pleased to welcome our Church community into school for a special Assembly led by Rev Pete and Jenny with the church band and Wor-



Please support Year 3 who are working towards their Young Leaders Award by supporting the Food Bank for the community element of the award. A parentmail has gone out requesting either food contributions or £1 donations to be brought in after

celebrating success

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Cherry	Chloe
Acorn	Ottilie
Beech	Greyson
Chestnut	Brooke
Rowan	George
Sycamore	Greyson
Ash	Jasper
Elm	Ashley
Willow	Max
Pine	Ivy
Maple	Elspeth
Oak	Zara



It has been a very busy week for KS2 cricket, with lots of success and plenty to be proud of! On Wednesday, our Year 6 Dynamos Cricket teams headed to SWCC to compete against local schools. Our boys' team came second overall and our girls' team ended up winning the competition! This success continued into Thursday's Rapid Fire Cricket competition at JFAN, where our Year 3/4 team came an impressive third place. Both Mrs Sturrock and Ms Baker were unbelievably impressed by the children's skill, determination, and sportsmanship. You are all excellent representatives of our school!

Miss Verlander

From the HUB Team

Year 5 and 6 Parents Join us for a **SEND Coffee Afternoon** **Thursday 4th June**

Theme: Supporting your Child with SEND and
Secondary School Transition

Place: Elsenham School- The Studio

Guest speaker: Space Organisation

Time: 1.00-2.30pm



KEY EVENTS FIRST WEEK BACK AFTER HALF TERM

Wed 3rd June Sports Day

Fri 5th June Marking Ocean Day—wear a flash of blue. Voluntary cash donations towards the school fish tank welcomed

MENU CHANGE FIRST WEEK BACK!

All day breakfast on Monday 1st June and Baguettes on
Wednesday 3rd June (Sports Day)



DIARY DATES

Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May – HALF TERM BREAK	
JUNE	
Wed 3 rd	Sports Day
Fri 5 th	Marking Ocean Day—wear a flash of blue
W/C Mon 8 th	Phonics screening
Tues 9 th	Reserve sports day
Tues 9 th	Yr3 HFL Maths challenge
Wed 10 th	Class photo day 5.30pm Welcome talk to new Year R parents 2026/2027
Thurs 11 th	EYFS Farm visit
Fri 12 th	FOES tuck shop after school
Sun 14 th	FOES Fathers Day event
Tues 16 th	Cedar class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Fri 19 th	Roman Day for Yr. 4
Weds 24 th	Silver birch class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Thurs 25 th	Hustings for House Captains
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	
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
Thurs 9 th	Whole school Move Up morning Open evening 4.30pm – 5.45pm
Fri 10 th	FOES colour run after school
Tues 14 th	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>



West Summer Term The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshow

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



Wednesday 1 July 2026



Foakes Hall, 47 Stortford Road, Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1DG



Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

In Partnership with



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

Are you a parent/carergiver looking for effective ways to help your young person navigate anxiety and manage big emotions?

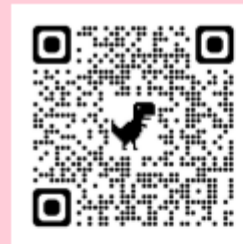
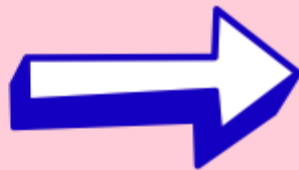
The Mental Health Support Team can offer sessions during the Summer Holidays



Sessions are FREE

Sessions are with you to support your young person
Sessions are online or face to face.

Scan here to complete an enquiry form...



<https://forms.gle/8P64pDvYchN5mJdBA>

Symptoms of Anxiety

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

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