

NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th June 2026



It was a shame that we had to postpone this weeks Sports Day due to the wet weather. Here's hoping it will be fine for the reserve date of Tuesday 9th June. Timings will be the same as on your original communication.

Yesterday we were pleased to welcome the new Headteacher, Mr. Pawley, on a visit to our school. He is really looking forward to taking up post in September.



We are already beginning to plan for September and in particular the class arrangements. As in previous years we will be rearranging the class composition. This enables us to redress any imbalances in ability, gender and dynamics. Our priority is to ensure the best opportunity for learning. However we do also ask the children to name up to 5 friends and we ensure that they are with at least 1 of these friends. To assist us in our planning, parents can alert us to information they feel we might not be aware of from outside of school. Please email the school office with this information. If you have done this in previous years and the concerns are still present, then please resend this information. Please remember that requests need to be based on genuine concerns and not just preferences, likes or dislikes.

I would like to reassure you that we put a great deal of time and effort into class organisation as it is very important to us that the children are well placed together, to learn well together. Please note that there will be a 'Moving up morning' on Thursday 9th July for children to get together with their new classmates and class teacher. Once class lists are set, we cannot make changes.

KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK

W/C Mon 8th Phonics screening for Yr1

Menu change—Mon = jacket potatoes / Tues = Ham, cheese or tuna baguettes (sports day) (see parentmail)

Tues 9th Rescheduled Sports day - please come in PE kit with House t shirt colours (see parentmail for timings)

Wed 10th Class photo day—please come in school uniform. If it is a PE day, bring PE kit in a bag

Wed 10th 5.30pm Welcome Talk to new EYFS 2026 intake parents in the hall—Food tasting will be available

Thurs 11th EYFS Farm Day—dress in suitable clothes (e.g.: as you do for forest school clothing)

Fri 12th FOES Tuck shop after school

Making a difference

Year 3 would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Food Bank Drive this week as part of the Young Leader Award.

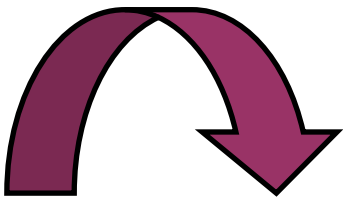
Our aim was to support a much-needed local charity, and we were overwhelmed by your generosity. Thanks to your kindness, we received an incredible number of food and monetary donations.

Each morning and afternoon, dedicated members of Sycamore and Rowan classes stood at the school gates to collect donations from our wonderful school community. We are so proud of their enthusiasm, commitment, and leadership throughout the week.



£197 was also received in monetary donations!

Thank you



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!





Today Year 1 enjoyed making jellyfish

Our Year 1 children celebrated Ocean Day by creating beautiful jellyfish crafts. Using paper plates, colourful tissue paper, and lots of imagination, the children designed their own unique jellyfish while learning about the amazing creatures that live in our oceans.

The activity helped develop fine motor skills as the children cut, stuck, and arranged the tissue paper tentacles. We also discussed the importance of keeping our oceans clean and protecting marine life.

celebrating success

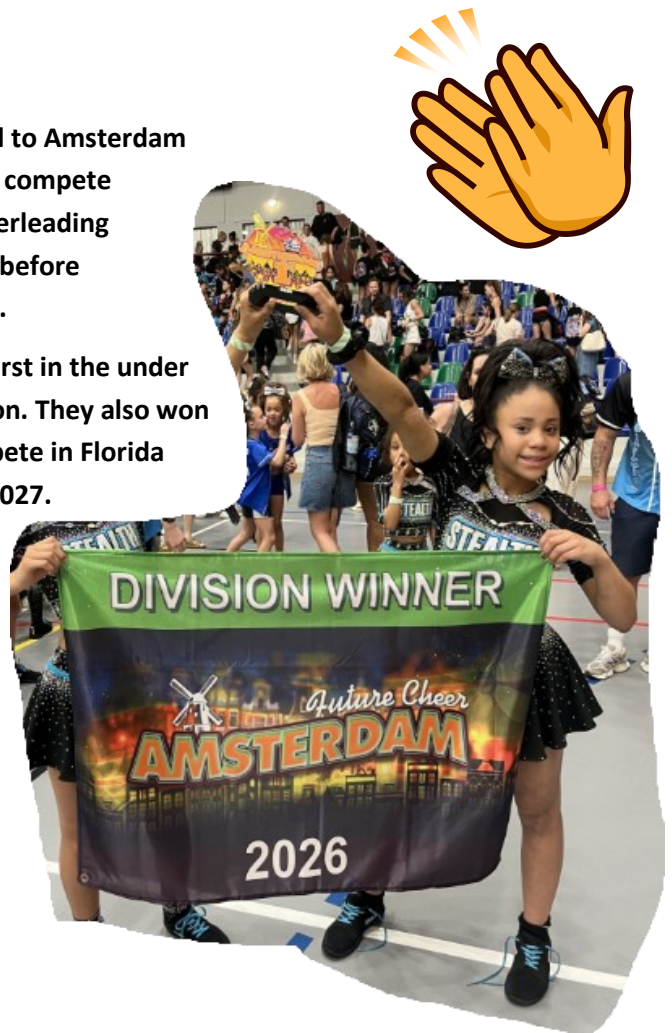
Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Cherry	Alex
Acorn	Harley
Beech	Grayson
Chestnut	Amaya
Silver Birch	Jack
Cedar	Arnold
Rowan	Martha
Sycamore	Ellie
Ash	Zahra
Elm	Harry
Willow	Corey
Pine	Jacob
Maple	Scarlett
Oak	Poppy

Ava-Lea travelled to Amsterdam with her team to compete in the future cheerleading competition just before half term started.

Her team came first in the under 12s level 2 division. They also won two bids to compete in Florida and Portugal in 2027.

Well done
Ava-Lea, we are proud of you!



Congratulations to Oscar, Bodie, Piper, Popsie and Isabel on achieving Word Millionaire status. That is a lot of words...a lot of pages...a lot of books.

Well done to you!





Half term was a very busy time for these Cubs & Scouts. They were part of a 24 strong team from 1st Henham and Elsenham scouts , organised by Essex scouts, which travelled by coach and ferry to De Efteling amusement park in Holland on a 3 day adventure. The roller coasters were really fast; the dark rides were incredible experiences & the fairy tale forest was magical! Even 'travelling Ted' had fun.

They are all super young people with incredible confidence who pushed their boundaries and came home with amazing memories. They should be very proud of themselves for their achievements.

Anneka Hanner (Scout Leader)

DIARY DATES

W/C Mon 8 th	Phonics screening
Tues 9 th	Rescheduled 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
Tues 16 th	Cedar class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Fri 9 th	Roman Day for Yr. 3
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	Yr6 trip to Harry Potter 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 1 Multi Skills Festival at JFAN 9.30—11.30am 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 on Elsenham Recreation Ground
Tues 14 th	Cherry class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Wed 15 th	Picnic and dancing on the field over lunch—Mrs Todd's leaving party with the children
Thurs 16 th	HT awards assembly / Hot chocolate and biscuits
Fri 17 th	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 17 th	Last day of term— children 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>

PRESENTATION DAY

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026



**ALL WELCOME
FROM 12PM**



**3PM
FOOTBALL MATCH
ELSENHAM VETS
VS
ELSENHAM YOUTH COACHES**



**LIVE MUSIC
FROM 5PM
FEATURING
THE KRAMEN**



**BBQ ALL DAY
BAR
FOOD TRUCKS
ICE CREAM
BOUNCY CASTLES
SWEET STALLS
RAFFLE & MORE!**



**LIVE MUSIC FROM
THE KRAMEN**



FRIENDSHIP. FOOTBALL. COMMUNITY.

ONE CLUB. STRONGER TOGETHER.

What's on this JUNE 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)
- 1:40pm-2:30pm:** Chair Boogie seated exercise - Wimbish Primary School, 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
- 10-11am:** Pilates - Pam's Place, Thaxted, CM6 2RL - *please note: cancelled 2 June*
- 11am-12pm:** Chair-based Pilates - Pam's Place, Thaxted, CM6 2RL - *please note: cancelled 2 June*
- 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 6QJ
- 10am-10:45am:** Community Foodshare - Takeley Old School Community Hub, CM22 6QJ
- 10am-2:30pm:** Community Café (inc. small Community Foodshare)
- 3-6pm:** TouchPoint Teatime

FRIDAYS

- 8:30-10:30am:** Free Breakfast Club
- 9:15-10am:** Summer Running
- 10-10:45am:** Community Foodshare - Saffron Walden Baptist Church, CB11 3HD
- 10-11am:** Parent & Baby Yoga - *booking essential, email active@thetouchpoint.org for info. Please note that this class is coming to an end on Friday 26 June*
- 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 7 June and Sunday 21 June 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 3 June and Wednesday 17 June
- 7-8:30pm,** Wednesday 24 June

Empowering Women Through Midlife Health - GP talk

- 6:30-8:30pm,** Thursday 18 June

Essex Police Advice session:

- 11am-12pm,** Monday 8 June
- 10am-12pm,** Thursday 25 June

Peabody Trust drop-in housing advice session:

- 11am-3pm,** Thursday 11 June



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



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