

NEWSLETTER



Friday 30th January 2026

Welcome to this week's Newsletter. I start with some lovely baby news and gorgeous photos.



Baby Rosie Elizabeth was born just two weeks ago. Congratulations to Miss Jones.



Baby Arlo was born at the end of December.

Congratulations to Miss Glynn-Fox.



Who stole the Percy Pigs?



This week, in EYFS, we have been learning about the police. On Tuesday, something terrible happened – both Miss Sneath and Mrs Shanks had their precious Percy Pigs stolen. Team Acorn and Team Cherry immediately volunteered to solve 'The Mystery of the Missing Percy Pigs'. Many pink and pig-shaped clues were found as the detectives investigated all around the school. Staff had their feet measured, their finger prints taken and were interrogated with rapid fire questioning.

After they put all the evidence together, it led to one place. A certain office with a Percy Pig shaped cushion on a chair at a table with a bag of half eaten sweets. The door read – HEADTEACHER! MRS TODD was caught pink-handed! Well done Team Acorn and Team Cherry – you recovered the lost sweets and saved the day. Mrs Todd narrowly avoided being arrested for her crimes but she did say she was very sorry and promised never to do it again!



KEY EVENTS next week

Tues 3rd

Pine class Assembly—doors open 2.30pm for a 2.40pm start

Wed 4th

Yr. 3 / 4 Tag rugby—9.30—11am

LEARNING FOR LIFE

round and about the classes

Year 3 have been fully immersed in the magical, mysterious world of *Spiderwick!*

Over the past three weeks, Sycamore and Rowan classes have been busy researching the fascinating creatures said to inhabit our homes and gardens; Brownies, Boggarts and Goblins.

Their aim was to create research papers to help others learn about these creatures and, in some cases, discover how to protect themselves from their magic!

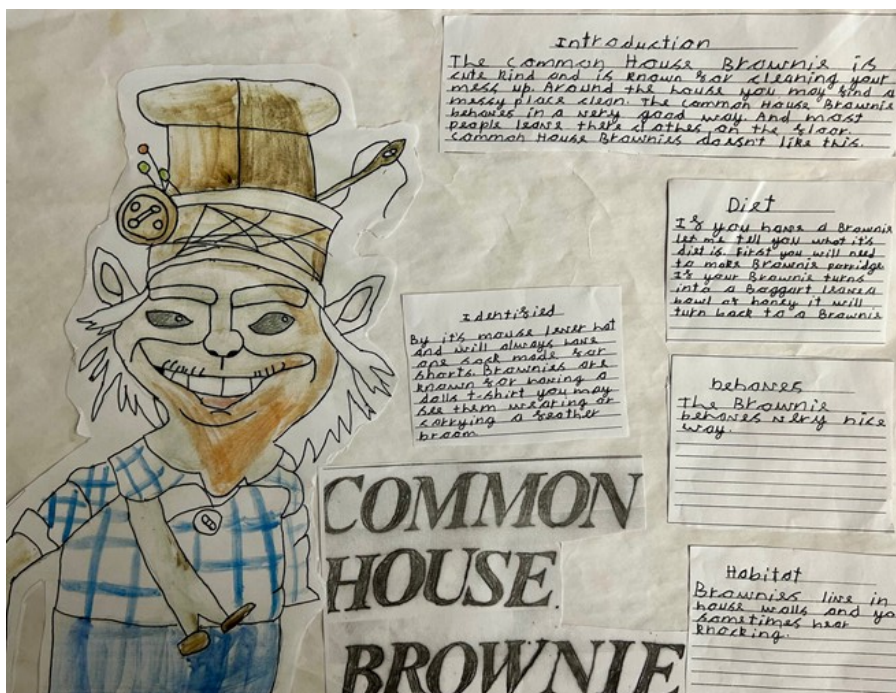
We asked Year 3 to decide which key pieces of information should be shared to help identify whether one of these creatures might be living in your home or local area. This is what they discovered:

You may have a **Brownie** in your house if Tupperware lids go missing, household jobs are completed without you noticing, or socks mysteriously emerge from the wash as odd singles.

You may have a **Boggart** in your home if you are constantly losing things. Boggarts were once Brownies that had been mistreated by humans.

You may attract **Goblins** if you are careless with rubbish and leave broken glass lying around. They use these sharp objects for their teeth! When in groups, these creatures are truly terrifying and only a ring of salt or moving house will protect you!

We hope you enjoy our work!

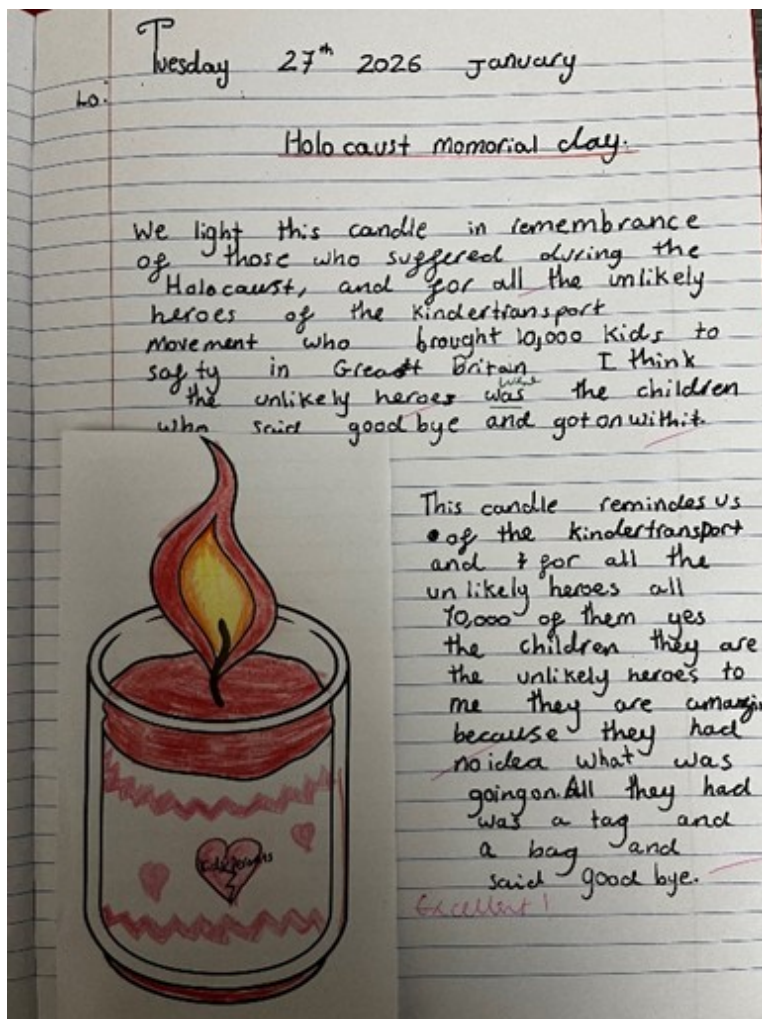
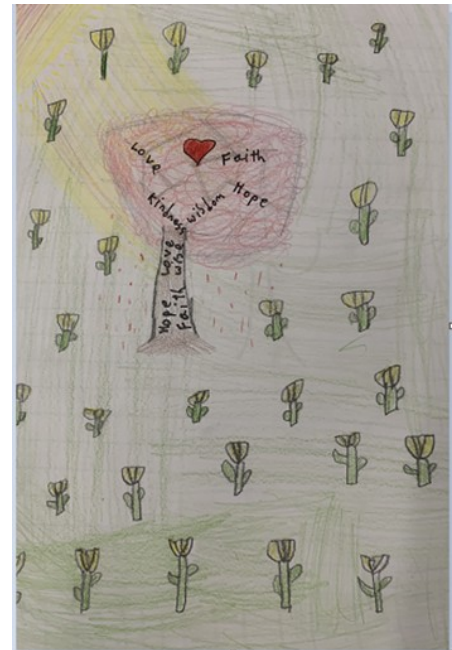


Many of you will have been aware that Tuesday was Holocaust Memorial Day. Holocaust Memorial Day falls on the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz, and has been marked in the United Kingdom since 2000.

Each year a theme is chosen to link learning to the memorial. This year the theme was 'bridging generations', which we have used in school in order to help us to connect to the testimony of survivors. In Year 4 they focused on The Kindertransport, a UK organised rescue effort that saved nearly 10,000 predominantly Jewish children from persecution, producing many unlikely heroes along the way. In Year 5, the focus was on how learning from the past can help us to make better, kinder choices today.

We also had a whole school Assembly where we all thought about how important it is to treat each other kindly and to celebrate our differences.

Jules Baker, History Lead



sporting news



This Wednesday, I was lucky enough to take a group of Year 5 and 6 children to a Sports Hall Athletics competition at JFAN, where they competed against other schools in a range of track and field events finishing an impressive 3rd overall.

Each child showed great enthusiasm, skill and speed, and they worked brilliantly as a team. This was particularly noticeable in their impressive relay change overs - something I know the children have been working very hard on. Well done to everyone involved; you should all be extremely proud of yourselves! A big thank you is also needed to our parent helpers, Harry and Archie D's mum, your help is always appreciated!

Miss Verlander, PE Lead



celebrating success

The winner of the golden dustpan was Beech class



Knitting club are welcoming donations of wool, knitting needles (larger sizes preferably) and crochet hooks.



If you have an unwanted chess set, please can you donate this to our very popular chess club.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn	Olivia
Cherry	Freddie
Beech	Matilda
Chestnut	Josie
Silver Birch	Cooper
Cedar	Jack
Sycamore	Bella
Rowan	Ronnie
Elm	Annie
Ash	Oliver
Willow	Lylah
Pine	Sammy
Maple	Jak
Oak	Sarah

CONGRATULATIONS!



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Nominate us!

If you think our school, or someone who works in our school is worth celebrating, please nominate us for the Essex Teaching Awards!

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From the HUB Team



Essex Child and Family
Wellbeing Service



SEND Outreach Drop in sessions

Uttlesford Healthy Family Support Team would like to invite you to an informal SEND drop in session at your school or preschool.

We will be there to listen to any concerns you have and advise you of the SEND support our team can provide for you and your child. This support includes 1:1 home support for parents coping with a child with an additional need, providing strategies to support your child with behaviour, toileting, sleep and eating. We can also attend one plan and EHCP meetings with you at your school or preschool.

Our team can advise and support with signposting to other health services such as Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy. We can provide support with referrals for Autism and ADHD.

We can also support with referrals or signposting to other support services such as Home Start and Families in Focus for an extended level of home support, should you request this.

w: essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

March 2nd 2pm—3pm

Elsenham School now has a Facebook page for updates and sign-posting for parents of children with SEND. Please follow us using the link below or by searching Elsenham School.

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id=61584591046587](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61584591046587)



Upcoming Elsenham dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th March 2-3 : Uttlesford Health Family Support Team will be hosting an informal SEND drop in session at Elsenham- providing strategies for behaviour, toileting, sleep and eating.

Thursday 12th Feb- Autism Reality Experience Bus: Book a 15 minute parent slot- email/phone the office

Upcoming Parent Workshops- Everyone Welcome

Thurs 26th Feb 9:00-10:30 Understanding Neurodiversity
Thurs 5th Mar 9:00-10.30 Unique Learning and Thinking Skills
Thurs 12th Mar 9:00-10:30 Emotional Regulation
Thurs 19th March 9:00-10:30 Neurodiversity and Sleep



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

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY	
Tues 3rd	Pine class Assembly—doors open 2.30pm for a 2.40pm start
w/c 9th Feb	Children's mental health week
Tues 10 th	Safer Internet Day Cedar class Assembly—doors open 2.30pm for a 2.40pm start
Fri 13 th	Year 4 Tudor Day FOES valentine tuck shop after school
Thurs 26th & Fri 27th	Reception class—National height, weight measurement programme and vision screening
Fri 27th	Yr. 6—National height and weight measurement programme
Mon 16th Feb – Fri 20th Feb - HALF TERM BREAK	
MARCH	
W/C 2nd	Literacy week
Tues 3rd	Willow class Assembly—doors open 2.30pm for a 2.40pm start
Thurs 5 th	House Poetry Competition Heats
Fri 6 th	World Book Day dress up day for Elsenham Primary
Sun 8 th	FOES Mothers' Day event
W/C 9 th	Science week
Fri 13 th	Relaxed dress rehearsal by Yr 4 to EYFS and KS1 at 1.30pm House Poetry Competition Final FOES disco night
Mon 16 th	Yr 4 Dress rehearsal to KS2 at 1.45pm
Tues 17 th	Pupil summit for future leaders at the cathedral- identity and diversity—selected pupils
Wed 18 th	Yr. 4 performance 1.45pm & 6pm
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 – finish at 1.30pm
Mon 30th March –Fri 11th 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 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
Tues 9 th	6pm Welcome talk to new Year R parents 2026/2027
Tues 24 th	Silver birch 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

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>
Spring Term:	Monday 4 January 2027 (NPD) – Thursday 25 March 2027 <i>Half Term 15 February - 19 February</i>
Summer Term:	Monday 12 April 2027 – Wednesday 21 July 2027 <i>Half Term 31 May – 4 June, and May Bank Holiday - 3 May</i>



FREE ART WORKSHOPS For 11-18yrs

Monday & Tuesday evenings
4.00pm-6.00pm

26th Jan-Sept/Oct 2026

Drawing, painting, printing, mixed media
film, photography, design, layout & AI
Exhibition at Fairycroft House Oct/Nov 2026

For more information or to book a place
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February dates

Community supermarket

Wednesday 4th	9:30 – 11:30am	Takeley
	1:30 – 3:30pm	White Roding
Friday 6th	10:00-12:00	Dunmow
	1:30-3:30pm	Hatfield Heath
Tuesday 10th	9:30 – 11:30am	Flitch Green
	1:30 – 3:30pm	Little Hallingbury
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