

NEWSLETTER

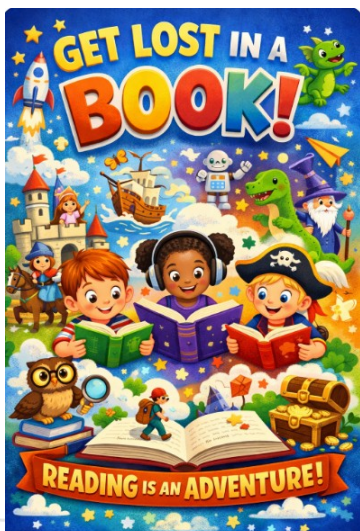


Friday 6th February 2026

This week we have been marking National Storytelling week.

Year 5 dramatised the story of Creeping Beauty using freeze frames.

The children loved this session and we were very impressed with their performance skills.



stories open magical worlds

KEY EVENTS next week

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

LEARNING FOR LIFE

round and about the classes



EYFS

EYFS had a fantastic morning when the Police arrived to enhance our People Who Help Us topic. Police Officers Greg, Tom and Mike brought some of their specialist equipment and uniform for us to hold and try on. It was brilliant to see the police cars on our playground and we were able to climb in them to have a proper look inside - there were lot of special buttons! We were very brave when we heard the sirens and we could see the flashing blue and red lights on the top of the cars.

The children enjoyed trying on the police hats, holding on to the shield (it was very heavy!) and using the metal detector machine.



Yr. 4



Year 4 had a wonderful visit from Des from Uttlesford Food Bank this week. She spoke to the children about the vital work the food bank does and the wide range of people they help in our local community. The children were fully engaged throughout, asking thoughtful and insightful questions and showing real empathy and curiosity.

Des later shared how much she enjoyed the visit, saying: "The students of both classes are a credit to you and your colleagues. They were a joy to be with."

Inspired by what they learned, the children have decided to collect packets of biscuits to donate to the food bank, after hearing how these small treats help people feel especially cared for. We are really proud of our courageous advocates in year 4.



sporting news



Tag rugby



Year 3 and 4 pupils performed brilliantly on Wednesday at JFAN, partaking in a tag rugby festival.

Superb coaching from Oscar's dad and Jackie Drake saw us through as winners of our group. The semi was a close match but, again, the children listened well to feedback and gained the win.

The final was thrilling and the children showed true grit and determination to secure the win and walk away as winners of the morning's tournament.

Mrs McCraith



Winners!

Celebrating success



January's 100% club

Maple Class:

Alfie

Oak Class:

Jared

Sarah

Noah

Luella

Pine Class:

Dotty

Ella

Jacob

Lily-May

Seb

Ava

Willow:

Zach

Bodie

Ted

**Congratulations on getting
100% in your reading
quizzes!**

Ash Class:

Teddy

Lily

Isla

Zahra

Elm Class:

Lila

Olivia

Aria

Dulcie

Rowan Class:

Marley

Freddie

Eva

Sycamore:

Annabelle

Jake

Charlotte

Jack

Cameron

STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn

Cherry

Beech

Chestnut

Silver Birch

Cedar

Sycamore

Rowan

Elm

Ash

Willow

Pine

Maple

Oak

Laela

Lottie

Ollie

Beau

Ava

Louie

George

Sophia

Lila

Miles

Ivy

Florrie

Scarlet

Mason



NO PARKING

Please remember that whilst the road outside school is congested as a result of the road works, the school carpark is for staff only. Do not drive in to drop off.

We appreciate this puts pressure upon parents regarding parking but ask that you remember to respect local residents and park with consideration. We continuously receive complaints from residents of Hailes Road and from Bloor housing. Some parking even

compromises safety.

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

Calling all budding bakers

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE
YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026



We are looking for young budding bakers between **9-15 years old** and interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY	
w/c 9th Feb	Children's mental health week
Tues 10 th	Safer Internet Day
Fri 13 th	Year 4 Tudor Day FOES valentine tuck shop after school
Mon 16th Feb – Fri 20th Feb - HALF TERM BREAK	
Thurs 26th & Fri 27th	Reception class—National height, weight measurement programme and vision screening
Fri 27th	Yr. 6—National height and weight measurement programme
MARCH	
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 6pm Welcome talk to new Year R parents 2026/2027
Tues 16 th	Cedar class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Weds 24 th	Silver birch class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
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 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>



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!



Essex Teaching Awards 2026

www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/essex-teaching-awards

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.

[https://
www.facebook.com/
profile.php/?
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



What's on this FEBRUARY at



All take place at Crafton Green, Chapel Hill, Stansted CM24 8AQ unless otherwise stated, and are funded by TouchPoint and are free of charge (donations welcome):

Regular TouchPoint events and activities:

MONDAYS

10am-12pm: Memory Lane Café (dementia support)
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 Mindfulness
12:15-1pm: Community Foodshare - Elsenham Memorial Hall, CM22 6BY
10-11am: Pilates - Pam's Place, Thaxted, CM6 2RL
11am-12pm: Chair-based Pilates - Pam's Place, Thaxted, CM6 2RL
1:40pm-2:30pm: Chair Boogie seated exercise - Wimbish Primary School, Maple Lane, Tye Green, CB10 2XE

WEDNESDAYS

12pm: Chair-based yoga (45 mins)
1pm: Chair Boogie seated exercise (40 mins)
2:30-3:15pm: Community Foodshare - Stansted Social Club, 10-12 Lower St, CM24 8LP
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-3:30pm: Community Café (inc. small Community Foodshare)
3-6pm: TouchPoint Teatime

FRIDAYS

8:30-10:30am: Free Breakfast Club
9:15-10am: Running Group Couch to 5K - Recreation Ground, Stansted, CM24 8BD
10-11am: Community Foodshare - Saffron Walden Baptist Church, CB11 3HD
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 Mindfulness
1pm-4pm: Sunday Afternoon at the Movies: **NOTE:**
Sunday 1st and Sunday 15th February ONLY.

***Women 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 4th February
- 10-11:30am, Wednesday 18th February
- 7-8:30pm, Wednesday 25th February

Peabody Trust drop-in housing advice session:

- 11am-3pm, Thursday 12th February

Essex Police Advice session:

- 10am-12pm, Thursday 19th February

www.thetouchpoint.org | Charity Number: 1194098

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

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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Community Working in Partnership