

Friday News - 06.02.2026

We had our first class assembly this week; well done Oceania Class! Mrs Hutchings, Mrs Benford and the whole year 2 team were so very proud of all of Year 2 as you all contributed to your class assembly. It was so wonderful to hear about all of the learning happening in your class. I especially loved your action for Mrs Hutchings when she appeared in your story retelling! Despite the rain today, Antarctica class have spent the morning in our forest school area with Holly. They had so much fun sliding down the muddy bank, making s'mores on the fire and even some mud angels. Apologies for the muddy clothing and very tired children but it's worth it to see the smiles on their faces.

Attendance

We achieved **96.5%** attendance this week, this is an increase on last week.

Year 4 are our attendance champions this week with **99.6%**, well done Year 4! They were followed by Year 1 with 98.2% and Year 5 with 96.9%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

World Book Day

World Book Day - 5th March 2026

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school again this year. There will be our usual Book Swap, where we invite all children to bring in one good quality book that they have finished enjoying, to swap with another child. The children will also be joining Live Streamed World Book Day Lessons with authors and illustrators including Anna Llenas, author of The Colour Monster.

We are also very excited to announce that the school has been chosen to be a Community Book Distribution Partner, which means we will be hosting a pop-up World Book Day Book Shop from 2nd -13th March, where children and young people from the local community can come and swap their World Book Day Voucher for a £1 World Book Day Book.

North America's Great Grey Owl

North America used some of their class money from the PTFA to adopt a class animal from Colchester Zoo. Bethany paid their new class 'pet' a visit on her recent trip to the zoo. Thank you, Bethany, for sharing your photos and for visiting the owl.



Meal increase

We have had contact from our catering company this week to say that due to the increase in food costs etc, which all catering companies are struggling with, they are increasing the price of school meals as it is no longer sustainable.

The price will **increase to £2.85** a meal from 16th February (first week back after half term).

Since we changed catering companies a year ago, we have been very impressed with the quality of food that is being served. All fruit, vegetables, salad bar and meat is cooked fresh not frozen. (Peas being one exception.) The staff have been eager to try samples from the kitchen with sausages being a particular favourite.

Key Spring Dates (these may be added to)

PTFA Fri-Yay events - first Friday of every month

10th February - North America to OSA to watch Frozen

12th February - Europe Class Assembly

13th February - PFTA event - Raisin Box Challenge

16th - 20th February - Half Term

25th February - South America to Colchester Castle

26th February - Africa Class Assembly

2nd March - Secondary School Offer Day

2nd- 10th March - North America Bikeability

5th March - South America Class Assembly

5th March - World Book Day

12th March - Parents Evening

13th March - PTFA event - Dress down day for chocolate box donations

16th March - Europe to West Stow

17th March - Parent Evening

19th March - Antarctica Class Assembly

19th March - PTFA event - Easter Bingo TBC

25th - 27th March - Asia at Thorpe Woodlands Residential

27th March - North America Class Assembly

30 March - 10 April - Easter Holidays

16th April - Asia Class Assembly

Have a very happy weekend everyone.

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“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”

MATTHEW 19:14