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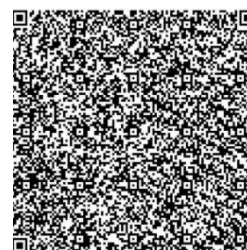
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Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Tuesday we had a special visitor in school to work with the children. Jason Buckley is '[The Philosophy Man](#)'; he is the UK's leading provider for Oracy and has a passion for getting children talking confidently. Jason visited every class and led fun, energising activities which got all of the children out of their seats and talking! We also welcomed Year 6 from Hutton All Saints for an 'Oracy Battle'. Oracy is the ability to express yourself through dialogue which unlocks the opportunity to articulate ideas, engage with others and apply learning. Research shows that oral language approaches have a high impact on pupil outcomes of 6 months' additional progress. This is why it is one of our school improvement priorities this year. What a great way to kickstart the year.

We ended the week with our Macmillan Coffee Morning which was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, came along to enjoy them and who donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised an incredible £385! A huge thank you and well done to our Mini Vinnies group who organised and hosted the event – we are very proud of you all. It is not too late to donate should you wish - just scan the QR code. We will also be selling left over cakes after school.



We wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Poulter



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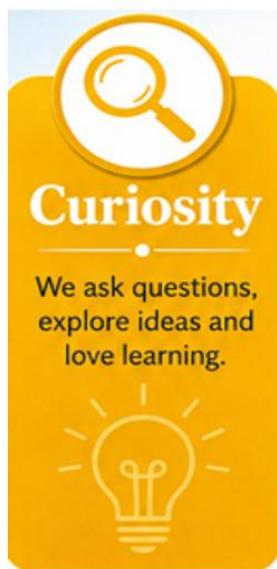
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During our Macmillan Coffee Morning, I had the opportunity to share our new school values with parents and carers. These values have been developed collaboratively, with teachers, learning support assistants, governors and parents working together to reflect on the qualities and values that we believe are most important for our children to develop and embody. They are now at the heart of our school's vision, curriculum and ethos. Our four core values are:



This week in science Year 5 created their own filters!



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The children engaged in their Oracy sessions!



After School Club collection

If you are collecting a child from After School Club, please call 07341 105623 rather than ring at the gates. The office is not open after 4pm. Thank you for your understanding.

Secondary School Applications – September 2027

The secondary school admission round is now open for parents and carers of children currently in Year 6 to apply for a Year 7 secondary school place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **31 October 2026**.

Parents and carers should visit www.essex.gov.uk/admissions to complete their application online. All information and guidance about the secondary school admissions process is available on the website.

Important Dates this Term

2 nd October	School discos (PTA)
8 th October	School photographs
13 th October	PTA Meeting – 7.30pm at the George & Dragon, Mountnessing
15 th October	Phonics Workshop (Class R & 1) – 9am
20 th October	Parent Consultation Day & Book Fair
22 nd October	Parent Consultation Day & Book Fair



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Attendance

The government expects children to be in school for at least 95% of the year unless there are exceptional circumstances. Regular school attendance is essential for children's learning, development, and future success. Being in school every day helps children build strong academic foundations, develop routines, and maintain positive relationships with teachers and peers.



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⚽ SPORTS UPDATE ⚽

On Tuesday, our Year 3 team headed to Brentwood Town Football Club for a football tournament. ⚽

The boys started brilliantly with a 3–0 win against Warley Primary, followed by a tough 5–0 defeat to a strong St Peter's side. They finished on a high with an incredible 9–0 victory over Long Ridings!

A special mention to goalkeepers Sebastian and Hugo for some fantastic saves! 🖐️ 👏 Well done to the whole team (Benjamin, David, Oliver, Sebastian, Joshua and Hugo) for a fantastic effort!



In the afternoon it was the turn of our Year 6 boys! ⚽

Playing brilliantly from the outset, we held a strong Long Ridings side to a 0–0 draw before securing a fantastic 4–1 win against Warley. Another draw followed by a win meant we finished the tournament unbeaten, just a couple of points short of progressing to the semi-finals.

A fantastic effort from all the boys (Jacob L, Jacob T, Cyrus, Leo B, Jude, Freddie, Josh and Rio) — well done!

Certificates of Achievement were awarded to the following children this week, well done to you all.

Class R: Blake, Isabel and Valerie
Class 1: Alba and Niamh
Class 2: Helena and Laila-Mai
Class 3: Arabelle and Archie
Class 4: Casey and Kennedy
Class 5: Chace and Nancy
Class 6: Aimee and Rio



HOUSE CUP – Bethlehem (Blue) won the cup this week – Well done!

✏️ Congratulations to Olivia on earning your pen licence! Well done!



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We would like to remind parents and carers to park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school.

We are receiving a large number of complaints from our neighbours about parking at busy times of the day. We understand that mornings and afternoons can be hectic and that everyone is often in a rush, but we ask that all drivers are mindful of our local residents and other road users. Please also refrain from parking in private residential car parks.

Please make sure that you do not block other vehicles, driveways, access routes or pavements and always park legally and safely.

A little extra care and consideration can make a big difference and helps keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Tours for 2026-27 academic school year

We warmly invite prospective parents to join us for a school tour and information session. These visits are a great opportunity to see our school in action, meet key members of staff, and learn more about what we offer.

Each session will last approximately **one hour**.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Thursday 5th November – 9:15am – FULLY BOOKED!**
- **Tuesday 10th November – 9:15am**
- **Wednesday 18th November – 2:00pm**
- **Monday 23rd November – 2:00pm**

We look forward to welcoming you!

Reminders:



Children should have a clearly labelled water bottle and fruit snack to school each day.

We are a nut free school.

Earrings are **not** permitted. If your child has recently had his/her ears pierced, we will allow clear, plastic, FLAT earrings until they have healed.

Thank you for your support!



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Clubs this term:

Netball	Years 3 and 4	Mondays 3.30 - 4.30pm	Starting 21st Sept
Spanish	Years 3 to 6	Mondays 3.30 - 4.30pm	Book Direct - Starting 21st Sept - vivaspanishwithjen@gmail.com
Netball	Years 5 and 6	Tuesdays 8 - 9am	Come along
Choir	Years 4, 5 and 6	Wednesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm	Come along
Dance	Year R to 6	Wednesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm	Book direct
Multi Sports	Year 3 and 4	Thursdays 8am - 9am	Come along
Musical Theatre	Year 2 to 6	Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm	Book direct - www.bookwhen.com/letsmoveit
Football	Years 5 and 6	Fridays 8 - 9am	Come along

WANTED for den building in the playground:

- Old tarpaulin sheets
- Old cushions
- Old camping mats
- Crates



Parish Events

Alpha 2026

Imagine being able to ask those questions that have been on your mind and in your heart about faith. Now, imagine doing that with a glass of wine in your hand or a lemonade, sharing a meal, enjoying good conversation surrounded by a lovely group of similarly interested people. That's Alpha - and you are invited!

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the fundamentals of Christian faith in a relaxed and welcoming environment. It is suitable for Catholics wanting to renew their faith, non-Catholics who want to find out about the Christian faith, those of any faith or none.

Alpha will be held in St Joseph the Worker Church Hall on Wednesdays 7.15-9.00pm from 16th September to 2nd December. Sign up in the church or email alphahutton@gmail.com for more information. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Talk by Arthur Edwards

Arthur Edwards, one of our parishioners, is giving an illustrated talk about his life as Royal Photographer for The Sun newspaper for over 45 years on Saturday 3rd October at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are £10 per person including a free drink. There will also be a raffle held on the evening for parish funds. Tickets available after Mass or email hutton@brcdt.org.



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PTA News

Meetings

Thank you to everyone that attended this week's PTA meeting. It was so lovely to see so many new faces. We will be holding our evening meeting on **Tue 13 Oct** from 7.30pm in the George & Dragon, Mountnessing. This meeting is a chance for parents to chat together and also give their input for this term's events.

Annual Pass - We recommend if you want to get an annual pass that you do this asap, as next week's disco entrance fee is included in it so its the best time to get it to ensure you get the best value from the pass.

The PTA will be offering the Annual Pass again this year. It is a one-time fee of £30 for a pass that gives your child access to a number of events and benefits throughout the year (see poster below).

It can be a lot to have multiple points in the year to pay for and so paying for a pass upfront can be a lot easier for some parents (and works out cheaper overall than if bought individually).

You can purchase the annual pass in the link below where you can also find further information.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stjosephtheworkerpta/2401376>

To those who had a pass last year - please note the inclusions have changed. The main change being that we will be holding 3 school discos this year (instead of 2) and the pass includes access to all 3 (along with the other events listed on the web link).

Disco – 2nd Oct

The physical tickets will be sold at pick up and drop off next week where possible and a letter of instructions regarding the disco itself will be sent out separately - so please look out for that.

- Infant Disco 3:45pm - 5pm
- Junior Disco 5:30pm - 7pm

Please fill in the following form if your child will be attending: [School party/disco – Fill in form](#)



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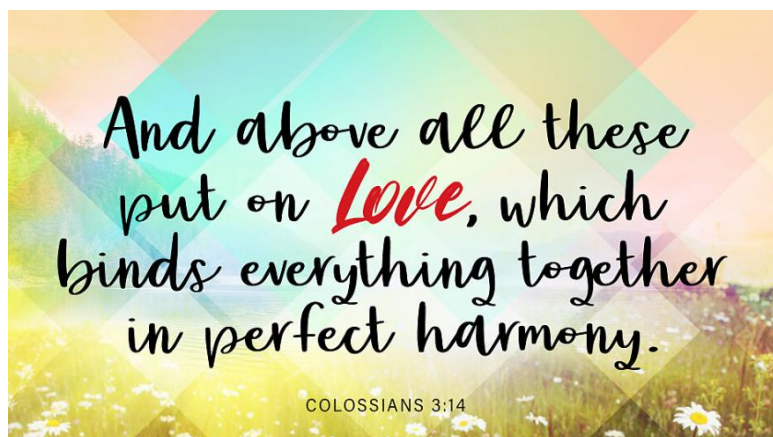
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And finally...





Brentwood Foodbank
Together with Trussell



Foodbank Shopping List HARVEST 2026

- Spaghetti & Sausages (tinned)
- Corned Beef (tinned)
- Hot Dogs (tinned)
- Tuna/Sardines (tinned)
- Macaroni Cheese (tinned)
- Custard (tinned)
- Pasta Sauce (jars)
- Squash (drink)
- Shower Gel
- Shampoo

Find us at 56-60 Doddinghurst Road, Brentwood CM15 9EH
Doddinghurst Road Church Tel:01277224528

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Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service Primary Age Drop In

The School Age team at Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services will now be providing drop ins for parents/carers at your child's primary school. The drop ins are available for all parents/carers of primary aged children.

The Team can offer support around.

- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Improving sleep
- Nutrition support
- Physical health
- Personal hygiene
- Managing health conditions
- Signposting, advice and support

No need to book just come along.

For more information

Tel-0300 247 0013- (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

Autumn Term Tuesday 29th Sept 2026

Spring Term Tuesday 26th Jan 2027

**Primary School Age drop ins,
at your child's school.**

9.15 - 11:00 am

**Please check with your school
when your allocated dates are.**

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Asthma Newsletter Winter 2026

Mid and South Essex
Community Collaborative

Did you know flu is a major trigger for asthma attacks?

Want to know how to protect your child this winter?
Follow the Community Children's Asthma Nurses top tips:

- Take your **preventer** inhaler everyday.
- Always use a **spacer** unless you have a dry powder inhaler.
- Make sure you get your **flu vaccine**.



We need a spacer to ensure the medicine gets to our lungs.



What does a "preventer" inhaler do?

1. It reduces the swelling and inflammation within the airway in the lungs.
2. This makes the airways less sensitive to asthma triggers.
3. Using it every day as prescribed, will mean you need to take your rescue (blue) inhaler less.

According to UKHSA data the flu vaccine is up to 75% effective at preventing hospital attendances due to flu.



What is good asthma control?

1. **No symptoms during the day.**
2. **No symptoms waking them at night.**
3. **Able to complete all normal activities including PE.**
4. **Little/ no need for the rescue (blue) inhaler.**

If you are worried that your child's asthma is not controlled despite preventer treatment, please visit your GP for an asthma review and why not discuss referral to the Children's Community Asthma Service.

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Week Commencing Monday 28th September 2026:

Monday 28th September 2026	
Class 1 and 5	PE
Years 3 & 4	Netball Club - 3.30-4.30pm (Miss Meadows)
Tuesday 29th September 2026	
Class 5 and 6	Netball – 8am – Junior Playground
Open to all	Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service Drop In 9.15-11am
Class R, 2, 3, 4 and 6	PE
Selected Students	Football
Enrolled Students	Piano Lessons
Enrolled Students	Guitar Lessons
Wednesday 30th September 2026	
Class R and 6	PE
Class 5	Swimming
Enrolled Students	Drumming Lessons
Years 4, 5 & 6	Choir – 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 1st October 2026	
All Students	Census Day – please have school dinners today!
Year 3 and 4	Multi Sports – 8am – Junior Playground
Class 3 and 4	PE
Friday 2nd October 2026	
Everyone	CAFOD Family Fast Day – wear own clothes for a food bank donation
Class 5 and 6	Football – 8am – Field (Please check school website for cancellations)
Class 1 and 2	PE
Enrolled Students	Guitar Lessons
All Years	PTA School Discos – tickets to be purchased in advance



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