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Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

First and foremost, thank you all for your very generous donations to the Brentwood Foodbank. We were overwhelmed by the number of tins, toiletries and other essential items donated to support those most in need in our local community. What a wonderful example of our faith in action.

Thank you also for bearing with us while we sort out our new communication system and ensure that everyone's emails are correctly synced. We really appreciate your patience while we get everything up and running.

Most of all, a huge thank you to Mrs Meehan and the PTA for once again organising our very popular school discos. The KS1 children are having a wonderful time as I write this, and I am sure our KS2 children will have just as much fun later today!

Yesterday, 1 October, we celebrated the feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux, known as "The Little Flower." St Thérèse followed what she called her "Little Way", seeking holiness through small acts of love, humility and trust in God. We pray that she inspires us all to remember that it is often the small, everyday acts of kindness and love that make the biggest difference, and to keep putting our faith into action in all that we do.



We wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Poulter

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.

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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!
Allergies and Medical Information

Following the introduction of Benedict's Law, all staff have completed Allergy and Anaphylaxis training to ensure that we are fully prepared to support children with allergies and respond appropriately in an emergency.

If your child has an allergy, intolerance or any other medical condition, it is essential that you inform the school and provide us with an up-to-date care plan from your GP or other appropriate healthcare professional, together with any medication your child may require. Please ensure that all medication is in date and clearly labelled.

Children who have been prescribed EpiPens (adrenaline auto-injectors) should have two devices in school at all times. The school also has a supply of spare adrenaline auto-injectors for use in an emergency, in line with our emergency procedures.

Please contact the school office if you are unsure whether your child's medical information or medication is up to date.

Important Dates this Term

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

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ATTENDANCE

Well done to all the children who have been coming into school as much as they can, and a big thank you to all of you parents and carers for supporting them to do so. So far, our overall school attendance is 94.6%. The government expects children to be in school for at least 95% of the year, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If you are struggling to get your child into school in the morning, please let us know. We are here to support you, and we can work together to come up with a plan to help.

Year One	97.5%
Year Two	97.07%
Year Three	98%
Year Four	98.44%
Year Five	97.04%
Year Six	95.68%

The class with the highest attendance at the end of the school term will be rewarded with extra playtime!

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

Class R: Lucia, Sebastian and Sienna
Class 1: Eve and Henry
Class 2: Isla, Skyla and Vinnie
Class 3: Nellie and the whole of class 3
Class 4: Sadie and Violet
Class 5: Marnie and Olivia
Class 6: Leo B and Mia



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

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!

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⚽ SPORTS UPDATE ⚽

What a tournament for our Green Team! A fantastic 4-0 win against Willowbrook, a 1-1 draw with Hutton All Saints and a 2-0 win over Bentley B saw us through to the semis.

Despite a 2-0 defeat to a strong Bentley A side, the boys bounced back brilliantly, finishing with a huge 7-0 win over Bentley B! Goals from Josh, Harry, Noah, Freddie and Rio.

Huge credit to all the boys for their determination, teamwork and never-give-up attitude. And a special mention to Leo for some fantastic saves throughout!

So proud of you all! (Leo, Josh, Freddie, Rio, Cyrus, Jacob L, Noah and Harry)

On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 boys took part in the Small Schools Football Tournament at Brentwood Town FC. Our Red Team showed great determination and teamwork, finishing with one win from four games. We are proud of the skills and character they demonstrated.

Well done to Aarav, Azian, Fabian, Finn, Freddie, Jude, Karnail, Logan and Oliver! Special congratulations to our goal keeper Jude who was our man of the match!

On Wednesday our girls football team played their first full game against Buttsbury school in the first round of the Wiskard Cup. Nervous energy from both sides saw the ball passed from end to end before Hetty netted from close range. An equaliser from Buttsbury followed by another long-range shot saw us 2-1 down. We were then awarded a penalty after a hand ball in the box - a power shot from Hetty made it 2-2. Milena then scored our 3rd before Buttsbury again equalised! Another from Milena made a nerve racking last few minutes but the girls held on to finish their 1st game with a win.

A fantastic effort from all the girls. Well played Harriet, Hetty, Lylie, Milena, Poppy, Solange, Tise and Zena!

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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.

Samaritan's Purse – Christmas Shoebox Appeal

It's that time of year again! We're inviting our wonderful families to take part in the **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal**, helping to bring joy and hope to children in need around the world.

Together, we can fill shoeboxes with thoughtful, fun and much-needed gifts to make Christmas a little brighter for others. Every box is an opportunity to show kindness and generosity and let a child know that someone is thinking of them this Christmas.

If you are able to take part, please send your **filled shoeboxes into school as soon as possible**, so that we can collect and send as many as we can and show our school community's support for this wonderful cause.

Please remember to **make your donation online** to cover the project costs. This also allows you to **follow your shoebox and see where it has been sent**.

For more information, including details of what can and cannot be included, please visit How to Pack a Shoebox | Samaritans Purse

Thank you, as always, for your kindness, generosity and support.

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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!

WANTED for den building in the playground:

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



Parish Events

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.

Parish Quiz Night

Get ready for a fun evening of quizzing, laughter and friendly competition! Our fantastic quizmaster, Cormac, is returning so we are looking forward to a fantastic night!

Saturday 17 October
Arrive from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
Parish Hall

Come as a team of 8, or come along as an individual and join a team on the night. St Joseph's Primary School parents are very welcome to join us. Tickets are available after Mass at St Joseph's or by emailing hutton@brcdt.org (Adults £10, Teenagers £5 and Primary school age children are free) Please bring your own drinks and snacks.

We hope to see lots of our school families there!

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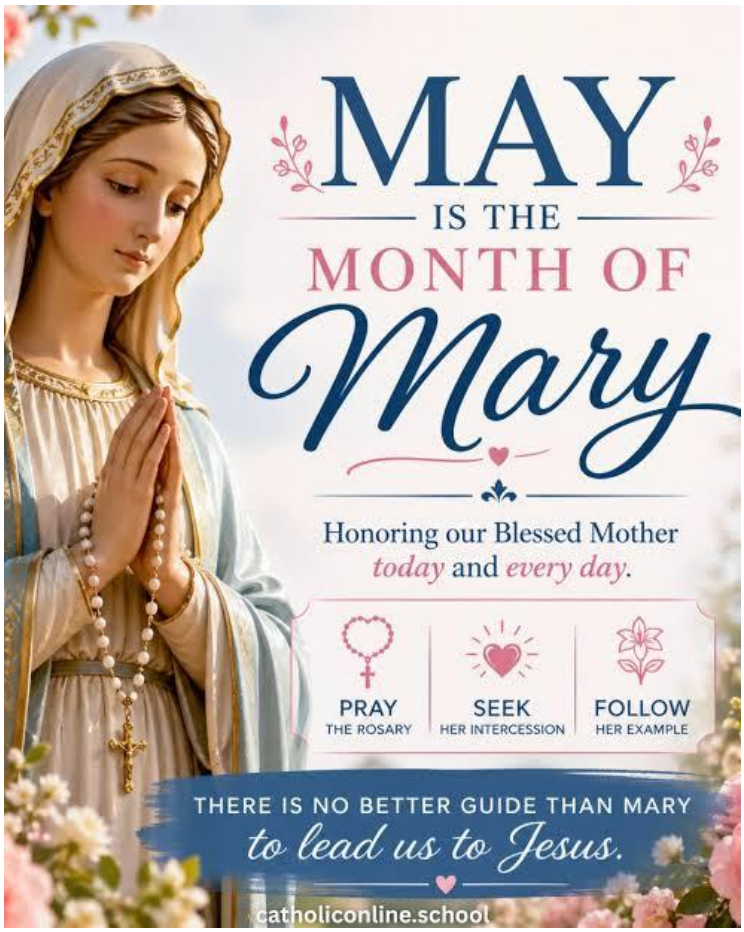
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PTA News

Meetings

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.

And finally…



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Primary Age Drop In

The School Age team at Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services will now be providing drops ins for parents/carers at your child's primary school. The drops 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)

AutumnTerm 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 acitivies 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 5th October 2026:

Monday 5th October 2026	
Class 6	Danbury Residential- front gates at 9.30am
Class 1 and 5	PE
Years 3 & 4	Netball Club - 3.30-4.30pm (Miss Meadows)
Tuesday 6th October 2026	
Class 6	Danbury Residential
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
Class 5	PE kit (extra outdoor athletics practice)
Enrolled Students	Piano Lessons
Enrolled Students	Guitar Lessons
Wednesday 7th October 2026	
Class 6	Danbury Residential
Class R and 6	PE
Class 5	Swimming
Enrolled Students	Drumming Lessons
Years 4, 5 & 6	Choir – 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 8th October 2026	
All Students	School Photographs – please all wear full school uniform
Year 3 and 4	Multi Sports – 8am – Junior Playground
Class 3 and 4	PE – bring PE kit in to school
Friday 9th October 2026	
Class 5 and 6	Football – 8am – Field (Please check school website for cancellations)
Class 1 and 2	PE
Enrolled Students	Guitar Lessons

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