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Dear Parents and Carers

We have made it to the end of another school year and I would like to extend my thanks for the support you have given to myself and the whole school community. The cards, gifts and kind words of thanks that we have received from many of you have been overwhelming, and we are truly grateful.

This whole year has been incredibly busy and I am so proud of everything that has been achieved by the children. All of this, however, would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the whole staff team. Every member of staff is a small cog in one huge wheel and I am so grateful for the commitment that is shown every single day.

Holiday activities

The long school holiday is upon us, so here are some ideas that you might find useful.

Canvey Read, Walk and Talk by the Sea - **Free** activities for children and families

Stories by the Sea

Art by the Sea

Exploring by the Sea

At Thorney Bay Beach, Wednesday 30th July 10am – 1pm

Summer Activity for Primary School Children Free

[Story Garden, Summer Reading Challenge 2025](#), launches in all Essex Libraries on Saturday 19 July 2025 and runs until Saturday 6 September 2025. Children of all ages can join in. The challenge is to read six books, or do reading-related activities, and they'll collect a sticker for each achievement. Children completing the activity also get a medal and certificate. As well as being great fun, it can also help prevent a reading dip over the long summer break.

Bubble Rush is Coming to Chelmsford

Date: Sunday 17 August 2025

[Bubble Rush](#) is a pushchair and wheelchair friendly “fun run” for all ages and abilities, through millions of multi-coloured bubbles. The 5k route is two laps, but little legs can get the full Bubble Rush experience by doing just one, and still get their medal and t-shirt. An event village with food, music and activities for all the family make it a great day out all round.

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Essex Activate - Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food **Free**

What is Essex ActivAte? Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During school holidays, local club providers across the county deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities to get eligible primary and secondary children active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing. Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays. <https://www.activeessex.org/>

Puddle Magazine: Summer Issue – Family Fun and Support for Early Years and Primary Schools **Free**

[This issue](#) is packed with ideas for summer, expert holiday sleep tips, SNAP's summer survival guide, fun crafts from Baker Ross, and a roundup of exciting days out across Essex and beyond. They also spotlight inclusive activities like AirHop's SEN sessions. Please share with your families.

Summer Safety

Keeping Children Safe Online

Over the summer holidays, it's important to remember that the risk of online harm doesn't disappear. Any child is at risk of exploitation and contact often starts on social media. To keep children safe, parents/carers can start conversations by asking children about their online world and discuss games they play or YouTubers they watch. Adults can also check devices have the correct parental controls. The [ESCB website](#) has resources including podcasts, videos and information about how to report concerns and how to spot the signs of exploitation.

E-scooters

The Safer Essex Roads Partnership have sent me information regarding the use of e-scooters by children. I appreciate that the children in this school are very unlikely to be using an e-scooter but, for families with older children, I felt that this information is too important to not share.

On the approach to Summer break, those unaware of the law, or the risks to their children, may be considering buying one as a gift. Unfortunately, it is not illegal to buy one and the shops and on-line outlets do not make it clear enough that they may only be used on privately owned land.

The key points are that:

- ***Privately owned e-scooters (most of which are plain black) are illegal for anyone of any age to ride in any public place. E-scooters you can buy from shops like Halfords and Smyths or online can only be used on privately owned land, with the landowner's permission.***

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- *Parents providing an e-scooter for their child are putting them at risk on the roads. The children are unlikely to be aware of the Highway Code, are unlikely to wear a helmet or anything to make them visible to other road users, are unlikely to have the observation skills required, are likely to carry a passenger making the scooter unstable and, travelling at speeds of 15mph, are likely to be seriously injured if they fall off or are involved in a collision.*

...and finally

This is my final letter as Headteacher of Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery. I have been privileged to lead the school for the past 5 years and am extremely proud of everything that has been achieved.

As I said earlier, every member of staff is crucial to the smooth running of a school and, although there will be some staff changes in September, I am confident that the school will remain the safe, happy and nurturing environment you chose to send your children to.

When the school reopens for children at 8.40am on Tuesday 2nd September, Miss Maynard will be at the helm and I wish her, and the whole staff team of Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery, every success.

Thank you for your kind words, good wishes, gifts and cards – your generosity is overwhelming. It has been a pleasure to work with you and your children and I wish you and your family a happy holiday; stay safe, have fun and enjoy making new memories.

Yours sincerely



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