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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful festive holiday and have all settled back into the routine of school.

As you may have noticed, we launched a new website on Monday 8th December. The website still has the same address and all the contents of the previous site was transferred across. However, this has led to newer email and text message systems. If you feel you have not been receiving emails or texts from this date, please do pop into the school office and we will look into this for you.

Communication between school and parents and carers is vital. We endeavour to notify you of information and events with as much notice as possible so please do check your emails regularly. If any of your contact details change, please inform the office as soon as possible so we can update our systems.

Maths Week Winners

Throughout our Maths week in November, we held a competition across the school inviting the children to create either a 'number character' or a money box. We were overwhelmed with the response and incredibly proud of all the children's designs.

Below is the list of winners who each received an LCD Drawing Tablet. Well done to you all!

Class 1 – Zante and Lewis

Class 2 – Maci-Leigh and Loxley

Class 3 – Jude and George

Class 4 – Iris and Phoebe

Class 5 – Maeve and Savannah

Class 6 – Ruby and Arthur



Winter Reading Challenge

The Winter Reading Challenge is Back at Essex Libraries for Early Years and Primary Schools. This year, the theme is 'Pawfessionals', and children will complete six fun, interactive, literacy-boosting challenges from a set of twelve to earn stickers! When they have completed six challenges, they will receive a certificate of completion. Plus, they can enter the big prize draw for some exciting prizes. Children can sign up in any Essex Library, any time between Saturday 10th January 2026 and Sunday 22nd February 2026. More information can be found on the [Essex Libraries](http://www.essexlibraries.org.uk) website, or you can access the digital promotion pack for schools to help promote the challenge to families.

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Attendance – Autumn Term

In Friday achievement assemblies, we have been celebrating attendance throughout the Autumn term.

The overall attendance for the Autumn term for each class are as follows:

Class 1 – 95.02%

Class 2 – 95.67%

Class 3 – 95.89%

Class 4 – 95.23%

Class 5 – 92.5%

Class 6 – 95.7%

Well done to our overall class winners – Class 3!

We are pleased to say that our overall school attendance for the Autumn term was 95.23% This is very close to our target of 96%. In an infant school, childhood illnesses are more common and we did have an outbreak of chicken pox and scarlet fever, which prevented children from coming in to school. Just to remind you that it is a legal requirement to send your child to school for 190 days every school year, so please do not book holidays during term time as you may face legal action. Thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support with ensuring your children are in school, on time, every day.

Charity Appeals

We appreciate the support from parents and carers when we participate in national charity appeals. The monies have all been collated and sent to the relevant charities and we are pleased to announce the following totals:

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - £148.76

Save the Children Christmas Jumper day - £74.12

Governor Vacancy

We are looking for someone who can join our Governing Board. To be eligible you must be a parent or grandparent of a child attending our school or Nursery. Governors are required to attend 6 full governing body meetings per year and possibly 6 committee meetings per year. Meetings are held in school, in the evening. You must be 18 or over to apply and all governors must have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. If you would like to find out more please email Clerk to the Governors clerk@canvey-inf.essex.sch.uk for an application form or visit <https://www.canveyislandinfantschool.co.uk/governors/>

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Diary Dates – Spring Term

We continue to have a busy schedule of events planned for the Spring term, so please note these dates in your diary. Where parents are invited, you will receive more information via email, so please check your inbox regularly.

Monday 22 nd December- Monday 5 th January 2026	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED Monday 5 th January – INSET day	All year groups School reopens on Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Friday 16 th January	SSP Youth Board Meeting at Cornelius Vermuyden	Selected Year 2 children (those who applied) Letters have been sent out
Wednesday 21 st January	SSP Dance Festival at The Palace Theatre	A group of Year 2 children (Dance Club) More information to follow
Friday 6 th February	REAL Workshop – Nursery and Reception parents/carers with their child/ren	9-10am or 10.15-11.15am More information to follow
Monday 9 th February *Please note this was previously stated as March	SCARF week (Children’s Mental Health week)	All year groups Letter to follow
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day – Assembly and activities for the children	All year groups
Thursday 12 th February	PTFA Valentine’s Disco	3.15pm-4pm – Nursery and Reception 4.15pm-5.15pm – Year 1 & 2 PTFA poster to follow
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM- SCHOOL CLOSED	All year groups
w/c Monday 2 nd March	Book Week	All year groups Letter to follow
Monday 2 nd March	Reading Café and Crafts – Year 2	9-10am and 10.15-11.15am Letter to follow
Monday 2 nd , Wednesday 4 th and Friday 6 th March	Reading Café and Crafts – Nursery	2.30pm Letter to follow
Wednesday 4 th March	Reading Café and Crafts – Year 1	9-10am and 10.15-11.15am Letter to follow
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – Dress Up	All year groups Letter to follow
Thursday 5 th March	Reading Café and Crafts – Reception	9-10am and 10.15-11.15am Letter to follow
Friday 6 th March	PTFA Wonderlicious Bars	PTFA poster to follow
Tuesday 10 th March	PTFA Mother’s Day Gift and Wrap	All year groups PTFA poster to follow
Tuesday 10 th March	Parents’ Evening	3.30pm-6pm All year groups. Booking information to follow.
Tuesday 10 th March	Reception Learn to Ride	All day Letter to follow
Wednesday 11 th March	Reception Learn to Ride	All day Letter to follow

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Thursday 12 th March	PTFA Mother's Day Gift and Wrap	All year groups PTFA poster to follow
Thursday 12 th March	Parents' Evening	5pm-7.30pm All year groups. Booking information to follow.
Friday 13 th March	Red Nose Day	All year groups Wear something red. Voluntary donation
Friday 13 th March	Infant Music Festival	AM session Year 2 Choir Letter to follow
Friday 13 th March	Multi-Schools Council meeting	School Councillors and Miss Brown
Friday 13 th March	SSP Virtual Dance	All year groups
w/c Monday 16 th March	Science Week	All year groups Letter to follow
Wednesday 18 th March	Reception Minibeast Day	Reception Parents are invited in to work with their children on a variety of activities. Letter to follow
Wednesday 25 th March	KS1 Racquets Festival at Deanes	Children to be selected Letter to follow
Friday 27 th March	PTFA Donuts and cookies	3pm PTFA poster to follow
Monday 30 th March- Friday 10 th April	EASTER/SPRING HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	All year groups School reopens Monday 13 th April

Yours sincerely,

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Miss H. Maynard
Acting Headteacher

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