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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is my first letter, I just wanted to say what a lovely time I have had this term and to thank you for such a warm welcome. It has been really lovely meeting so many of you and working with your children during the past 5 weeks.

This week the children have been busy making Easter baskets and completing many more activities all relating to Easter. We have talked about the many exciting things that happen in Spring during our weekly assemblies, together with exploring the concept of the Easter story and why we celebrate with chocolate Easter Eggs.

### **Summer Menu**

Going forward into the new Summer term we will continue with the Spring/Summer menu which the children are enjoying. We have now introduced a fresh salad bar where the children can help themselves to a variety of fresh vegetables.

### **Activities this term**

The Year 2 choir thoroughly enjoyed singing at the Infant Music Festival this month. The children travelled to Kings Road URC in Westcliff to join with 3 other schools, where they performed a variety of songs including their favourite “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!” Many of their parents accompanied them on the coach and others met the children at the venue. Well done Year 2 choir!

Some of our Year 1 children attended the Deane’s Racquets festival this term and thoroughly enjoyed participating.

Our Parent/Teacher meetings were very well attended and we hope that this gave you the opportunity to celebrate your child’s successes together with learning how you can support them to make even greater progress next term.

The children enjoyed the Night Owls experience and learning so much about the owls and their habitat and feeding habits. There is still time to order a photograph of your child with an owl, if you have not already done so. Please return your slip to the School Office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

World Book Day was a wonderful experience for all the children. So many different costumes were paraded during our Friday celebration assembly and throughout the day children were immersed in a variety of Literacy experiences including writing reviews of their favourite book. Our winners for the “Design a book cover” competition were:

Class 1 – Archie & Lucie, Class 2 – Jesse & Oakley & Class 4 - Kennedy

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Artsmark  
Gold Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



I am pleased to say that that the children raised £106.90 for Red Nose day! We had a “sea of red” across the school. Outfits included red tee shirts, red hair bands and red socks. Thank you for supporting us in this very worthy cause.

## Staffing Arrangements

We will be sad to say Goodbye to Mrs. Wiltshire who will be leaving us at the end of this term. She has been with us since the start of the school year and has supported us with giving cover for Miss Bright whilst she was Acting Deputy Headteacher. We wish her all the very best for the future and thank her for her commitment to our children and staff.

I will continue to work in my role as Interim Headteacher next term and be supported by Miss Maynard, as Deputy Headteacher.

## School Crossing Patrol Service - Safety Message

Could parents please keep their children alongside them when approaching the patrolled school crossing and arrive at the crossing together, ready to cross the road. Many children run ahead and stand close to the patrol and near the kerb edge which is a distraction for the patrol and passing motorists. Following recent incidents at other crossing sites, it is advisable for parents to hold the hands of younger pupils when approaching and when crossing. Thank you.

Could parents please encourage pupils who bring bikes and scooters to school, to dismount and walk the bikes and scooters across the road at the patrolled school crossing. This is for the safety of other pedestrians, the patrol, and the pupils themselves. One of the benefits of this practise is that when children get older and make unaccompanied journeys, they will dismount when crossing roads and be able to give their full attention to approaching traffic. Thank you.

Please wait until the patrol is in the middle of the road and until the patrol has indicated that it is now safe to cross. The crossing site is very close to the roundabout and vehicles waiting in traffic approaching the roundabout may be concentrating on the vehicle ahead moving forward. This gives the patrol time to enter the road and gain the attention of the driver. Thank you.

## Diary Dates –Summer term

The Summer term is always a very busy one so please make a note of these dates in your diary. Where parents are invited, you will receive more information via email, so please check your inbox regularly.

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day – School & Nursery closed	All year groups
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	MAY HALF TERM – School closed	All year groups School reopens Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	3Tees Cricket at Hadleigh Cricket Club	10 x children to be selected
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Art Exhibition	All year groups Letter to follow
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day – School and Nursery closed	All year groups
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Multi-Schools Council Meeting	School Councillors and Miss Brown
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Father’s Day Gift and Wrap	All year groups

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		PTFA poster to follow
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (pm)	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Letter to follow
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Pebbles Sports Day (am)	Nursery only Letter to follow
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Father's Day Gift and Wrap	All year groups PTFA poster to follow
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Summer Games at Deanes	Both Year 1 classes Letter to follow
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Fun Day	All welcome PTFA info and poster to follow
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out	Nursery leavers, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Display Afternoon 3.30pm-5pm	All year groups Come in and view your child's work
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Colour Run	All welcome PTFA poster to follow
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Production 9.30am	Year 1 and Year 2 only Letter to follow
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers' Disco	Year 2 only PTFA poster to follow
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Pebbles Last Day	Nursery only
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Production 9.30am	Year 1 and Year 2 only Letter to follow
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Production 9.30am	Year 1 and Year 2 only Letter to follow
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Pebbles Graduation PM	Nursery leavers only Letter to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	3.00pm - PTFA Ice lollies and donuts	PTFA poster to follow

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Easter break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school, after the Easter break, on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Yours sincerely,

*Gill Marrion*

Interim Head teacher

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