

GBINS



Weekly Newsletter



NURSERY STAY AND PLAY

Miss Banes and the team are inviting families with children in our nursery to 'stay and play' sessions on the following dates:

Monday 1st December

Thursday 4th December

At either 8.40-10.30am or
12.20-2.00pm

If you want to come to a session, you can just turn up and sign in on the day.

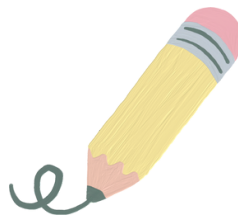
However, please note it is one adult per child per session (this can be a grandparent). You are welcome to attend more than one session.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - OPEN NOW!

If you need to apply for a school place for **Reception or Year 3** - you need to apply via Essex County Council between 10th Nov 2025 - 15th Jan 2026.

See the website via the link below:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/admissions-september-2026>



FREE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH SEND

Please see the attached flyer for details of this support or have a look via the link below:

parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk



PINS Parent Workshop on Understanding Neurodiversity

On Friday 12th December, we are holding a free workshop for parents, led by a member of the PINS team, starting at 9.15am.

The workshop will explore nurturing the unique strengths of neurodiverse children and provide advice and guidance on how to support them with the challenges they face. It will also look at helping neurodiverse children be ready to learn and engage in the classroom.

The workshop is open to all parents, whether your child is neurodivergent or not.

To book, please do so via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Bb5WwimBnc>



Braintree Foodbank

The foodbank would like us to pass on their thanks for your donations - we collected a total of 23.47KG for them this year.



Eco Christmas Card Pledge

The Eco Christmas card pledge is a scheme designed to reduce the sending of cards by children in schools and therefore reduce our negative impact on the environment through deforestation.

Eco-Club thought each child could make a Christmas card in school which would be for their whole class.

These cards could then make a festive display in the classroom and your child will bring it home at the end of term.

We will make it 'eco-friendly' too by using recycling or repurposing unused resources. The children can still send cards to friends if they wish to. Many thanks, from Eco-Club.



School Values

This week, we have been thinking about Respect in assemblies. We have focused on how we can show respect in the hall at lunch time. If you could reinforce the following at home, too it would be very helpful:

- Saying please and thank you
- Using a knife, fork and spoon
- Having quiet conversation whilst eating together
- Walking inside
- How to eat without food going all over the table and floor!



EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE CHARTER

Our school is part of the Early Years Charter and as such, we are able to offer the following:

"Supporting your child with social communication challenges.

This workshop is for you if your child has a social communication challenge (with or without a diagnosis of autism). Learn more about social communication skills in young children and how they develop, how to help your child (18months-5 years of age) if they are at very early (or pre verbal) stage of development, strategies that work well to support social communication skills at home and resources you can access.

Written and delivered by very experienced speech and language therapists and advisors for the children's communication charity, Speech and Language UK.

Friday 12th December 10am-12pm.

This is a virtual session and will be delivered via Zoom.

**Please register your interest by emailing:
julie.hall@essex.gov.uk**

Please note there is a limited number of spaces."

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Well done to this week's Stars of the Week...

Hawk Class - Chizitelu and Edward

Eagle Class - Thea and Grayson

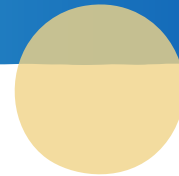
Kestrel Class - Violet and Jessica

Swift Class - Rosie and Hugo

Owl Class - Beenuli and Noah

Wagtail Class - Mabel and Riley

Awarded for all of our school values!



CELEBRATE!

Well done to this week's Stars of the Week...

Woodpecker Class - Hudson and Kylian

Robin Class - Emma and Theo

Kingfisher Class - Tobi and Dominic

Puffin Class - Masooma and Aiden

Awarded for kindness and perseverance.



CELEBRATE!

This week's tidiest classroom
Owl Class

Highest Attendance Award
Eagle Class with 99.6%

Most Punctual Classes
Swift Class



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Please note the new dates posted below.

Please also note the following for the summer term:

1st May - Robin Class Assembly

15th May - Kingfisher Class Assembly

5th June - Woodpecker Class Assembly

Diary Dates		
2.12.25	Flu vaccinations – Rec to Yr 2	Day
	Governors Meeting	6.30pm
3.12.25	Year 1 Travelling Zoo Visit	Day
5.12.25	Swift class assembly	9.05am
	School Christmas Discos	3.30-6pm
9.12.25	Reindeer Run for Farleigh Hospice	Day
10.12.25	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	Day
11.12.25	PTFA Christmas Experience & Grotto	Day
12.12.25	Parent Workshop on Neurodiversity	9.15am
17.12.25	Carols by Candlelight – St. Peter's Church	AM
17.12.25	Children carol singing to parents	2.30pm (approx)
19.12.25	Last day of term	3.20pm
22.12.25 to 2.1.25	Christmas Holidays	
5.1.26	Back to school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	8.40am
6.1.26	Back to school Nursery	8.40 am
16.01.26	Whole School Butterfly Day	Day
23.01.26	Hawk Class Assembly	9.05am
04.02.26	PINS Parent Forum	9.00am
06.02.26	Wagtail Class Assembly	9.05am
20.03.26	Eagle Class Assembly	9.05am
24.03.26	Reception Concert - Kingfisher and half of Woodpecker (A-G)	AM
25.03.26	Reception Concert - Robin and half of Woodpecker (H-Z)	AM
28.03.26	Easter Egg Hunt	Day