



SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER...

Parents and carers are invited to come and hear our children sing Christmas hymns and songs next Wednesday at 2.30pm.

On Wednesday 17th December, you are invited to join us on the KS1 playground to hear the children sing our Carol Service songs.

The gate will be open from 2.25pm. Please note that the area for adults to stand in will be clearly marked by a barrier and must not be crossed!

The children will perform just outside the Year 2 classrooms and will then return to class, ready for collection from the usual places at 3.20pm.

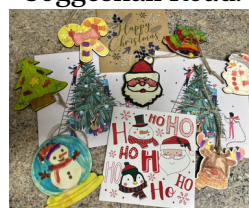


MORE SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER!

This week Year 2 looked at what it might be like to grow old. We talked about how important it is to show respect and kindness to older people, as many of them have lived interesting and fulfilling lives that we know nothing about.

We found out that some older people will need help with their daily lives and that they can get that help both in their own home and in a Care Home.

So, to spread some Christmas cheer, Year 2 made a Christmas decoration and wrote a card to each of the residents of Kilkee Lodge, the local Care Home on Coggeshall Road.



Other Messages

St Peter's Church Christmas Services

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information about what's on offer during the festive period and throughout the year.

We need spare socks!

This is another plea for spare socks for children in Reception! Thank you if you donated socks last time we asked, but we are running out again.

We need a supply of socks for children that need a change during the day and, as socks, do they often go missing or don't get returned to school.

Thank you.



Bumped Heads



Following a review of our procedures for informing parents/carers of a bumped head, from January we are going to make one important change.

If a child bumps their head in school, they will be assessed by a first-aider and these steps will be followed:

- The child will be assessed by a school first-aider and appropriate treatment given e.g. a cold compress.
- A 'bumped head note' will be put in the child's bag or handed to the parent/carer on collection.
- If the head bump is assessed as needing urgent medical attention, a phone call will be made and you will be asked to collect your child.
- With EVERY head bump a text will be sent to you to inform you of the time of the bump. This does NOT mean you need to collect your child but simply indicates the time of the bump for monitoring purposes. They may have no visible injury but this is just a precaution.



Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Reindeer Run - either by running or sponsoring the reindeer runners!

Mrs Humm did a very professional job of leading all the runners around each lap and lots of fun was had by all. We will let you know a total sponsorship total as soon as we know.

Christmas Grotto

Thanks also to the PTFA for the lovely Christmas Grotto Experience this week. I hope the trees are being watered!



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.



Admissions

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>

Attendance

Don't forget we can only authorise absence under exceptional circumstances. If you need to apply for leave for your child, you must complete a Leave of Absence Form in advance. These can be found at the school office.

FAMILY SUPPORT - DROP-IN SESSIONS



Sharon McCormick is our Home/School Liaison Worker. If you are struggling with your child's behaviour; bedtimes, mornings are a nightmare; your child is a fussy eater or struggles to leave you at school time, bereavement or family separation, then Sharon may be able to help.

If she cannot help you personally, then she can refer to more specialised services who will be experts in their field.

Sharon is available Monday - Wednesday between 7.45am-4pm.

You are welcome to email her on

Smccormick@lyonshall.org.uk.

She can also be contacted on 01376552393 or 07714621666.

Alternatively, come to one of her drop in sessions in school from 8.30am - 9.30am on one of the following Tuesdays:

13th January

10th February

10th March

14th April

12th May

16th June

11th July

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Weekly Newsletter



CELEBRATE!

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

Hawk Class - Aisata and Daisy

Eagle Class - Rena and Bailey

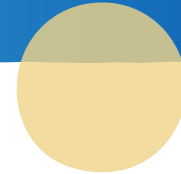
Kestrel Class - Scarlett and Leon

Swift Class - Kara and Jasmine

Owl Class - Aiden and Iris

Wagtail Class - Felicity and Astrid

Awarded for trying our best,
kindness and perseverance.



CELEBRATE!

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

Woodpecker Class - Erin and Atlanta

Robin Class - Saheesh and Rebecca

Kingfisher Class - Harold and Matilda

Puffin Class - THE WHOLE CLASS!

Awarded for kindness and perseverance.



CELEBRATE!

This week's tidiest classroom
Kestrel Class

Highest Attendance Award
Hawk Class with 95%

Most Punctual Classes
Unfortunately punctuality has not been
good across the school - let's get it back on
track next week!

New certificate for this week!
Swift Class -
are the best at lining up!

Safeguarding

A message from the Essex Safeguarding
Children's Board (ESCB).

"You don't need to talk to your pre-schooler about online safety yet, right? Wrong. If you treat online safety just as you would treat road safety, then talking about safe internet use becomes the norm and not something that they feel needs to be hidden as they get older. So if they are worried about something they have seen online they can feel confident in talking to an adult about their concerns."

See the link below for a short animation for parents/carers of young children:

<https://www.escb.co.uk/safeguarding-topics/online-safety/parentscarers/>



Diary Dates		
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
01.05.26	Robin Class Assembly	9.05am
15.05.26	Kingfisher Class Assembly	9.05am
05.06.26	Woodpecker Class Assembly	9.05am