

GBINS



weekly Newsletter



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

PINS for Parents and Carers

There are more PINS workshops coming up - these are for parents/carers of pupils with SEND.

PINS is the Partnership for the Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools and is a project that we requested to be part of in order to provide additional support our families and staff and as part of our continued commitment to developing our provision.

Please do get involved!

The upcoming workshops are:

Tuesday 27th January at 9am - Unique Learning Styles
Tuesday 24th February at 9am -Emotional Regulation

There is also a follow up Parent Forum on the 4th February at 9am-10.30am.



Eco Club - Important Message for chocolate eaters!

Eco Club are taking part in Greene King's Tub2Pub campaign again in 2026.

Please bring us your empty sweet, chocolate and cracker plastic tubs (Heroes, Roses etc) and we will take them to a Greene King pub.

The tubs are recycled into new plastic which is then sold and Greene King donate the proceeds to The Macmillan Cancer Support charity.

So, no need to feel guilty about indulging in the festive season just remember to drop those tubs into school in the New Year!

We will collect them until Monday 2nd Feb.



Bumped Heads

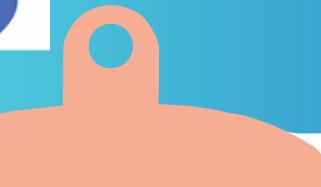
PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE ARBOR NOTIFICATIONS ON

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 message will be sent via **Arbor** to you to inform you. 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.

This system will be reviewed regularly this term so watch for any further changes.



Children's Commissioner - Online Safety Advice

Parenting today can feel overwhelming – especially when childhood looks so different from what we grew up with. There's no manual, and it can be hard to keep up with the fast-changing digital world your child moves through every day. This guide aims to make those conversations easier and help you support your child with confidence.

Please see the guides via the link below:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>



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.

Farleigh Hospice Update

We have received a letter from Farleigh Hospice expressing their gratitude to everyone involved in the Reindeer Run to support their work.

WE RAISED AN INCREDIBLE £1442.71!

They would like me to pass on their thanks to the children, families and staff whose effort and kindness made this event a success.



ROCKET POINTS ARE CHANGING!

As from next week, we will be moving away from 'Rocket Points' and giving out 'Butterfly Points' instead.

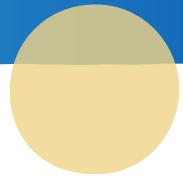
The reward system will work in exactly the same way as it does now and 'smileys' will be given for behaviour that supports the school values and for effort and improvement in all areas.

This is all part of our school vision and emphasis on our aim to support every individual to grow, transform, change and emerge as the best version of themselves by the time they leave our school.





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CELEBRATE!

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

Hawk Class - Maleah and Rowen
 Eagle Class - Katie and Joshua
 Kestrel Class - Hallie and Freddie G
 Swift Class - Rohan and Maciej
 Owl Class - Ava and Ezra
 Wagtail Class - Milo and Ganiel

Awarded for writing, kindness and perseverance

CELEBRATE!

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

Woodpecker Class - Nella and Elija
 Robin Class - Beulah and Isaac
 Kingfisher Class - Bella and Jake
 Puffin Class - Willow and Alfie

Awarded for reading, kindness and perseverance



CELEBRATE!

This week's tidiest classroom
 Swift Class

Highest Attendance Award
 Kestrel Class with 98.2%

Most Punctual Classes

Unfortunately punctuality has not been good across the school this week - possibly partly due to the weather!

STAR WRITERS

There is a display in the school hall celebrating children's efforts and achievements in writing across the school.

The chosen pieces of writing this time belong to:

Sophia (Kestrel), Katie (Eagle), Grant (Hawk), Kylo (Swift), Ava (Owl), Noah (Wagtail), Phillipa (Woodpecker), Marie (Robin), Nikole (Kingfisher).

Well done everyone!

Can you help?

We want to develop a space within the Reception outdoor play area - see the photo example below.

If you have a couple of tyres, some gravel or diggers, or items such as these and would be happy to donate them, please let the Reception team know.



Diary Dates

16.01.26	Whole School Butterfly Day	Day
23.01.26	Hawk Class Assembly	9.05am
27.01.26	PINS Parent Workshop	9.00am
04.02.26	PINS Parent Forum	9.00-10.30am
06.02.26	Wagtail Class Assembly	9.05am
16th Feb - 20th Feb	Half Term	
24.02.26	PINS Parent Workshop	9.00am
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