

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy and exciting week at school, with plenty of opportunities for our pupils to learn, take on new challenges and work together. We have been particularly proud of the enthusiasm and teamwork shown by the children representing our school at this week's sporting events.

River Chelmer Partnership Football Tournament

We were delighted to welcome local primary schools for the River Chelmer Partnership Football Tournament this week. Our pupils represented the school with determination, supporting one another and showing excellent sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. Well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to the visiting schools for helping to make it such an enjoyable event.

Boys Final Table

Position	Team	Won	Draw	Lost	Points
1 st	St Pius X	3	1	0	10
2 nd	Great Waltham	3	0	2	9
3 rd	Boreham	3	0	2	9
4 th	Little Waltham	3	0	2	9
5 th	Great Leighs	1	1	3	4
6 th	Broomfield	1	0	3	3



Girls Final Table

Position	Team	Won	Draw	Lost	Points
1 st	Great Waltham	3	1	0	10
2 nd	Great Leighs	2	2	0	8
3 rd	St Pius X	2	1	1	7
4 th	Boreham	1	0	3	3
5 th	Little Waltham	0	0	4	0



Keeping Safe on Wheels

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who successfully completed their Bikeability course this week. The sessions gave them valuable opportunities to develop their cycling skills and learn more about riding safely. We were pleased to see their enthusiasm as they tackled each new challenge.

Boccia and Kurling

Well done to the children who represented our school at the Chelmsford Sports Partnership Boccia and Kurling competition this week. They approached the activities with focus and enthusiasm, and we are proud of the way they represented our school.

A Reminder About Earrings

For everyone's safety, earrings must be removed before PE lessons and sporting after-school clubs. Please ensure that your child either comes to school without earrings on these days or can remove them independently before the session begins. Thank you for your support in helping all children take part safely.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Garlick

Anger Management in Children - NSPCC

Every year many thousands of children are referred to Childline for anger issues. Anger management in children is one of the top mental health concerns in childcare. Anger and the ability to control it are key skills of adulthood. Violent thoughts frequently bubble underneath human interactions. Anger is the quickest way for those thoughts to become reality. For this reason it is tightly regulated in our society. Children must learn to overcome anger so that they do not fall a foul of strict controls on violent conduct. However, this is difficult for children to learn to manage since anger is remarkably powerful. Yet as parents and teachers there is no choice but to teach them to reign these emotions in. This can be hard knowledge to impart, but the NSPCC has produced helpful resources to aid you in that vital mission. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/arguments-conflict-family-tension>



Well done to Primrose for her 'extra' maths homework.



Well done to Stanley for his wonderful writing



Well done Gryff, Finley and Ethan for their super Diva lamps



Well done to Louie, Tommy and Logan for your fantastic poems



Well done Logan for his great writing.



Well done to Willow, Amber and Erin for writing and singing an amazing verse to their songs.

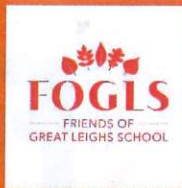
FOGLS

EYFS/KS1

4:00PM - 5:00PM

£4

Includes snacks and
unlimited drinks.



KS2

5:15PM - 6:30PM

£3.50

Includes unlimited
drinks.
Tuck shop available.

Spooky Disco



FRIDAY
16TH OCTOBER

TICKETS ON SALE NOW - VISIT:
www.pta-events.co.uk/fogls

If anyone can volunteer please let one of FOGLS know.



AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

Wednesday 14th October 2026 - 8:00pm

At Great Leighs Primary School

Email: ptagreatleighs@gmail.com

if you can join us.

FALL INTO FOCUS

PHOTO COMPETITION

FOGLS are running an Autumn themed photo competition. Open to all children from each class, we'd like you to take photos of anything you see that reminds you of Autumn. Maybe you spot a tree with Autumn coloured leaves, conkers for collecting or pumpkins ready for carving.



Take a photo and email it to ptagreatleighs@gmail.com by 5pm on Wednesday 7th October.

Make sure you include the name of the child and their class.

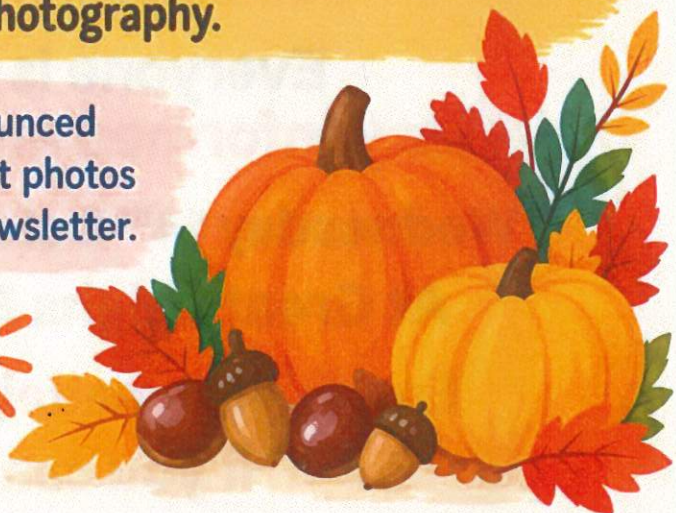


We'll pick 1 lucky winner who will take home a **£20 voucher** to buy school photographs from Carmel Jane Photography.



The winner will be announced in assembly and the best photos shared in next week's newsletter.

Good luck!



Rabbit Class

Rabbit Class have been busy creating their very own Diwali lamps out of clay!

At first, they found it tricky to make the clay soft and malleable, but with lots of hard work and perseverance, they successfully moulded and shaped their clay into the designs they had imagined.

The children were enthusiastic, creative and incredibly proud of their creations! We can't wait to see how they look once they have been painted.

Keep an eye out for more pictures of our finished Diwali lamps!



Mole Class Maths

This week, we finished our place value unit with rounding board games. The children made good use of place value charts and blank number lines to answer the questions and move round the board.



Mole Class - Beehive

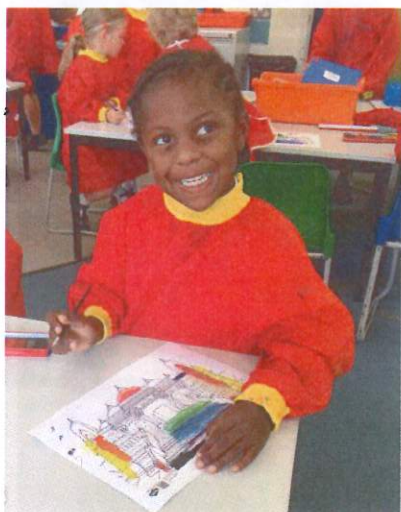


A thoughtful member of our community dropped off an empty beehive for us to study. The children observed how it was both strong and delicate. We could see how the outside was made from old leaves and how the inside was full of hexagonal honey cells. The children also shared what they already knew about bees and bee hives.

Robin Class - Hinduism

In Robin Class, we have been learning about Hinduism in RE. We enjoyed taking a virtual tour of a Mandir (Hindu temple) and explored the importance of using our different senses during worship. We thought about how Hindus pray and looked at how a shrine is organised and the significance of the different items found on a puja tray.

We also learned about Lord Ganesha, one of the Hindu deities, and discussed why he is an important figure for many Hindus. To bring our learning to life, the children used watercolours to create beautiful paintings of a Mandir and a shrine dedicated to Lord Ganesha, carefully including details inspired by what we had learned.



CSSP Boccia & Kurling

On Tuesday, a small group of pupils attended a Boccia and Kurling competition against several other primary schools at Chelmer Valley High School. The children were taught the rules of the sports by Year 9 sports ambassadors.

Our pupils were split into a Kurling team and a Boccia team and played several games against different teams.

The Boccia team finished in third place and the Curling team in first. The children all showed great team work and good sportsmanship.



Multi-Schools Council Assembly

Last week, we had a visitor, Amy, from the Multi-schools council. She led a whole school assembly around Special Educational Needs and the adaptations that some people may need. She talked about kindness and acceptance of differences.

Following the assembly, our Key Stage 2 classes had a workshop around Autism. Amy explained what Autism is and showed them that there is a whole spectrum of differences that someone with Autism may experience. She showed the strengths that can come with Autism and showed the children a number of famous people who have Autism. She finished with the reminder that we should always be kind to each other and that there are things we can do to help others if they are finding something difficult.



Rabbit Class

Rabbit Class have been learning all about information technology and exploring where we might find it in our everyday lives. This week, we focused on the different types of information technology we might find in a supermarket. The children were able to identify tills, barcode scanners, card readers, printers and cash machines.

We also explored how barcodes are used in supermarkets. The children learned that barcodes allow product information to be scanned and entered into a computer system quickly and accurately, rather than requiring all of the information to be entered manually. We discussed how this technology helps to make the process of buying items quicker and more efficient.

We then put our learning into practice by setting up our own shop in the classroom. The children took turns being shopkeepers and customers, choosing items to purchase and using a pretend payment system. The shopkeepers then wrote receipts for their customers. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to apply their understanding of information technology in a fun and practical way.



Upcoming Events

6th Oct 26	India Day Yr. 2 - Info sent via ParentMail
8th Oct 26	EYFS/KS1 Harvest Festival - Info sent via ParentMail
8th Oct 26	Benchball Yr. 6 AWAY to Boreham PM - Info sent via ParentMail
9th Oct 26	Essex Fire Cyber Bullying Workshop Yr. 6 - Info sent via ParentMail
12th Oct 26	EYFS Parent Phonics morning 8.45am - Info sent via ParentMail
13th Oct 26	EYFS Parent Phonics morning 8.45am - Info sent via ParentMail
13th Oct 26	KS1 Boys & Girls Football - Info to follow
14th Oct 26	Benchball Yr. 5 AWAY to Boreham PM - Info sent via ParentMail
16th Oct 26	FOGLS Disco - Info on Newsletter
20th Oct 26	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Info sent via ParentMail
21st Oct 26	Flu Vaccinations - Info to follow
22nd Oct 26	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7pm - Info sent via ParentMail
22nd Oct 26	LAST DAY OF TERM
23rd Oct 26	STAFF TRAINING/NON PUPIL DAY
26th - 30th Oct 26	HALF TERM
2nd Nov 26	BACK TO SCHOOL
6th - 10th Nov 26	Book Fair - Info to follow
18th Nov 26	Teddy Lympics (Selected Yr. 1 team) - Info to follow
20th Nov 26	Colchester Zoo Yr. 2 - Info to follow
23rd Nov 26	Essex Fire Cyber Bullying Workshop Yr. 5 - Info to follow

This Week's Awards	Values Award	Maths Award	Reading Award	Building Learning Power
Squirrels	Amias	Grayson	Oliver S	Oscar
Robins	Theo	Harry	Molly	Emilia
Rabbits	Charlie	Elba	Gryff	Finley
Bumblebee	Amelie	Maddie	Joshua	Amari
Kingfisher	Hudson	Ollie	Logan T	Tommy L
Mole	Harrison	Sebbie	Willow	Marcey
Owl	Arthur	Dougie	Blake	Sophia V

ATTENDANCE CUP

for last week.

1st Mole - 99.3%

2nd Bumblebee - 98.7%

3rd Kingfisher - 96.8%



Read our Online Safety newsletter here:

<https://greatleighs.essex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/October-2026.pdf>



This months features are AI Companions & Discord

ParentMail

Please ensure you are connected and read all ParentMails sent out to you.
If you need to connect please contact the office.

Staff Training

Non-Pupil Days 2025/2026

Fri 23rd Oct 26

Fri 12th Feb 27

Mon 7th Jun 27

Weds 21st Jul 27

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2026

Mon 1st Sept to

Fri 18th Dec 26

Spring Term 2027

Mon 4th Jan to

Thur 25th Mar 27

Summer Term 2027

Mon 12th Apr to Weds 21st Jul 26

Our website is regularly updated with information on local agencies and events which may be of interest including lots of local school holiday camps and activities which you can access by clicking [here](#)



Chelmer Valley High School

A Specialist Engineering and Leadership Academy

Open Events 2026



Open Evening

Thursday 17th September 2026

5.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Open Mornings

Tours by appointment during September and October 2026. Please contact the school office to book an appointment.



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MAKE FRIENDS.

5.30-6.30 PM ON WEDNESDAYS

FROM 16 SEPTEMBER 2026
SUITABLE FOR AGES 8-16
FREE ENTRY

HYLANDS SCHOOL SPORTS HALL, CHELMSFORD, SS15 5NX
ENTER VIA HATFIELD GROVE

SCAN TO REGISTER



HOLIDAY COURSES

**Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2, Learn to ride courses and a new course
Child Bike Workshop & Learn**

To book, please visit link
essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

Venues: Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow & Witham

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee



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Date/ Time/ Location	Name of course	Description	Link to book / more info
Thursday 17 th September 930am-1130am 6 week ONLINE course	Positive parenting for primary	This course is designed to support you to understand your children and provide parenting support. It covers boundaries, communication skills, understanding feelings and emotions and most importantly how to have fun as a family. This is for parents with primary school aged children.	ACL Essex HO4C01OL26 Positive Parenting For Primary
Thursday 17 th September 7pm-9pm 2 week ONLINE course	Raising girls	This course will support parents/carers who are raising girls in the 21st century - Aimed at parents/carers who want to develop their understanding of the different stages of girlhood and learn how to raise happy, confident, and kind young women.	ACL Essex HO4C02OL26 Raising Girls
Tuesday 22 nd Sept 12.30pm-2.30pm 2 week ONLINE course	Communicating with children aged 5-11	Discover the power of positive communication with your child.	ACL Essex HO1C02OL26 Communicating With Children Aged 5-11 Years
6 th October 1230pm-230pm 2 week ONLINE course	Zones of regulation	This course will provide parent/carers an insight and understanding into the use of zones of regulations for supporting emotional intelligence in young people.	ACL Essex HO3C02OL26 Zones Of Regulation
Thursday 8 th October 7pm-9pm 2 week ONLINE course	Understanding children's anxiety	Looking at anxiety, the causes of anxiety and how to support your child or young person.	ACL Essex HO4C03OL26 Understanding Children's Anxiety

ACL run a wide range of FREE family learning workshops/ courses for parents and carers including parenting style courses and workshops including managing big emotions, understanding children's anxiety, SEND support, positive parenting, supporting your neurodiverse child and more.

Details in the table below are taken from ACL website www.aclessex.com/community-family-learning/

No referrals needed