

# The GREEN GAZETTE

16th May 2025

Welcome to this week's edition!

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# Principal's Message

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

What a wonderfully busy and vibrant two weeks it has been at school! With the May Bank Holiday offering a brief pause, we've packed an impressive amount into the days around it.

Our Year 4 pupils enjoyed their Mersea Residential – a fantastic opportunity for adventure and independence. There are many fabulous photos on Instagram ([flitch\\_green\\_academy](#)). My huge thanks to the staff, Miss Owen, Miss Knightbridge, Miss Wright and Miss Bradd for their efforts – the days (and nights) are long. The children were great company and embraced the activities with energy and overcame some fears of heights too!

Year 6 pupils tackled their SATs with focus and determination; we are so proud of their efforts. Thanks to FFG for the breakfast to start the day with plenty of energy. And to the staff for their words of encouragement each day. The exams are formal – they get externally marked and this week we received a spot check to ensure we were administering the tests correctly but they are not a 'qualification'. High schools will ask for scores but the children get plenty of further opportunities to prove their academic standards.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our meeting for new EYFS parents on Monday as we prepare to welcome our next cohort – really good attendance too. Great to welcome you to our school.

Meanwhile, our FFG Colour Run takes place today – a huge thank you to all who will be here to support this important fundraiser.

Please remember sunscreen in this very pleasant weather we are experiencing.

Warm regards,

**Mr Burden**  
Headteacher

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# Headteacher's Award

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9th May 2025



16th May 2025





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# Curriculum

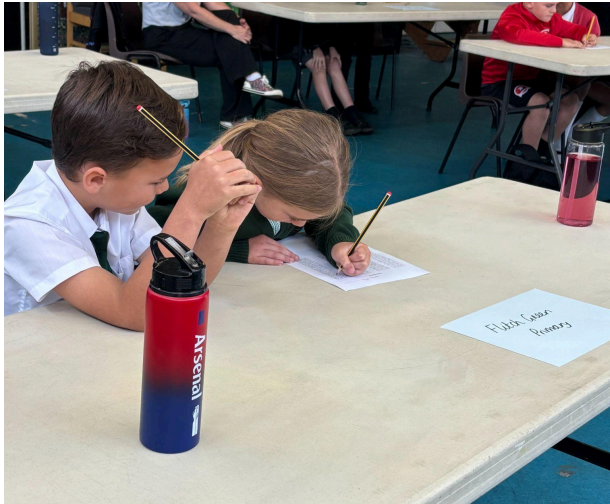
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Well done to all Y6 children - you have completed SATs - hooray! From the tasty breakfast on Monday through to the last exam yesterday you have worked very hard, remained focused and supported each other. This is a reflection of all your time in school, not Y6 alone so thanks to all the adults here at school and the support you have received at home for this long journey. They played rounders this morning after registration before having some squash and biscuits before assembly. The 6 separate tests have been sent off for marking and the results will be back in July when we will share them with the pupils 1:1





Two pupils - Louie S and Isabella CH, represented our school at a Maths Bee at Stebbing primary school last Tuesday - thanks to the parents for taking them there. They had a great time and answered some pretty tricky questions. We came joint 6th with Felsted Primary School.



Y4 Mersea 2025 - you can see some fabulous photos on Instagram. A picture paints a 1000 words! The children had a great time, showed super resilience being away from home for 3 days, worked in teams brilliantly and probably had less sleep than normal. Well done to all the pupils and staff for making it such a brilliant trip.

Our youngest learners in YR also had an informative dental visit, helping them learn the importance of oral health.

Musical talent was on full display during our keyboard concert - thanks to Mrs Shakallis for organising. The children have picked up skills really well over their specialist music sessions.

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# School Games

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Sporting spirit has been in full swing, with Rapid Fire Cricket for Years 3 and 4 (more next newsletter but they performed brilliantly and came 2nd and are into the next round) , and Year 6 pupils helped Key Stage 1 pupils taking part in a multi-skills event this afternoon.

Athletics club is in its 3rd week, thanks to Mr Chapman for covering while Mr Burden was at Mersea and a meeting for the first two sessions. The Y3-6 group are very enthusiastic and work hard to practice their running, throwing and jumping skills.

After half term we will begin getting ready for Sports Day too.









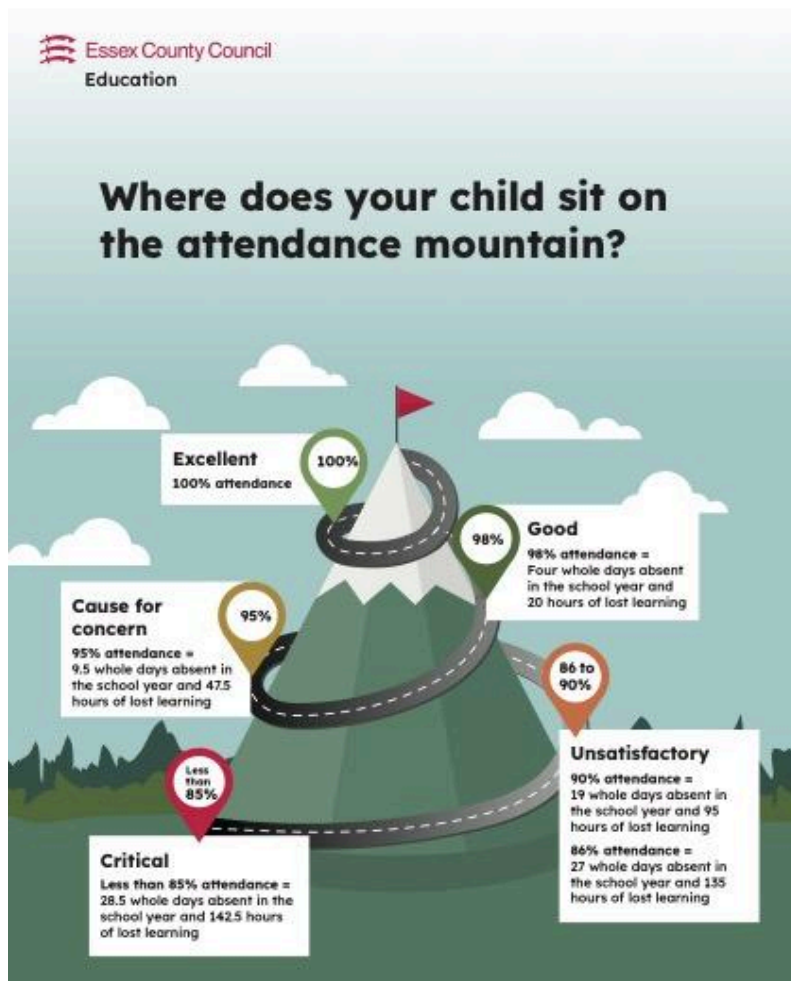
# Attendance

School Attendance stands - 94.31%, dropping from 94.40 last newsletter.

For the Summer term only - is 94.24%, dropping from 95.56% on 2/5/25. In a two week period that includes over 100 days unauthorised (holiday) absences.

Class winners for the last two weeks:

Week	Class	% Attendance	98% +
Week 29 5/5/25 - 9/5/25 (4 days)	Pluto Mercury	95.59 95.59	None
Week 30 12/5/25 - 16/5/25 (5 days)	Earth	98.40	Earth



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## GOOD TIMEKEEPING



### What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!



**Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time**

**For mental health support for young people visit: [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)**



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# Class Photos

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**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**

It's that time of year again where Rob Sambrook photography will be visiting our school to take class group photos.

Rob has many years of experience and is familiar with our school and with our children here – we are pleased to be inviting him back again this year.

Further communication and reminders will be sent out to you nearer the time.

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# Important Dates

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Key dates for the whole academic year can be found on the [website](#).  
Please check back regularly, as these dates can be subject to change.

## **SUMMER TERM**

Mars Class Assembly - 21st May (09:00)

FFG Cake Sale (Saturn & Jupiter) - 21st May (15:15)

Class Photographs - 22nd May

Finish 15:15 for Half term - 23rd May

HALF TERM - 26/05/2025 to 30/05/2025

Non-Pupil Day - 2nd June

Pupils Return to School - 3rd June

Multiplication Tests for Year 4 - 9th June to 13th June

Phonics Screening Year 1 - 9th June to 13th June

Year 6 Residential - 9th June to 13th June

Jupiter Class Assembly - 19th June (09:00)

Year 6 HRS Induction Day - 26th June

Sports Day - 27th June

Venus Class Assembly - 2nd July (09:00)

Junk Percussion Day Reception to Year 4 - 7th July



Moving up afternoon - 15th July

Open Evening - 15th July (16:00 - 18:00)

FFG Flitch Fest - 18th July

Year 6 Production - 21st July (14:00 & 18:00)

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 23rd July (14:15)

FFG Cake Sale (Reception & Venus) - 23rd July

Finish 13:00 for Summer Break - 25th July

Non-Pupil Day - 28th July

Non-Pupil Day 29th July

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# Community Notices

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**Please remember to check the 'Community' tab of our website regularly, as we upload community groups and events that we hope you may be interested in.**

[www.theflitchgreenacademy.co.uk](http://www.theflitchgreenacademy.co.uk)

This week you can find information on:

Flitch United Football Club

Flitch Green Community Hall

POP Essex SEND Clubs and Respite

Rock Steady Music Lessons

RTA Kids - 'Just Act' Drama Lessons for Children

RTA Summer Camps

Flitch United FC May Half Term Camp