THE FLITCH GREEN ACADEMY
Learning for Life

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Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2026

From the Principal



Dear parents and carers,

Remembrance

On Wednesday, we held a Remembrance Assembly to thank members of the Army, Navy and RAF (past and present) for protecting us. To show our respect, we held a two minute silence at 11am. I was so proud of all the pupils in assembly for being their best and reflecting in that way. An even bigger thanks goes to all pupils who helped to make our wreath for Remembrance Sunday. Pupils worked hard in the discovery centre every lunchtime to cut out felt and sew buttons on poppies. It did not go unnoticed!



A local resident e-mailed into the school office and said "*I attended the service at Felsted War Memorial on Sunday as a spectator. Several of us were impressed by the wreath laid by your pupils. Obviously a lot of thought and work had gone into it and it really stood out among the many commercial wreaths. So, well done to those who designed and made it. Thank you.*"

A huge thank you also goes to Cece and Teddy in Year 2 who were wonderful ambassadors for the school when they laid the wreath on the memorial during the service on behalf of The Flitch Green Academy. Thank you for demonstrating our values of respect and for donning your school uniform at the weekend!

Reception 2027 admissions process

This week, we welcomed prospective parents to another open day for reception 2027. Please note:

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **9 November 2026**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2027. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2027**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. All of the application information is available on the website above.

Policies

Last week our governing board approved a number of new policies which have been posted to our website:

- SEND Policy
- Complaints policy
- Behaviour policy
- PSHE RSHE policy
- Volunteer Policy

London Calling!

Poplar and Oak class had an amazing time at the London transport museum, exploring lots of hands on activities (including sitting inside a steam powered underground train) and stepping onto a Victorian tram! All teachers reported that the pupils were extremely well behaved and a real credit to the school. They didn't make a fuss about delays to the journey and made us all proud. Well done!



Parking

Please be mindful when parking in and around our school. Our coach had difficulty navigating through the cars on Wednesday! The Flitch Green Community Centre car park is very close to our entrance and has safe parking. If using the car park, please remember not to use the disabled bays unless you have a blue badge or a mobility difficulty.

Christmas performances - good news!!!!

As promised, we have double checked the capacities for our Christmas concerts on Wednesday 16th December. We can accommodate 2 parents and carers for each event **however, we cannot guarantee a chair for everyone because there are not enough seats in each venue so it may be standing room only for some!** Please advise us if you need a reserved seat by emailing the school office.

So to confirm, the Christmas performances are as follows:

Performance details:

- Thursday 10th December 2:30pm Nativity (school hall) - Reception parents and carers only - 2 parents / carers per pupil
- Friday 11th December at 9:15am Nativity (school hall) - Reception parents and carers only - 2 parents / carers per pupil
- Wednesday 16th December 9.30 - 10.15am (Holy Cross Church) - Year 3 and 4 parents and carers only - 2 parents / carers per pupil
- Wednesday 16th December 10.30 - 11.30am (Holy Cross Church) - Year 5 and 6 parents and carers only - 2 parents / carers per pupil
- Wednesday 16th December 2.15pm - 3.00pm (school hall) - Year 1 and 2 parents and carers only - 2 parents / carers per pupil

Message from FFG

Thank you for all your kind donations of uniform. These have been so plentiful that the FFG shed is full to bursting! Therefore they cannot accept any more donations at the present time as they have a large amount of stock.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Regards,

S-J Pyne

Diary Dates

November 2026	December 2026	January 2027
16–27 Nov — Autumn Assessment Window 17 Nov — Roots to Food Day 24 Nov — FFG Wreath Making Event — evening 27 Nov - Pyjama Day for Rainbow Hamper	02 Dec EYFS and LKS2 Christmas discos 03 Dec KS1 and UKS2 Christmas discos 03 Dec — Panto, 09:00–11:30 10-11 Dec — Nativity performances 08 Dec — Parents' Evening 9 Dec — Parents' Evening CONFIRMED 16 Dec — Christmas Concerts • 9.30 LKS2: Holy Cross Church, Felsted • 10.30 UKS2: Holy Cross Church, Felsted • 1.30 KS1: Flitch School hall 18 Dec - Winning house non-uniform day 18 Dec— Last Day of term	04 Jan-return to school after Christmas holiday 11 Jan 12.45-14.45 Future Champs sponsored Fitness Challenge (whole school) 19 Jan O2 Young Voices (choir only) 28 Jan Poplar Class assembly

Attendance

✓ OUR ATTENDANCE FOCUS

Every day in school matters. Regular attendance helps children build routines, maintain friendships and make steady progress in their learning.

Measure	This week	This term	Target
Whole-school attendance	93.4%	93.4%	96%+
Persistent absence	-	16.2%	0%

Attendance Message to Families

90% is a good number in so many areas of life including attainment in examination results. However, an attendance rate of 90% in a UK school means your child is missing about 19 school days (or roughly 38 sessions) over a full academic year, **which is equivalent to nearly 4 weeks of missed education.**

Learning for Life Awards

Class	Pupil
Apple	Frank
Beech	Ottilie
Cherry	Theo
Elm	Tashana
Hazel	Phoebe
Maple	River
Oak	Ellie
Poplar	Ivy
Redwood	Harper
Spruce	Edward F
Willow	Angela

House points earned this week

	266
	267
	284
	201