



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



CURIOSITY



COLLABORATION



CREATIVITY

Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026

From the Principal

The colour run event was such a success last Friday and I had great pleasure in throwing pink paint at your children! Thank you to the FFG and parents and carers for putting on and supporting the event.

Parking and road safety

I have been monitoring the parking around school in the morning this week. Tanton Road is narrow and we all lead busy lives. The crossing is small and hard to spot but that is no reason to put children's lives in danger. I am hoping to work with the local Parish council to address the issue. In the meantime, please remember it is a 20mph recommended zone and it is illegal to park across a dropped kerb and crossing.



Healthy Snacks

You may have seen on the news recently that Food Standards are changing in schools. From next September rules around food will be a lot stricter and focussed on promoting lifelong healthy eating habits. This, therefore, seems the right time to remind you that we are promoting healthy snacks at breaktime. EYFS and KS1 are provided with fruit and we would encourage a piece of fruit to be brought in by all pupils in KS2. Chocolate, crisps, biscuits and cereal bars are not permitted.

Blue tokens

We are still in the Tesco's blue token vote in store in the Dunmow superstore and the Takeley Express - please do remember to vote for us



and to encourage your friends and family to do the same because we would love to get the maximum donation available to rejuvenate our courtyard area!

On line content concern

This morning, Miss Christmas spoke to the year 5 and 6 pupils about a trend that went viral on social media (especially TikTok) around a month ago. Pupils have been talking about this and scaremongering in school. Please see the following link for more information if you wish to chat to your child about it.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwyqy29jn74o>

Have a lovely Weekend.

S-J Pyne

Principal

Diary Dates

October 2026	November 2026
06 Oct — EYFS Tours for 27-28 9AM 06 Oct – 07 Oct – One Plan Meetings NEW DATE 09 Oct — Year 2 trip to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle 13 Oct — EYFS Tours for 27-28 1.30 PM REVISED DATE 15 Oct — Redwood Class assembly 9-9.30am 15 Oct — Year 6 SATs meeting 3.30pm 19–30 Oct — Half term holiday (inclusive)	02 Nov – pupils return after half term break 05 Nov — Spruce Class assembly 9-9.30am NEW DATE 12 Nov – Willow Class assembly 9-9.30am 16–27 Nov — Autumn Assessment Window 17 Nov — Roots to Food Day 24 Nov — FFG Wreath Making Event — evening

Learning for Life Awards

Class	Pupil
Apple	Max
Beech	Margot
Cherry	Delilah
Elm	Meadow
Hazel	Violet-Rose
Maple	Finley
Oak	Lottie
Poplar	Emmie
Redwood	Kieran
Spruce	Willow B
Willow	Sophia C

House points earned this week

	346
	323
	351
	321

★ CELEBRATION OF THE WEEK ★

We attended three sporting events this week and our pupils were wonderful school ambassadors.

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	96.0%	95.5%	96%+
Persistent absence		12.5%	0%+