

MONTGOMERY INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 28th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

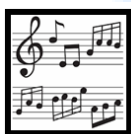
We have had bumper sessions of Forest School this week with two full days of classes visiting our Monty's Wood area to practise their outdoor skills. The children really enjoy their sessions learning how to thread beads, use the outdoor swing and hammock and go on 'bug hunts' and generally spending time outside. Thank you to Mrs Keoghan for organising and leading the sessions.



Over half of our Reception cohort enjoyed the 'Stay and Play' session this week when they were able to take part in a range of fun activities on our school field. The aim of the session is to help the children become accustomed to after school clubs in school ready for Year One. We were grateful for the good weather which allowed the children to fully enjoy their time outside.

This week has been our assessment period at Montgomery Infant School and Nursery and staff have been making judgements on the children's attainment and progress. We have purchased a range of new test materials to help inform Y1 and Y2 teachers in their final assessments. We are really pleased with the children's hard work and attitude to their learning this term.

On Monday 31st March and Tuesday 1st April, the year 2 children will go to Fingringhoe Nature Reserve for their school trip for a 'bushcraft and nature' day; just a reminder that children can wear their own clothes for this trip. Welly boots and warm, waterproof coats are also recommended.



Due to the incredible progress made by our Year 2, Front Row musicians, their teacher feels that they are able to perform in the Spring term musical concert at the Junior School on Tuesday 1st April, in the afternoon at 2:15pm. Parents and carers of Front Row musicians are invited to attend the concert. Please go along to the Junior School Office to sign in on the afternoon.

Finally, we will be closing early, at 1:30pm, on Friday 4th April for the Easter holidays, so please ensure you have made arrangements for your child to be collected at this time. If your child is being collected by a different adult, please let the office know and also ensure they have the correct password.

Mrs Wright – Interim Headteacher

Dinner Menu

Dinner menu week beginning **Monday 31st March** will be the **Week 3** menu, from the Winter 2024/25 Menu.

Please note that on Week 2, Tuesday, the dessert will now be pancakes served with maple syrup and bananas

Our menus can be found online [here](#). Paper copies are available from the foyer by the school office.

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Dates for your diary

Monday 31st March—Dragon and Chameleon class Forest School sessions.

Monday 31st March/Tuesday 1st April—Year 2 Trips to Fingringhoe Wick Nature Discovery Centre

Tuesday 1st April—Front Row Spring Term Musical concert—Year 2 Front Row Musicians, 2.15pm at the Junior school.

Break up for Easter—Friday 4th April. **Early Finish of 1.30pm on this date.**

Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April—Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April—Non-Pupil day

Wednesday 23rd April—Children return to school

Weekly clubs

The following clubs will run in the Spring Term:

Monday:

Front row music lessons, Year 2 (during the school day)

Football, Year 1 —Colchester United, 3.15-4.15

Dance, Year 1 and 2—Carol Gale school of dance, 3.15-4.15pm—

Tuesday:

Military club, Year 1 and 2, 3.15-4.15

Wednesday:

Gymnastics, Year 2—SCS, 3.15-4.15

Friday :

Cricket, Years 1 and 2— Chance to Shine Cricket Coaching, 3.15-4.15

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Reminder—End of Term Early

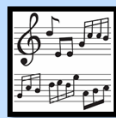
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Friday 4th April

As we do at the end of each school term, we will be finishing early on **Friday 4th April**. Collection time will be **1.30pm** on this date. **Please ensure that you have made any necessary arrangements for your child to be collected at 1.30pm on this date.**

Front Row Spring Term Musical concert

Year 2 Front Row Musicians — Tuesday 1st April



Parents and carers of our Year 2 Front Row musicians are invited to attend the Front Row Spring Term Musical Concert, which takes place at the Junior school on **Tuesday 1st April at 2.15pm**. Please go along to the Junior school office to sign in on the afternoon.

Inclusive U's SEND Football Camp

We have been asked to share the following information about Inclusive U's SEND Football Camp, designed for young people aged 5-16 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. It's a fantastic chance for them to enjoy expert coaching, develop their skills, and meet the Colchester United players and mascot in a fun and supportive environment. Please click the link below for further information:

Nursery Spaces—September 2025

Our Nursery is part of our Ofsted Outstanding EYF5 provision, and a great start to a child's Montgomery journey. We will soon begin the process of allocating Nursery Spaces for the Autumn Term.



More information about our Nursery structure and our admissions criteria can be found on the 'Nursery' tab of the school website: <https://www.montgomery-inf.essex.sch.uk/nursery/>

If you have a pre-school aged child who will turn 4 between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026, and you would be interested in a space in our Nursery, please contact the school office for an application form.

For those families already on the waiting list, we have sent out a google form for you to complete—Please keep an eye on your email inboxes, as these emails can sometimes land in junk folders.

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