

MONTGOMERY

INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of a busy term and have enjoyed seeing the progress and development over the past few months as the children achieve new skills and learn new knowledge. Their behaviour has been excellent and positive comments from sports coaches coming into school and staff delivering learning sessions on school trips about how polite and well-behaved the children are, make us very proud. Thank you for your support when there is an incident or poor choice that needs addressing; that is much appreciated.

A big thank you to the army padre team who donated a Cadbury crème egg for each child in both schools (children with allergies had a suitable alternative).

Mrs Jara, one of our Nursery teachers, has left to start her maternity leave today; we send our best wishes and look forward to meeting the new arrival. Mrs Patterson will join the Nursery team for 2.5 days per week at the start of the Summer term 2025.



Our after-school clubs will be swapped over after Easter so that on Mondays Y2 will have football sessions with the Colchester United coach and on Wednesdays Y1 will have gymnastics sessions. We are delighted to offer a new Art club for Y2 children on Fridays also. All clubs will start the week beginning 28th April and parents/carers will be notified if their child has been given a space.

April is the month of the Military Child and on Friday 25th April we will be marking this day by asking all children to wear something yellow with their school uniform (ie a badge or armband etc). We will be sharing the poem, The Dandelion, in our Friday morning assembly, which celebrates the fact that military children put down roots and blossom anywhere they are planted. The catering team will serve special cupcakes with yellow flowers on them for dessert that day.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and children of Montgomery Infant School, we wish you a very happy Easter and look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 23rd April at the usual time.



Mrs Wright—Interim Headteacher



Dates for your diary

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

Tuesday 22nd April—Non-Pupil day.

Wednesday 23rd April—Children return to school at the usual start time.

Friday 25th April Military child day, wear something yellow with school uniform.

Thursday 8th May VE day special assembly.

Tuesday 13th May—Year 1 trip to Colchester zoo (Reply slips due by Friday 25th April)

Weekly clubs

The following clubs will run in the Summer Term. Clubs will begin week commencing 28 April.

Monday:

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

Football, Year 2—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 1 —SCS, 3.15-4.15

Friday :

Art Club, Year 2

Dinner Menu

Dinner menu week beginning **Wednesday 23rd April** will be the **Week 1** menu, from the **Summer 2025** Menu.

A copy of the new menu will be sent out alongside this newsletter.

Our menus can be found online [here](https://www.montgomery-inf.essex.sch.uk). Paper copies are available from the foyer by the school office.



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Essex County Council

Video resources for Parents and Carers supporting neurodivergent children

<https://shortbreaks.essex.gov.uk/short-breaks-resources/>

Essex County Council have asked us to share the above link to our families. It is a series of films about how to support children with a diagnosis of a neurodiversity. We hope that these video resources may be useful to some of our families.

Easter holiday activities

Firstsite Holiday Fun

April 2025
Tue 8 Apr - Sat 12 Apr
Tue 15 Apr - Sat 19 Apr

Activities take place at:
**Firstsite
Lewis Gardens, High St
Colchester, Essex
CO1 1JH**

FREE

Make
Free creative art activities
10:00am - 12:00pm

Move
Free fun sports activities
10:00am - 12:00pm
12:00pm - 2:00pm

Canteen
Free freshly made hot meals for all the family
12:00pm - 2:00pm

Our Holiday Fun activities are for families facing economic challenges or who require additional support during the school holidays including those that qualify for benefit-based free school meals.

Advanced booking is essential. Activities must be suitable for 4-11 years, but all ages welcome. Children are required to stay on-site throughout the activities. Please see our website for more details.

Delivered in partnership with:

How to book

Early bird tickets will be available from 9am Tue 1 Apr. More tickets will be released three days in advance of each session.

Limited spaces available, offered on a first come first served basis.

Book online at firstsite.uk or call 01206 713700.

If you can no longer attend your booking, please let us know as soon as possible by calling 01206 713700. If you contact us 24 hours before the event your space can be made available for another family.

Thank you!

How to find us

Firstsite, Lewis Gardens
High Street, Colchester CO1 1JH

Registered Charity no. 1040000

Essex Fire Museum Open Days 2025



Tuesday 15th & Sunday 27th April
10:30AM To 4:00PM
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 8QS

Book Now



bookings@essex-fire.gov.uk

EASTER at BETH CHATTO'S PLANTS & GARDENS

5TH-21ST APRIL
Closed Sundays & Mondays, except Bank Holiday Monday when we are open!

TAKE PART IN OUR EASTER TRAIL AROUND THE GARDEN - FIND THE EGGS, WIN A PRIZE

FREE CRAFT ACTIVITIES DAILY FOR CHILDREN

You can prebook tickets
WWW.BETHCHATTO.CO.UK

Beth Chatto Plants & Gardens, Clacton Road, Eastwood Manor, CO1 7DB
info@bethchatto.co.uk

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Festival

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100% training provided by U's Academy
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100% Free 10th April, 10am-5pm
100% Free 11th April, 10am-5pm
100% Free 12th April, 10am-5pm
100% Free 13th April, 10am-5pm
100% Free 14th April, 10am-5pm
100% Free 15th April, 10am-5pm
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100% Free 18th April, 10am-5pm
100% Free 19th April, 10am-5pm
100% Free 20th April, 10am-5pm
100% Free 21st April, 10am-5pm

TO INSPIRE, ENRICH
AND UNITE OUR COMMUNITIES

Essex County Council



CHANCE TO SHINE
Inspiring young people through cricket

Chance to Shine Cricket Club

Over the Spring Term we have had Chance to Shine Cricket club coming in to deliver some of our KS1 outdoor P.E. lessons and our Friday After School Club.

The children have really enjoyed learning new skills to help them become confident cricketers this half term! They have all practised being 'cool catchers', 'super strikers', 'skilful scorers', 'brilliant bowlers' and 'ferocious fielders'.



Nursery Staffing Changes

As we have approached the end of term, our Nursery families will have noticed that Mrs Jara's due date is fast approaching. Today marked her last day of work before beginning maternity leave. We are sure you will join us in wishing her well.

In the Summer Term, we will be welcoming Mrs Patterson, who will be joining the Nursery Teaching Team during Mrs Jara's maternity leave. The Nursery children have already had opportunity to meet Mrs Patterson.