

MONTGOMERY

INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the Summer term 2025. It is hard to believe that we are already in the final term of the year and in a little while, we will be telling the children their new classes and teachers for next year! Our Year 2 parents will have heard if they have been allocated a place in Year 3 for September 2025. If you have not made an application or received a response from Essex Admissions, please contact them as soon as possible to make a late application. Please note: there are currently no spare Year 3 spaces at Montgomery Junior School, although this can change rapidly as our military families are deployed elsewhere. We will hold a waiting list until 31st December 2025 if your child has not been allocated a space. This is the final year when a Year 2 to Year 3 application is required. From September 2026, children will automatically transfer to Year 3, as we will be a full primary school.

The Junior School Ofsted report is now available on the Junior School website for parents and carers to view. The inspection team felt that there had been 'significant improvements' since the 2019 inspection, when the school was judged 'good'. The team will be returning to for a further inspection, as they consider whether the school merits an 'outstanding' judgement.

This week our new menu was launched with some of the children's favourites remaining plus some new recipes. Copies are available online via our school website, or in the school office.

To celebrate VE day on Thursday 8th May, we have invited a drama company into school to run workshops about WWII with the children; these will take place on Tuesday 6th May. In addition, we will have a special assembly and VE day lunch to mark the actual day. The VE day menu will consist of Toad in the Hole followed by Union Jack cake.

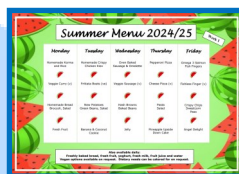


Due to the impending amalgamation, our current branded school uniform items, which have the Montgomery Infant School badge, will no longer be available. This is being replaced with a Montgomery Primary School logo which will be sold from now on. Please note: children are permitted to wear their current branded items until they grow out of them.

Dinner Menu

Dinner menu week beginning **Monday 28th April** will be the **Week 2** menu, from the **Summer 2025** Menu.

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



Dates for your diary

Monday 28th April—Tortoise and Frog Forest school sessions

Monday 5th May— Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6th May—VE day workshops—Reception to Year 2.

Thursday 8th May—VE day special assembly and lunch menu.

Tuesday 13th May—Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo.

Tuesday 13th May— Reception Trip to Marsh Farm (Reply slips due by Monday 5th May).

Wednesday 14th May— Reception Trip to Marsh Farm (Reply slips due by Monday 5th May).

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, 3.15-4.15

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After School Clubs

Our After School clubs will be returning in the week beginning 28th April. You will have already been contacted if your child has been offered a place in the Football (Year 2), Military (Years 1 and 2), Gymnastics (Year 1) or Art club (Year 2). If you expressed interest in a club, but have not been informed of a space, then your child will be on a waiting list.



Spaces are available in the next block of Year 1 and 2 Dance Club, which commences on Monday 12th May. If your Year 1 or 2 child is interested in attending dance club, please collect a payment letter from the school office.

The Month of the Military Child

April is the Month of the Military Child, and today we have recognised this by inviting children to wear a yellow accessory item alongside their school uniform. The dandelion is a flower chosen to represent the Military child because Forces children face challenges such as the deployment of parents, relocation, leaving behind families and friends, but they continue to bloom and survive wherever they go.

The 'Dandelion Poem', written by an unknown author, is a great example of how resilient and strong Military children are:

***Dandelions put down roots almost anywhere,
They are hardy and upright,
A survivor in a broad range of climates.
Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them,
They are well-rounded, culturally aware, tolerant and
extremely resilient.
Dandelions and Military Children are ready to fly in the
breezes that take them... to new adventures, new lands and
new friends.
They learn that to survive means to adapt,
That when one door closes another door opens.
Their roots are strong, cultivated deep in the Armed Forces,
planted swiftly and surely.
Military children know that home is where their hearts are,
That a good friend can be found in every corner of the world.***



ACL Free courses for Parents and Carers

We have been asked to pass on the below message and course from ACL:

'We appreciate that children, and teens, face immense pressure from various sources, including transitions, exams, online, peer pressure or daily life.

This is why we are offering Parents and Carers, FREE sessions designed to help them to understand, and support their child/teen to manage their stress anxiety, or other emotions. Together, we can create a healthier, happier environment for our young, and not-so-young ones.'

Please visit aclfamilylearning@essex.gov.uk for any further information

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VE Day special lunch menu

Thursday 8th May

On this date, we will be honouring V.E day by offering a special lunch menu of Toad in the Hole, followed by a Union Jack cake.