

MONTGOMERY INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have enjoyed being able to learn and play more outside this week in the beautiful sunshine. We have been monitoring progress for each child in the school and are impressed by their progress since the start of the year. Thank you for your support with helping your child's Phonics, Early Reading and Number which makes a big difference in their academic attainment.



Next week we will be focusing on VE Day, which is the 80th anniversary since the end of the Second World War in Europe. To commemorate this important occasion and to acknowledge our important military connections as a school, we have invited a drama company to run workshops about WWII with the children; these will take place on Wednesday 7th May. In addition, we will have a special assembly and VE day lunch on the actual day, Thursday 8th May. The VE day menu will consist of Toad in the Hole followed by Union Jack cake. We hope that this focus on VE day will connect our children with this pivotal part in the history of this country.

We have lots of trips and visitors arranged for our Infant school children this half term to excite and engage them with our learning topics. On Tuesday 13th May we have Year 1 visiting Colchester Zoo to learn more about their local area and on the same day, we have Rabbits and half of Tortoise class visiting Marsh Farm to learn more about their current topic of 'Living Things'. Thank you to all parents for returning the slips and making the payments for these trips; we are only able to run them with these parental contributions.



As part of the EYFS learning about the past, we have invited a dinosaur workshop on Tuesday 21st May during which each class will have the opportunity to learn more about fossils and palaeontology as well meeting two baby dinosaurs. The visit is fully funded by the school.

We are delighted that Montgomery Junior School is on the front page of the Colchester Gazette today as their 'glowing' Ofsted report is celebrated in the community. If you have not seen a copy, please click on the link <https://www.essexlive.news/news/essex-news/ofsted-says-joyful-essex-school-10147887> to read the online version of the article.



Due to the impending amalgamation, our current branded school uniform items, which have the Montgomery Infant School badge, will no longer be available. The items are being replaced with a Montgomery Primary School logo, pictured left, which will be sold from now on. Please note: children are permitted to wear their current branded items until they grow out of them. Finally, have a wonderful Bank Holiday break and enjoy the dry weather. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 6th May.

Mrs Wright—Interim Head Teacher

Dinner Menu

Dinner menu week beginning **Tuesday 6th May** will be the **Week 3** menu, from the **Summer 2025** Menu.

Please note that there are some changes to the menu on Tuesday and Thursday this coming week, due to our special VE Day lunch. Please see details of these changes overleaf.

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.



Dates for your diary

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.

Wednesday 14th May—Reception Trip to Marsh Farm.

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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VE Day special lunch menu

Thursday 8th May

On **Thursday 8th May**, we will be honouring V.E day by offering a special lunch menu of Toad in the Hole, followed by a Union Jack cake.

Due to the changes to Friday's menu, on **Tuesday 6th May** the menu will be Homemade Popcorn Chicken or Veggie Dippers.

ACL Community and Family Learning

ACL are offering FREE online sessions to parents and carers of children with ADHD or Autism. Please see the poster below or visit the website for further information or to book a space on the sessions.

<https://aclessex.com/courses/community-family-learning/>

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COMMUNITY & FAMILY LEARNING

ACL Essex County Council



All About Kids—Colchester Family Fest 2025

All about Kids are hosting an event which aims to be packed with activities and entertainment and a great place for families to find out about local family aimed businesses and services in and around Colchester.

Warm weather precautions

With the weather brightening up as we approach the summer months, please ensure that your child is dressed suitably for the weather and has a sun hat and water bottle in school with them daily. If appropriate, please apply sun cream to your child before school.



Whilst we will limit length of time spent in direct sunshine on particularly hot days, children will continue to access outdoor areas throughout their leaning day.

Reception—Marsh Farm trip responses



Just a reminder, the deadline for response slips and contributions for the Reception Marsh Farm trip is **Tuesday 6th May 2025**.