

MONTGOMERY

INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions learning more about dinosaurs and palaeontology and meeting different baby dinosaurs earlier this week. The children were digging in sand trays to find a variety of different fossils which they then had to identify. Nursery also had the opportunity to join in and meet the dinosaurs and learn their names.



Mrs Bourne has been improving our outdoor space this term by growing seeds and planting in our beds at the back of school. Today all of the Infant children planted a wildflower seeds in little pots, so that they can learn about the process of growth in plants. These seeds can be transplanted to your garden areas when they have bloomed. We hope the children enjoy watching their flowers grow.

Our Year 1 children will be taking their Phonics Screening Check in June, so we would appreciate it if parents could take a little time to practise blending the sounds on the sheets sent home each week. In addition, there are some super free resources on Phonics Play which help the children <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> improve their phonic knowledge. Reception will be learning about Road Safety after half term with the Essex Highways who will run sessions with all classes teaching them how to be safe on the roads. We will send out further details nearer the time.

Our Assessment week for Year 1 and 2 will take place in the week beginning Monday 9th June. The children will have their end of year tests which will form part of the teachers' assessment of their progress and attainment. These will be reported in our final reports in July.

We have some dates to add to your diaries for the upcoming Summer 2 half term. Sports' days for Reception - Thursday 10th July at 9:15am; Year 1 – Friday 27th June at 10:00am; Year 2 – Friday 27th June at 2:15pm. These will be subject to change should the weather be inclement; an alternative date will be sent out. In addition, our Festival of Culture will take place on Friday 11th July in the afternoon. More details to follow nearer the time. We look forward to a fun-filled Summer 2 half term.



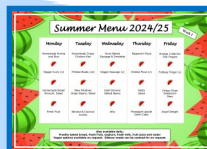
Finally, we wish you and your families a happy and healthy half term. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd June at the usual times.

Mrs Wright – Interim Headteacher

Dinner Menu

Dinner menu week beginning **Monday 2nd June** will be the **Week 3** 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

**Week beginning 26th May—
Half Term**

Monday 2nd June—Pupils return to school

Monday 2nd June—Rabbit and Chameleon class Forest School sessions.

Friday 27th June—Year 1 Sports Day, 10am

Friday 27th June—Year 2 Sports Day, 2.15pm

Thursday 10th July—Reception Sports day, 9.15am

Friday 11th July—Festival of Culture

Tuesday 22nd July—Last day of Term, Early finish on this date.

Weekly clubs

The following clubs are running during the Summer Term.

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

Thursday:

Gardening club, Reception. Starts 5th June.

Friday :

Art Club, Year 2, 3.15-4.15

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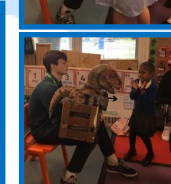
EYFS Dinosaur Workshop

Wednesday 21st May

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome a Dinosaur workshop to the school, which was held for our Reception and Nursery pupils.

The Reception children met some baby dinosaurs and had the opportunity to be palaeontologists, uncovering fossils and using the books and posters to identify what they had discovered.

The baby dinosaurs also visited the Nursery children during the morning session.



Is my child too ill for school?

NHS Guidance

When recording pupils' absences, we follow the NHS guidance ['Is my child too ill for school?'](#), when determining if an absence will be authorised or unauthorised.

When contacting the school office to inform us of your child's absence, please be sure to state clearly what their illness is, or the symptoms of their illness. We are unable to authorise absences for children who are reported to be unwell by using phrases such as "still unwell/poorly", "not themselves" or "under the weather", as these phrases do not indicate a clear reason for your child's absence.

Please be aware that if your child's absence due to illness is longer than 3 days, evidence may be requested by the school.

We would like to advise that school policy following an incident of sickness or diarrhoea is for the pupil to remain off school until 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea. This guidance is in line with NHS advice and really does help to minimise the spread of illness within the school community.

Road Safety outside the school

We kindly ask that parents and carers show consideration when driving past the school and parking on the road. Please do not stop on the yellow zig zags during the restricted times stated on the sign.



We are currently without a crossing patrol officer before and after school, and would like to advise all parents to approach the crossing area with caution during this time.

Parents who walk children to school, please ensure your children are guided in road safety and encourage them to pause with you before crossing the roads.



Please do not obstruct the entrance to the school car park, as this area is needed for access at all times. Parked cars in this area greatly reduce visibility for pedestrians and drivers alike.

We appreciate the support of both pedestrians and drivers, in ensuring all our pupils are able to make their way to and from school safely.

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May Half Term activities

Essex Fire Museum Open Days 2025



Sunday 25th & Tuesday 27th May
10:30AM To 4:00PM
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now →



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk



24th-31st May Woodland Trail May Half Term

Explore our woodland garden this half term and search for the wooden animals hiding among the plants.

Prebook tickets
www.bethchatto.co.uk



Firstsite Holiday Fun

May 2025
Tue 27 May - Sat 31 May

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

FREE



Make
Free creative
art activities
10:00am -
2:00pm



Move
Free fun sport and
social activities
10:00am - 12:00pm
& 12:00pm - 1:00pm



Canteen
Free freshly made
hot meals for
all the family
11:45am -
1:00pm

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 for Move activities and Canteen. Activities most suitable for 4-11 years, but all ages welcome. Carers are required to stay on site throughout the activities. Menus and info of activities available at www.firstsite.co.uk

Delivered in partnership with:



How to book

Early bird tickets will be available from 9am Tue 20 May. More tickets will be released three days in advance of each session. Limited spaces available, offered on a first come first served basis.

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!



Book online at
firstsite.co.uk
or call 01206
713700



Scan the QR
code to book

How to find us

Firstsite, Lewis Gardens
High Street, Colchester CO1 1JH

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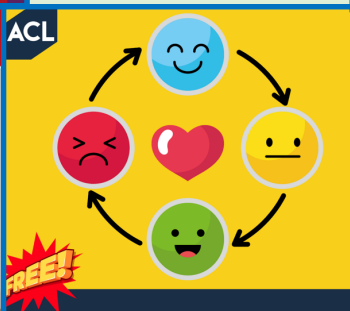


Positive Parenting

Is your child struggling and feeling overwhelmed? Maybe you are a new to parenting and want to learn tips early? Perhaps you are struggling with certain behaviours? Whatever your situation, our free "Positive Parenting" courses have got it covered. Join like-minded people for support and to gain further advice.

Enrol now to make a positive difference in your child's life! Visit our website acessex.com and type "Positive Parenting" in to the "Find a course..." box or phone 0345 603 7635

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Help Your Child Master Their Emotions

Help your child understand and manage their emotions! Join us for a friendly, practical FREE online sessions introducing the Zones of Regulation. A simple, effective approach to support emotional wellbeing at home and school.

Various online sessions available at different times of the day to suit you!

For Further Information, and to Sign Up ... Visit our website acessex.com and type "Zones" in to the "Find a course..." box

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Raising Boys, Raising Girls

Join one of our free "Raising Boys" or "Raising Girls" sessions (or BOTH)! Find out how to support your son, or daughter's, growth into a confident and resilient individual.

Sign up today!

Enrol now to make a positive difference in your child's life! Visit our website acessex.com and type "Raising" in to the "Find a course..." box or phone 0345 603 7635

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Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID)

What you'll learn:
What ARFID is and how it differs from other eating disorders
How ARFID often links to neurodiversity
Practical insights into day-to-day living with ARFID
Strategies to support your child or young person with ARFID

Date: Thursday 26 June 2025
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Location: Online (Live via Microsoft Teams)
Cost: FREE

Sign up today and make a positive impact on your child's life! Visit our website acessex.com and type "ARFID" in to the "Find a course..." box

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INCLUSIVE U'S FOOTBALL CAMP

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Expert Coaching: sessions will be led by our FA qualified coaches, who are experienced in working with SEND players.
- Skills Development: enhance your skills through fun football drills, including passing, dribbling, shooting and much more.
- Special Guests: meet Colchester United players and club mascot bddie the bagel!
- Exciting Rewards: every participant will receive a Colchester United themed pitas, with additional medals and trophies available to be won.

WHO? Young people aged 5-16 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

WHERE? Tuesday 27th May & Wednesday 28th May, 10am-2pm

WHERE? Shrub End Community and Sports Centre, CO2 9PG

COST? Earlybird price is £30 for both days or £18.50 for one day.

CLICK HERE TO BOOK

JOIN US FOR EVACUEES! A HANDS-ON WW2 EXPERIENCE

To accompany our new exhibition **Feeding the Nation: Fighting Without Flying** our Activity Days will bring the Home Front to life, starting on **Saturday 31 May** with **Evacuees!** Young visitors can learn about the threat of poison gas and make a gas mask box; discover what it really meant to be evacuated, and the few home comforts they were allowed to take with them; practice air raid drills, sit in vintage trucks, and learn about evacuees in the famous story, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. Pre-booked tickets only: £5 per adult with up to two free children aged six to 11. The day's activities start at 10am for registered attendees. Book now at www.stowmaries.org.uk/events

Food Production Activity Sessions – learn to harvest fruit and veg grown traditionally on site, then prepare and cook wartime-inspired recipes. Activities will take place on Saturdays **21 June, 26 July, 30 August, 20 September** and **18 October**. Pre-booking coming soon.

Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome

Hackmans Lane,
Purleigh CM3 6RN

Normal Opening
Friday, Saturday &
Sunday 10-4pm
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