

MONTGOMERY INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to their final half term this academic year. It is a busy one with final assessments, Sports' Days and school trips all taking place, alongside our usual lessons and learning activities. Please make a note of the key dates for this term so that they are in your diaries.

Thank you for your generosity in raising money for SSAFA the Armed Forces charity supporting local military families. The total donations received from the own clothes day and Junior School cake sale was over £800.



Our Year 1 children will be taking their Phonics Screening Check next week, so we would appreciate it if parents could take a little time to practise blending the sounds over the weekend as a last minute practice. In addition, there are some super free resources on Phonics play which help the children improve their Phonic knowledge. <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>



Reception will be learning about Road Safety on Monday 16th June with the Essex Highways. A session will be run for parents/carers/grandparents at 9:00am that morning focusing on being safe on the roads. Following this, the Reception children will join their parents for a session together. Please return the letter sent home this week so we have an idea of numbers attending. Thank you in advance for your support.

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 will no longer be subscribing to Tapestry for our Year 1 and 2 children from September 2025; we will continue to use Tapestry for our EYFS children. The KS1 (Year 1 and 2) children's learning will be recorded in books next academic year, which will be sent home for parents to keep. These will include photographic evidence. Please ensure you download any photographs you wish to keep by Friday 11th July. After this date, they will not be available.

Mrs Wright – Headteacher

Dinner Menu

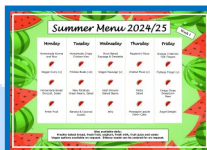
Dinner menu week beginning **Monday 9th June** will be the **Week 1** menu, from the **Summer 2025** Menu.

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

Please note that there some menu changes to desserts, which are as follows:-

Week 1 - Tuesday - Jam & Coconut Sponge

Week 2 - Friday - Iced Cherry Bake



Dates for your diary

Monday 9th June— Elephant and Frog class Forest School sessions.

Monday 16th June—Reception Parents Road Safety presentation, 9am. **Please return the response slip if attending.**

Monday 23rd June—Year 2 Colchester Castle trip. Letters have been sent home. **Reply slip due back by Monday 16th June.**

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.

Friday :

Art Club, Year 2, 3.15-4.15

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Reception and Year 5 Gardening Club

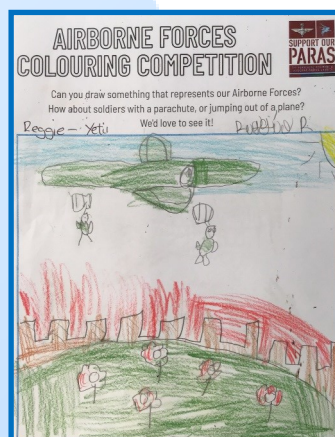
Our Gardening club for our Reception pupils started on Thursday this week. The Reception children are supported by some Year 5 pupils to learn a series of gardening skills over the next 5 weeks. The children really enjoyed their first session and were excited to plant some seeds and pull up some vegetables.



Airborne Forces colouring competition

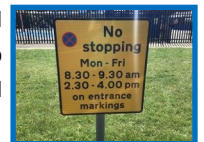
Some of our Military Club pupils recently took part in an Airborne Forces colouring competition. Many wonderful entries were submitted to the judges. Well done to all those who took part!

We would like to congratulate Reggie from Yeti class, who was the winner of the competition. Well done, Reggie!



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 drivers and pedestrians 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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ACL

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 aclessex.com and type 'Zones' in to the 'Find a course...' box

COMMUNITY & FAMILY LEARNING

Essex County Council

ACL—FREE Courses for families

Family First Aid:

ACL have **FREE** First Aid sessions available for parents and carers to join, and learn essential First Aid Skills to support their family.

They currently have online sessions available to book, as well as face to face. Parents/Carers can enroll by typing in 'Family First Aid' into the search courses box via the link; <https://aclessex.com/>

Zones of Regulation:

ACL are offering **FREE** courses to introduce the Zones of regulation, to support emotion management. Parents/Carers can enroll by typing in 'Zones' into the search courses box via the link; <https://aclessex.com/>

ACL

Empower Yourself with Essential First Aid Skills

Join our **FREE** Family First Aid sessions to gain the knowledge and confidence to handle common emergencies. Ensure your loved ones are safe with practical skills.

Why Attend?

Empower yourself, Connect with local parents and carers, Ensure your family's safety

When: Book now for sessions taking place in 2025 / 2026
Online and in person
Don't miss out—sign up today!

Visit our website aclessex.com and type 'Family First Aid' in to the 'Find a course...' box

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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

SUMMER TERM

THE ESSEX LOCAL OFFER SEND ROADSHOWS

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.

The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!

Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm

This term we are in Braintree, Hockley, Tiptree and Chipping Ongar

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at: <https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

In Partnership with

The Essex Local Offer SEND Roadshows

We have been asked to share the below poster with our families. Parents and Carers of children with SEND may find the Essex Local Offer SEND Roadshows of interest.

Please see their website for further information: <https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>



Tapestry Online Journal

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Year 2 Colchester Castle trip—Monday 23rd June



A letter has been sent home to Year 2 families this week regarding the upcoming Year 2 trip to Colchester Castle.

Response slips and voluntary contributions are due by Monday 16th June.

Celtic 'woad' face painting

A separate letter was sent home regarding Celtic 'woad' face painting, in school, in the week beginning 9th of June. If you are happy for your child to take part, please return the consent slip as soon as possible.



Reception Road Safety Presentation— Safer Essex Roads Partnership

Monday 16th June

A letter has been sent home to Reception families this week regarding the upcoming Road Safety presentation for pupils and parents. Please return your response slips to school as soon as possible, in order for school and Safer Essex Roads Partnership to prepare for the presentation.