

MONTGOMERY INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very warm week at Montgomery Infant School and the children have enjoyed a range of indoor and outdoor activities using our wonderful outdoor space, including our Forest School area and school field. Whilst the warm weather remains in the forecast, please continue to ensure children are protected from the hot sunshine. Thank you for your support with this.



Reception enjoyed their Road Safety session on Monday 16th June with the Essex Safer Roads team. It was great to have parents attend the sessions too. The children learned that they need to 'Stop, Look, Listen and Think' when crossing all roads. Thank you to our reception parents for coming along to support your child.

On Wednesday, to the children's delight we celebrated National Picnic Day with a sandwich lunch in the school hall. The children brought along their cuddly toy and enjoyed eating lunch alongside them. It was a really fun lunchtime for us all. Thank you to our serving staff and Junior School catering team for preparing the food.



On Thursday 26th June, Years 1 and 2 will be taking part in 'Joy of Moving' workshops, run by Colchester United. These sessions highlight the importance of exercise in helping us remain healthy both physically and emotionally.

Looking forward, next week we are holding our Year 2 Induction morning on Tuesday 24th June at 10am. Parents of our current Year 2 children will have the chance to learn more about life in the Juniors, meet the Year 3 teachers and have a tour of the school. Please ensure all paperwork from the Induction packs is returned promptly if you have a child who is on our Y3 admissions list, which is currently full.



Most of our nursery visits have now taken place and we are currently full with a waiting list. Details of your child's transition arrangements are being sent home ready for their September start. Thank you to Mrs Corris and Miss Hennings for organising the administration for our new nursery children.

On Wednesday 25th June, the parents of our new Reception intake (September 2025) are invited to join us for their child's Induction visit at 2:30pm. During this session, the children will meet their teachers whilst the parents learn more about life in a Reception class. We look forward to meeting our new Reception cohort next week.

Our whole school transition day is Wednesday 2nd July: the children will meet their new teachers and visit their new classrooms ready for September. The Year 3 team are looking forward to meeting the new Y2 children who will be transitioning to the Juniors. This is the final time there will be a Y2 Induction, as in future, due to the amalgamation, no admissions applications will be required between Year 2 and Year 3.

From September, parents will be asked to download the Parentpay app to book school clubs and make payments for trips and visits. We will provide further details once the technical aspects of the amalgamation have been carried out.

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.

For the final two weeks of term, a joint Montgomery Primary newsletter will be sent home to parents across both schools. We hope that you enjoy learning more about what is going on with the older children and vice versa. Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Wright – Headteacher

Dinner Menu

Dinner menu week beginning **Monday 23rd June** will be the **Week 3** 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.



Dates for your diary

Monday 23rd June—Rabbit and Dragon Class Forest School sessions

Monday 23rd June—Year 2 Colchester Castle trip.

Tuesday 24th June—Year 3 Parental Information Meeting, for current Year 2 parents, 10am at Junior school

Wednesday 25th June—Reception 2025 Induction meeting, 2.30pm

Thursday 26th June—Colchester United 'Joy of Moving' workshops, KS1

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, 1.30pm.

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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Essex County Council Libraries

Story Garden
Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

Arriving in your local library this summer!

The challenge where children across Essex explore the magical connection between storytelling and nature! Read six books or do a range of other challenges to receive a certificate and medal!

Saturday 19 July to Saturday 6 September 2025

Find out more about how to take part in this free activity:
libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Year 3 2025 Parental Information Meeting

Tuesday 24th June, 10am

Just a reminder for our Year 2 families: If your child will be continuing on to Year 3 at Montgomery in September 2025, the Parental Information meeting is taking place in the Junior school from 10am-11am on Tuesday 24th June.

The children will have their induction visit on the afternoon of 2nd July.

ECC—SEND Roadshow

Essex County Council 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/-/think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

In Partnership with

Join us at the SEND Roadshow in Tiptree!

Date: Tuesday 24th June 2025

Time: Drop in anytime

● 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (all ages) **Quieter times:** Prefer a quieter visit? Pop in after 11:30 AM. **Location:** Tiptree Community Centre, 1a Caxton Close, Tiptree, Colchester, CO5 0HA

Cost: FREE

What to Expect:

Have questions about your child's needs and the best support available? The SEND Roadshow brings together a variety of professionals under one roof, including local support groups, education professionals, health teams, and social care teams.

You can:

- access support and information
- understand the different services available
- discover local support, such as parent groups and inclusive activities
- attend free talks

For more information on the event - including who will be there- take a look at: <https://send.essex.gov.uk/local-offer-roadshow-north-east-essex>

Year 1 and 2 Sports day arrangements

Friday 27th June 2025

10am - Year 1

2.15pm - Year 2



Next Friday our Year 1 and 2 pupils will have their sports day at the time stated above. On this date please ensure your child is wearing a sun hat and sun screen and has a full drinks bottle with them.

Parents will be signed in to the event at the pedestrian gate nearest the school field.

The children will take place in a rotation of different activities that will showcase a range of physical skills.

We look forward to welcoming you in to cheer all the children along as they take part.

Reception 2025 Induction Meeting

An email has been sent out to all parents who have children joining our Reception classes in September.

An induction meeting will be taking place on **Wednesday 25th June at 2.30pm.**

The children will have the opportunity to spend time in their classroom environment, while parents have a presentation in the hall.

If you are expecting your child to join Reception in September and have not received this email, please contact Miss Hennings in the school office.

Bikes and scooters



There are a number of bikes and scooters which have been left, unclaimed, in the bike shed for a long period of time.

This is making it difficult for those children currently bringing bikes and scooters daily to park theirs safely.

If your child's bike or scooter is not at home, please check the bike shed and see if we can reunite these left-behind bikes and scooters with their owners!

