

MONTGOMERY INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,



As the end of the school year approaches, we have started our transition processes with parental meetings for our new Reception and Year 3 intakes. These were very well attended and we are grateful to parents for coming along to find out more about their child's start at a new school. More details about your child's class will be sent home to Y2 parents on Wednesday with some extra information for our SEND children to help with transition.

Years 1 and 2 enjoyed 'The Joy of Moving' sessions run by Colchester United on Thursday. These consisted of a healthy eating-themed activity in the classroom, followed by a physical activity session outdoors. A big thank you to the coaches for providing these learning opportunities to our KS1 children.

It was an absolute pleasure to see our young athletes competing in a range of activities today on the school field. Thank you to all parents for attending the Sports' Days and supporting their children. A big thank you to Mrs Keogan and Mrs Watson for organising such well-run activities.

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.



Our Reception Sports' day will take place on Thursday 10th July at 9:15am on the school field. Parents/carers are invited to attend their child's first school Sports' Day.

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.

Please note: Montgomery Infant and Junior Schools do not permit dogs, or any other animals, onsite, due to health and safety guidance. Any dog that attends the school must be risk assessed, in line with Essex County Council recommendations. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

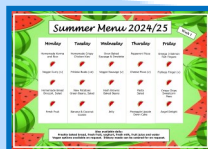
For the final two weeks of term, a joint Montgomery Primary newsletter will be sent home to parents across both schools. We hope that you enjoy learning more about what is going on with the older children and vice versa. Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Wright – Headteacher

Dinner Menu

Dinner menu week beginning **Monday 30th June** will be the **Week 1** menu, from the **Summer 2025** Menu.

Our updated 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 30th June—Cat and Yeti Class Forest School sessions

Monday 7th July—Year 2 Front Row Guitar and Keyboard performance, 2.15pm in Junior school hall

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.

Gardening Club News - Children have been busy with topping up the compost, planting new seeds and transplanting some seedlings into the newly dug beds. A small harvest of new potatoes was celebrated after the children filled up their watering cans from the many water butts



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
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Summer Reading Challenge



Year 2 Trip to Colchester Castle

On Monday our Year 2 pupils had their school trip to Colchester Castle.

During the day the children took part in activities related to the Romans and Celts. The current History topic is local history and the children learned about Boudicca's revolt and the Roman way of life. They built a Roman villa and a Celtic roundhouse. They took tours of the galleries and the vaults under the castle. They sketched the castle from outside and noticed features that would have helped in an attack.



Year 1 and 2 Sports day

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YOU PRACTICE
THE BETTER
YOU GET

Thank you to all those families who came to support the children in the Key Stage 1 sports events today. We hope you enjoyed this event.

The children participated in a rotation of team and individual activities, that demonstrated a range of physical skills. They all showed great team spirit and supported each other during all the activities, which was wonderful to see.

Lost property

We will be putting our lost property outside of the school office each **Friday** until the end of term.

We have amassed a *huge* amount of lost property; particularly jumpers and cardigans. Please come and take a look, to reclaim your child's belongings.

At the end of term, any unclaimed lost property will be donated to the local Free School Uniform scheme, or alternative charity.

Colchester United 'Joy of Moving' workshops

Our KS1 children took part in some 'Joy of Moving' workshops on Thursday, led by Colchester United Community Foundation. The children invented characters that remind them of ways to be healthy and then headed outside to play a game of Level Up.

