

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Nursery, Infant, and Junior School
11th July 2025



Headteacher Update

Dear Parent/ Carers

We are very excited to be creating our very first joint newsletter in preparation for the amalgamation of Montgomery Nursery, Infant and Junior schools in September. From now on, our weekly newsletters will cover from Nursery to Year Six. Each week, we note down any special achievements outside school for our Monty's Marvels section so if your child has won any awards at their weekend or evening clubs, please send in a photo with a short explanation by emailing the school office on admin@montgomery-inf.essex.sch.uk or admin@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk. We hope you enjoy our new format.



On Monday some of our Y2-Y6 children performed at the Summer term Musical Afternoon. We were really impressed with the confidence and talent on show. The children have peripatetic music lessons from two companies: 1. Rocksteady who teach the children to perform as a band playing guitar, drums, keyboard or singing, 2. Front Row who teach the children keyboard and guitar in a more formal way. Any current Y2 parents who are interested in their child taking lessons with either company should contact the Junior School office to find out more details and the costs involved.

The Infant school celebrated the Festival of Culture today with a stunning array of costumes from around the world. The children from each year group performed songs highlighting the rich diversity of traditions within our school communities. Thank you to all of the parents who joined us.

Unfortunately, our Year 4 trip to First Site, which included a historical, guided, walking tour of Colchester scheduled for next week, had to be cancelled due to a lack of parental contributions. With the financial strain on school budgets and the provision of school funded theatre visits, special visitors, before and after school clubs, plus many other special events, we are not able to fully fund school trips as well. School always subsidises a percentage of the trips that take place to ensure the costs are manageable for parents. We are really grateful to you for helping make these trips possible by making the full donations towards the costs.

Our Y6 children returned from their residential at Bawdsey Manor today, after a two night stay away. The PGL site in Suffolk provides a range of outdoor activities including climbing walls and raft building which the children enjoy as well as building their confidence in overnight time away from home.

Coming up, we have two special lunch days before the end of term. On Monday 14th July we are offering a Wimbledon Lunch consisting of tennis meatballs and tie-break pasta followed by strawberries and cream and on Friday 18th July we are celebrating National Ice Cream day with a choice of ice-creams, toppings and sprinkles as our dessert that day. These can be ordered in the usual way.



On Thursday 17th July, Year 6 will have their end of term Pizza Party in school from 5:00-6:30pm. We will spend time outside enjoying the outdoor space as well as in the hall having our special leaving dinner.



The children in year 6 will perform Cinderella next week and the costumes, props and stage are being set up ready for the shows. The performances will take place on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th July at approximately 1:45pm. Tickets are on sale for £2.50 each to help towards the costs of the show.

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What's on next week: Summer Menu Week 3

Monday—Wimbledon Lunch
Tennis meatballs and tie-break pasta followed by strawberries and cream

Friday—National Ice Cream Day
Dessert!

Monday 14th July

Junior Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

Board Game Club

Forest School—Frog & Bee Class
Y2 Front Row Music Lessons

After School Clubs:

Dance Club 3:15-4:15pm

Y2 Football 3:15-4:15pm

Tuesday 15th July

Junior Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

1:45pm Y6 Cinderella Production

Forest School—Nursery & Sunshine Room Pupils

After School Clubs:

Y1/2 Military Club 3:15-4:15pm

Wednesday 16th July

Junior Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

1:45pm Y6 Cinderella Production

After School Clubs:

Y1 Gymnastics 3:15-4:15pm

Thursday 17th July

Junior Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

Board Game Club

After School Clubs:

Gardening Club—Reception

5-6:30pm Y6 Pizza Party

Friday 18th July

Junior Breakfast clubs:

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After School Clubs:

Y2 Art Club 3:15-4:15

Junior After School Clubs

There will be NO clubs on weeks beginning 14th and 21st July 2025 for the Junior Children.

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Monty Marvels

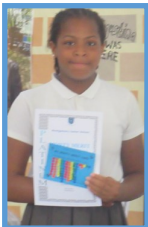


Isaac in 5k took part in a swimming competition at Norwich swimming club. He won Bronze 200m, Bronze 200m Breaststroke, Silver 100m Breaststroke alongside several new PB's. Well done Issac.

Georgio in 4H successfully earned his red belt in karate after completing a 3-hour grading exam over the weekend. This is a huge milestone for him, as he is now only two belts away from achieving his black belt! Well done Georgio.



Monty's Merit Awards



TimesTable Rockstars



Reading Awards



Musical Afternoon

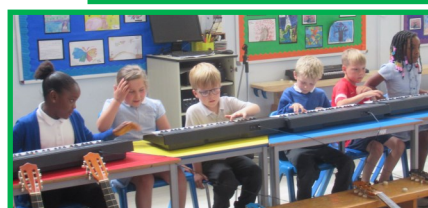
Festival of Culture



Attendance Champions



Congratulations to class 5K who were our weekly attendance champions this week with an amazing 100% attendance. Well done everyone in 5K.

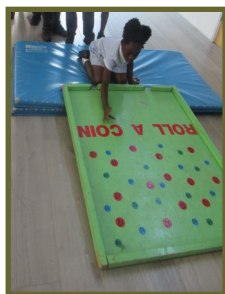


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Military Club Summer Fun!



Menu changes next week

National Ice cream day/Wimbledon lunch

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Tuesday 22nd July—Early Finish Arrangements

On the last day of term, Tuesday 22nd July, we have an early finish time of **1.30pm for the Infant Children**. Infant and Nursery children you will need to make the necessary arrangements to collect your child at this earlier time. If someone different to usual will be collecting your child, please ensure that you inform the infant school office in advance and make the person collecting aware of your allocated password.

Junior School children will finish at 1:40 for Y3/4 and 1:50pm for Y5/6. A form will be sent to you next week to complete to let us know your child's home arrangements for that day.



End of Term—Collection of medicines

Please can ALL parents be aware that **all medicines held in school will need to be collected by an adult on the last day of term.** This includes antibiotics, routine medicines, creams, allergy relief, inhalers and Epi pens or equivalent. When the children return to school in September, new consent forms for administering medicine will need to be updated and completed before any medication can be administered to your child by school staff.

A reminder that all medication must be in its original container with the prescription label clearly showing. Please check all expiry dates and make sure new medication is ordered in time for your child to return to school in September.



Dates For Your Diary

Mon 21st July 2pm	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of term—early finish
R-Y2—1:30pm	
Y3/4—1:40pm	
Y5/6—1:50pm	
23rd July—31st Aug	Summer Break
Monday 1st Sept	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 2nd Sept	First day of Autumn term—all children return to school



School Uniform

We need to mention that from September – all polo shirts should be white. Choice of blue/white tshirts for PE (as on smarty pants website). For those families who would like to purchase uniform items with the school logo on, please be advised that the link for Smarty Pants uniform orders has changed to

<https://www.smartypantsschoolwear.com/montgomery-primary.html>

Smarty Pants have yet to update the images and descriptions so items are still listed to buy as 'infant' and 'junior'. Whether you select 'infant' or 'junior' we have been assured that all items will be despatched as Montgomery Primary School.

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Jungle Adventure complimentary passes Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

One of our parents has kindly organised for the infant pupils to receive complimentary passes to Jungle Adventure, for use between the 28th July and 4th August. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will bring home their passes next week. Please follow the details on the pass to activate it. The details for contacting Jungle Adventure are provided.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon as we get ready for the new school year! Our Back to School BBQ is packed with family-friendly activities and practical support for kids and parents alike.

📅 Wednesday 13th Aug 2025
🕒 12 to 2pm
📍 The C3 Centre, Yrpes Road CO2 7FD

- 🍖 Free BBQ
- 🎮 Kids Games & Bouncy Zone
- ✂️ Free Kids Haircuts
- 👕 Kids School Uniforms

thec3.uk/backtoschool

Team Builders

Holiday Club 2025 for ages 5-11

27th August 2025 to 29th August 2025
9:30am until 12pm
Must be pre-booked

🏆 **GO TEAM**

£5 Per Day

At Kingsland Church, 86 London Rd, CO3 9DW

Essex Fire Museum

Open Days 2025

Tuesday 19th & Sunday 31st August
10:30AM To 4:00PM
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays RM17 5QS

Book Now ➔

Firstsite

Holiday Fun

Summer Holiday 2025
Every Tue to Sat from
Tue 29 Jul - 30 Aug

ACL **FREE**

SUMMER FUN

JOIN US IN ACL COLCHESTER

05/08/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00
19/08/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00
26/08/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00

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OR VIA THE QR CODE

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COLCHESTER FAMILIES SUMMER PROGRAMME 2025

MON 21ST JULY UNTIL MON 18TH AUG

All activities on the programme are to be accompanied by an adult. All activities are FREE unless stated. Activities must be booked as some activities have limited places available.

Booking process:

Email your local CDW Michelle Dunn
Michelle.dunn600@mod.gov.uk for an annual registration form link and booking information.

Complete forms, email CDW when complete where required. Please note an annual registration is to be completed for all adults and children attending (1 per person).

Please do not expect to turn up on the day without your booking or confirmation.

Bookings close Thursday 17th July
#MISSIT&MISSOUT

If you have any questions, wish to book or need support completing forms, please email michelle.dunn600@mod.gov.uk.

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Scan the QR code to book

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