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Dear Families,

It has certainly been a busy few weeks at Fordham, and the final stretch of term looks just as full of energy and opportunity. World Book Day was a fantastic celebration, and we were genuinely impressed by the creativity and effort that families put into the children's costumes. Thank you for supporting this event and for continuing to nurture a love of reading at home.

We have also enjoyed some wonderful enrichment opportunities recently. A number of children took part in the Colchester Hub Inter-school Competition, representing the school brilliantly. Thank you to all the families who supported with transport.

I had a very productive Friends of Fordham meeting this week. Fordham is incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated team of parents driving fundraising initiatives. There are lots of exciting activities on the horizon, and we hope you will be able to support them. The Friends of Fordham are determined to soon have the Trim Trail up and running again soon for all children.

We are very much looking forward to seeing families over the next few weeks. Please do check our diary dates for our Easter Service, Friends of Fordham Easter Tea and Parents' Evenings

Best Wishes,

Carla Dale

### Staffing Update

We are all thrilled for Miss Jones, our regular supply HLTA, who has secured her first teaching post. She has been an incredible asset to the school, supporting children across all year groups and working closely with Mrs Fitzpatrick in Sycamore. Her last day with us will be Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We wish her so much luck!

Many families have been asking after Mrs Martin. We remain in close contact with her and miss her presence around the school enormously. She is not yet able to return to work, and we know the whole community will continue to keep her in their thoughts. In the meantime, we are seeking a supply HLTA to continue to support Sycamore class.

### Term Dates

#### Spring

Tuesday 6th January —Friday 27th  
March

#### Easter Break

30th March—10th April

### DIARY DATES

#### MARCH

**20th**—Reports sent to parents

**25th**—Easter Service @ 2pm followed  
by the Friends of Fordham Easter in  
the School Hall

**25th and 26th** -Parents' Evening  
(Please book Via MCAS)

#### APRIL

**17th**—School Disco

#### MAY

**11th—14th** - Y6 SATs

#### JUNE

**17th**—Y6 Retreat day @ John Owen  
Barn

**18th**—Sports Day (PM)

**26th**—Reserve Sports Day (PM)

#### JULY

**1st**—Zoe Bear's Birthday

**13th**—Whole School Transition



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### **Help Us Clear the School Allotment!** 🌱

Did you know we even have an allotment?

It's tucked away on the school grounds next to the polytunnel at the entrance to the preschool — I know... who knew it was there!

We're looking for volunteers to help us clear it so it can be brought back into use for the children and our gardening club. It's become a little overgrown with brambles and weeds, and there's a fence that needs removing, so we'll need plenty of helping hands — including a few big, strong helpers for the tougher jobs!

📅 Sunday 29th March

🕒 Times: TBC - likely 10am onward

Whether you can spare a little time weeding, cutting back brambles or helping to clear the space, it will make a huge difference.

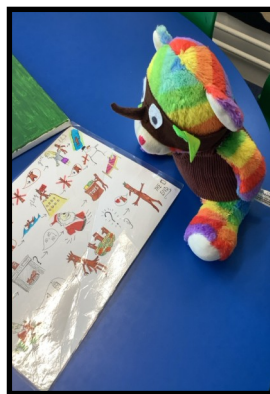
Children are very welcome to come along and muck in too!

Even an hour of help will help us turn this space into something wonderful for the children to enjoy.

### **World Book Day**

We celebrated world book day on Thursday 5th March. All children watched and took part in a live World Book Day assembly and Little Butterflies Nursery visited Oak Class for Stick Man story time. There were further fun reading-linked activities including quizzes and book mark marking. Later in the day our Librarian Leaders delivered a World Book Day Assembly, developing confidence and leadership skills.

Zoe Bear dressed up as Stick Man and had a wonderful day visiting all of the classes. She was very impressed with how enthusiastic the children were about the books and stories. She also loved the boundless creativity shown in all the different costumes.





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### **Inter-School - Cross Country**

On Wednesday, two children in Years 1-6 took part in a Life Education Trust, Colchester Schools, Cross Country Event At Chappel Primary School.

We extend a HUGE well done to all of the children who were selected to represent Fordham all of the children did an incredible job and gave it their all. They took part in a long distance race with Year 1 and 2 completing 3 laps, Year 3 and 4 completing 5 laps and Year 5 and 6 completing 7 laps. We then finished by participating in a one lap sprint race!

We came home with a fantastic 3rd place.



### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' Evenings will take place on the 25th and 26th March.

Please do not forget to book your Parents' Evening slot on MCAS by the 20th March.

### **Book Fair**

Following on from World Book Day, we will be holding a Book Fair on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school in the Hall Foyer.



### **Attendance**

#### **Weekly**

**Whole School 2025/2026 - 97.9%**

**OAK 100% ELM 97.8% HAWTHORN 99% SYCAMORE 96.3%**



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# HELP US CLEAR THE SCHOOL ALLOTMENT!

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**Sunday 29th March**

**Times: TBC**

**Clear Overgrown Brambles & Weeds!**

**Remove the Old Fence!**

**Big, Strong Helpers Wanted!**

**KIDS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN!**

Even an hour of your help will  
make a big difference!

