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Dear Families,

Welcome back after the half-term break. Although this is a short half-term, there is plenty to fit in! With the sunshine we have enjoyed this week and with the new bulbs beginning to sprout around the school grounds, it finally feels as though brighter days are on the way.

Our Year 5 pupils took part in a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) day at Colchester Prep and High School this week. They explored a range of hands-on activities, designed to stretch their thinking, encourage problem-solving and help them approach challenges with curiosity and critical thinking.

Last half-term pupils completed our LIFE Trust Pupil Learning and Wellbeing Survey. The results were extremely positive but there were a few areas where we can continue to improve. We are already taking action on these and a separate letter has been sent home to share further information with you all.

We are continuing to update our website and recently posted new information on our English page. Here you will find information on Handwriting, Spelling and the Writing Curriculum.

Finally, next week we will be celebrating World Book Day. A post was shared on Class Dojo before half-term, but we think there was a delayed send, so apologies. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite character and bring in the book to share.

Best Wishes,

Carla Dale

Head of School

Term Dates

Spring

Tuesday 6th January —Friday 27th March

Easter Break

30th March—10th April

DIARY DATES

MARCH

2nd Y6—Resilience Workshop

5th—World Book Day

10th—FOF Committee Meeting @
10am in The School Hall

20th—Reports sent to parents

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

MAY

11th—14th - Y6 SATs

JUNE

17th—Y6 Retreat day @ John Owen
Barn

18th—Sports Day (PM)

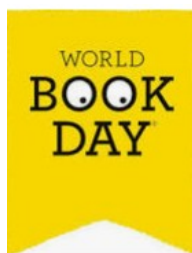
26th—Reserve Sports Day (PM)

JULY

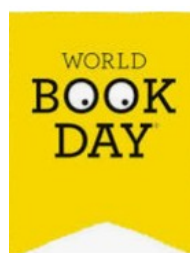
1st—Zoe Bear's Birthday

13th—Whole School Transition
Morning

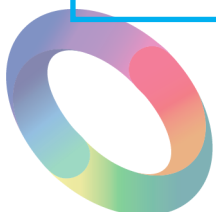
World Book Day—Thursday 5th March



All day. All children and staff are welcome to dress up as their favourite character and bring in the book. We will be starting the day with a live event at 9:30 from the Literacy Trust called The Big Footy and Booky Quiz!



How Exciting!



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Mother’s Day Wicker Heart Fundraiser

This year, all children will be decorating a beautiful 25cm wicker heart in school to celebrate a special woman in their life for Mother’s Day.

Included is a picture our wonderful Mrs. Martin made earlier so you can see an example of the finished design.

To help raise money for the School and our Trim Trail fund, we are asking for a £5 donation per heart, which covers the cost of the wicker heart and decorating materials.

Donations can be made by:

- Sending £5 in a named envelope to the school office
 - Bank transfer to:
Friends Of Fordham
Sort code: 30-98-31
Account number: 21849768

(Please include your child’s name and class as the reference)

We kindly ask that donations are made by Thursday 12th March, where possible.

Thank you so much for your continued support — it really does make a difference.

Friends of Fordham



EYFS Outdoor Improvements

We are very thankful to everyone for supporting the recent Oak Class bake sale - with special thanks to Friends of Fordham - and can tell you that this raised the amazing amount of £177. Mrs Styant is keen to create 2 outdoor weatherproof sheds, one for Literacy items and one for Maths that the children can reach inside and access themselves (see the photo). She actually has a former large storage shed that can be disassembled and hopefully recycled and intends to use the money raised to help buy further wood and accessories to make the sheds.

If there are any skilled carpenters amongst our parent/carer community who may have the time, expertise or maybe even any offcuts of quality wood that could be used for this project, please could they email the school office - admin@allsaints-fordham.essex.sch.uk

Thank you so much if you are able to help, to bring this vision to life to further raise the standard of our EYFS education for our local community.





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Year 5 STEAM Day Experience

Our Year 5 Pupils were invited to a STEAM Day (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) at Colchester Prep and High School, a wonderful opportunity to broaden their critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and the chance to understand how these subjects are essential in a rapidly evolving world.



Cyber Bullying Workshop

On Thursday, the education Team at Essex Fire and Rescue Service led a session with our year 6 pupils about Cyber-Bullying. There was excellent engagement from the pupils as they discussed how to stay safe online and sought to understand what Cyber Bullying is, and the consequences and impact of online bullying.



Attendance

Whole School 2025/2026 - 96%

Weekly

OAK 94.3% ELM 93.4% HAWTHORN 98.1% SYCAMORE 94.9%

