



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It feels as though we are racing through the summer term at quite a fast pace. We have had some fantastic events and activities that the children have participated in. This includes a visit to New Hall Farm for Robin class, KS2 Athletics and Messing's first netball match, hosted at St Lawrence School. As always, the children have embraced all opportunities offered to them.

An exciting event was also planned by the Tiptree and Stanways Consortium of which the school is a proud member. This was the first ever Agents of Change Conference for children. There will be more information about this in the next newsletter as the ambassadors put together their reflections. I am incredibly proud of the way the group interacted with children from different schools, sharing inspiring stories and taking part in some truly fantastic workshops.

The summer term is always exciting as we get to meet the new children and their families who will be joining the school in September 2024. Mrs Lewis and I welcomed the children for their first 'stay and play' session on Tuesday. As well as a number of siblings, there will be some new faces in the playground and the older children have been eager to meet the incoming Wrens class already. As we prepare for transition with our youngest pupils, children in Year 6 are busy with their preparations and have attended moving up sessions at their secondary schools.

As the warmer weather is set to begin, please do ensure that your child has sun cream applied in the morning before school. Although staff are not able to apply sun cream, children can apply their own if the bottle is in their bag and named. Sun hats are also essential as there is very little shade outside. Children must also have their water bottle everyday.

Very best wishes,
Mrs Charlotte Brown

Robin class visit New Hall Farm

It was an jam- packed day last week for the children as they took part in a retreat day at New Hall School.

Write up by Aiden and Sophia

On Thursday 6th June, we went to New Hall farm. We were picked up from school in the minibus and then we arrived. First, we decorated some bags and then we made gingerbread men that we were allowed to eat later.

After that, we went to the farm and saw some ducklings, horses, rabbits, chickens, swans and ferrets. We had never seen such a big duck before!

At lunch time we ate a packed lunch outside and it was quite hot. Then we played football on the big pitches. It was fun and hard work. We also played some football matches together. Afterwards, we went to assembly in the school chapel and we learnt a song called 'If I were a butterfly'.

We got on the minibuses back to school and were allowed to eat our gingerbread men while listening to a story before home time. It was such a fun day.

Governors

The fourth and final LGB of the year took place on Tuesday 11th June. We received reports from Ms Brown and from governors on health and safety and the school premises, finance and recommended the budget for approval by the MAT board. We also discussed the recent OFSTED inspection, safeguarding, attendance and SEND. Several new policies were discussed and ratified. Next year's school development plan was considered in order to set priorities for the coming academic year and beyond. We announced a change in CPD provision for governors, which should make training more accessible to all.

Today (Monday 17th June) is our second governor monitoring day. Governors are coming into school to monitor a variety of subjects and policy areas. We are very much looking forward to once again spending the day with the children.

As ever, you are able to contact governors through the school office if you have any queries.

We would like to wish you all a happy and relaxing summer,

Pip Parmenter





Spotlight on Sport

Pippa and Ella, in Kingfisher class, have recently attended a roller skating competition. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and where they placed.

Write up by Ella and Pippa

On Saturday 8th June, we travelled to Great Yarmouth which was a two hour drive. This was for a roller skating competition held at Retro Skate Academy. There were three groups altogether and five other people from our club in Tiptree. Both of us are finishing our grade 4 and hope to move to grade 5.

We had two performances, a solo and a duo. We didn't know which music we were going to have until we performed on the day, and this made it challenging. As part of our training, we practise three times a every week! For our duo performance, we had matching dresses which we liked. We came third in our duo and we felt happy and proud with our hard work. Pippa came third in her solo performance and this was a great achievement.

Once everybody had finished performing, we had time to enjoy some music and everybody danced on their skates. We found out that if we pushed two times, we could make our way around the whole rink because it was very fast.

We would recommend that everybody has a go at skating because it's fun and is good for your health.



Nut Free School

This is a reminder that we are a nut free school. This means that all items packed for children's morning snack or lunch should not contain nuts. There have been instances where children have had items containing chocolate spreads, similar to Nutella. Often this comes in items like crepes. Please always check the food labels as it is important that we keep everybody safe.



Thank you for your cooperation.



Attendance Information

New legislation was passed, The School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 which introduced a National Framework in England. By law, all children of compulsory school age must receive an appropriate full-time education (Education Act 1996). Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly.

There is now a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England, of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. The 10 sessions of absence do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.

The School Attendance Regulations 2024 set out the statutory requirements for schools. All references to family holidays and extended leave have been removed. The amendments specify that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are "exceptional circumstances" and they do not have any discretion to authorise up to ten days of absence each academic year.

Summer Term Diary Dates

- Fri 21st Jun-** Agents of Change Ambassador conference
- Fri 21st Jun-** Yr 2's swimming at New Hall School
- Tues 25th Jun-** Yr 4/5 Food and Farming trip
- Weds 26th Jun-** Water Safety assembly led by Essex County Fire and Rescue
- Weds 26th Jun-** SRE resources available for parents to view in the hall (3.15pm)
- Thurs 27th Jun-** New Hall Musical Theatre Extravaganza (school choir)
- Fri 28th Jun-** Yr 2's swimming at New Hall School
- Fri 28th Jun-** PTFA Ice lolly sale after school
- Mon 1st Jul-** Children's Arts Week
- Tues 2nd Jul-** EYFS Sports Day at St. Lawrence School
- Fri 5th Jul-** Thurstable Disco for Yr 6
- Mon 8th Jul-** Yr 6 transition session in school
- Tues 9th- Thurs 11th Jul-** No hot meals, packed lunches instead
- Thurs 11th Jul-** Yr 6 Leavers Trip
- Fri 12th Jul-** Sports Day and Summer Fair
- Tues 16th Jul-** Reports to go home
- Tues 16th & Weds 17th Jul-** Owl class summer performance (evening)
- Mon 22nd Jul-** Leavers assembly (9.45am)
- Tues 23rd Jul-** Final day of term