



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a wonderful end to the Spring term, with children making full use of our beautiful outside space. Thanks to the New Hall School facilities team, we have fresh markings on the field, including the track and it has been great to see the children initiating their own races at break and lunch times- they are already excited for Sports Day!

Last week we had a group of children take part in a Netball tournament and I am so incredibly proud of the progress that has been made by the team. Thanks to Mr Pearce's dedication, the children demonstrated progress with their skill and physicality, but more than that, their determination and spirit was truly commendable. Thank you to the parents who were able to join and were the best supporters. Messing was the smallest school taking part with at least 100 children less than the next smallest school.

Children in Owl class have been seen bringing in tools from home and been very industrious during their DT lessons this week. It's been a change to the usual sounds of school and instead, we have listened to rhythmic hammering as they have worked to create the most beautiful bird boxes. These form part of their chosen Agents of Change class project to enhance other people's wellbeing by improving our outdoor space and encouraging a range of bird species. Thanks to a parent who shared Mr Pearce's plea for resources with their local community, the wood was kindly donated and even cut to size which is an exceptional act of kindness. You can follow the design and woodwork project on Twitter/ X, @MessingPrimary.

Please do check the class pages on the school website. They contain photos that capture some of the children's learning from across the term. The pages are [linked here](#), but can also be found in the drop down menu at the top of the website under 'Classes'. There are photos from the 'Red Nose and Spoon Races'. Thank you to those who donated, we raised a total of £49.50. Also on the school website is the updated menu, it can be [found here](#) or under the drop down menu by clicking on Parents > Lunch menu. Please note that there has been a change to the menu on Wednesday in week 3.

A polite reminder about the safe use of the car park- please do slow down and drive at 5pmh (maximum) to ensure the safety of the children. If you are parking along the road, please keep away from the junction and be mindful of other road users at all times.

Have an enjoyable break over the Easter Holidays. Very best wishes,
Mrs Charlotte Cornelius

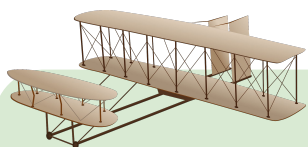
Netball Tournament at Thurstable School

Write up by Margot and Xavier

Last Thursday, our netball team took part in the Colchester-Blackwater School Sport Partnership's tournament at Thurstable High School. We played on full size courts but each team only had five players – it was very tiring! Also, after every game we had to change positions which added an extra challenge.

Our first game, against St. John's, went really well and we ended up drawing. The second match saw us sadly lose (2 – 1) to – eventual winners – St. Lawrence. We lost our next two matches, narrowly, to Colchester High and St. Mary's. By the time of our final match versus Mersea, we were all shattered and succumb to a heavy defeat whilst keeping our heads high.

It was really exciting to take part, playing against lots of different schools and (although the results may not have gone our way) we were proud of our efforts and the clear improvement that we've made as a team.



News Flash!

Children in Robins have been learning about the Wright Brothers as part of their 'Flight' topic this term. They have carried out a lot of research and put together their own news reports, including an interview with the Wright Brothers.

Scan the QR code to watch one of the groups working together and using the green screen to create their news report.





Online Safety- Whatsapp

ESSENTIAL READ- I have been made aware of a group chat that some KS2 children and leavers from Messing have been added to. The group has a large amount of young people in it from local schools and it may be the case that phone numbers have been shared. It contains very inappropriate images and language, so please do ensure that you have measures in place to supervise and support children using their device. The guide below is a must read for all parents.

WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps available and, as of 2024, has been made accessible to users as young as thirteen. With end-to-end encryption preventing even the platform itself from viewing any messages that users send on it, this app has been regularly utilised by those looking to keep their conversations private.

Unfortunately, the service poses several risks to its younger users – from misinformation and bullying to potential criminal exploitation – and it’s vital that parents and educators understand these concerns and how to address them. This free guide delves into the online safety risks of WhatsApp and offers expert advice on how to safeguard any young people who use the platform.

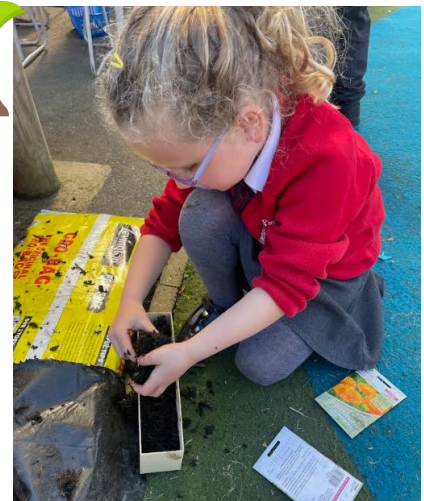
[March 2025- Parent Guide Here](#)



Gardening

We have been busy across the school preparing beds, sowing seeds and adding manure to the soil getting ready for planting. Across the school we have a range of class topics and units linked to growing and we also understand the many benefits that come from spending time outside in nature.

Later in the summer term we will be holding a plant sale where we hope you will be able to buy healthy, organic vegetable plants grown with care by the children. This will help to raise funds to continue our gardening provision.



Summer Term Clubs

The before and after school sports clubs next term will remain the same, with one change. KS2 Hockey Club will change to Rounders.

The clubs are below and can also be found on the [school website here](#).

EY/ KS1	KS2
Monday 8am - Athletics Tuesday 3.15pm - Football Wednesday 8am - SAQ	Monday 3.15pm - Rounders Tuesday 8am - SAQ Thursday 3.15pm - Basketball

We will assume that children currently signed up to clubs will continue for next term, however if you would like to change or cancel a club your child is attending, or add your child to a club they are not signed up to then please contact the school office. Ms Gooday will support with this.

The sports clubs are currently funded from the sports premium grant that the school receives. A priority has always been to ensure that clubs are open and accessible to all children. It would be brilliant to increase the numbers of children attending the sports clubs to ensure that there is maximum impact on children’s health and wellbeing.

Diary Dates

Monday 21st April- Messing Village Easter Egg Hunt: Meet at Messing Green to collect what you need before starting- all are welcome and it would be great to support the village with this event.



Mon 7th- Mon 21st April - Easter break

Tues 22nd April - Return to school/ Earth Day

Weds 23rd April - St. George’s Day

Mon 5th May - Bank Holiday

Mon 12th May - KS2 SATS week

