



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I would like to start this week with a big well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for their efforts and attitudes towards their SATs. I know this can be a stressful time for the children (and their families), however, we work as hard as we can in school to ensure children are as prepared as possible and have the optimum environment to work in. This impacts on the whole school who have to move silently around each morning and are unable to use some rooms. It also takes at least 6 adults on each day to administer the assessments. The other children have been very respectful of Year 6, and the children in Year 6 celebrated with Mr Pearce by having tea and biscuits after their final paper. A well deserved fun weekend for everyone! Upcoming statutory assessments are the Multiplication Tables Check for children in Year 4 and Phonics Screening for Year 1.

Last week the children in Reception featured in the Messing village newsletter to thank them for their plant delivery. This was their class Agents of Change project to spread love and happiness through plants. We also got an individual email from one house in the village to thank the children. You can see the feature in the newsletter on the Agents of Change section on the school website, or by [clicking here](#). Please remember to keep on encouraging your child to work on projects and share these with us- we love to see the difference they are making.

Excitingly, we have a pre-loved greenhouse arriving next week. This is to further enhance our outdoor learning curriculum and provision. The plan is for it to be placed in the corner of the car park by the playground and hall fence. This area will eventually be fenced off, but for now, we will put cones and tape to secure the area. You must not allow your child to play in this space at any point before or after school, including climbing the trees. This is going to become an extension of the school's outside provision and children will be able to use it with an adult during the school day. If you would like your children to play together at the end of the school day, then Messing village has a beautiful park next to the village hall which can be accessed by families. Thank you to Mrs Allshorn and the small team of parents who have supported to make this possible.

Finally, hopefully you will have seen a few things shared with you via Classlist. These include the Essex Early Years and Childcare Parents Survey, as well as parent workshops focussing on children's oral hygiene. Curriculum guides for the Summer term have also been shared and can be accessed any time by visiting the class pages on the school website. Please do ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions about their learning for the term.

Have an enjoyable weekend,
Mrs Charlotte Cornelius

Fun Run Event

Congratulations to the 15 children who took part in a Fun Run event at Northern Gateway, Colchester, on a wonderfully sunny Friday afternoon.

Write up by Miles and Rain

First, we went on New Hall's bus to Northern Gateway at Colchester. It was really busy and there were more than 100 people there!

We got prepared to race and we did some warm ups like jumping jacks, push ups and some stretches. We got to watch how fast some children ran.

Then the girls got ready and ran first. I was fun, but quite hard because it was a long way to run. Mbassy won first place and got a teddy bear prize.

Next it was the boys turn. The boys were trying to run as fast as they could. Mrs Cornelius ran with us and it was really nice and super fun. Some people did accidentally trip over- oops.

Everybody got a medal and we felt happy and proud.



Fishing 4 Schools

A group of children from Yr 5 and 6 have attended their first two fishing sessions at Crowsheath Fishery as part of a new group we have been working with.

Thank you to Mr Pearce for organising such a unique opportunity for some of our pupils to be part of and to New Hall School for kindly transporting the children.

Write up by Xavier & Jamie

When we arrived we were met by our fishing instructor who led us to the lake we would be fishing at. He had set up 4 chairs, each with its own fishing rod. He cast the line for each child and in no time at all, Tommy caught the first fish which happened to be a perch. He held his first catch and stood for the camera with pride and joy. Not long after, another perch was caught by Olly.

Luckily over time, all of us were able to catch at least a few fish and we have been learning new skills on each visit. We are looking forward to the remaining sessions and keeping hopeful that we will be able to catch some larger fish in the future.



Online Safety- Minecraft

With its limitless opportunities for building, exploring and collaborating, Minecraft remains a global gaming phenomenon. Its broad appeal lies in how open-ended it is – but this also means it's not without risk. From chatting with strangers on public servers to the grief of having a beloved creation destroyed, young players can face challenges if left unsupervised. Minecraft can also become a time sink for enthusiastic players, with late nights spent crafting and constructing, potentially impacting school and social lives.

[This parent guide](#) is to help understand how to keep young gamers safe – from choosing age-appropriate game modes to setting boundaries around screen time and spending.

Plant Sale- 11th June 2025

On Wednesday 11th June we will be holding a small plant sale after school. This will be to raise money for gardening provisions such as tools, gloves and seeds. We would love for your support with this. Please do bring along some small change.

We have a group of children who work very hard, with the support of Mrs Allshorn, to keep our school grounds and growing spaces looking beautiful. They have focussed on getting the vegetable patch back on track (with a kind donation of manure for extra nutrients) and growing a range of plants and vegetables from seed.

We will be selling a range of cuttings of indoor house plants, as well vegetables. These will (hopefully) include:



Spider plants
Snake plants
Cucumbers
Cabbages
Lettuce
Herbs



Diary Dates



Tues 20th May - Yr 5/6 water safety session

Fri 23rd May - Final day of the half term

Mon 2nd June - Non pupil day

Tues 3rd June onwards - Yr 4 Multiplication Tables Check

W/b Mon 8th June - Year 1 Phonics screening check

Weds 11th June - Water safety assembly & Plant sale after school

Thurs 12th June - Yr 6 transition workshop

W/b Mon 16th June - NSPCC Stay Safe, Speak Out

Mon 16th June - School photographs

Tues 17th June - KS2 Consortium Sports Event

Fri 20th/ 27th June - Year 2 swimming at New Hall

Tues 24th June - Reception multi-skills event & Kingfisher Food and Farming trip

Fri 4th July - Sports Day and Summer Fete