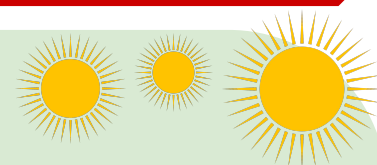


## Message from the Head



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I must begin by thanking you for your patience and understanding while we have waited for our new oven to be installed. The children have been absolute superstars and continue to show their good manners to Mrs Owens despite all of the menu changes in place over the term.

With regard to school lunch, we have always worked very hard to keep our school lunch prices as low as possible and there have not been any rises for some time. However, with ever increasing food costs, we are in a position where we have no choice to ensure we are able to offer the quality, nutritional lunches that children need. Therefore the price will rise from £2.40 to £2.50 from 2nd September 2025. If your child is moving into Year 3 in September then you will be required to pay for their meals, unless you are in receipt of FSM. If you have any further questions, please speak to Ms Gooday.

We now have 2 children on the waiting list for guitar lessons, but still require 2 more children to request the lessons in order for Essex Music Services to send a teacher. Children can either have 15 or 30 minute lessons. We would really love to be able to offer the children the opportunity to learn an instrument. The final deadline for any music lesson waiting lists is 7th July.

Parents who were at Messing last year may recall that we held a whole school celebration assembly outside towards the end of the term. There was some very positive feedback from parents about the event and so we are planning to do this again. (My apologies for the short notice.) We hope that the warm weather will stay with us so that we are able to award children with certificates, including those with Agents of Change awards. The giving of certificates will be interspersed with some performances by the children. This will be on the final day of term, Tuesday 22nd July, at 2 o'clock and you will be able to take your child/ren home once the assembly finishes. They will have their bags outside.

As we think ahead to next year, I have been putting together our school priorities and aims in the school development plan. Some of these areas will be carried over from this year, such as writing, as they are longer term areas of development. There will also be areas identified from our visit from Ofsted which will be included. If you have any suggestions you would like to make, please do let me know.

Very best wishes,  
Mrs Charlotte Cornelius



## Love to Ride Essex



With the summer coming up, families will be looking for activities. [Love to Ride Essex](#) is a perfect way to spend the days. We have been asked to share this information with families to support in explore cycling around the region. Download the free app, log the cycling adventures you have, set yourself targets, and compete against others across the county. Regular prizes are awarded, and you can track your progress.

## Smiley Club

Thank you for the continued support of our before and after school club. We know that this provision is vital for some families. Please do ensure you have informed the office or Mrs Hart if your child is due to stay, particularly as we near the end of term. **On Tuesday 22nd July Smiley will finish at 4:30pm.**

## Staffing 2025/26

I am pleased to share that Mrs Southgate will be returning to school for the start of the academic year.

**Wrens-** Monday- Wednesday: Mrs Williams // Thursday- Friday: Mrs Lewis

**Robins-** September- October: Mrs Evans (maternity leave) // October- July: Mrs Canham (maternity cover)

**Kingfishers-** Monday- Tuesday, Thursday- Friday: Mrs Southgate // Wednesday: Mrs Lewis

**Owls-** Mr Pearce



**YOU ARE INVITED**

# End of Year Celebration Assembly

An opportunity for families to gather to celebrate children's achievements.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July | 2pm**  
Top Lawn

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE CHILDREN HOME AFTER THIS EVENT FINISHES

WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US





## Food and Farming Trip

A very big thank you to the Hick's family for their generous donation towards the cost of the Food and Farming trip that Kingfisher Class went on last week. As a family with deep connections in farming, they were passionate about the children being able to experience a snippet of this on the day. Their very kind donation, along with the parent contributions of £5 towards the cost meant that the trip, costing over £300, was able to go ahead. As a school we always work hard to make trips affordable for our families as we know how much they broaden and enrich our curriculum.

As you can see, the children had a fantastic time!



**Messing Primary School**  
Every Child | Every Chance | Every Day

## NEW... First Aid for Parents

**Are you interested in learning essential life skills that can help others and save lives? If so, join our First Aid sessions aimed at parents/ carers.**

The topics that will be covered are:

- ☐ Basic life support
- ☐ Primary survey
- ☐ Allergies
- ☐ Asthma
- ☐ Choking
- ☐ Burns and Scalds
- ☐ Bleeding
- ☐ Head injuries
- ☐ Bones, muscle and joint injuries
- ☐ Responsive, unresponsive
- ☐ CPR



**When?** Wednesday 6 - 8:00 pm (Weds 10th Sept, Weds 17th Sept, Weds 24th Sept, Weds 1st Oct) each session will cover different topics



**What?** Essential first aid including cleaning, bandaging, risk assessing, use of Epipens, CPR, burns, allergies and much more



**Who?** Mrs Sarah Hart (previously a nurse on the children's ward, currently volunteering for St John's Ambulance Service and general lover of all things first aid related) will be leading the sessions for parents and the wider Messing community



**Cost?** £10 per session

**If you are interested in joining the sessions, then please call Ms Gooday in the school office or email us to book your space. Limited places (first come).**

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## Online Safety

### Nintendo Switch 2

Nintendo's long-awaited Switch 2 has finally arrived, blending fresh hardware with fan-favourite franchises. From Mario to Pikachu, the familiar mascots are back – but so too are evolving online features, in-game purchases, and potential exposure to mature content. As ever, it's essential that parents and educators understand the risks to young players.

Among these are GameChat voice communication, camera-based gaming, and potential access to mature-rated titles. [This guide](#) outlines what to watch out for and how to keep children safe, engaged and having fun.

## Diary Dates

**Tues 8th July-** Year 3/4 Cricket event

**Weds 9th/ Thurs 10th July-** Yr 5/6 Summer performance 6pm

**Fri 11th July-** SRE resources out for parents 3.15pm (school hall)

**W/b 14th July-** SRE week

**Thurs 17th July-** Reports out to parents

**Mon 21st July-** Leavers' assembly (9.15am- Yr 6 parents only)

**Thurs 17th July-** Reports out to parents

**Tues 22nd July-** Celebration assembly (2pm) & end of term

**Tues 2nd Sept-** Children return to school