



Welcome back

Welcome back to a new school year everyone. I do hope that you and your family have kept safe and well since we last saw you.

A special welcome to our 5 new Reception children and a new child in Year 1, which brings 4 new families to our school and 2 younger siblings. We hope that your child settles in well into our school over the coming days and weeks.

Our Reception children will start on Monday 6th September for a half day, followed by another half day staying for lunch, then full time from next Wednesday.

At the end of last term I wrote to you with the good news that the Government restrictions on Covid 'bubbles' will be lifted this term, so we can at last be together as a whole school. As a reminder the following applies from this Friday (we have 2 training days on the 1st and 2nd of September so the school is closed):

- 9:10 am start for all pupils, i.e. no staggered entry. The school gate will open at 9:00 am and all classes will congregate on the playground, ahead of being brought in by a member of staff. You can wait at the side of the playground or just drop them off at the gate where the staff member who opened it will be supervising entry to the school grounds. If you do go up to the playground, please leave by 9:15 am at the latest.
- On days the children have PE, they can come to school in their kits please. Class 3 you need yours this Friday! As the weather turns colder, please provide jogging bottoms.
- We are still asking that visitors, including parents, wear a mask when inside our school building to minimise risk of transmission for everyone. Some of our staff may choose to continue to wear a face shield when working with the children and/or meeting with parents.
- We will continue to give your children regular opportunities to wash/sanitise their hands.



Revised term dates

The Government has legislated for an 'extra' bank holiday on Thursday 2 June 2022, to supplement the already 'moved' usual late May bank holiday to Friday 3rd June. This is in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As both of these dates fall in the normal, already scheduled summer half term break, legislation has also been amended for the 2021-22 academic year to require that there are only 189 'teaching days' (378 sessions), as opposed to the standard 190 teaching days. This is so schools, teaching staff etc can derive the benefit of the extra bank holiday. As a result, Essex County Council, which sets the term dates for community and voluntary controlled schools has amended the term dates calendar for 2021-22 so that the summer term will now end on Thursday 21 July 2022, instead of the previous end of term date of Friday 22 July 2022 (which will now be a non-school day). An updated calendar is on the 2nd page of this newsletter. Our Professional Development (PD) Days, when the school is closed, are highlighted in yellow.

(REVISED: August 2021)

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2021-2022

September 2021							October 2021							November 2021							December 2021						
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May 2022							June 2022							July 2022							August 2022						
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 = School days

 = School holidays

 = Bank holidays

 = Weekends

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Wednesday 1 September 2021 – Friday 17 December 2021 <i>Half Term 25 October – 29 October</i>	73 days
Spring Term:	Tuesday 4 January 2022 – Friday 1 April 2022 <i>Half Term 14 February - 18 February</i>	59 days
Summer Term:	Tuesday 19 April 2022 – Thursday 21 July 2022 <i>Half Term 30 May – 3 June, Bank Holidays, 2 and 3 June</i>	62 days
		<u>194 days</u>

Please note:

The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies.

You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.