



Newsletter

25th September 2026

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2026-2027

September 2026							October 2026							November 2026							December 2026						
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= Schooldays
 = 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.

DIARY DATES

Our Non-Pupil Days 2026-27

Tuesday 1st September
Wednesday 2nd September

Monday 4th January
Thursday 25th March

Monday 7th June



Autumn 1 2026

Tuesday 1 st September	NON -PUPIL DAY	Non-pupil day/staff training
Wednesday 2 nd September	NON -PUPIL DAY	Non-pupil day/staff training
Thursday 3 rd September	Children back to school	
Monday 7 th September	Discovery class meeting	<i>In classroom/ 3.15pm</i>
Tuesday 8 th September	Pippin class meeting	<i>In classroom/3.15pm</i>
Thursday 10 th September	Blenheim class meeting	<i>In classroom/3.15pm</i>
Thursday 1 st October	Open Door for parents	<i>3.15-parents invited to look informally at work in classrooms</i>
Thursday 8 th October	Year 6 SATS meeting for parents	<i>9.00-9.30am-school hall</i>
Tuesday 20 th October	Parents Evening	<i>3.30-5.00pm - appointment only TBA</i>
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents Evening	<i>3.30-5.00pm - appointment only TBA</i>
Thursday 22 nd October	Parents Evening	<i>3.30-7.00pm-appointment only TBA</i>
Friday 23 rd October	Grandparents Tea Party	<i>Grandparents invited into school for a special assembly in school hall/9.15am</i>
HALF TERM 26 th OCTOBER- 30 th OCTOBER		



Autumn 2 2026

Monday 2 nd November	Children back to school	-
Thursday 5 th November	Open Door for parents	<i>3.15- parents invited to look informally at work in classrooms</i>
Thursday 5 th November	Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting for parents	<i>9.00-9.30am- school hall</i>
Wednesday 11 th November	Year 1 Phonics Check meeting for parents	<i>9.00-9.30am- school hall</i>
Wednesday 18 th November	Open school for prospective parents (2027) 9.30am	<i>An invite to view the school. Contact school office to book.</i>
	Open school for prospective parents (2027) 1.30pm	
Tuesday 1 st December	Christingle Assembly	<i>9.15am – school hall - in school event- parents invited</i>
Thursday 3 rd December	Open Door for parents	<i>3.15- parents invited to look informally at work in classrooms</i>
Wednesday 9 th December	YR/1/2 Christmas Production – 9.30am	<i>In school event- parents invited</i>
Thursday 10 th December	YR/1/2 Christmas Production – 9.30am	<i>In school event- parents invited</i>
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas dinner (TBC)	<i>Wear your Christmas jumper to school day!</i>
w/b 14 th December TBC	Y3,4,5,6 Carol Service @ St. Lawrence Church (TBC)	<i>Parents invited</i>
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term	-
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 21 st DECEMBER - 2 nd JANUARY 2026		
Monday 4 th January	NON -PUPIL DAY	Non-pupil day/staff training
Tuesday 5 th January	Children return to school	

DIARY DATES

Please note dates may be subject to change or additional events may be added.

Regularly check newsletters and/or Parentmail notifications for updates.

LUNCHES

Next Week's Lunch Menu

Week 3

Monday

- Pizza Whirl (df)
- Nut-Free Zingy Pesto Pizza (v,df)
- Pasta Salad (v)
- Rainbow Corn (ve)
- LB—Ham Roll (df)
- Fruit Platter (ve)

Tuesday

- Pasta Bolognese (df,gf)
- Mediterranean Pasta (v,df,gf)
- Homemade Crusty Bread (v)
- Broccoli (ve)
- LB—Jacket Potato with Cheese (gf)
- Lemon Drizzle Cake (v,df)

Wednesday

- Sausage & Bacon Brunch (df,gf)
- Power Up Breakfast (v,df)
- Hash Browns (v)
- Baked Beans (ve)
- LB—Tuna Roll (df)
- Fruit Whip (v,gf)

Thursday

- Chicken Fajitas (df)
- Pocket Quesadilla Melt (v)
- Sunshine Rice (ve)
- Mixed Salad (ve)
- LB—Jacket Potato with Beans (df,gf)
- Coconut Crumble Cookie (v,df)

Friday

- Fish Fillet (df)
- Crispy Dippers (v,df)
- Chips (ve)
- Sweetcorn (ve)
- Peas (ve)
- LB—Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (df)
- Fruit Fusion (ve)

Week beginning:

7/9/2026
28/9/2026
19/10/2026

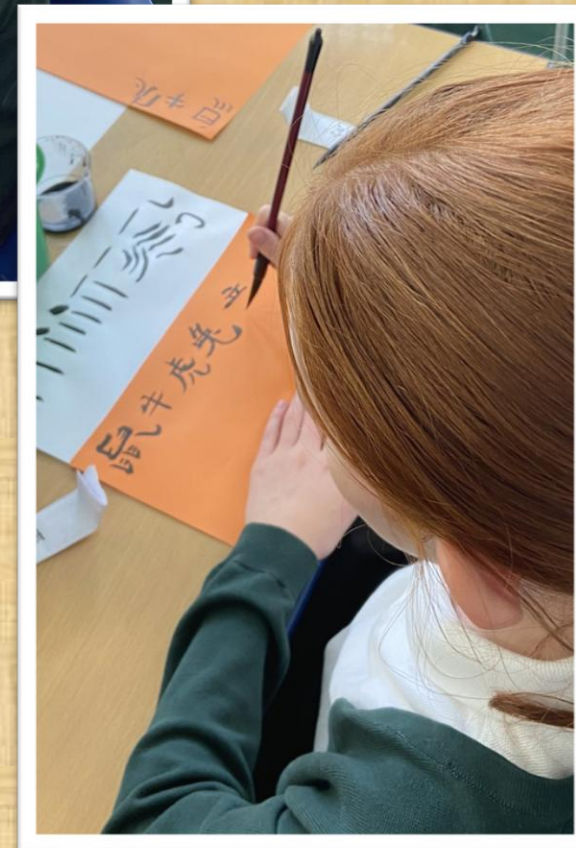
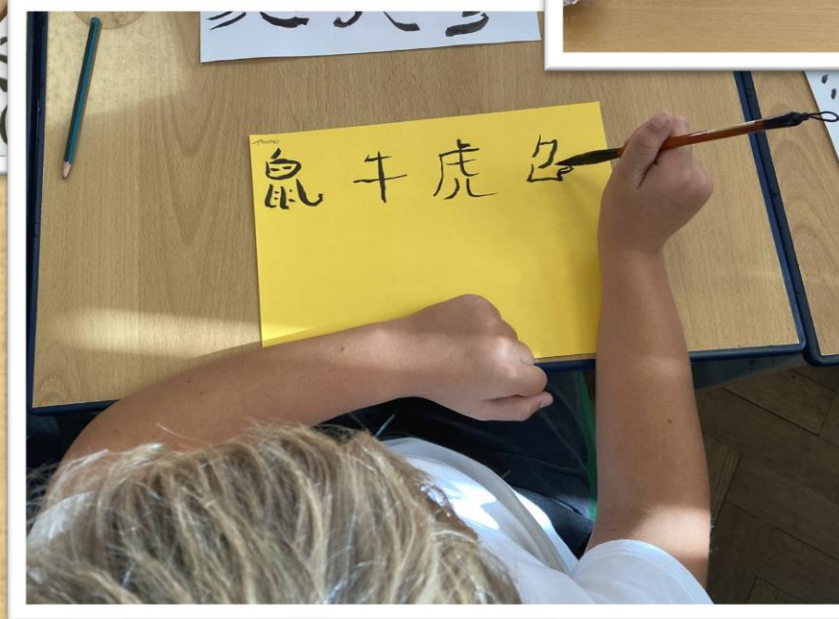
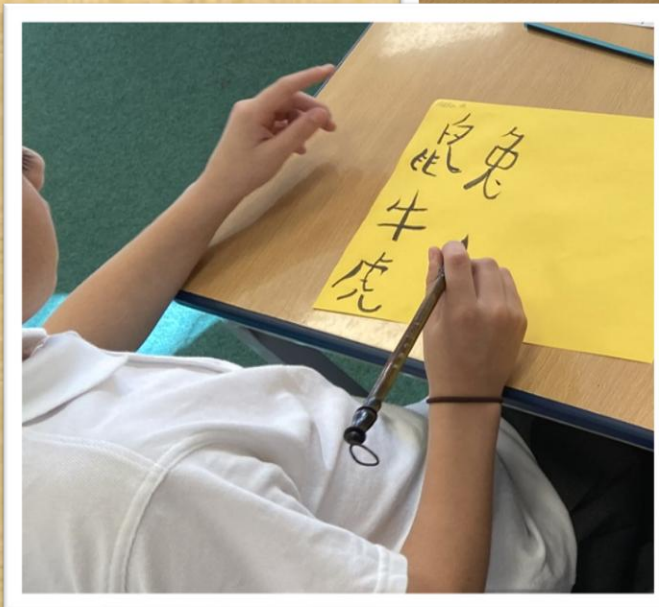




Blenheim Class - Junior Ambassadors

Our Y5&6 children were fortunate to take part in a Chinese calligraphy workshop as part of the Junior Ambassadors programme which they are participating in this term.







BRADFIELD BRANCHES SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



Please send any donations
into school with your child.

We will be collecting items
from now until Friday 9th
October.

For their first project, **the School Council** would like to focus on helping others. We are **celebrating the Harvest season by looking after people in our wider community.**

The children are collecting items for the **Manningtree and District Foodbank**. They do amazing work helping local families and they would appreciate our support.

If you are able to donate, the foodbank has asked for the following in-date items:

- Tinned goods (beans, pulses, soups)
- Dry food (like pasta, rice and cereal)
- Long-life items (like UHT milk, juice, treats and biscuits)
- Toiletries (like soap, toothpaste, and shampoo)

**PLEASE HELP THE CHILDREN TO MAKE THEIR FIRST
PROJECT A SUCCESS**



OUR BRADFIELD STARS OF THE WEEK

OUR EYFS & KS1 STARS OF THE WEEK

YR Bella

For having a positive attitude to all her learning and for always being keen and ready to learn.

Y1 Indie

For making a fantastic start to Year 1 and working well with all members of Pippin Class.

Y2 Hudson

For pushing himself in all areas of the curriculum and being a supportive friend



OUR KS2 STARS OF THE WEEK

Y3 Leo

For working so hard in lessons and being proactive about his learning.

Y4 Lilliah

For being an being fabulous in class; trying her best and always doing the right thing.

Y5 Niamh

For working hard across the curriculum, asking interesting questions and sharing her thoughts and ideas confidently.

Y6 Ryan

For working incredibly hard to improve the presentation, engaging well and offering excellent ideas in discussions.



LIBRARY LEGENDS



Bramley – Freddie
Pippin – Indy
Discovery – Marissa
Blenheim – Emily W

What is a Library Legend?

Library Legends are children whose reading has shone this week.

They may have:

- shown particular dedication to improving their reading skills
- displayed excellent reading habits at home and in school
- demonstrated an enthusiasm and love for reading and books



OUR LEARNING BEHAVIOURS

We teach the Secrets of Success by Chris Quigley to help our children in their behaviour, attitudes and values.

Success isn't just about money. It is about happiness, choices and feeling good about yourself.

Successful people feel good about:

How hard they have tried.

Who they are.

What they spend their time doing.

The choices they have in their lives.

Here are some things everyone should know...

You are not born successful.

Everyone has setbacks and failures.

The first step to success is choosing.





Compassion
Honesty
Integrity
Loyalty
Dignity
Respect
Enthusiasm
Nurture



Fairness
Innovation
Responsibility
Social Purpose
Trust



OUR VALUES – CHILDREN FIRST

HOUSE POINTS

OAK

60

160

220

44

130

174

BEECH

MAPLE

45

40

85

66

160

226

WILLOW



HOUSE POINT INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

BRONZE AWARD

(25 house points received)

SILVER AWARD

(100 house points received)

GOLD AWARD

(250 house points received)

Alix

PLATINUM AWARD

(500 house points received)

DOUBLE PLATINUM AWARD

(1000 house points achieved)

DIAMOND

(1500 house points achieved)

HOUSE POINT WEEKLY WINNERS

BEECH

330

MAPLE

249

OAK

515

WILLOW

518



WILLOW HOUSE

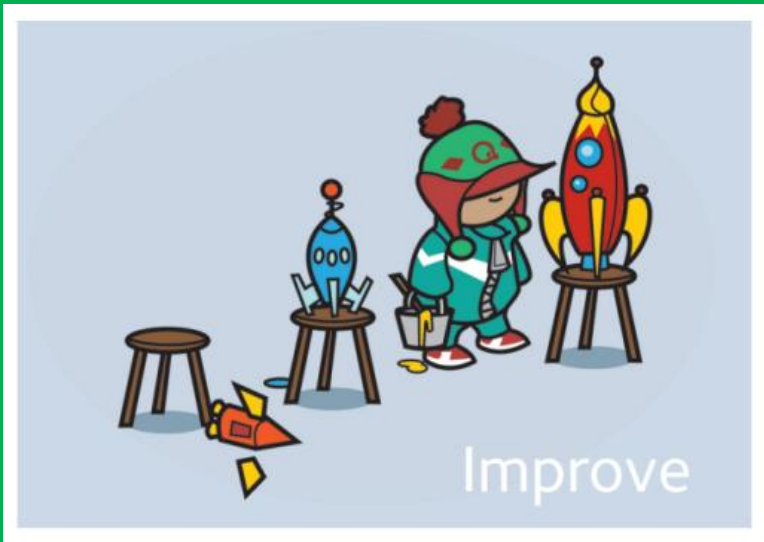
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Summer
Zac

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Our focus learning behaviour for next week will be...

- ✓ Take small steps
- ✓ Make things a little better every time
 - ✓ Do your best
 - ✓ Don't rush
- ✓ Learn from experience



Improve

Successful people always try to make things a **little better every time.**

They **imagine** possibilities.

They make lots of **small improvements rather than big changes.**

Successful people always **try their best.** They are **not satisfied with ok.**

Successful people don't rush-they **concentrate on quality.**

They are **always trying to improve.**

Our focus value and key skills for next week will be...

Key Skills

Responsibility

- ✓ We take ownership of our behaviours.
- ✓ We learn how to make our own choices in life.
- ✓ We are in charge of how we think, feel and behave.

Values

Learner



- ✓ You never stop learning. Everyone can learn something new everyday.
- ✓ You are motivated and want to do your best.
- ✓ You are always looking for ways to improve your knowledge and skills.