



NEWSLETTER



"Nurturing every little acorn to become a mighty oak!"



Mrs Burrell's Bulletin

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You will have seen our school vision many times, but this week I wanted to take a moment to come back to what it really means to us. **'Nurturing every little acorn to become a mighty oak'** sits at the heart of White Court and is about so much more than academic success. We want every child to leave us with strong foundations, ready to thrive and excited for whatever comes next. At the heart of this are our four values: Compassion, Courage, Resilience and Responsibility. Together, they help us nurture both the hearts and minds of our children and although they are four big words, we see them demonstrated in lots of little ways every single day. Compassion is understanding how others feel, choosing kindness, celebrating our differences and caring for ourselves and each other. Courage is challenging ourselves, taking a risk, making mistakes and standing up for what is right. Resilience is persevering when things are tricky, asking questions and staying curious. And responsibility is making good choices and understanding that our actions have an impact on ourselves, our school, our community and the world around us. None of our little acorns will grow in exactly the same way or at exactly the same pace. Our job is to give each one the encouragement, opportunities, challenge and support they need to grow strong roots, stretch themselves and discover just what they are capable of. Perhaps this weekend you could ask your child which of our four values they think they have demonstrated this week, I suspect they'll have some lovely examples to share! Have a wonderful weekend!

Parent tours...

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Uniform reminder

Please choose shoes rather than boots
Tracksuit bottoms or shorts rather than leggings/cycling shorts
Please keep branded logos small and discreet

[CLICK HERE FOR ALTERNATIVE APPROVED SHORTS FOR YEAR 5/6 ONLY](#)

Is your child starting school in September 2027?

Choosing the right school for your child is such an important decision, and there's no better way to get a feel for our school than by coming to see us in person. Join us for a school tour, where you'll have the chance to look around, meet our friendly team and see what makes our school such a happy and special place for our children to learn and grow. We have a range of tour dates available, so you can choose a time that suits you and your family.

We can't wait to meet you and show you around!

[CLICK HERE](#) to book your tour!



Mighty Oak Awards

Here are the winners of our White Court 'Mighty Oak' awards...

Tigers Nova B	Kangaroos Arthur N	Ducks Alia
Puffins George H	Manatees Sidney B	Turtles Oliver A
Otters Sadie C	Koalas Sienna B	
Toucans Olly H	Chameleons	Octopus Joshua S
Sloths Emmi U	Flamingos Ollie W	Pandas Anna L
Chimps Poppy J	Bears Eleanor G	Lobster Freddie S
Racoons Sumaya S	Eagles Emilie A	Ocelots Sofia H

WELL DONE TO THIS WEEK'S CUP WINNERS.....

HOUSE CUP

HOROWITZ



READING CUP

ROWLING



OPAL Mighty Oak Awards

This week's OPAL awards go to Monty B, Elijah C and Milana R. Keep up the good work!



What's coming up...?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

OCTOBER

6th - ACL Course - Managing big emotions 1.
w/c 12th - Aspiration Week
13th - ACL Course - Managing big emotions 2.
13th - Parents Evening 4:30-7:30 p.m.
15th - Parents Evening 4:00-6:30 p.m.
20th - ACL Course - Setting Boundaries.
20th - Little Acorns Parent Event 2:00pm
21st - Foundation Stage Stay & Play 9:15-10:15 a.m.
23rd - Little Acorns Parent Event 2:00 p.m.
23rd - TOPS Time Celebration.

NOVEMBER

2nd - INSET Day
9th - Pedestrian road safety training - Year 5/FS
10th - WW2 Day Year 6
13th - Flu Vaccination (All day)
16th - Odd Sock Day (Anti-Bullying Week)
16th - Viking Day Year 5
17th - Year 3 Stone Age Day
19th - Florence Nightingale day Year 2
23rd - Year 6 Parent Event
24th - ACL - Positive Parenting - 1pm
26th - Year 4 Greek Day

Community Page ([Click here](#))

Please visit our community page.

Here you will find fliers for events and clubs in the local area, currently including:

- **NEW** - FPG October Football Camp [click here](#)
- **NEW** - Bikeability Courses in October Half Term [click here](#).
- **NEW** - FITC October Football camp [click here](#)
- **NEW** Coding Club at Braintree Library [Click here](#)
- Futsal sessions for girls in Year 5/6. [Click here](#)
- Report dangerous parking [here](#)
- Snackanory Toddler Group [click here](#)
- Free **Cooking** Classes! [click here](#)
- [Click here](#) for a fabulous **SEND** resource to support parents and carers
- Information regarding e-scooters
- Glurbs app to learn languages at home!
- ...and much, much more!



FRENCH WEEK

A resounding success!

Over the course of the week, the whole school celebrated Languages and cultural diversity in multiple ways during their lessons. On Monday, children were first explained about this year's theme of the European days of Languages and how everything in our world is connected. Seeing children embrace new words, creating art and increasing their knowledge of geography and history whilst also enjoying the different activities which were offered to them has been really rewarding. Throughout the week, our classrooms were buzzing with positive energy as children participated in a range of activities. From exploring stories in French, listening to traditional music, learning songs or taking part in quizzes and games, children and their teachers challenged themselves and discovered new facts from different countries. Their enthusiasm was truly contagious!

Thank you to all you who took part this year and to all families who supported our special event!



Thank you to
Mme Mitchell,
Mrs Evans
and
Miss Wallis.



Thank you for your recent contributions:



Year 6 Parents – It's Time to Apply for Secondary School!

If your child is currently in Year 6, it's time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2027.

Applications are now open and must be submitted by **31 October 2026**.

You can apply online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions, where you'll also find lots of helpful information about secondary schools, the application process and admission arrangements.

Please don't forget to apply by 31 October!

We know choosing a secondary school is an exciting and important step, so we encourage families to take a look at the information available and submit their application in plenty of time.

Thank you for your recent contributions:



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The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows

The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows for parents/carers are just a few weeks away. Please see below where they are taking place this term. The roadshows are all drop-in events and children do not need to have any sort of diagnosis for parents/carers to attend. You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.

	Autumn term 2026	
Mid	Monday 12 October 2026 – 9.30-12.30pm	Wickham Bishops Village Hall, Church Road, Wickham Bishops , CM8 3JZ
North East	Thursday 15 October 2026 – 9.30-12.30pm	Frinton On Sea Lawn Tennis Club, 36 Holland Road, Frinton-On-Sea , CO13 9ES
South	Wednesday 21 October 2026 – 9.30-12.30pm	Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, South Benfleet , SS7 5HA
West	Wednesday 4 November – 9.30-12.30pm	Epping Hall, 2 St Johns Road, Epping , CM16 5DN
Weekend roadshow	Sunday 15 November – 9.30-12pm	Pop Essex, 5-7 Bocking End, Braintree , CM7 9AE

Find out about
help available
for children and
young people
(aged 0-25).
This is called
the Local Offer.



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