



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025



## Message from Mrs Branton

### Holly Class Assembly

Thank you to all the Holly Class parents who came to the assembly this morning. The children really enjoyed sharing what they've been learning about *people who help us* and *the lifecycle of a butterfly*—they were so proud to perform in front of you!



### Baytree Centre Pop-Up Gallery

One of our midday staff, Mrs Saleel, has produced some amazing artwork, which is currently on display at a pop-up gallery in the Baytree Centre as part of the Brentwood Art Trail. This is an annual event that showcases the work of over 80 local artists and finishes on 29th June. Do try to pop along if you get a chance.



### Coffee afternoon – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Our final coffee afternoon is being held on Monday, 23rd June, at 2:40 p.m., we will have various representatives from different summer holiday camps to tell you what they have on offer over the holidays. Our school choir will also perform for parents. I look forward to seeing you all then.

### Gardening

A big thank you to Mr Letch who very kindly cut back all the nettles by the back gate and cut the grass in the Eco area – we really appreciate all your help.



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## PTFA Summer Disco

A HUGE thank you to the PTFA for organising the discos yesterday, the children all had a fantastic time. Thank you to our parent helpers, Ali Entertainment and staff that helped too.





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## Sports Day – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

All children should come into school wearing their PE kit and bring a water bottle and sun hat. Parents/carers can arrive at the main playground gates from 11:50 a.m., ready to find a spot on the field for lunch. At 12:00 p.m., you will then be able to collect your child/children from their classrooms to join you for lunch on the field (entrance will be via the main playground gates only; the bottom gate at Fawtens Close will not be opened). Children ordering a school lunch will have it ready to bring out onto the field with them.

Children will then return to their classrooms for the register at 1:00 p.m. and will be back on the field at 1:15 p.m., ready for the races to begin at 1:30 p.m. Once all races have been completed, children will return to their classrooms ready to be collected. There will be a member of staff on the main playground gates for parents arriving a little later or for those needing to leave early.

Any parents unable to attend but wishing their child to join another family for lunch must contact the school office first by email. Your child will remain the responsibility of that family during lunch. If you are unable to attend Sports Day, you will be able to collect your child from their classroom at the normal end-of-day pick-up times. The after-school club will run as normal until 5:30 p.m.

## Sports News

What a glorious Tuesday at Quad kids. In the morning some of our KS1 children attended the event where they participated in a sprint, 300m run, standing long jump and throwing activity using the howler. In the afternoon, it was the turn of our KS2 children who completed the same activities but had longer sprints and distance runs. All the children represented the school brilliantly, we are so proud of their determination and performances.



Have a lovely weekend.  
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## Parent Coffee Afternoon!



**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2:40pm-03:10pm**

**To be held in the school hall**

You are warmly invited to join us in the hall from 2:40pm onwards for free tea/ coffee and biscuits.

It is a chance to have a catch-up with fellow parents from across the school. There will be a play area for your younger children whilst you have a cup of tea and a chat!

There will be visitors to talk about various summer holiday activity camps that are running in Essex and Mrs Youngblood will share any summer activities that she is aware of.

We'll also be treated to a performance from the Key Stage 2 choir ahead of their performance at the Brentwood Vocal Festival

Feel free to join us and leave at any time between 02:40pm and 03:10pm.

The PTFA will have second-hand school uniform on sale.

Every adult who joins us will enter a raffle to win a prize!





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## Help Needed for Summer Fayre!

### Volunteer!

As the BIGGEST event of the year, we need volunteers to make sure the summer fayre is a massive fundraising success.

Please consider sparing a bit of your time helping on a stall.



We are a committee of 6 and we just can't stretch that far!

To make it work we need around 40 volunteers!

We are a PTFA and so rope in your bestie, partner, siblings, parents... neighbours!  
Everyone welcome.

Sign up here or via the QR: <https://volunteersignup.org/84CCE>

### Gifts

Any new gifts or nearly new toys would be great for our tombola stall.

### Raffle Prizes

Do you run a local business that could provide a raffle prize? All businesses get promotion on our socials and school PTFA page.

### Donate!



### Wine

Any unopened wine which just isn't to your taste would be gratefully received for our Water or Wine game.

### Soft Toys

We would love any soft toys in good to excellent condition for our popular Teddy Tombola.



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## Soccer Aid 2025

*In 25 degree sunny weather the Year 5 and 6 against teachers Soccer Aid football match was getting under way. The classes were out under the gazebos enjoying their nice cold drinks of water whilst the teachers football team came running out 1 minute from kick off after all preparations were set. This was a highly anticipated match that the everyone had been talking about for weeks!*

*At 2 o'clock the stage was set and the referee blew his whistle, it had begun.*

*The Year 6 team were on first and they were confidently knocking the ball about but the teachers stood firm. A few hard tackles here and there and some solid saves from both keepers, Miss Cardwell, the teachers first half goalkeeper, caught a ball and was so delighted with herself that she did a little dance. The game became a little stretched and as this happened the children took a counter attack. With the teachers all running backwards the ball began to ping pong in the teachers penalty area with Miss Valks falling and hitting the ball onto Mr Shrimplin's leg which turned into the net! How embarrassing! 1-0 to the children, the whole school went wild!*

*A few more minutes passed and it was important that the teachers stood firm. They won a free kick just outside of the area...Mr Shrimplin hit it around the wall, only for it to be well saved. The children were playing very well. Half time came at the right time for the teachers.*

*A few substitutions were made and it was Miss Cardwell on pitch whilst the school caretaker (Mr Fenton) replaced the goalkeeper. Miss Valks had to come off. The second half began as Mrs Rich took the restart. The teachers had regained some energy and, now playing slightly downhill, they took full advantage. Mr Shrimplin cut inside and shot into the far corner of the goal, at least he scored in the right end this time! 1-1 and suddenly it became very tense. As the game went on more subs were made and the heat began to show. The teachers became slower and the children were getting closer and closer to scoring the winner. Mr Fenton had an outstanding last 10 minutes, diving, stretching and even falling to stop shot after shot. The final whistle blew and the Year 5 and 6 team couldn't believe they hadn't scored again.*

*Penalties! Not again! 3 from each team.*

*Miss Valks, Mr Shrimplin and Miss Cardwell.*

*Benji, Cherish and Owen.*



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*Miss Valks-Saved!*

*Benji-Over the bar.*

*Mr Shrimplin-blazed over the bar and into a neighbours garden (Sorry!)*

*Cherish-Over the bar.*

*Miss Cardwell-Saved.*

*Owen- Goal-bottom left corner.*

*The whole Year 5 and 6 team run over to celebrate! They had done it and fully deserved it, they had beaten the teachers on penalties and won Soccer Aid 2025! Congratulations to them and their superstar coach Mrs Chandler and a huge thank you to everyone who made it a great afternoon!*





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*This week's Headteacher superstars is:*

*Danel*



*Well done*

## Word of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Elm – provoke  
Beech – consume

### Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - spectacular  
Chestnut - concession  
Pine – implore  
Oak – loneliness

## Core value pupil



Well done to the core value pupil from Pine class who received this week's award for honesty in the celebration assembly.



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## Diary Dates

	SUMMER TERM 2025
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Parent Coffee Afternoon 2:40pm. Beating summer brain drain/ summer holiday activities. Choir performance.
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Last Year 6 Writing booster
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Transition Week for Year 6 pupils at their new secondary schools. Refer to communication from your secondary school.
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Whitebeam Class Assembly 09:05am
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	SATS Writing and Science Teacher Assessment submission
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	RockSteady Concert 2:20pm start
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Choir participation in the Brentwood Vocal Festival. Evening performance at The Brentwood Centre 8:30pm-08:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Whole school summer safety assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
<b>4<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	<b>MAD Education - Military Action Day for Oak Class</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	PTFA Summer Fayre
7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Last week of clubs
7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	EYFS & KS1 Dance club performance to parents 4:00pm
7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Chestnut Class – ‘Layer Marney Tower’ trip
8 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Beech and Elm Class – ‘Call of the Wild’ trip
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 5 & 6 Show 2pm and 6pm
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Sports Day
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Meet the teacher morning
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Open Afternoon
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 6 Leavers assembly 9:15am
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Last day of the school year

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