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**20th December 2024**

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# Principal's Message

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Sarah Evans for her 16 years of dedicated service to our school. As a teacher, subject leader, and vice principal, she has been an inspiring leader, mentor, and role model to students and staff alike. Her commitment and passion have left an indelible mark on our school community. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her every success in her future endeavors. Staff and children said their thank-yous and goodbyes in our Celebration Assembly today. Thank you, Mrs. Evans!



Mrs Karen Jordan is stepping down from her role as a school governor this term - she has been governor for 8 years at our school. On behalf of the school community - thank you for all the time you have given to this role.

A huge thank you to our kitchen team for the super Christmas lunch on Wednesday. When you include staff it was close to 300 roast dinners! Imagine that on Christmas Day! Thanks to staff and governors who helped on the day too as the children enjoyed their lunch together in the hall.



Well done to all the children who participated in the Christmas Concerts this week for EYFS/KS1 and for KS2. They were fabulous. It was great to see so many families supporting the events - standing room only. We may need a 3rd show or tickets only next year. Thanks to Mrs Shakallis and the staff for preparing the children so very well.

As the holiday season approaches, we wish you a very Merry Christmas filled with joy, peace, and cherished moments with loved ones. May this festive season bring warmth to your hearts and a chance to relax and recharge. Thank you for your support throughout the year. It was brilliant to see so many of you attend our numerous Christmas events in the last two weeks. Stay safe and enjoy a well-deserved break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year for another exciting chapter at school.

Take care,  
Mr Burden.



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# Headteacher Award

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# Curriculum

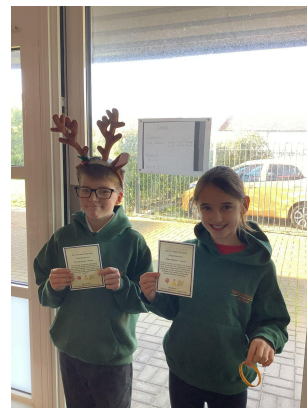
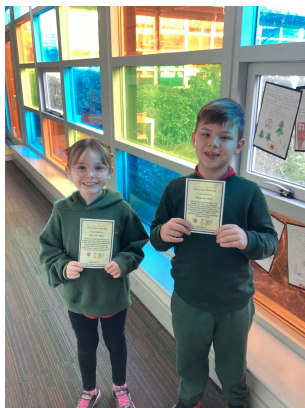
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After the attendance update letter and information we sent last week, look out for a curriculum update when we return to school in January.

Congratulations to our Gold Award winners for this half term:

Mercury - Georgie R and Ivy B  
Pluto - Meher A and Elliot D  
Venus - Laura O and Huxley F  
Saturn - Olly E and Ivy R  
Jupiter - Albert D and Max C  
Neptune - Emelia P and Louie S  
Mars - Sophie G and George C  
Moon - William L and Reya P  
Sun - Willow P and Sebastian R  
Comet - Samuel D and Rose A  
Earth - Liam H and Elise C

They received their wrist bands and certificates in our Gold Assembly yesterday. We are all very proud of them.



Congratulations to a former pupil, Polly Baker (now at Colchester County High School) who had some brilliant writing including a book showcasing excellent 'young writers' Here is an excerpt from her 'My Dark Room' entry in the book:

*'Friendship is the people or animals by your side, listeners and watchers, someone to share your life with, and they share theirs. Friendship is someone knocking on the door of the dark room, opening the blinds and sitting on the floor with you.'*

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## School Games

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Well done to the 16 Y5/6 girls who performed their brilliant cheerleading dance routine during our Gold Award Assembly yesterday. It was fabulous. Their next task is to plan a routine to open up our Sports Day in the summer term.

# Attendance

Class winners for this week:

Week	Class	% Attendance	98% +
Week 14 16/12/24 - 20/12/24 (5 days)	Class Saturn	97.11%	None

Whole school attendance stands at 94.42%

You will have received an attendance update today via email.

Remember, Mr Burden has a drop in session to discuss attendance on Friday 10th January at 09:00.

## Gate closing after school -

members of the after school team are asked to close and lock the gate each day but are finding this difficult as very often parents may still be on the playground either talking to each other or to staff. For better Safeguarding procedures we will close and lock the gate at 15:25. If you are still on site a member of staff will walk you to the office exit. Thanks for your understanding.



**Essex County Council Education**

## GOOD TIMEKEEPING



### What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!



**Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time**

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# FFG Thanks You!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the hampers and purchased raffle tickets, we made an amazing **£877.06!**

All winners have been contacted to collect their prizes.

Our 'Wear something Christmassy' day also raised **£70.47** towards the new outdoor play equipment!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to all the parents that have volunteered at events this term. We hope that next term we can get closer to our fundraising goal for the new outdoor play equipment and will update you with where we are in the new year.

We hope you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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# Kitchen Staff Required

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Our catering company, TCS Limited, is looking for new kitchen staff.

Assistant Cook  
21 hours per week  
Monday to Friday, term time only  
Salary on application

Mobile Catering Assistant  
15 hours per week  
Monday to Friday, term time only  
Various schools in the local area  
Salary on application

Please contact Sharon Tyrell for more information at  
[sharon@tcsinfo.co.uk](mailto:sharon@tcsinfo.co.uk)

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# Important Dates for Spring Term

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Key dates for the whole academic year can be found on the [website](#).  
Please check back regularly, as these dates can be subject to change.

## **Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025**

Non-Pupil Day - 6th January

Pupils return to school - 7th January

FFG Cake Sale (Sun & Mars) - 29th January (15:15)

FFG Valentines Neon Disco - 12th February (15:45-16:45 EYFS & 17:00-18:00 LKS2)

FFG Valentines Neon Disco - 13th February (15:45-16:45 KS1 & 17:00-18:00 UKS2)

HALF TERM - 17th to 21st February

Pupils return to school - 24th February

Moon Class Assembly - 27th February (9:00)

World Book Day dress up - 6th March

Venus Class Assembly - 6th March (9:00)

Book Fair - 19th to 26th March

Saturn Class Assembly - 25th March (9:00)

Parents Evening - 1st April (15:30 - 19:30)

Parents Evening - 2nd April (15:30 - 17:30)

FFG Cake Sale (Moon & Neptune) - 2nd April (15:15)

Finish for Easter Break - 4th April (13:00)

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# Community Notices

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**Please remember to check the 'Community' tab of our website regularly, as we upload community groups and events that we hope you may be interested in.**

[www.theflitchgreenacademy.co.uk](http://www.theflitchgreenacademy.co.uk)

This week you can find information on:

Fritch United Football Club

Fritch Green Community Hall

POP Essex SEND Clubs and Respite

Rock Steady Music Lessons

MRFA Christmas Camps

SCS Christmas Camps

Holiday Activity Vouchers

Home Energy Advice

Ollie Clark Tennis Camps

Salad Days Magazine and Kizaround Magazine