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31st January 2025

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Principal's Message

As we navigate a rather wet and windy spell, a gentle reminder to ensure children come to school with coats to keep them warm and dry. Despite the weather, our school community continues to thrive with wonderful achievements and activities to celebrate.

A big well done to our Y6 pupils who have been incredible mentors to our Y1s during their active maths event last Friday. It's heartening to see our older children stepping up to support their younger peers with such enthusiasm and kindness.

Y6 are also eagerly anticipating their trip to Duxford next week, which will enrich their learning about World War II—a key part of their current topic.

This week also offered a moment for reflection for us all for the Auschwitz Memorial Day, fostering important conversations about history and empathy. Not something we would share with our younger pupils but for older children it is important we do not forget.

Finally, a huge thank you to the Friends of the School (FFG) for organizing two fantastic cake sales this week, raising funds that will directly benefit our pupils.

Wishing you all a restful and (hopefully) drier weekend ahead!

Mr Burden.

Headteacher Award

24th January 2025



31st January 2025



Curriculum

Next week, our Y6 pupils are off to Duxford for an exciting trip to deepen their understanding of World War II, tying into their current history topic. In science, Y6 are learning about light, and their next lesson will explore the light spectrum. Monday's beautiful rainbow will be a perfect discussion point in class!



A special mention to Y6 for running the active maths session at Felsted Primary School this week. Their kindness and care were highlighted in a lovely compliment from the Felsted Headteacher—well done to the Y6 children who represented our school!



In Key Stage 1, the children are thoroughly enjoying their class book, *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. Thank you to our talented staff for the brilliant artwork in Class Venus, which has brought the story to life and sparked so much excitement among the children.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce an upcoming date for a writing workshop. Writing is one of our key school targets, and we'd love to share some of the changes we've introduced this term to help you support your children's progress at home. We are planning a parent workshop after school on Monday 3rd March.

Keep an eye out for details, and thank you for your continued support in our learning journey!

School Games

A huge congratulations to our KS2 pupils for securing 3rd place in the recent local swimming gala! This fantastic achievement is a testament to their hard work, teamwork, and determination.

We also saw some outstanding individual performances, with several excellent swim times and plenty of encouragement shared among teammates. It was wonderful to see such sportsmanship and enthusiasm in the pool.

Well done to all our swimmers—you represented the school brilliantly, and we are so proud of you! Poppy N, Henry B, Rosie O, Willow B, Jacob D, Ollie T, Teddy N, Hunter B and Noah R all received certificates for their efforts. Thank you to the staff who supported the event.



On Friday, our Y6 leaders ran a Y1 active maths event that included a variety of stations using multiple skills from adding to ordering numbers. The year ones had a great time and were thoroughly exhausted by the end. This fun event was to promote active learning and the Y6 leaders did a fantastic job teaching the younger children the rules of the games. Well done Y6 on an extremely successful event!

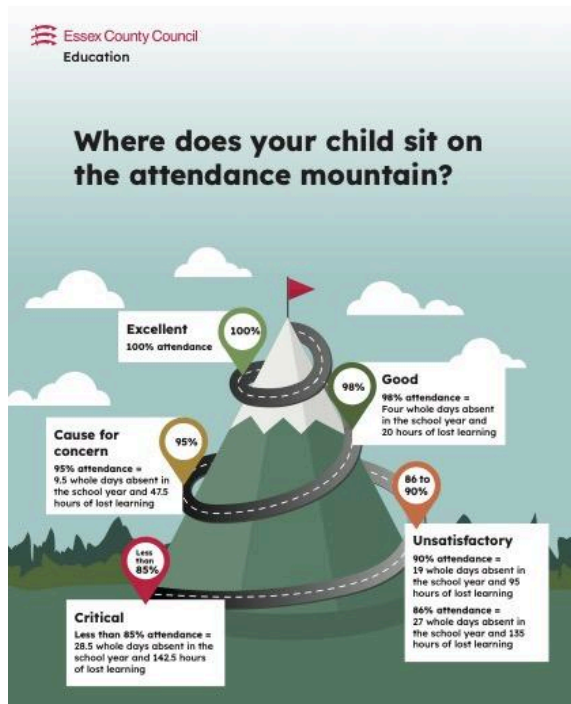
Attendance

Class winners for the last two weeks:

Week	Class	% Attendance	98% +
Week 17 20/1/25 - 24/1/25 (5 days)	Earth	99.20	Earth / Jupiter
Week 18 27/1/25 - 31/1/25 (5 days)	Pluto	100	Pluto / Jupiter

Whole school attendance stands at 94.66%
 For the spring term only it stands at 95.85%

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.



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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

For mental health support for young people visit: www.youngminds.org.uk

Important Dates for Spring Term

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.

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

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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 - Date TBC

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)

Community Notices

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

This week you can find information on:

Fitch United Football Club

Fitch Green Community Hall

POP Essex SEND Clubs and Respite

Rock Steady Music Lessons

Salad Days Magazine and Kizaround Magazine