

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### April

- 4th - PTSA Easter Event
- 4th - Rock concert at 9:30
- 7th - 21st - Half Term

### May

- 5th - May Day Fair
- 22nd - Open Door at 2:45
- 23rd - Celebration Assembly at 9:05

### June

- 2nd/3rd - Y6 Bikeability
- 10th - Y3 Botanicals Trip
- 11th - KS2 House Athletics Finals
- 24th - Y4 Colchester Zoo

### July

- 3rd Sports Day - AM KS1/PM KS2
- 9th - Summer Music Concert 5pm
- 14th - School reports
- 22nd - Y6 Leavers Assembly at 9am
- 22nd - Y6 Leavers Tea at 10am
- 22nd - PTSA Big Bounce 3:30-5pm

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - Choir

Tue - STEM

Wed - SCS Gymnastic

Thu - SCS Football

Fri - KS2 Taekwondo

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to share with you the recent developments and achievements at our school. On Monday, we welcomed our School Improvement Advisor for our termly visit, which provided an excellent opportunity to showcase the dedicated efforts of our staff in continuously enhancing educational standards across the school. The visit generated several positive observations, including:

- Strong progress against our school improvement plan priorities
- Setting of high expectations for pupils' work quality and content. It was noted that pupils are responding well to these expectations, as evidenced in their books.
- Our collaboration with parents of pupils with SEND and external agencies was commended, as were our effective actions to improve attendance and reduce persistent absence.
- Positive behaviour in lessons was observed which contributed to effective learning.

I trust that those who attended parents' evenings this week had the opportunity to witness the growing standards in your children's books and hear them articulate their learning journey. These evenings serve as an excellent platform for pupils to showcase their proudest achievements, reflecting their expanding curiosity and love for learning through our broad and challenging curriculum. For those who were unable to attend, your class teacher will be in touch to arrange a more suitable time to discuss your child's progress this year.

I am delighted to announce that our window replacement project has finally received approval from Braintree Council. Work is scheduled to commence during the Easter holidays and will be completed in three stages to minimise disruption to learning. We anticipate the project will be finished within a few weeks of the summer term's start, just in time for the warmer weather when open windows are most needed!

### **Safeguarding:**

I would like to address the matter of pupils walking to and from school. While there is no legal age requirement for independent travel, as a school, we suggest that children below Year 5 should not travel alone. If you wish for your child to walk independently, please inform the office in writing. For those considering this option, it is crucial to establish safety rules with your child, including memorising important contact information, understanding road safety, and knowing how to respond in potentially unsafe situations. The NSPCC has some useful information on their website for this area in particular: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/at-school/>

I hope you have a very good weekend,

Mrs Cagney  
Headteacher



## STAR OF THE WEEK

**EYFS - Arthur**

**Year 1 - Jacob M**

**Year 2 - Sienna**

**Year 3 - Lily M**

**Year 4 - Albie**

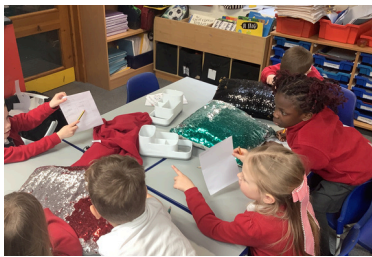
**Year 5 - Isobel**

**Year 6 - Oliver P**

## CLASSROOM NEWS...

### YEAR EYFS

This week in EYFS, we have been busy exploring our new story, *Whatever Next* by Jill Murphy. We worked together with Miss Freeman to arrange the pictures from the story on a story map and then completed this activity independently in our books. We were very confident doing this! During our busy time, we have been writing space-related words in spacesuits, retelling the story using props and drawing rockets using 2D shapes. We are excited to learn more about space next week and to explore our topic question, 'What is beyond the sky?'



### AR READERS

**Year 2 - Demi, Jodie, Kaiden, Sienna, Poppy**

**Year 3 - Alfie**

**Year 4 - Fortune, Albert**

**Year 5 - Thea**

### ATTENDANCE

91% - Year EYFS

93% - Year 1

95% - Year 2

94% - Year 3

94% - Year 4

94% - Year 5

93% - Year 6

**Attendance target**

**95%**

### YEAR 1

This week we have all been super scientists. To start the week, we investigated whether having bigger feet made you taller. On Wednesday we learnt about our 5 senses and carried out lots of different activities to test these. We got to taste apples, smelt flowers, listened to different musical instruments, touched soft pillows and looked at items from the curiosity corner. In PE we have continued playing lots of different invasion games and have been very engaged with these. In our writing we have started looking at how we can use 'and' to join sentences together and have even challenged ourselves further by learning about an exclamation marks!

### YEAR 2

This week in history we looked at Samuel Pepys and his diary. Did you know he wrote his diary in code so no one could read it, not even his wife? Also, he buried his cheese and wine in the garden, so it didn't get stolen when they left their house for safety. In English this week we boxed up our model text understanding its purpose and finding key words to magpie for our own writing. In maths we have been looking at telling the time. We have found it a little bit tricky, especially remembering quarter past and quarter to, not 15 past and 45 to! We need to keep practicing to get even better. In Art we had to do some observational drawings from where we were sat. This meant some of us were drawing half of objects and some of us drew all of it. Next week we are excited for maths and P.E. **Written by class learning ambassadors: Lily L and Jodie**