

OUR VISION

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We are an inclusive, aspirational school that builds a kind and resilient community.



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Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have enjoyed a range of activities, including Times Tables Rock Stars and Numberblocks Day – a rich and engaging way to make maths fun. The costumes were tremendous, and we really appreciate your support in helping bring these days to life.

Some of our Key Stage 2 pupils were excellent representatives of the school at the Remembrance Service and parade in Halstead. In school, all children showed great respect during our Remembrance activities. For World Kindness Day, the children also took part in a virtual assembly with other schools, reinforcing one of our key school values.

This evening we have our ever-popular discos. It's always so lovely to see the children getting together, enjoying themselves, and showing off their dance moves in their disco outfits! Year 5 have also taken part in a STEM day, and during our recent Open Days our Year 6 pupils were once again complimented on how confidently and positively they spoke about the school and all the special things going on here - their pride really shone through.

A reminder that next Friday is a non-uniform day in return for a bottle donation for the Christmas bazaar - please support if you can. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my staff team and the PTFA, who continually go above and beyond for our school community.

Have a wonderful weekend, despite the grim weather predicted for us all.

Warm regards,

S. Rowe



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TTRS and Number Block Day

Everyone had lots of fun last Friday dressing up as a rockstar or numberblock while taking part in inter-class competitions to help the recall of times tables facts and number bonds. Certificates were awarded to classes and individuals who showed the speediest recall - well done to all the winners! Thank you to Mrs Raven for organising the whole event.



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Notley Golf Club Activity Day



WORSHIP THEME
Remembrance
John 15:13

“Greater love has no man than this; that he lay down his life for his friends.”

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Words for a Greener World Schools Short Story Competition

Essex Book Festival has teamed up with Essex Year of Opportunity to bring you the Words for a Greener World Short Story Competition – open to all schools in Essex.

It's simple. All your students need to do is write a story of **up to 500 words** based around the theme of **Climate Change** by **Friday 12 December**.

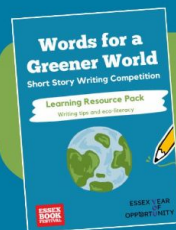


Who can enter

Open to 7 - 16 year olds studying in Essex.
Age categories: 7 - 11 years and 12 - 16 years



Entries must be submitted via the school. Homeschoolers can enter too. Each participating school to select a max of two entries per class, which will then be put forward for the countywide longlist.



Each participating school will be provided with a **FREE** digital resource pack providing tips and techniques to help inspire and teach children how to write a great story, with a special focus on eco-literacy.

Prizes

For each age category (7-11 years and 12-16 years):

1st place

Bundle of 'Greener World' books for the school, provided by independent bookshop, Red Lion Books

£25 Red Lion Books gift voucher

Winning story to be published on Essex Book Festival website

Runners up x 3

£10 Red Lion Books gift voucher

Runners up stories to be published on Essex Book Festival website



Timings

The Words for a Greener World schools short story competition is open from 26th September and will **close on 12th December 2025**.

All longlisted entries will be invited to attend an **Awards Ceremony on 28 February 2026** when all winners and runners up will be announced.

How to enter

Stories can be submitted via our [online entry form](#).

For full details including terms and conditions, resource pack and online entry form, visit essexbookfestival.org.uk/words-for-a-greener-world/

Or scan this QR code



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VISIT OUR WARM AND WELCOMING SCHOOL

- SCHOOL TOUR**
Tour with School Council representatives.
- MEET THE TEAM**
Meet members of EYFS setting.
- HEADTEACHER INTRODUCTION**
Find out about the school's offer and future plans.

FIND OUT WHAT LEARNING IS ALL ABOUT DURING OUR SCHOOL OPEN DAYS!

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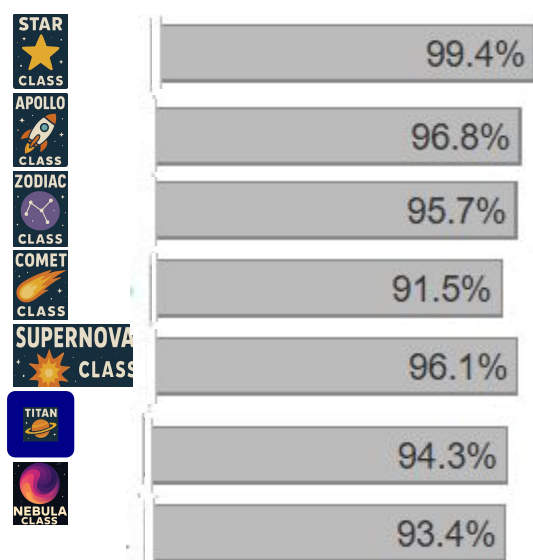


Thursday 6th November
Wednesday 12th November
Tuesday 18th November

CALENDAR DATES - <https://ch/calendar> & APP

- 14.11.2025 PTFA Disco
- 18.11.2025 Open Day 9.30am and 1.30pm (Book via office)
- 21.11.2025 Non-Uniform Day with bottle donations for PTFA Christmas tombola
- 27.11.2015 7pm service at St Andrew's Church to welcome Rev' Sue - all welcome
- 28.11.2025 Christmas Bazaar
- 09.12.2025 Key Stage 1 Nativity at the Empire 10.00am and 1.30pm
- 10.12.2025 School Christmas Dinner
- 11.12.2025 Christmas Film at the Empire
- 16.12.2025 Key Stage 2 Christmas Service 9.30am
- 19.12.2025 Last day of term
- 22.12.2025 Christmas holidays start
- 05.01.2026 Spring term starts

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Data does not include pupils on part-time timetables.

Essex national average for attendance is 95.3% and schools are expected to be at or above this figure. Well done to **Star, Apollo, Zodiac and Supernova Class** who have data above this threshold. In every class a child will be given a certificate for high attendance rates and for improving attendance. Please support us in improving Holy Trinity attendance rates where possible.

All term dates, and INSET days for 2026 / 27 can be found on the Piota app.

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Year 3 lit up the Empire Theatre as they joined the dementia choir for a joyful session of singing and dancing to Dancing Queen, Top of the World, and a lively version of Let's Go Fly a Kite.



Kindness Cup and Manners Medal Winners



Easy Fundraising



Please support the school by getting this app:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=400365&invite=1zh9rm&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=share-tray
It's free and easy to use - effortlessly raises money for the school!

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