

OUR VISION

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WORLD CLASS ACCREDITED SCHOOL

Tuesday 11th March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

We were delighted to receive our World Class Schools accreditation this week, along with a very impressive trophy. This recognition reflects the outstanding efforts of our wonderful pupils, who demonstrated over several weeks how well they embody our positive learning and character attributes through a series of online tasks during their computing sessions. We are one of only 143 schools nationwide to receive this accolade, and we are incredibly proud of this achievement. You can read an article in the halstead Gazette here: [Holy Trinity Halstead Primary School gets World Class status | Halstead Gazette](#)

In connection with this work on character and citizenship, our pupils continue to show great empathy and social awareness. Year 6 have been exploring the issue of homelessness and have written persuasive letters to local MPs to share their thoughts and ideas. Meanwhile, Year 3 have been continuing their thoughtful support of elderly residents at Colne Valley Care Home, strengthening our links with the local community.

Recently, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in the well-known Young Voices singing event at the O2 Arena. Feedback from staff and parents was extremely positive, with many commenting that the awe and wonder of performing at such a large venue and visiting some of London's iconic sights was just as magical as ever. It was certainly worth the late return to school!

Our World Book Day celebrations were a great success. Activities included the sponsored run, author talks, music and dance workshops, a book swap between classes and reading time with me in our outdoor classroom. A big thank you to Mrs Thomson for organising such a fantastic day, and to everyone who supported the fundraising and joined in with the dressing up. Visitors commented on the wonderfully upbeat atmosphere throughout the school, and it was lovely to see staff joining in with costumes too - from scarecrows and Little Red Riding Hood to Willy Wonka!

As part of our ongoing work to enhance playtimes for our children, we are currently looking for donations of dressing-up costumes and Duplo. The PTFA are also hoping to raise funds for an additional shelter and further resources to support playtime and forest school activities. Any support you can offer will help make this project as successful as possible.

Finally, we are still looking for volunteers to come into school to support reading. Even if you are able to help for just one session a week, it would make a real difference. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
Warm wishes,

S. Rowe



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!

WORSHIP THEME GRATITUDE

"This is the day the LORD has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118:24

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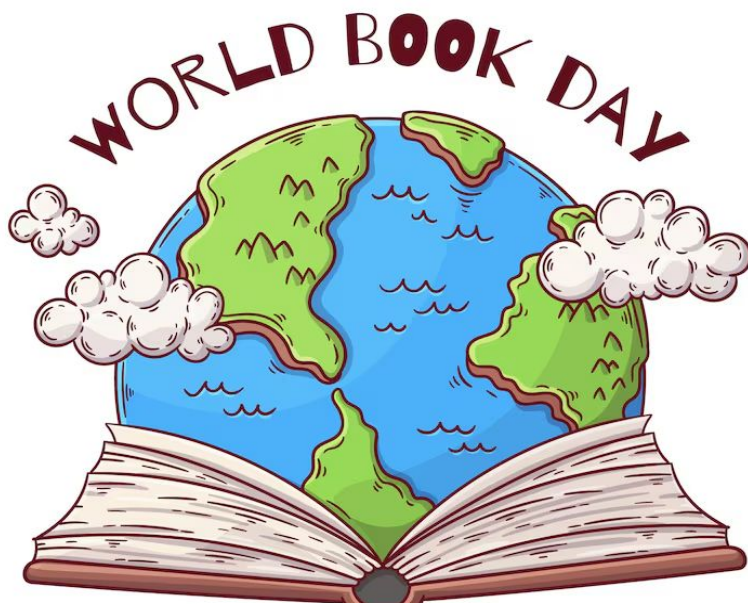
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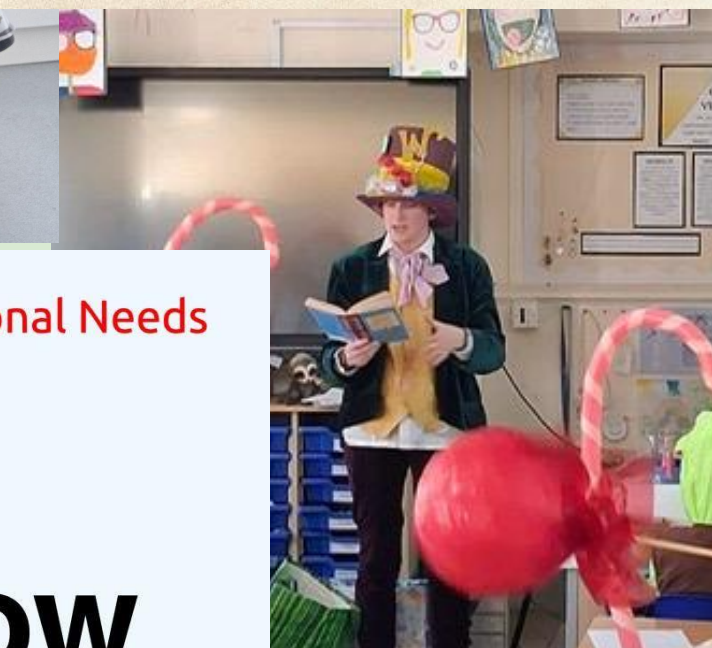
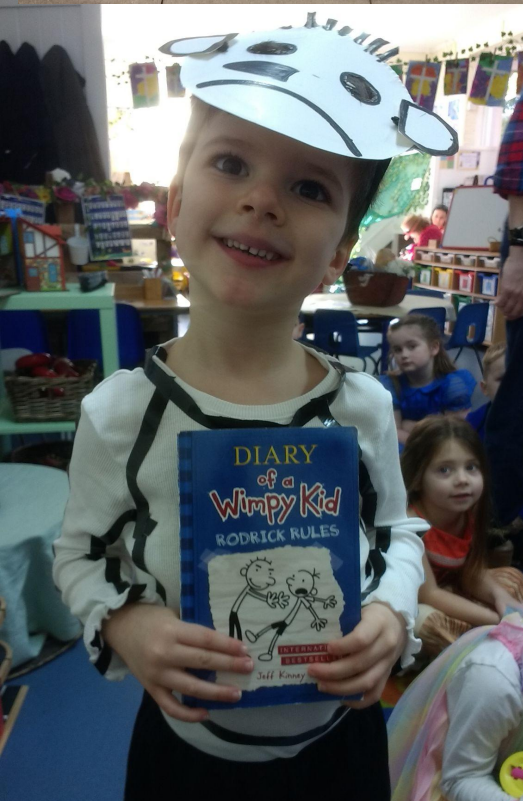
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2026



EASTER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

BE IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY FROM 23RD FEBRUARY TO 27TH MARCH TO BE ENTERED INTO THE PRIZE DRAW

- 1st Prize: £20 bowling voucher
- 2nd Prize: £5 shopping voucher
- 3rd Prize: Early lunch pass for a week for you and a friend

Children with reported timetables are included fairly



Essex County Council

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Send Roadshow

Pop Essex
Sunday 22 March 2026
9.30am to 12.00pm

Exhibitors:

- POP Essex
- Inclusive Communication Essex (ICE)
- SNAP Charity
- the Targeted Employment team
- Essex Virtual School
- SENDIASS
- the SEND Operations team
- the SEND Inclusion and Psychology team
- Families in Focus
- Talk, Listen, Cuddle (TLC)
- the SEND Careers Advice Service
- Essex Family Forum

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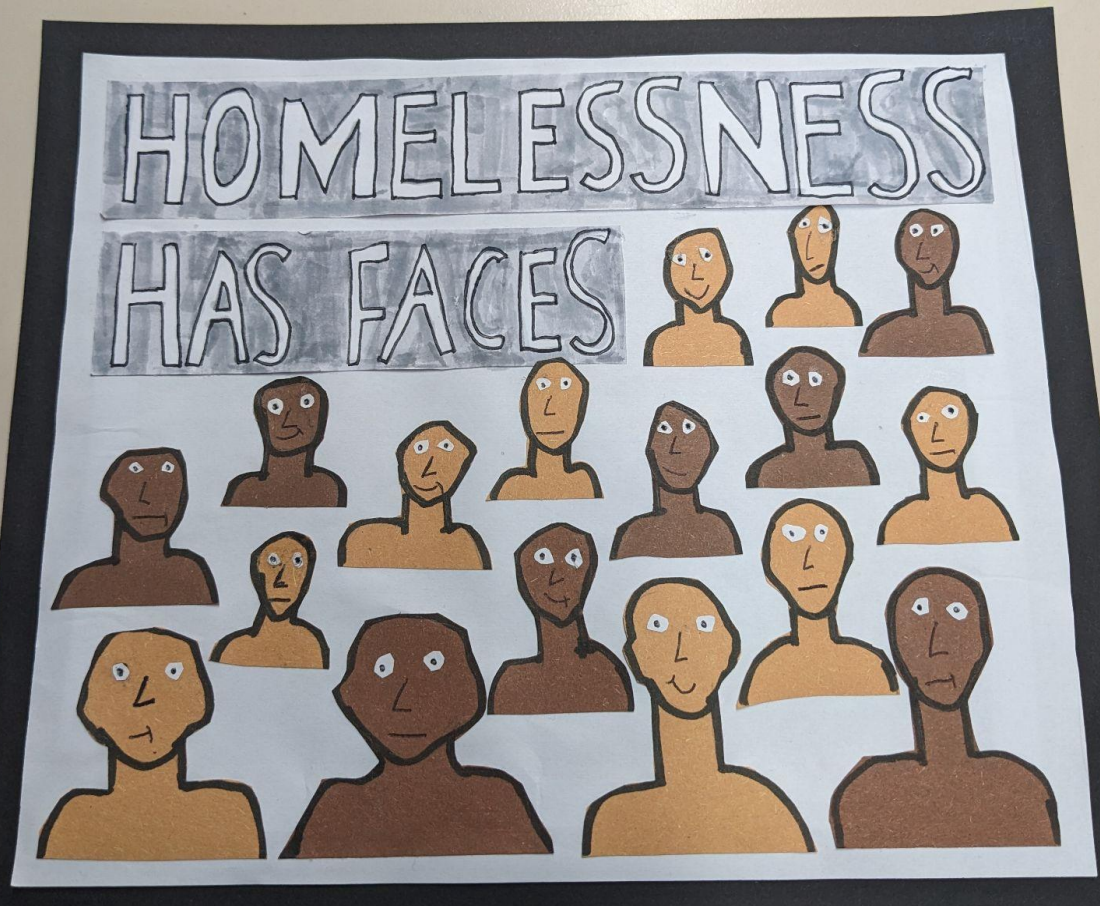
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Year 6 worked on a mini project to support World Social Justice Day. This is an international day where the United Nations highlight the importance of fairness, equality and solidarity in building peaceful and inclusive societies. In Year 6 we asked our local council what the issues are locally to do with inclusivity and fairness and we were told that Homelessness is one of the biggest issues. From here, we contacted a local Homeless charity - Beacon House, in Colchester. A volunteer from the charity came and spoke to us about what homelessness is and how we can help. We decided to take action and held a bake sale to raise money for the charity - we managed to raise £100 (thank you for all your support!) We also spent our English lesson writing to our local MP, highlighting the issues and the actions we would like him to take - we are awaiting a response. To conclude our project we looked at the message we wanted to communicate to everyone and created some art to convey the significance of supporting homelessness and the people it affects.



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Monday 23rd February 2026

Dear Sir James Clevery

My name is Charlie and I am a resident of Halstead, Essex. I am writing to you today because I am concerned about homelessness. This is something that is particularly important to me as we recently met with Vicky from Beacon House (a Christian homeless charity) who spoke with us about the huge amount of homeless rates in the UK and the critical need to take action on this.

I am asking you to take the following steps to address my concerns:

- lower house prices / rent
- Support in the Community
- purpose built homes
- More shelters
- Initial funding to help give the Homeless a kickstart to gaining their own home

So in your response I would like you to outline the ways you intend to address this on my behalf. If you're unable to address this personally, I would like to request that you escalate my letter to the relevant OT department.

Please do keep me informed of any progress made. I look forward to hearing from you.
Yours faithfully,

Kindness Cup and Manners Medal Winners



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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

- 16.03.2026 Parents' Evening
- 17.03.2026 9.30am KS2 Easter service at St Andrew's Church
2.30pm KS1 Easter service in school
- 19.03.2026 Parents' Evening
- 23.03.2026 Year 3 World Water Day
- 30.03.2026 Easter holidays start
- 13.04.2026 Summer term starts
- 22.04.2026 KS1 Earth Day
- 01.05.2026 Non-Pupil Day
- 07.05.2026 School Closed Polling Day
- 11.05.2026 Year 6 SATs test week
- 25.05.2026 Half Term holidays start (1 week)

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

HOLY TRINITY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Charity: 1027292 <https://ch/pfta>

working together for our children

Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!

STAR CLASS	CL	93.6%
TITAN CLASS	DR	95.8%
APOLLO CLASS	JT	94.3%
ZODIAC CLASS	MR	94.3%
SUPERNOVA CLASS	NN	91.7%
COMET CLASS	SD	94.1%
NEBULA CLASS	ST	94.3%

Essex national average for attendance is 95.3% and schools are expected to be at or above this figure. Well done to **Nebula Class** who have data above this threshold this term.

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.

Data does not include pupils on part-time timetables or children under 5.

We've had another fantastic few weeks! Our new tuck shop has been a huge hit, our ever-popular disco was a great way to celebrate the end of term, and it was wonderful to welcome West End in Schools for World Book Day.

Our fundraising efforts are always ongoing, and we're constantly looking for new ideas and volunteers to help run our events. If you have a creative fundraising idea, or know someone who would enjoy being a bingo caller or quizmaster, we would love to hear from you! We also have some exciting projects coming up, so any help or support would be greatly appreciated.

And finally... we may even have a surprise visitor joining us on the last day of term! Any guesses who it might be?

Words for a Greener World Competition – School Winners

Congratulations to our three school winners in the Words for a Greener World writing competition: Aria, Bonnie and Isla. The girls were invited to a special presentation event at Chelmsford Theatre, where they were recognised for their fantastic writing on the theme of climate change.

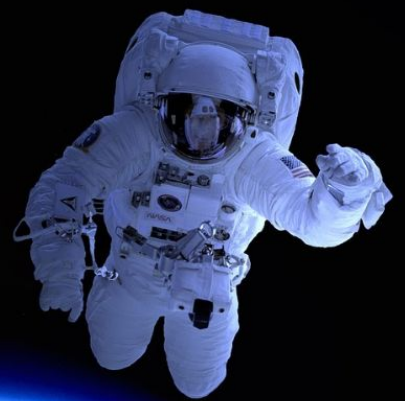
Aria was awarded First Prize for her wonderful story 'Blink of an Eye'. As part of her prize, she won a collection of books for the school as well as a £35 voucher. The awards were presented by Rob Jelly, former BBC presenter.

Bonnie and Isla were both awarded Second Prize, each receiving a £10 voucher in recognition of their excellent entries.

Well done to all three students for their creativity and achievement!



My Future 2026



My Future Learning

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 have been taking part in the 'My Future' programme, showing them the diversity of careers in our local area. During this session children take part in an online session where they guess the guest's career, this could be from working with animals, science and technology as well as creative and practically skilled roles. The aim is to raise aspirations to achieve a career / job they would otherwise might not have considered or known about before as well as challenge and break through the potential barrier of stereotype.

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