

14th November 2025



Celebrating Anti-bullying Week

This week, we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week in school, focusing on this year's theme, 'Power for Good'. This theme aligns beautifully with our school rules, and it has been wonderful to see how knowledgeable the children are about the word 'kindness' and its importance. During PSHE (Personal, Social, and Health Education) lessons, the children have enjoyed exploring the themes of Anti-Bullying in greater depth. On Monday morning, we introduced the theme by children taking part in workshops across Reception, Year One and Two and of course, wearing our odd socks, celebrating how we are all unique and different! Eleanor, who led our workshops, was particularly impressed by how much the children remembered from previous discussions about respect and bullying. A special thank you to INSA for funding the Anti-bullying workshop for us this year. For your information, the school's Anti-bullying policy is available on our school website and looking ahead, the School Council will be designing an anti-bullying leaflet for parents, which we hope to share with you in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!



Children In Need 2025

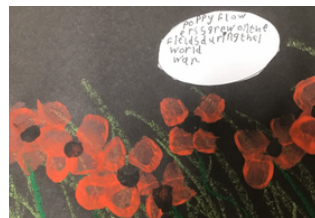
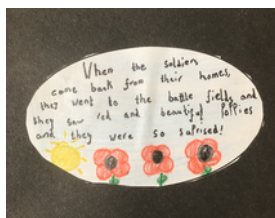
The children have had a special day celebrating Children In Need. Thank you to all of the children who dressed up in something spotty, stripy or both! Our school certainly looked more colourful today! BBC Children In Need is a charity appeal launched and organised by the BBC that raises money to help disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. So far, we have managed to raise an amazing £250. Thank you!



Remembrance

This week, the children learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day. In assembly time, the children watched a beautiful animation following a young rabbit through the poppy fields, commemorating Remembrance Day with a message of peace and hope (see link below). The whole school gathered in the playground to observe a minute of silence which allowed the children to reflect on the sacrifices made by those in the armed forces. The children have also created beautiful artwork centered around poppies, the symbol of remembrance.

Poppies



Harvest Donations

Thank you to all of you who donated food to the Braintree Food Bank this year. As a school, we collected 27.86kg of food. That is a fantastic achievement.

Thank you so much!

Reception Admissions

Primary School admissions opened on 10th November for parents of children to apply for a reception school place for September 2026. The closing date is 15th January 2026. All applications must be made through the Essex County Council School Admissions website: [Apply for a Reception 2026 place](#)

Please note that parents in our school nursery do not automatically receive a place in our reception year and applications will still need to be made via Essex County Council School Admissions website.

Year 2-3 Admissions

If you have a child in Year 2, then please apply for a Year 3 place in your chosen Junior School by the statutory national closing date with is 15th January 2026.

Applications must be made to Essex County Council via this link: [Apply for a junior school place](#)

Stars of the week

Duckling Class: Clementine

Butterfly Class: Talulah

Ladybird Class: Edward

Hedgehog Class: Jude

Squirrel Class: Athirah

Fox Class: The whole class

Badger Class: Savannah



Attendance trophy: Squirrel Class

Attendance this week: 95%

ERIC tokens

This week's winners are the **PURPLE** team again with 160 ERIC tokens. Well done!

Dates for your diary

20th November - Badger Class assembly **2.40pm**

24th - 26th November, 3rd & 4th December -

Prospective Parent Tours

28th November - NON PUPIL DAY

5th December - INSA Bend the rules day

9th December - Year 1 Christmas Concert **2.30pm**

11th December - Year 1 Christmas Concert **9.00am**

16th December - Reception Christmas songs **9.00am**

16th December - Year 2 Christmas songs **2.45pm**

19th December - End of term (finish at 1.00pm)

