

24th October 2025



Pumpkin Fun!

We were delighted to see so many entries for the Pumpkin Competition again this year and witness the creativity on display. We saw pumpkins with painted patterns, pumpkin characters, pumpkins decorated with natural materials and even a couple of pumpkin burgers this year! With so many children putting in their creative efforts, judging the entries was challenging! Mr Bannister had a tough job!

The winners this year were:

Nursery: Joey

Reception: Riki

Year One: Zach

Year Two: Aliya

Photographs of the pumpkins are on Tapestry. The winning entries were each given a prize in Celebration Assembly this morning. A big congratulations to everyone for their achievements—well done! This is definitely one of my favourite times of the year!



Mini Me Mindfulness



This week Abbey from Mini Me Mindfulness worked with each class in Reception, Year One and Two. She began with meditation and shared a story about Lenny the Lion, who uses his breath to stay calm. The children learned new breathing techniques and discovered that breath can be a superpower. Mindfulness is an important part of our regular routine, helping children raise self-awareness, understand feelings, manage emotions, reduce anxiety, and increase calm and happiness. We are fortunate that Abbie will be visiting us every half term, and we look forward to her next visit. Abbey was very impressed with our children and staff, saying:

I just wanted to say a big thank you for having me in today. The staff were all so welcoming and the children were superbly behaved!

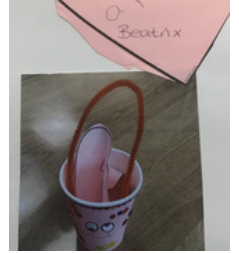
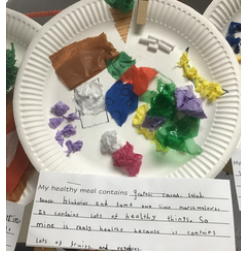
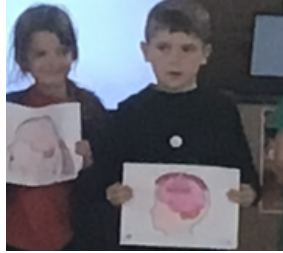
There was such a lovely feel to your school!

Sharing Assembly

Yesterday, we enjoyed a fantastic assembly where children from across the school shared a variety of PSHE and Science activities. Our Year One and Two children proudly presented their work to one another, highlighting the exciting learning happening in every class about maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

The Year One children shared their work on senses and emotions. Meanwhile, Year Two pupils discussed healthy diets, including surprising facts about the fat content in different foods (everyone was astonished by how much fat is in a cheesy puff!). Badger Class also contributed by talking about what makes us healthy—after which I am definitely planning to get more sleep next week!

We would like to thank some of our school governors who joined us for the assembly. Katy Burgess, Mark Weale, and Mark Keenan enjoyed finding out about what the children had been learning and they were particularly impressed by the breadth of activities on display. We all praised the children for using their brave, big voices too!
Well done everybody!



Children In Need

The children have been thinking of ways to support Children in Need this year. On Friday 14th November, we invite all the children to come into school in non uniform. They can wear something spotty, stripy (or both), or just come in plain non uniform clothes! In return for this fun day, we kindly request a small donation of £1. It is a small gesture that can make a big difference in the lives of those in need. As we are a cashless school, all donations can be made via ParentPay after half term. Let's come together and show our support for this wonderful cause.

Garden News!

We were very excited to learn that we have been successful in securing grant funding of £3,000 from Essex Healthy Schools, after we submitted an application earlier this term. This funding will be used to develop our school garden. Our plans include a sensory area and a structure that children and adults can use to sit in and enjoy the peaceful, natural environment. We look forward to sharing the progress of this project in the coming months.



Stars of the week

Duckling Class: Phoebe

Butterfly Class: Jacob

Ladybird Class: Evan

Hedgehog Class: Beatrix

Squirrel Class: Zach

Fox Class: Elizabeth

Badger Class: Bobby S.



Attendance trophy: Hedgehog Class

Attendance this week: 93%

ERIC tokens

This week's winners are the **GREEN** team again with 154 ERIC tokens. Well done!

Dates for your diary

27th October - Half Term Break

13th November - Fox Class assembly **2.40pm**

14th November - Children In Need

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

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

Prospective Parent Tours

28th November - NON PUPIL DAY

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

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

