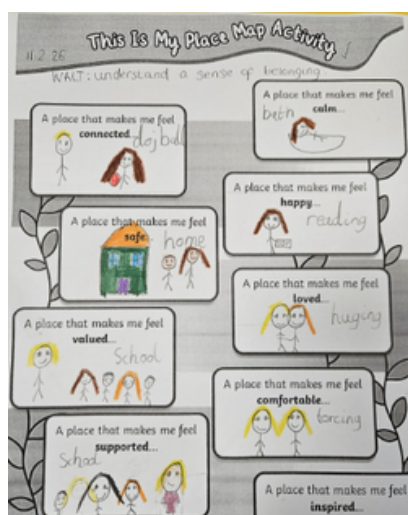
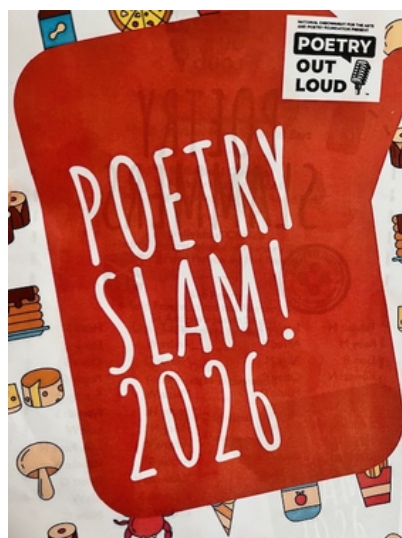




12th February 2026

### Poetry Slam 2026

A number of Year Two children were invited to attend a poetry slam at St. Andrew's Junior School on Wednesday morning. The children enthusiastically performed a joint poem called 'Food Glorious Food'. They confidently and clearly recited the poem with rhythm and pace which brought the poem to life. They then took turns performing 'Kids Love Ketchup'. The infant children's hard work and enthusiasm shone through in their Makaton performance of 'Food Parade' written by a talented headteacher resulting in a fantastic win! Mrs O'Conner and Lindsay Parkes, an English Advisor who works with both schools were the judges. All the children from both schools each deserved recognition for their outstanding efforts and performances. A special thank you to Mrs Smith in the Junior school for organising this special event and to Mrs Ashley for working with our talented Year Two children.



### Children's Mental Health Week

The children have had a wonderful week in school. They have been very busy celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. Year Two children have been collecting words to describe their homes, making collages to create pictures of their homes and families. Year One children have been engaged in discussions about belonging and places that help us feel comfortable, safe, valued and happy, and our Reception children have talked about and have made pictures of their 'happy places' on hearts. We encourage you to visit our website and explore the Mental Health and Wellbeing page. This section has been updated to include a provision map related to our school and details about local services and mental health charities available to support our community.

## Annual Parent Survey

**Thank you to those of you who have already completed our annual parent survey.**

We greatly value your partnership in your child's education and believe that your feedback is essential to the ongoing development of our school. As part of our commitment to providing the best possible learning environment, we invite you to complete our annual school survey, which is quick and easy to complete. **The survey will remain open until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.**

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views with us.

[Annual Parent Survey Link](#)



### Stars of the week

**Duckling Class:** Sophia D

**Butterfly Class:** Louis

**Ladybird Class:** Riley

**Hedgehog Class:** Whole Class

**Squirrel Class:** Charlotte

**Fox Class:** Chloe

**Badger Class:** Summer

### ERIC tokens

This week's winners are the **PURPLE** team with 119 ERIC tokens. Great job!



### Dates for your diary

**13<sup>th</sup> February - NON PUPIL DAY**

**16th-20th February - HALF TERM**

**27<sup>th</sup> February - Afternoon Read 2.45pm**

**2nd-6<sup>th</sup> March - BOOK WEEK** in school (more details to follow)

**5th March - World Book Day Dressing Up Day**

**10<sup>th</sup> March - Squirrel Class Assembly**

**13<sup>th</sup> March - Year One Chelmsford Museum Trip**

## Happy Valentine's Day!

The Valentine's hamper goes to Theo in Hedgehog class. Well done! All the staff hope that you enjoy all the Valentine goodies!

Thank you to everyone who entered the raffle. We raised just over £150 which is an amazing amount.

## E-Safety

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Children in all year groups have been talking about how to stay safe online. Year One children designed some wonderful posters.

Although our children may not yet be ready to use the internet independently, Saferinternet.org provides useful top tips to start good online habits now that will keep them safe in the future.

[Tips for Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



### Attendance

Attendance this week: **95.3%**

Attendance year to date: **95.4%**

**(Our target is 96%)**

Reception: **93.2%**

Year One: **95.9%**

Year Two: **97%**

**Attendance trophy:** Badger Class with **97.2%** attendance - **Fantastic job!**