



24th April 2026

Mini Marathon

Over the last two weeks, the children have enjoyed taking part in our own mini-marathon. Each child completed a total of 2 miles and achieved this through part of a PE lesson or by using the daily mile circuits on the playground and at the front of the school. We were delighted to receive a special plaque, which was shared in Celebration Assembly today and will take pride of place in our entrance hall. Well done everyone!

Good luck to everyone running the London Marathon on Sunday — and a particular good luck to Miss Foster who is running on Sunday and helped organise the INSA bingo event at the village hall last weekend with Mrs Jay. Approximately £675 was raised for our school and the same amount was raised for the Helen Rollason Foundation. Thank you to everyone who organised and supported the event!



Stunning Art Work

In Year 2, the children have been very excited to start a new unit of work exploring 3D art through the use of clay. Everyone made a design for a pinch pot and then set to work making their pots. The children followed step-by-step instructions to shape their piece of clay to ensure they had a strong, sturdy pot. Once shaped, the pots were ready to be decorated with marks and patterns. Finally, we found out how 'slip' is used to join clay effectively and some children used this technique to add further decoration to their pot.

Now, everyone has to be patient and wait for their pot to fully dry before it can be painted next week!



Can you help?

We are still collecting fancy dress accessories and play costumes for our lunch time play sessions. If you have any spare hats, handbags, scarves, superhero or prince/princess costumes that are no longer needed then we would gratefully accept them!

We are also asking for donations of children's gardening gloves, mini watering cans and trowels, soil and seeds for our school garden. Again, any donations would be welcome!

Many thanks.



Father's Day Gift Shop

INSA are kindly giving up their time in order to hold a Father's Day Gift Shop in school. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to 'shop' in school for their special someone. Gifts are £3.60 each and need to be ordered by Monday 18th May.

Happy shopping!

Reception Sponsored Minibeast Hunt

On Friday 1st May, the Reception children will be taking part in their annual Minibeast Hunt in the school grounds. This is always a popular activity and money raised from this will be spent on new resources for the children to enjoy for the rest of summer term. We will of course update you with what the money is spent on. Thank you in advance for your support!



Stars of the week

Duckling Class: Joey

Butterfly Class: Elodie

Ladybird Class: Max M

Hedgehog Class: Achintya

Squirrel Class: Zach

Fox Class: Brody

Badger Class: Sabrina



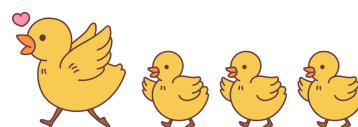
ERIC tokens

This week's winners are the **ORANGE** team with 125 ERIC tokens. Fantastic job!



Nursery Places for September

We are currently allocating places for September 2026 so if you have young children age 3 (by 1st September) or older and you are looking for a place, please feel free to contact us. We warmly encourage you to visit our setting if you are interested in a place. Please contact office@hatfieldpeverel.essex.sch.uk



Dates for your diary

1st May - Reception Sponsored Minibeast Hunt

4th May - **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**

12th May - Year 2 Castle Hedingham Trip

14th May - ACL coffee morning 9am-11am at Hatfield Peverel Infant School ACL - Supporting children to manage big emotions

19th May - Ladybird Class assembly **2.40pm**

21st May - SPACE coffee morning St. Andrew's Junior School

21st May - Butterfly Class assembly **2.40pm**

25th-29th May - Half Term

1st June - Non-pupil day

Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are Mrs Fairbairn, Miss Springall, Mrs McGaughey and Mrs Sapiano. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact the school office and they can direct you to the appropriate member of staff.



Attendance

Attendance this week: **97.2%**

Below our target this week!

Attendance year to date: **95.5%**

(Our target is 96%)

Reception: **95.4%**

Year One: **97.4%**

Year Two: **95.7%**

Attendance trophy: Squirrel Class with **99.1%** attendance - Wow! **Fantastic job!**