

If you know someone who struggles to access the newsletter, please let us know so we can help them.

What a lovely start we've had to this half term with the sun making a special guest appearance leaving us wanting more. Let's hope we can entice it back with our fabulous 'Diversity Festival' next week. Hopefully you have all read your letter on how the day will run and are looking forward to experiencing all it has to offer. It is going to be an amazing day, so please come along with your children and join in as much as you can.

Booking is now live for our Mother's Day events which are slightly different this year. Not only do we have afternoon tea available, we also have a special breakfast where you can enjoy a bacon bap and a cup of tea. So hopefully there is something for everyone.

We are celebrating 'Red Nose Day' with a non-uniform day next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March to "wear something funny for money". Red noses are available to purchase for £2 during break and lunch times. The just giving link is on Dojo.

And finally, don't forget that the clocks go forward on Mother's Day, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. So, although we gain lighter evenings we lose an hour of valuable sleep so make sure mum still gets a lie in on her special day!



### Attendance for the Month of February

EYFS	93.8%	Year 4	95.4%
Year 1	90.3%	Year 5	93.3%
Year 2	95.2%	Year 6	92.9%
Year 3	93.4%	Whole School	93.5%

Well done year 4!

To report your child's absence, please contact the school by 8:30 am.

You can phone the main office on 01255 502444, use your 'My Child at School' app or the school website.

If you are struggling with attendance or punctuality, please contact Mrs. May-Erskine or Ms. Walker who will be able to support you.



### Mayflower House Points

**Beach Hut**



15601

**Pier**



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**Lighthouse**



16640

**Port**



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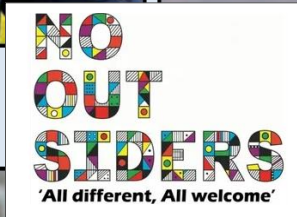
Democracy

## Monthly Assemblies

We have had some meaningful discussions in our assemblies this month. Ask your child to tell you about the stories behind our assembly pictures and how they link to our British Values.



Rule of Law



Respect



Individual Liberty



Tolerance

## Have you met Feargal?

Feargal is the perfect cousin of Bubbles our school mascot and visits the class with the most improved attendance each week. He gets to stay with the class and enjoy all the fun and learning that goes on. Feargal has a good heart (which is hard to find) and gives the children an extra special break time as their reward for their improvement. Whose class will he visit next?





## Easter Egg Competition and Raffle



This year every child in the school will be given a polystyrene egg to take home and decorate, paint or colour. They can be as creative as they wish, let their imaginations soar, but only the egg will be judged. There are some fabulous arts and crafts sets up for grabs with a 1<sup>st</sup> and runner up prize for each year group.

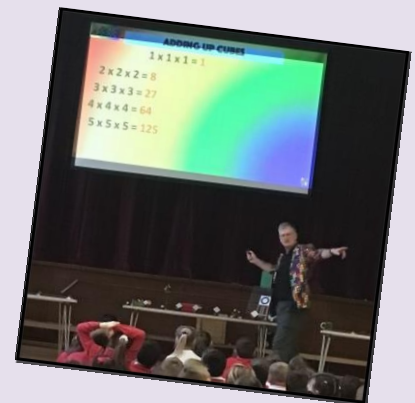
All entries must be in by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of March**. Winners will be announced on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April**.

Our Big **Easter Egg Raffle** is taking place again this year with all the eggs being donated by our wonderful staff.

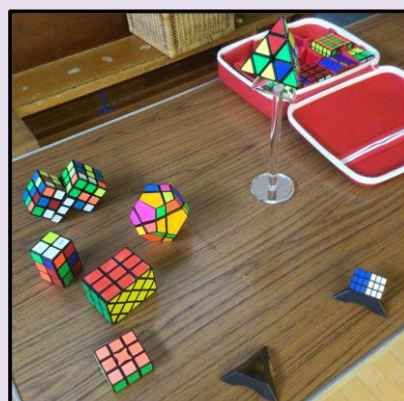
Tickets are available to purchase in your child's classroom, 10p a ticket or 50p a strip. The draw will take place on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April**. Proceeds will be going towards our OPAL provision, so please support us if you can.



## Magic Maths



Key Stage 2 had an exciting experience with a dynamic interactive maths show led by lively presenter, Andrew Jeffrey. This engaging event showcased the fascinating connections between mathematics and the beloved Rubik's Cube, making learning both enjoyable and memorable, incorporating magic tricks and exciting games. It was wonderful to see the students eagerly twisting and turning the Rubik's Cube, watching it disappear and competing for fun prizes!





## World Book Day



This year we had a fun and creative theme: "Dress as a Word!" We encouraged all students (and staff) to come dressed as their favourite word, showcasing their creativity and imagination. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to express themselves while celebrating the joy of language.

In addition to the dressing up, we had a special project planned for the whole school. Each class used the words on display to collaborate in creating a shared story.

We also had a delicious themed lunch which meant the whole day was a wonderful celebration of words and reading.



## Diary Dates



19 <sup>th</sup> March:	Red Nose Day – non uniform day
21 <sup>st</sup> March:	Diversity Festival – Off Site Education all day (letter in announcements).
25 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
26 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mother's Day Breakfast
27 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
2 <sup>nd</sup> April:	SATs Parents Information Meeting 9am
3 <sup>rd</sup> April:	Easter Disco
4 <sup>th</sup> April:	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> April:	<b>First Day of Summer Term</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> June:	Fathers Day Breakfast
11 <sup>th</sup> June:	Fathers Day Afternoon Tea
12 <sup>th</sup> June:	Fathers Day Breakfast

## Think Pharmacy First

Most pharmacies in England are now providing the NHS Pharmacy First service which allows community pharmacists to provide advice and, where appropriate, supply NHS medicines to treat the following conditions:

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (aged 18 years and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)

If you or your child has symptoms that suggest you or they may have one of these conditions,

you can walk into a pharmacy and be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private

consultation room. Your GP surgery or NHS 111 may also refer your child (or you) to the service if you

contact them but they believe it is appropriate for you to be seen by a pharmacist.

If your child or you have symptoms that suggest one of the above conditions, why not give the

Pharmacy First service a try?

Watch the [animation](#) on Pharmacy First from Community Pharmacy England.

For more information, visit [nhs-services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/](https://nhs.uk/services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/)

# ARK XTRA HOLIDAY CLUB!

\*The Ark Centre \*

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**Our Ark Xtra holiday club is now run-in partnership with  
Essex ActivAte!**

**We have 4 sessions over the Easter Holidays,  
8<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> April & 17<sup>th</sup> April.  
Booking opens Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March!**

**Ark Xtra! Is our holiday club for children with SEND needs ages  
2-8 years! 9.30-2.30pm within half terms and holidays!  
Our group is run by a qualified team of Early Years Practitioners,  
and trained SENCO's.**

We offer an exciting group for children with additional needs. Run from the comfort of a well-established nursery setting, suitably set up to accommodate children with additional needs and disabilities. Allowing them a safe space to join in activities and suit their individual needs.

*(Please note this does not need to be a formal diagnosis, any child who requires additional support at home or nursery/school is welcome to join us, rang 1-4 SEND welcome)*

**Morning snack, lunch and Water/juice/milk will be provided for all children.  
Numbers are limited to 12 children per session due to staff: child ratios.  
Please note that care plans may need to be completed if necessary.  
Some medical needs may require staff training before attending.**

**Attendance will be free of charge for families if your child is eligible for income related free school meals, you will book using your emailed HolidayActivities voucher code or contact us to find our more information about activity club!**

**Additional Information can be sent via email to  
[nursery@thearkcentregroup.co.uk](mailto:nursery@thearkcentregroup.co.uk) or call 01255 502063**



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**FAMILY SUPPORT  
SESSIONS FOR PARENT  
& CARERS**

**ONLINE**



**An opportunity for parents/carers, to come along and connect with a community dedicated to positive growth and development.  
All sessions are online**

**Sibling Rivalry**

11/03/2025 1900 - 2100 Search 'Sibling' via our website

**Sleep For Wellbeing**

13/03/2025 0930 - 1130 Search 'Bitesize Sleep' via our website

**Managing Big Emotions**

25/03/2025 1900 - 2100 or 28/03/2025 1230 - 1430  
Search 'Big Emotions' via our website

**Family Wellbeing**

27/03/2025 0930 - 1130 Search 'Family Wellbeing' via our website

Visit our website **aclessex.com** and type the key words above in to the  
'Find a course...' box

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### ☀ Help Your Child Master Their Emotions ☀

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