

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

September is almost over and the evening light is fading as we gear up for a fun filled four weeks. Thank you to all those parents who came to the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, I hope you found them beneficial. If you were unable to attend, you can find the presentations on the school website under Year groups.

Next September seems a long way off but if you have a child in year 6, now is the time to apply for their secondary school place. The closing date is the 31st October which is not far away. All applications should be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Parents evening is just around the corner, these are 5-minute appointments to discuss how your child is settling in. We will let you know via Dojo as soon as they are live so you can book them on MCAS.

And lastly, we have some sad news to share. Our wonderful Miss Walker is leaving us on secondment for a year to share her knowledge and expertise with Family Solutions at Essex County Council. She will be greatly missed having been a part of Mayflower and the PTA for many years. I know you will join us in wishing her great success in her new role where we know she will be amazing! Our very own Mrs. Tallwin will be stepping in to her shoes and will continue to support our parents and children alongside Mrs. Smith and Miss. Parker, our ELSA team. Please do get in touch if we can support you in any way.



Attendance for the Month of September

EYFS	96%	Year 4	94.2%
Year 1	93.4%	Year 5	95%
Year 2	95%	Year 6	93.2%
Year 3	95.2%	Whole School	94.1%

Well done year 3!

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. Larue who will be able to support you.



Mayflower House Points

Beach Hut



1719

Pier



1676

Lighthouse



1677

Port



2034



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.



**NO
OUT
SIDERS**
'All different, All welcome'



Harvest Assembly Donations

This year we will be collecting food for the Salvation Army who provide food parcels through their 'Heart' drop-in sessions on a Friday from 10am - 12 noon. Any donation would be very welcome but they are particularly in need of:

Biscuits, tins of fruit, custard, rice pudding, anything dessert, pasta sauce and veggie meals like macaroni cheese, veggie chilli/curry etc.

Children can bring them in to class or you can drop them off at the main office. Please bring in your donations by Friday 17th October.



Spread the news far and wide!

Is your child starting school in September 2026?

You may be starting to think about a school place for your Early Years child.

Come along and see what Mayflower Primary School has to offer you and your child.

The Mayflower Primary School Early Years Open Days

Monday 17th November at 9:30am

Tuesday 18th November at 1:30pm

Wednesday 19th November at 9:30am

Thursday 20th November at 11:00am

Friday 21st November at 10:00am



Scan me to see a virtual tour of our school.

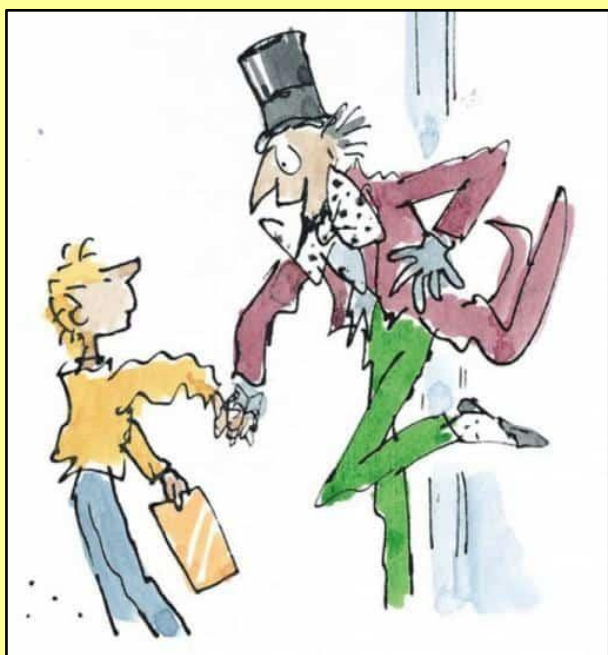


Diary Dates



1 st October:	Individual School Photographs
6 th October:	SEND Coffee Afternoon 2pm
7 th October:	Author Visit - Christian Foley
15 th October:	Parents Evening – 5-minute settling in appointments
16 th October:	Parents Evening – 5-minute settling in appointments
21 st October:	Halloween Disco
22 nd /23 rd /24 th October:	Non-Pupil Day
27 th – 31 st October:	Half Term
3 rd November:	First Day of Half Term
4 th November:	Non-Uniform Day for Tombola Donations
7 th November:	Fireworks Extravaganza
10 th November:	SEND Coffee Afternoon 2pm
28 th November:	Non-Pupil Day
5 th December:	Christmas Fayre
8 th December:	SEND Coffee Afternoon 2pm
9 th December:	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Concert 1:30pm
10 th December:	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Concert 10am
11 th December:	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Concert 10am
11 th December:	Christmas Jumper Day

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Themed Lunch



We are thrilled to announce a very special themed lunch on **Thursday, 2nd October 2025!** This year, we will be celebrating the wonderful world of Roald Dahl with a fabulous 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' theme.

To add to the excitement, we warmly encourage all children to come dressed as their favourite characters from the beloved tales of Roald Dahl. Whether it's Willy Wonka, Charlie Bucket, or even a cheeky Oompa Loompa, we look forward to seeing a fantastic array of costumes around the school! You could even wear your uniform and be a pupil from Crunchem Hall Elementary School, where Roald Dahl's magical character - Matilda - attends.

Please be aware that this themed lunch will feature a special menu, and as such, all dinners must be pre-booked in advance. To ensure your child's participation in this delightful event, kindly submit your booking by **Wednesday 24th September.**

Will YOU be a Golden Ticket winner? Find a special cupcake and you will win your very own Wonka bar!

Author (and Rapper) Visit



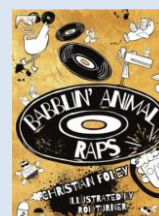
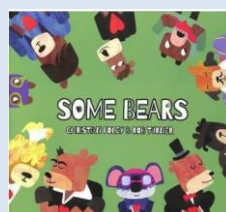
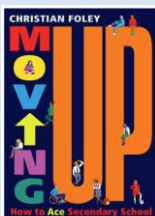
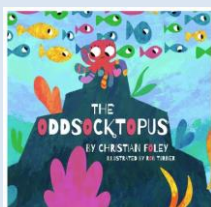
We are pleased to inform you that on **Tuesday, 7th October**, we will be welcoming the talented author Christian Foley to our school. Christian is renowned for his unique storytelling approach, blending literature with rap, making his performances not only engaging but also highly entertaining. His work has been praised by notable figures, including 50 Cent and Lin Manuel Miranda, and his performances have captured the attention of audiences worldwide, even going viral on various platforms.

During his visit, Christian will be performing improvisational rap of his books, which promises to be an exciting experience for both pupils and staff. We believe this visit will inspire our students and spark their imagination, making reading and writing more accessible and enjoyable.

Furthermore, we are delighted to inform you that students will have the opportunity to purchase and pre-order some of Christian's books on MCAS, including *Odd Socktopus*, *Moving Up*, *Some Bears*, and *Babblin' Animal Raps*. Christian will be available to sign these books during his visit, providing a unique memento of this exceptional event. These are now available on MCAS.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to an exciting day with Christian Foley!

To hear Christian in action, please click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1pOn5S164A>





**Mayflower
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HALLOWEEN DISCO

Come in your spookiest costume!



TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

EARLY YEARS 3-4PM

YEARS 1-6 4-5:30PM

Tickets £3 each

includes

**Cupcake and Crisps
and unlimited Squash**



Join us for

ENGLISH SUPPORT GROUP



Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.30am
(Starting from Tuesday 16th September)

The Royal Oak Inn, Main Road, Harwich, CO12 3PL

We are looking for new students to join a free conversational English support group, which is led by volunteers.

Online learning also available during Summer holidays.

For more information or to register your interest please contact:

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