

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

How is it the end of November already! Hopefully you all have your advent calendars at the ready to help countdown the days to the Christmas break and are looking forward to a visit from the Elves! **Don't forget that we finish early on the last day of term so please make sure to collect your children at 1:30pm.**

Our Fireworks Extravaganza raised an amazing £6929.75!!! A big thank you to our wonderful PTA for organizing such a great event and to all the staff and volunteers who helped make it such an astounding success. The money raised will enable us to give the children some great experiences and opportunities.

Nativity tickets are now available to book on MCAS, just like last year, due to the number of children taking part, each family are allocated 3 tickets which can be split across the 3 performances or grouped together.

Join us next Friday for our spectacular Christmas Fayre, browse the stalls, visit the grotto, the secret present room and enjoy a festive treat. Tickets for the grotto are on sale now in the School Shop on MCAS.

Our Christmas Lunch is on Christmas Jumper Day this year, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This is a wonderful occasion for the children and one we all look forward to. It is available to book on MCAS via 'School Dinners' just look for the date to read the menu.

And lastly, don't forget that if you have a child starting school next September, applications need to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. All applications should be made online at [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)



### Attendance for the Month of November

EYFS	93.1%	Year 4	94.7%
Year 1	89.7%	Year 5	95.2%
Year 2	94.9%	Year 6	93.9%
Year 3	96.7%	Whole School	93.9%

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**



7566

**Pier**



7299

**Lighthouse**



7426

**Port**



7411



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



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



Respect



Individual  
Liberty



Tolerance

## Fundraising

Thank you for your support at all our fundraising events this half term. You have demonstrated our school virtues in action, showing the children just how important it is to help our community both near and far!

### Poppy Appeal



**£249.20**

### Children in Need



**£237**

# Mayflower Remembers



## Mayflower Visits Care Home

Our Reading Ambassadors recently visited MHA Alexandra House to spend time with the residents. They showed incredible kindness and warmth as they shared stories, played games and chatted to them. We are incredibly proud of the empathy and maturity they demonstrated. Their kindness and enthusiasm were contagious and everyone was uplifted by the visit. Well done to our amazing students for making a lasting difference in the lives of others.



## OPAL Adventures

This week's downpours brought out some of the most inventive play yet. A donated stretcher was magically transformed into a sturdy 'boat', helping adventurous crews sail across the great *Mayflower Lake*. Meanwhile our earthy mound became the perfect mud slide, proving that a little rain can spark a lot of fun! We love seeing our children use their imaginations, challenge themselves and embrace the elements with such enthusiasm. OPAL continues to show us that the best adventures often begin where the pavement ends.



## A Game to Remember

We had the privilege of taking our Football 'A' Team up to Stanway for an exciting fixture against the SCS Academy Group. This was a rare and unique opportunity as SCS typically play against established Saturday/Sunday football teams and have never faced a school football team.

Our team showed incredible determination, teamwork and confidence on the ball. Their movement, creativity and intensity were outstanding, resulting in a winning and dominant performance. We are incredibly proud of the attitude and behaviour displayed throughout the trip. Their sportsmanship, support for one another and overall conduct were first class, representing the school with Maturity, respect and enthusiasm on and off the pitch. Well done 'A' Team, you a credit to the school!

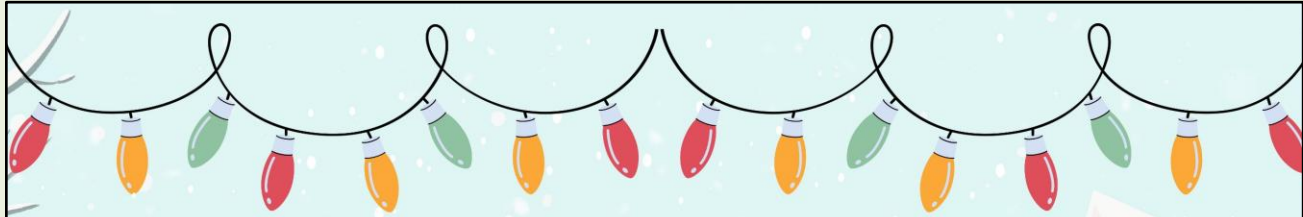
A big thank you to Mr Whittingham, Mr Keays and Mrs Crawford for giving up your time to transport, coach and support the children.



## Diary Dates



<b>28<sup>th</sup> November:</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>SEND Coffee Afternoon 2pm</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>EYFS and KS1 Nativity Concert 1:30pm</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>EYFS and KS1 Nativity Concert 10am</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>EYFS and KS1 Nativity Concert 10am</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner Day</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>School Christmas Disco 4-5:30pm</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Last Day of Term (Early Finish 1:15pm)</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	<b>First Day of Spring Term</b>



JOIN US FOR A

# Christmas

## FAYRE

*Christmas Crafts*

*Candy Floss*

*Christmas Grotto*

*Popcorn*

*Hot Drinks*

*Face Painting*

*Secret Present Room*



**FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**1:30PM - 3PM**



Fantastic For Families

# action art PLAY

## 📍 Harwich Library

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Drop-in 9:30 am to 4:30 pm  
(no need to book)

FREE & FUN  
**SAND ART**  
ACTIVITIES

WITH ARTIST DATE



Essex County Council  
Libraries

ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND

Funded by  
UK Government

Libraries  
Connected

## Ark Xtra Holiday Club Fun!

Supportive Holiday Activities for KS1 Children with Additional Needs.

FREE for children who receive Holiday Activity Vouchers from their primary school!

### Who Can Join?

Children in KS1 who have additional needs, these do not need to be formally diagnosed.

How to Sign Up: Check your child's Holiday Activity Voucher from school and book using the code provided.

For any further information parents are welcome to email or ring, we are happy to support.

01255 502063

[nursery@thearkcentregroup.co.uk](mailto:nursery@thearkcentregroup.co.uk)





**ACL**

**FREE!**



# Zones of Regulation

## Online Course

This engaging two-week course is designed to give parents and carers valuable insight into the Zones of Regulation framework. You will learn practical strategies to help children and young people:

- Recognize and understand their emotions
- Develop self-regulation skills
- Build resilience and emotional intelligence
- Strengthen communication and relationships

**Date: 02/12/2025**

**Time: 09:45 - 11:45**

Scan the QR code, or Visit our website [aclessex.com](https://aclessex.com) and type "ZONES" in the 'Find a course...' box



**aclessex.com**

**0345 603 7635**



The ACL logo consists of the letters 'ACL' in a white, bold, sans-serif font, set against a dark blue, trapezoidal background.

## Community & Family Learning Courses



<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	<b>END TIME</b>
<i>FL ZONES OF REGULATION</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>02/12/2025 (2 WEEKS)</i>	<i>09:45</i>	<i>11:45</i>
<i>FL UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING ANGER</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>4/12/2025 (2 WEEKS)</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>21:00</i>
<i>FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>10/12/2025</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>21:30</i>
<i>FL UNDERSTANDING DYSLEXIA</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>10/12/2025</i>	<i>12:30</i>	<i>14:30</i>
<i>FL ROUTINES RULE</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>12/12/2025</i>	<i>12:30</i>	<i>15:00</i>

If you would like to enrol on to a FREE course please Visit our website [aclessex.com](https://www.aclessex.com) and type the course title in the 'Find a course...' box

**aclessex.com**

**0345 603 7635**



Essex County Council

## Fully Funded School Support Course



**STUDY  
SMART**

Free Online Courses

**Fully  
Funded  
Course**



[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

**We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.**

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.

If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.

