

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

Well, it seems the rain has finally stopped thank goodness. What a wet term it has been! The children thoroughly enjoyed playing in it though using our OPAL provision to make mud slides, mud pies and jumping in all the puddles. Their enthusiasm and creativity was wonderful to see.

Thank you to everyone who came to Parent's Evening with the slight change of venue. We hope you found it informative. As always, if you were not able to make it and have any questions or concerns you wish to raise, please get in touch.

Booking is now live for our Mother's Day events where you can enjoy afternoon tea or morning breakfast with your child. Spaces book up quickly so please make sure you go onto MCAS and book as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, we say farewell to Miss. Knight who is sadly leaving us due to ill health. Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Simmonds will be covering the class while we advertise for a new permanent teacher.

Finally, don't forget that raffle tickets are now on sale for our Easter Egg raffle, 10p each or 50p a strip and you should have received a polystyrene egg this week for your child to decorate for our Easter Egg Competition. We can't wait to see what your children come up with!



Attendance for the Month of March

EYFS	90.5%	Year 4	91.8%
Year 1	88.8%	Year 5	94.2%
Year 2	93.8%	Year 6	94.1%
Year 3	93.9%	Whole School	92.4%

Well done year 5!

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



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Pier



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Lighthouse



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Port

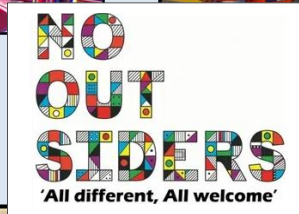


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Monthly Assemblies

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.



TENDRING SHOW – SATURDAY 11th JULY – FREE CHILD E-TICKET



As a thank you for exhibiting in the Celebration of Education Tent this year, the Tendring Show are offering free child e-tickets for every child in our school. To claim your ticket(s), simply redeem this promotional code at the checkout of the online ticket page on their website <https://www.tendringshow.co.uk/about/tickets-admission/>

Early bird tickets until 31st March

PROMOTIONAL CODE: MAYFL



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 so no big boxes please. You can however, use a small stand. There will be a prize for 1st place and a prize for the runner up for each year group.

All entries must be in by **Monday 25th of March**. Winners will be announced on **Friday 27th of March**.

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 **Friday 27th March**. Proceeds will be going towards our OPAL provision, so please support us if you can.



World Book Day

We recently celebrated World book Day in the most colourful way possible! Our pupils dressed as a colour from the rainbow, linking perfectly with our whole-school focus on *The Last Rainbow Bird* by Nora Brech.



The creativity didn't stop there – children were also invited to take part in our “Book in a Box” challenge. We were absolutely blown away by the amazing entries, each one bringing a favourite story to life in a unique and imaginative way.

One winner from every year group was chosen, and each had the exciting opportunity to select a book from our vending machine!

A huge well done to all of our pupils for their creativity, enthusiasm and love of reading. What a fantastic way to celebrate the magic of books!



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 9th March 2026

I am writing to you on behalf of the governing board to share some exciting news regarding the leadership of our school.

The governors are delighted to announce the appointment of Ms. Larue, our deputy head teacher, as the new head teacher of Mayflower Primary School from September 2026. This decision reflects the governor's confidence in her abilities and vision for the future of our school community.

As deputy head Ms. Larue has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities and a deep commitment to the educational development of our pupils. Her innovative approach and dedication have greatly contributed to our school's success, and the governors believe she is the ideal candidate to lead Mayflower into the next chapter, beginning in September 2026. The governors are confident that her experience and passion for education will inspire both staff and pupils alike.

As we prepare for this transition, we want to assure you that both myself and the governors are committed to supporting Ms. Larue in her new role. We understand that changes in leadership can bring about questions and considerations, and we encourage you to reach out with any queries you may have. We are excited about the future and look forward to working together to continue fostering a nurturing and enriching environment for our children.

I hope you join me in offering Ms. Larue sincere congratulations in her appointment. Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our school community. Yours sincerely,

Mrs. E.
Bartholomew
Head Teacher

Diary Dates



17th March:	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
18th March:	Mother's Day Breakfast
19th March:	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
25th March:	Parent Roadshow for new EYFS parents (Sep 26' Intake) 6-7:30pm
27th March:	Last Day of Term
13th April:	First Day of Summer Term
21st April:	Roving Bookstore
4th May:	Bank Holiday
11th May:	SATs Week
25th May:	Half Term
1st June:	Back to School
19th June:	MAYFEST
25th June:	Transition Day



Essex County Council
Children and Families

Starting Reception Roadshows



Is Your Little One Starting Reception in September 2026?

Come along to our Starting Reception Roadshow!

Get ready for a fun, friendly, and totally FREE event designed to help you to support your child feel excited and confident about starting reception.

Essex Early Years has teamed up with local schools plus education, health and care partners to bring you a lively, helpful session packed with top tips and advice.

Want to join in?

Ask your child's childminder, preschool, or nursery for details about your nearest event, or visit the Essex Talk, Listen and Cuddle website to find out more about dates and times across Essex.

Starting Reception Roadshow near you:

[Mayflower Primary School, Harwich, CO12 4AG](#)

Where:

Wednesday 25th March 2026

When:

6.00pm until 7.30pm



You can find out information about the event by scanning the QR code or visiting www.tlc-essex.info and searching 'Starting reception'



Follow us on social media to join our Starting Reception Campaign



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MAYFEST' 26

MAYFLOWER MUSIC FESTIVAL

LIVE MUSIC

RIDES STALLS FOOD

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026

5:00PM - 10PM

MAYFLOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL
WRISTBANDS AVAILABLE SOON





FREE



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Digital Harwich Live

Two Days of FREE Tech Fun – All Welcome!

Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre

Friday 10th and Saturday 11th April

10am - 4pm

Drop in and explore or book one of our great workshops:

Animation

Midi Controller Instruments

Light-up Key Charms

Micro:bit Robots

Games design with Construct 3

For more information and to book visit

www.signals.org.uk

scan the QR code or call us on 01206 580950





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EASTER EGG RIDE & HUNT



2ND APRIL
2026

Join us as we go for a ride along the seafront and back to Cliff Park for an Easter Egg Hunt.



Cliff Park Band Stand



10.30am



BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL! Please email:
harwich.dovercourtepp@theaws.org



**The Ark
Family
Centre**

Ark Wellbeing Holiday Club!

A nurturing wellbeing group for children ages 5 to 11 years old who may need a little extra support with their emotional wellbeing or who simply benefit from being in a smaller, calmer holiday club!

What should your child expect?

A safe, relaxed and welcoming space

A small, supportive group session

Arts, crafts and creative activities

Games and baking

Opportunities to relax, talk and build confidence

Weekly sessions to help build familiar routines, friendships and trusted relationships

A hot nutritious meal, snacks and drinks provided

Sessions are led by our own qualified SENCO, who gently supports children to explore their feelings, develop coping strategies and build emotional resilience through fun and engaging activities

**SESSIONS AVAILABLE @ THE ARK CENTRE, 36 MAIN ROAD
MONDAY 30TH MARCH & WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 10.30 - 1.30PM
WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL & FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 10.30 - 1.30PM**

For more information please contact Jessie:
nursery@thearkcentrgroup.co.uk or 01255 502063

To book use the Holiday activities parent portal



The Ark
Family
Centre

Ark Xtra! SEND Holiday Club!

A fun, calm and supportive SEND holiday club for children in KS1 (upto 8 years old) and who may benefit from extra support (no formal diagnosis necessary)

at The Ark Centre, 36 Main Road, Harwich, CO12 3LU
9.30 am - 2.30 pm

Every session has:
Child led activities
Crafts, games and baking
Stories and song time
High staff to child ratios
A safe and nurturing environment
Hot meal, snacks and drinks provided

These sessions are FREE with Essex Activate vouchers

SESSIONS AVAILABLE

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH - 1ST APRIL

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY 8TH - 10TH APRIL

For more information please contact Jessie:
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Ark Xtra! Respite sessions

Respite care for children with additional needs,
no official diagnosis required

Subsidised sessions for families in our
community with thanks to our support from
Colchester Catalyst

£15 per child

Saturday 7th March
Saturday 4th April

9.30am - 2.30pm

To book please contact Jessie:
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01255 502063

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER
SPACES ON A 1:2 RATIO. IF YOUR CHILD
REQUIRES MORE SUPPORT THAN THIS,
PLEASE CALL TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER

The Ark
Centre
Nursery

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



COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL SETTING CLEAR BOUNDARIES FOR CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	24/03/2026 (1 WEEK)	19:00	21:00
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	ONLINE LIVE	25/03/2026 (1 WEEK)	13:00	15:00
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	26/03/2026 (1 WEEK)	09:30	11:30
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	ONLINE LIVE	26/03/2026 (1 WEEK)	19:00	21:00

If you would like to enrol on to a FREE course please Visit our website acessex.com and type the course title in the 'Find a course...' box

acessex.com
0345 603 7635

