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Dear Mayflower families,

Writing this final newsletter is a moment filled with mixed emotions for me. After 9 wonderful years as your headteacher, my early retirement is upon us.

This brings a close to my 14 years as a head, and a whooping 32 years as a teacher! Looking back over more than three decades, I feel incredibly lucky to have spent my career doing a job I love so much.

Running a school always keeps you on your toes, and it has certainly had its challenges. But any tough days have been totally eclipsed by the pure joy of watching your amazing children grow learn, and make us smile every day. My time at Mayflower has been the absolute highlight to my career.

I want to say a massive thank you to our wonderful staff. Your energy, hard work, and care for the children have inspired me every single day. Thank you also to you, the parents and carers, for your fantastic support and partnership over the years.

Most importantly, to our brilliant pupils: thank you for your laughter, your kindness, and your smiles. You are the beating heart of Mayflower, and you have made my time here so very special.

As I get ready to sway school stresses for a bit of relaxation and a slower pace of life, I know Mayflower will continue to shine. I wish all of our pupils, staff, and families a wonderful summer holiday and the absolute best for the future.

Thank you for the nine unforgettable years!

With warmest wishes,

Mrs. B



Attendance for the
Month of July

EYFS	90%	Year 4	92.8%
Year 1	92.6%	Year 5	92.9%
Year 2	93.4%	Year 6	89.6%
Year 3	93.9%	Whole School	92.1%

Attendance for the
Whole Year

EYFS	90.1%	Year 4	92.8%
Year 1	91.3%	Year 5	93.4%
Year 2	93.2%	Year 6	93%
Year 3	94.5%	Whole School	92.6%

Mayflower House Points

Beach Hut



23437

Pier



24237

Lighthouse



23014

Port



25489



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

Film Festival 2026!



What an amazing day!
Our Year 6s looked fantastic as they strutted their stuff on the red carpet to watch the premiere of their films at the Electric Palace.



And That's a Wrap! Another fantastic school year has come to an end!

As we reach the end of term, we also say a fond farewell and happy retirement to our much-loved Mrs B, who leaves us after nine wonderful years at Mayflower. We warmly invite you to join us on Monday morning, after dropping off your children, to wish her all the very best as she begins this exciting new chapter.

We are also delighted to share our Year 6 SATs results, and we couldn't be prouder of every single one of our pupils. Their fantastic achievements are a reflection of their hard work, determination, resilience and positive attitude throughout the year. They have been an absolute credit to themselves and to our school. A huge thank you goes to our incredible Year 6 team and to everyone who supported the children along the way, helping them to achieve their very best.

For our Year 6 leavers, this marks the end of their primary school journey and the beginning of an exciting new adventure. It has been a privilege to watch them grow in confidence, maturity and character during their time at Mayflower. We have every confidence that they will continue to thrive and achieve great things in the future. We will miss them all and hope they will come back to visit and let us know how they are getting on.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our families for your continued support throughout the year. Whether you attended parents' evenings, listened to your children read, volunteered your time, donated to improve our outdoor spaces, or supported our fundraising events, your contribution has made a real difference. Together, you help make Mayflower such a special place to learn and grow, and we are incredibly grateful.

We wish you all a wonderful, restful and well-deserved summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 2nd September.



Diary Dates

2nd September:

7th September:

8th September:

9th September:

10th September:

11th September:

30th September:

14th October:

15th October:

First Day of Term

Meet the Teacher Year 1 at 9am

Meet the Teacher Year 2 and 3 at 9am

Meet the Teacher Year 4 at 9am

Meet the Teacher Year 6 at 9am

Meet the Teacher Year 5 at 9am

Individual School Photographs

Parents Evening – 5-minute settling in appointments

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New Classes for September 2026

Year	Class name	Teacher	Targeted support	Class LPSAs	Other LPSAs
EYFS	RMG RHS	Miss. Garlick Miss. Smith		Miss. Humphrey Mrs. Evans Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Knight Speech & Lang Mrs. Smith Pastoral team: ELSA, Forest School & Play Leader Miss. Parker Pastoral Team: ELSA, Forest School & Play Leader Mr. Whittingham Sports Coach
Year 1	1ES 1LF	Miss. Stephens Miss. Farrow		Miss. Calvert Miss. Hall	
Year 2	2JW 2BC	Mrs. Wilkinson Mr. Childs		Mrs. Gooding Play Leader Mrs. Bowers (Cover Support)	
Year 3	3CC 3TA	Mr. Curry Mrs. Allday		Mrs. Powell (HLTA) Ms. Allston	
Year 4	4KC	Mrs. Crawford		Miss. Chopping (HLTA)	
Year 5	5SB 5AL	Mrs. Bowers Mrs. Lloyd	Miss Gow	Mrs. Pearson (Cover Support) Mr. Deller	
Year 6	6RH 6SS	Mrs. Haveron /Mrs. Simmonds Mr. Snelling		Mrs. Tedder HLTA Mrs. Garner HLTA	
The Cove		Mrs. Black		Miss. James Miss. James (Apprentice) Miss. Badham	

Mayflower Term Dates 2026/27

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School Holidays

Bank Holidays

Off-site Learning Day

Non-Pupil Day

Y6 SAT week

HARWICH COAT OF ARMS COMPETITION



Design a new coat of arms for Harwich

Showcase your creativity! Whether you enjoy drawing, painting or digital design, budding artists are encouraged to create their own vision for a modern Harwich Coat of Arms

★ PRIZES ★
top
prize of £100
voucher

Competition details

- Open to young people 18 years and under
- Entrants must live in Harwich or attend a Harwich school, college, community group or organisation
- Entries must be submitted between 28 July 2026 and 8 September 2026
- One entry per person
- Designs may be hand-drawn, painted, mixed media or digitally created.

How to enter

From 28 July, entry forms can be downloaded from our [website](#) or collected from Harwich Library. Entries can then be submitted via email to ECCHarwichArt@essex.gov.uk or in person at Harwich library



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District Council



What's on this Summer at Harwich Library?

Explore
LEARNING

FREE The Jungle Jam Writing Workshop!



28/07/26



11:30 – 12:30

This song-writing workshop has been designed for children aged 5-11. Explore Learning tutors will coach children to develop their story-writing skills through a series of challenges and puzzles. By the end of the hour, they will have created a magical story for a young book bee who needed their own unique story.

FREE Maths Wizard Workshop!



28/07/26



13:00 – 14:00

Suitable for ages 5-9. This workshop will take children through the steps to becoming a maths whiz(ard). Starting with 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and then progress to their 3, 4, 6, and 8s. When they graduate, they'll be masters of up to 12 times tables as well!

**Scan the QR
code to book
your space
today!**



Tel: 01206 890888

Email: colchester@explorellearning.co.uk

READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading
Challenge 2026

Join FREE at your
local library!



Saturday 18 July to Saturday 5 September
At your local Essex library or mobile library -
see libraries.essex.gov.uk for library opening times



National
Year of
Reading
2026



Supported using public funding by
**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

Delivered in partnership with libraries
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



Essex County Council
Libraries



READ to the BEAT



Turn up the volume on reading this summer!

We invite children throughout Essex to discover the joy of reading through Read to the Beat! — the music-themed Summer Reading Challenge 2026. Read six books to receive a certificate and medal!

**Saturday 18 July to
Saturday 5 September 2026**

Find out more about how to take part in this free activity:

libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge



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READING
AGENCY



UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP
UNITED KINGDOM



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YOUTH BASEBALL
10-14 YEAR OLDS

JOIN EVERY OTHER SATURDAY

A detailed illustration of a pirate character, likely Captain Jack Sparrow, wearing a black tricorn hat with a white 'H' and 'T' emblem, a red bandana, and a black eye patch. He is pointing directly at the viewer with his right index finger. The background of the poster is a dark blue gradient with a subtle pattern of stars and stripes.

LOW ROAD PLAYING FIELD, WEST END LANE,
HARWICH, CO12 3TA

STARTING
JULY 25TH

HARWICH
PIRATES

10:00
TILL 11:30

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HARWICHBASEBALL@OUTLOOK.COM

LAWFORD FC

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PLAYERS

FOR OUR

NEW U10 TEAM

★ FOR NEXT SEASON ★

YEAR 4 GOING INTO YEAR 5



**ALL ABILITIES
WELCOME**



**WILL BE PLAYING
7 A SIDE IN THE
COLCHESTER & DISTRICT LEAGUE**



**TRAINING
THURSDAY NIGHTS
5:45 TO 7PM**



AT LAWFORD



**CONTACT DAWSON ON
07854674662**

OR



**CONTACT THROUGH OUR WEBSITE
<https://www.lawfordfc.co.uk/contact>**





Saturday 18th July - Saturday 29th August

Mr Frog's Birthday Bumps

Mr Frog's friends want to give him the birthday bumps, but Mr Frog can't remember his age!

Find his friends and they'll tell you!

Prebook a ticket:
www.bethchatto.co.uk/entrance

 Beth
Chatto
Education Trust



KIDS NETBALL CAMP!



A FUN-FILLED DAY OF
NETBALL, FRIENDS & FUN!



**WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST
2026**



10:00AM – 3:00PM



**HARWICH & DOVERCOURT
HIGH SCHOOL**



SCHOOL YEARS 3 – 7



£30 PER CHILD

WHAT'S ON?



**NETBALL
SKILLS & DRILLS**



MATCH PLAY



**GAMES & TEAM
ACTIVITIES!**

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DON'T MISS OUT – GET BOOKED IN TODAY!

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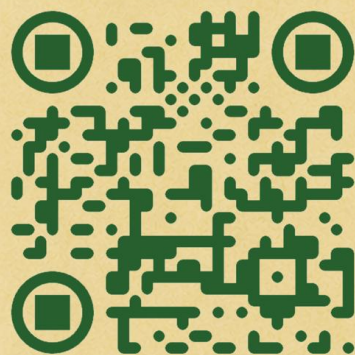
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SIMPLE THINGS FESTIVAL

15TH
AUGUST
2026

HAMFORD VIEW,
LITTLE OAKLEY,
CO125JJ

MUSIC
STALLS
KIDS ACTIVITIES
FOOD AND DRINK
CIRCUS SKILLS



GATES OPEN
AT 12PM

SCAN QR CODE
FOR TICKETS



FREE

4-Day Summer Film School Harwich 2026

**Join Signals for filmmaking fun at the
Electric Palace Harwich.**

In teams, you'll work against the clock to plan, act and shoot your original short film. Whether you're behind the camera or in front of it, you'll learn lots of filmmaking skills in this fast-paced 4-day challenge.

No experience needed - just your imagination.

Free Lunch provided

Suitable for ages 10 - 17

4th, 5th 6th & 7th August - 10am - 3pm

Harwich Electric Palace, King's Quay St, Harwich CO12

**ELECTRIC
PALACE**
— HARWICH —

For more info and to book visit

www.signals.org.uk
email: info@signals.org.uk
call 01206 580950 or scan the QR code



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3-Day Summer Code School - Harwich 2026



FREE

**Lunch
Provided**

**Robot
Building**

Coding

**Video
Game
Making**



**Come along and experiment with some amazing tech in
our brilliant 3-day Summer Code School.**

When: 12th, 13th & 14th August 2026

Time: 10am - 3pm each day

Where: Harwich Scout Hut, Baden Powell Hall, Main Rd, Harwich, CO12 4AH

Who: Suitable for ages 9 to 17 years. No experience needed.

For more info and to book:

Scan the QR code

Visit www.signals.org.uk

or call Signals on 01206 580950



Flatford Nature Day

Tuesday 11th August 2026

Tuesday 25th August 2026

Join in at Flatford for our summer Nature Days!

Lots of free, nature-themed activities and crafts including:

- Bug hunting
- Garden trails
- Tree detectives
- Fun quizzes and nature crafts
- Boat trips on the River Stour



➔ Drop in activities 11am – 4pm

Enjoy the outdoors around
Flatford on either of our
Nature Days.

There will be something for
all the family!



River Stour Trust boat trips are free for children under 14 when accompanied by £8.00 fare paying adult.

There is a charge of £6.00 for use of the National Trust car park for non-members.

Call Field Studies Council Flatford Mill on 01206 297110 for more details.



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NO EXPERIENCE
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Family Summer Sessions

Looking for fully funded family activities this summer?

- ★ Summer Crafts
- ★ Art & Crafts
- ★ Lego Challenges
- ★ Julia Donaldson Stories and Crafts
- ★ Super Scientists
- ★ Family Cooking Together
- ★ And Many More!



Find out what's on near you and book your place:

 0345 603 7635

 aclessex.com/community-family-learning



Suitable for ages 5-11

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Essex County Council

Fully Funded Activities

Day	Start Date	Time	Duration	Weeks	Location
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Summer Crafts

Tuesday	21/07/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	Ongar Library
Tuesday	28/07/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	Ongar Library
Thursday	30/07/26	9:30am	2 hours	1	ACL Colchester
Thursday	30/07/26	12:30pm	2 hours	1	ACL Colchester
Thursday	13/08/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	ACL Chelmsford
Thursday	13/08/26	1:00pm	2 hours	1	ACL Chelmsford

Arts & Crafts

Thursday	23/07/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	ACL Harlow
Thursday	30/07/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	ACL Harlow

Lego Challenges

Thursday	23/07/26	1:00pm	2 hours	1	ACL Harlow
Thursday	30/07/26	1:00pm	2 hours	1	ACL Harlow

Hands on Learning: Family Cooking Together

Wednesday	05/08/26	10:00am	2 hours	3	ACL Clacton
Wednesday	05/08/26	1:00pm	2 hours	3	ACL Clacton

Super Scientists

Thursday	06/08/26	09:30am	2 hours	1	ACL Colchester
Thursday	06/08/26	12:30pm	2 hours	1	ACL Colchester

Wellbeing Art for Families

Saturday	08/08/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	Sible Hedingham Library
Friday	14/08/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	Braintree Library
Friday	14/08/26	1:00pm	2 hours	1	Halstead Library

Julia Donaldson Stories and Crafts

Thursday	13/08/26	09:30am	2 hours	1	ACL Colchester
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