

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

Half term has finally arrived and with it the colder weather so do make sure you look for your hats and gloves over the break ready for when we return. Thank you to all of you who came to Parents Evening, we hoped you found it beneficial. If you couldn't make it and want to speak to your child's teacher, please let us know.

Thank you all for supporting our Harvest Festival Concert. The children were amazing despite a few technical hitches and performed superbly. The Salvation Army has asked us to pass on their grateful thanks for all your generous donations which will go to help support those in need in our wider community.

If you have children in year 6, you only have a few more days to apply for their secondary school place. The closing date is the 31st October. All applications should be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Our Fireworks Extravaganza is on Thursday 5th November. It's always a fantastic night so please come along and support your PTA. Tickets can be purchased in advance or on the gate. There will be a non-uniform day on Tuesday 3rd November in exchange for sweets, chocolate and savory snacks for our tombola stall.

Finally, don't forget the clocks go back this weekend so make sure you take advantage of the extra hour and have a well-earned lie in. We hope you have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 2nd November.



Attendance for the Month of October

EYFS	92.8%	Year 4	94.5%
Year 1	89.8%	Year 5	92%
Year 2	94.1%	Year 6	94.2%
Year 3	89.4%	Whole School	92.4%

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 Miss. Bowers, who will be able to support you.



Mayflower House Points

Beach Hut



3237

Pier



3370

Lighthouse



3712

Port



3087



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



Tombola Donations



We are holding a non-uniform day on **Tuesday 3rd November** in exchange for bringing in sweets, chocolate or savory snacks for our Tombola stall at the Fireworks Extravaganza.

Come to school in your own clothes and help us raise money for our fabulous PTA!



A Magical Celebration of Reading at Mayflower!

On Tuesday 13th October, we were delighted to welcome the wonderful children's author Gareth P. Jones to Mayflower! Our children had already been busy exploring his fantastic books and were incredibly excited to meet the man behind the stories! With his brilliant sense of humour, music and captivating storytelling, Gareth brought his books to life, filling the room with laughter, excitement and inspiration!

At Mayflower, we LOVE reading! We are passionate about nurturing a lifelong love of books and stories, and experiences like this help inspire our children to become enthusiastic, curious and confident readers.

A huge thank you to Gareth P. Jones for such a memorable and inspiring visit! Another BIG thank you to Mrs Haveron for organising such a wonderful event.



Is your child starting school in September 2027?

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.

MAYFLOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL EARLY YEARS OPEN DAYS

Monday 16th November
9:30am

Tuesday 17th November
1:30pm

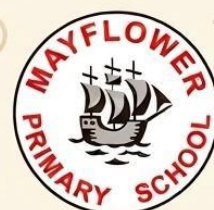
Wednesday 18th November
9:30am

Thursday 19th November
11:00am

Friday 20th November
10:00am



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Mayflower
Primary School



Why is Attendance So Critical?

Every day counts when it comes to your child's education and success. At Mayflower Primary School, we want to work hand-in-hand with our families to ensure every child has the best opportunity to reach their true academic potential.

When children miss school, they don't just miss lessons—they miss out on building strong friendships, developing social skills, and establishing positive lifelong habits. Even small amounts of time away can add up surprisingly fast:

- 90% attendance might sound high, but it actually means your child is missing one full day of school every two weeks. Over an academic year, that is four whole weeks of lost learning!
- Term-time holidays can detrimentally impact progress and prevent pupils from fulfilling their goals.

We understand that every family faces unique circumstances, and we are always here to offer support, guidance, or resources if you are experiencing difficulties with school attendance.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children show dedication to their learning every single day!

Diary Dates



2nd November:	Back to School
3rd November:	Non-Uniform Day – sweets and chocolate for tombola stand
5th November:	Fireworks Night Extravaganza gates open at 5pm
13th November:	Children in need day – wear spots, yellow or anything Pudsey themed
16th November:	Early Years Open Day 9:30am – 10:30am
17th November:	Early Years Open Day 1:30pm – 2:30pm
18th November:	Early Years Open Day 9:30am – 10:30am
19th November:	Early Years Open Day 11:00am – 12 noon
20th November:	Early Years Open Day 10:00am – 11:00am
9th December:	Christmas Dinner Day
9th December:	KS1 Nativity 9:30 – 10:30
10th December:	KS1 Nativity 9:30 -10:30
11th December:	KS1 Nativity 1:30 – 2:30
14th December:	Christmas Fayre 1pm – 3pm
18th December:	Break up for Christmas – Early Finish 1:15pm



Dynamic
FIREWORKS

MAYFLOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL FIREWORKS

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2026



Gates open **5PM**
Gates shut **7PM**



SHOW STARTS
AT 7:15PM



RIDES



STALLS



**LIVE
MUSIC**



FOOD



A BAR



TICKETS

£5
IN ADVANCE

£6 ON THE GATE
ON THE NIGHT



**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT SHORT & SWEET
AS WELL IN TOWN**



**STRICTLY
NO SPARKLERS**



NO SMOKING



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MORE INFORMATION

**U4's
FREE**

Join Essex Pedal Power at the

GLOW ride



GLOW UP YOUR BIKES

Join our #GlowRide and be part of a nationwide movement lighting up the streets for safer cycling with Cycling UK's #MyRideOurRight campaign.



THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER

We'll meet at **Cliff Park** at **6.00pm**.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

This will be a ride along the High Street, up to Cliff Park and back.

Bring your neon, your lights and decorate your bike with us before the ride!

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cycling
UK



Essex
pedal
Power



PUMPKIN TRAIL

24th – 31st
October

Can you find all the pumpkins hiding
around the garden? Track them down
to win a prize!

And once you've completed your hunt,
make sure to visit our pumpkin throne
for the perfect autumn photo!

KIDS GO FREE!
ADULTS - USUAL GARDEN ADMISSION APPLIES



Book admission online

Flatford Nature Day

Tuesday 27th October 2026

Join us at Flatford for our autumn Nature Day!



Lots of free, nature-themed activities to get stuck into including:

- Pond dipping
- Hedgehog trails
- Fun nature quizzes
- Hands-on arts & crafts
- Leafy and riverside strolls



...and much more!



Drop in activities 11am – 3pm



Enjoy the great outdoors
around Flatford this
October half-term

There will be something for
all the family!



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.

 **Field Studies
Council**



River Stour Trust



**Dedham Vale
National
Landscape**



**National
Trust**





extra



Scan to
book your free place

Managing Anxiety

This free 9 week programme aims to help parents/carers manage their own and/or their child's anxiety.

Within the course we examine what anxiety is and how it effects our thoughts, feelings, body and behaviour. It explores how to interrupt the anxiety cycle by challenging negative thoughts and ways of managing the physical effects of anxiety.

**Starts Friday 6th
November 2026
10am - 12pm**

**Park Pavilion, Barrack
Lane, Harwich. C012
3NS**



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extra **ADHD Workshop**

Join us for a friendly and informative workshop designed to help you better understand Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and feel more confident in supporting your child.

Together, we'll explore:

What is ADHD?

How the brain works in children with ADHD

Understanding Rejection Sensitive Dysphoria (RSD)

Practical, positive strategies you can use at home

This session is all about giving you helpful insights, simple tools, and reassurance – so you can respond to your child's needs with greater understanding and confidence.



Karen - Parent Services Manager



Lauren, MBACP
Integrative Counsellor and Associate
Facilitator

**Thursday 26th
November 2026
9.30am - 12pm**

**Harwich and
Dovercourt High
School**



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