

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

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all! This term is quite short so make sure you are keeping up to date on Class Dojo for all the upcoming events.

To help with busy schedules, you can now book your school dinners up to the day before you need them. Hopefully you will find this beneficial. It is really important to book in advance so our Kitchen staff can order the right amount of food for the children. Remember you can now book all the way to Easter!

Don't forget that if you have a child starting school next September, the closing date for applications is the **15th January 2024**. Applications may be made via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.



Attendance for the month of December

EYFS	87.5%	Year 4	90.8%
Year 1	90%	Year 5	89.9%
Year 2	91.3%	Year 6	91.6%
Year 3	92.9%	Whole School	90.7%

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 Miss Carmen or Ms. Walker who will be able to support you.



Wraparound Care

Essex County Council Survey regarding wraparound care in Primary Schools

Essex County Council is committed to supporting the national wraparound programme as part of the childcare reforms announced in the 2023 spring budget. It is the Government's ambition that by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it, will be able to access term time childcare, in their local area, from 8am-6pm to enable parents to access employment.

As a parent or carer of a child who attends primary school Essex County Council want to know your requirements for wraparound care and are asking you to complete this short survey –

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TzK0qFwVFUKg8X7YzJqZLwjRBQ0e02BCvDZWV2-UaK9UQVhXVEtPOE9RT0hYWTJaSVdJRUJOWDdHNC4u>

Your answers will help them understand where Essex County Council should target support and/or funding. Participation is completely voluntary and we really do appreciate your time in doing this. This survey will remain open until 28th of January 2024.

If you need support with completing this form, or if you have any questions please email- wraparound.childcare@essex.gov.uk



Wellbeing Fayre

We are excited to host the Wellbeing Fayre on Tuesday 23rd January from 2pm-5pm.

Local organisations will be here to offer support and resources including:

Bill clinic – offering Free no-obligation reviews of your household utility bills to help improve your financial well-being.

The Vibe – A youth club that offers a range of activities.

Active Essex – Helping you take those first steps to a more active lifestyle.

EXTRA - support for families with SEND needs.

Nationwide, HDHS, Pedal Power, Health visitors, Lads Need Dads and Young carers.

This event is NOT exclusive to the Mayflower community. So, let's spread the word far and wide and make this event really successful!

Join us at the Wellbeing Fayre!

We are holding our second wellbeing fayre at Mayflower Primary School for EVERYONE in Harwich to attend.

Many stalls from services in the local area.

 Nationwide

 Believe in children
Bernardos

 Harwich and Dovercourt
High School

 Active Essex
 Action for
Family Carers
Supporting Carers Across Essex



Bring balance and harmony to your life.

Discover new services in the local area to support you and your family. Meet wellness experts, talk and more.

Mayflower Primary School Main Hall
Tuesday 23rd January
2pm until 5pm

World Champion Jayden Paddock

We are very lucky to have Jayden visiting our school on Tuesday 30th January. This is a great opportunity for the children to see a Team GB Gymnast and get inspired to start their own athletic journey!

During the day he will be giving a talk and demonstration to the whole school and leading a practical session with 6 activities with each year group. There will even be a house competition so everyone can compete for points. Who will win? Port, Pier, Lighthouse or Beach hut. The results will be in the next newsletter.

To help fund his journey, we are sharing a sponsorship link where you can donate to help him achieve his goals. As a thank you, you can get a postcard, signed photo or you can even have a photo with Jayden himself. It would be great to see him at the Olympics and know that we helped contribute to getting him there! Please donate if you can.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/mayflower-1>



Essex Library Service

Winter Reading Challenge



The winter challenge is a fun activity for children ages 0-11 encouraging children to keep reading in the winter. They will join Lyra the penguin as she travels around the world with her magic book to find out about endangered animals. Visit your local library to sign up.

Choose 6 challenges to complete, earn stickers and a certificate and while stocks last receive a packet of seeds and a free book from penguin books.

Look out for videos about Lyra's journey on [Youtube.com/essexlibraries](https://www.youtube.com/essexlibraries)

Travel around the world with Lyra this winter and meet lots of new animal friends!

Collect your booklet from any Essex library.



Diary Dates

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| 23 rd January: | Wellbeing Fayre 2pm-5pm |
| 30 th January: | Jayden Paddock - British Gymnast Event |
| 19 th February: | Half Term |
| 5 th March: | Mind Parent Workshop 9am-11am |
| | Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm |
| 6 th March: | Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm |
| 7 th March: | World Book Day |
| 15 th March: | Red Nose Day |
| 21 st March: | The Roving Bookstore |
| 28 th March: | Last Day of Term |

