

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

As 2023 races to the finish line, we want to thank you for your continued support in making Mayflower such a wonderful place to work, learn and thrive. 2024 will bring even more exciting learning opportunities, sports events, community involvement and building updates so keep your eyes peeled as our school goes from strength to strength.

And finally, everybody at Mayflower would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tTcGkx33xk>



Remember, if you have a child starting school next September, the closing date for applications is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Applications may be made via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

### Fundraising

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

#### Poppy Appeal



**£403.05**

#### Children in Need



**£236**

#### Save the Children



**£210**



### Attendance for the month of November

EYFS	85.4%	Year 4	90%
Year 1	92.9%	Year 5	92.3%
Year 2	92%	Year 6	94.6%
Year 3	93.7%	Whole School	91.7%

**Well done year 6!**

To report your child's absence, please contact the school by 8:30 am.

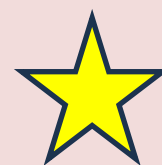
You can phone the main office on 01255 502444, use your 'My Child at School' app or the school website.

If you are struggling with attendance or punctuality, please contact Miss Carmen or Ms. Walker who will be able to support you.



## Hollywood Beckons!

What fantastic performances we saw in our EYFS and KS1 nativities! The children were outstanding and I am sure we will see a few of them on the big screen in the future. A big thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly to put it all together.



### Polite Reminder

Please can we ask you to be mindful of our neighbours' driveways when parking on the local roads at drop off/pick up times.

We have had several complaints recently about parents/carers blocking driveways, in one case making one of our neighbours late for a medical appointment for a premature baby.

Please take care when parking; blocking a driveway is a civil offence and we wouldn't want anyone taken to court!



easyfundraising

Sign up to easyfundraising today to turn your online shopping into free donations for the Mayflower Association. It doesn't cost you any extra but can really make a difference in helping the school fund activities for the children.

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/mayflowerassociation/BZ7TYO/c2s/2of16EJi/CE787/facebook/>





**What a fantastic Feast!**  
**A big thank you to our catering team, who were magnificent!**





# SPORTS REPORTS



On Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, we travelled to Spring Meadow to play in a schools Tag Rugby Tournament, we even got to see Mr B who came to say hello and wish us luck. It was really cold which made it very challenging but we played our best with Thea, Archie M, Jude, Sonny and myself all scoring tries. Although we came 6<sup>th</sup>, we had a great time, played really well as a team and we all received certificates for competing.

By Special Reporter: George 5TA



On Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of November we all went to the Colne School for a local dodgeball tournament. We got off to a great start by winning four games. We all played really well with Beau's great catching and Archie E's great throwing skills. We got all the way to the semi finals but unfortunately lost the last round to Chase Lane. We did win our last game so that meant we came third and took home bronze medals. We all had lots of fun and the girls sang all the way home much to the boys annoyance! A big thankyou goes to Mr Snelling and Mr Deller for their great coaching skills!

By Special Reporter: Eva 6ES

On Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November we went to Suffolk College for a big Dodgeball Tournament. We had a great first half winning nearly all our games thanks to some great throwing from Mickey and catching from Jude and Archie. I even managed to get one player out one handed! The second half was more challenging as we had started to run out of steam. Unfortunately we lost two games but won our last which meant we came third overall and came home with medals. We all had a great time but were very tired. It was a long journey home!

By Special Reporter: Beau 6ES



## School Council

A visit to Alexandra House to deliver personalised Christmas cards to all the residents. We had a truly lovely time and the children were a credit to Mayflower.



Our School Council recently wrote to our MP, Sir Bernard Jenkin, to campaign for a new zebra crossing near the school to ensure the safety of our children.

We have received a response and he has expressed his willingness to visit the school and discuss the matter further. This is a great positive step forward and we will keep you updated on how his visit goes.



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.



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## Diary Dates

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:**

**Last day of term for pupils; break up for Christmas (early finish 1:30pm)**

**4<sup>th</sup> January:**

Spring Term Starts

**23<sup>rd</sup> January:**

Wellbeing Fayre 2pm-5pm

**19<sup>th</sup> February:**

**Half Term**

**5<sup>th</sup> March:**

Mind Parent Workshop 9am-11am

Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm

**6<sup>th</sup> March:**

Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm

**7<sup>th</sup> March:**

World Book Day

**15<sup>th</sup> March:**

Red Nose Day

**21<sup>st</sup> March:**

The Roving Bookstore

**28<sup>th</sup> March:**

**Last Day of Term**

