

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

Well, this half term has got off to a flying start with our fireworks event and the reception open days. Our Halloween Disco was a huge success raising £600 for the school so thank you to all of you that took part.

The Salvation Army were blown away with the amount of food we collected at our harvest assembly. This will help so many people in our community. You have really made a difference. Thank you!

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

This half term is very busy with nativities, concerts and non-uniform days, so keep up to date with all our upcoming events on Dojo!

### Congratulations!!!



Many Congratulations to Miss Garlick on the arrival of baby 'Dottie'.  
Welcome to the Mayflower family!

### Fireworks!!!

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and supported the Mayflower PTA Fireworks event. As usual, the display was outstanding!!



### Attendance for the month of October

EYFS	88.6%	Year 4	92.4%
Year 1	92.3%	Year 5	94.1%
Year 2	95.8%	Year 6	92.8%
Year 3	94.9%	Whole School	93.1%

Well done year 2!

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.



# School Dinners

School Dinners THANK YOU to everyone who has remembered to order their school dinners in advance!!

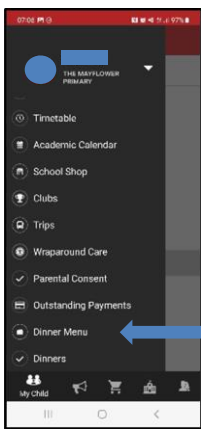
**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRE-ORDER ALL LUNCHES!!**

All school meals should be booked via MCAS the week before they are required (by Saturday evening at the latest). In fact, you can book the whole term in advance to save you time. The office staff have been spending hours each day, adding 40+ dinners into the registers where parents have not pre-booked their child/children's lunch and this must stop. Food is ordered in advance so if you have not pre-booked, we cannot guarantee you will be offered the same choices as there may not be enough. This applies to all children whether paying or free. If you have any problems booking dinners, please speak to our office staff who can walk you through the process or follow our handy guide below.



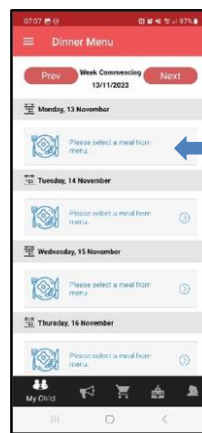
## Booking a School Dinner

1



On the dashboard select 'Dinner Menu'

2



Select the day you wish to book. If you want to book the whole week you will need to book each day separately.

3



Dinner is a set menu however; you can choose a dessert. Press 'Submit' to book.

4



Continue selecting each day until you have finished booking your dinners.

## Multi-Schools Council

On the 5<sup>th</sup> October, eight school councilors went to Holland Haven School in Clacton-on-Sea to discuss ways of helping different schools. We thought about people being scared or worried about tests or work, ways of fundraising for schools and what we could do if we were worried about moving classes or schools. We all had a great time talking to each other and we even got biscuits!

By special reporter: Tammy Burrows yr4



## Remembrance

The children have been busy creating their Remembrance wreaths, and learning about what Remembrance actually means. Here are some examples of their beautiful work:





# SPORTS REPORTS



On the 10<sup>th</sup> October, Mayflower girls team went to Colchester to play against loads of schools in a big girls' football tournament. First, we played St. Philomena's and Eva's goal gave us a 1-0 win. We then beat Two Village 3-0 which meant we had to beat Brightlingsea to make it to the semi-final. With only one team making it through the group stages, we had to win but sadly, we lost 2-0. We felt upset but we were proud for what we had done. Everyone played brilliantly. We also did a shooting competition to judge who had the most powerful shot – Layla won with a shot of 59kmh! We were disappointed with the result but we sang all the way home and are looking forward to our next match in Ipswich!

By Special Reporters: Eva and Ruby 6ES

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Mayflower girls team played a tournament at St. Joseph's College in Ipswich. We played really well and goals from Eva and Layla got us through to the final. Sadly, we lost to Lawford in the final but we are very proud of a second-place finish. I am very proud of all of the team - Willow H, Willow D, Eva, Layla, Olivia, Lola, Violet, Darcey and Yunzyule and me.

By Special Reporter: Eliza 6CH



On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, we went to a football festival in Ipswich, at St Joseph's College. We won thanks to seven goals from Mack, four penalty saves from Stanley and a great performance from AJ, Ned, Ryan B, Barclay, Chay and Jacob. Mack scored a hat trick in the final and we got our trophy from former Ipswich player Cole Skuse. It was a very good day.

By Special Reporter: Stanley 4CC





We meet at Central Church Hall, Dovercourt,  
every Wednesday Evening  
from 6 00p.m. – 8 00p.m.



We welcome young people aged from  
8 years + and have 10 spaces for all who enjoy:-

*Games + Talks + Refreshments + Prizes + Helping in the Community + Raising money for Good Causes + going on Outings + hearing Speakers .....*  
If that sounds like YOU then *come and join us*, we are a lively, fun loving Group with a serious side to our activities which are firmly grounded in the Christian ethos.

(There is **NO** annual Membership Subscription and we only ask for a £1 per person as a weekly contribution towards Rent and Refreshment costs!)

RAMSEY /DOVERCOURT CRUSADERS was formed in 1990 by Ramsey Vicar, Rev'd Stephen Northfield, Teachers Therese/Nigel Spencer, and Teenagers Kate Guilfoyle/Claire Tyg. In 2023 we have three Leaders and three Helpers with an active Membership of 18 Young People.

All adults are DB checked and First Aid/Safe-guarding Policies are current to required standards.

(We are always appreciative of regular Adult help, and have a specific need for male volunteers. If you feel you can help and are willing to be Trained/DB Checked, then do let us know!)

Contact Group Leader: Nigel Spencer MBE, DL  
Phone 01255 502702 or email nigelspencer.crusaders@btinternet.com

#### Dates of the next Meetings

15th Nov. Shoe game during evening - bring along an extra pair of shoes!!  
22nd Nov. **BOWLING** at Colchester Centre. Further details in due course.  
29th Nov. **XMAS FAMILY BINGO EVENING** Families/Friends really **WELCOME!**  
06th Dec. Mad Games Fun-time! Take part if you dare!  
13th Dec. Party/Christmas Craft Making Activities. Last 2023 Wednesday Meeting.

(10th January 2024 we open as we start the New Year.)

#### 17th Dec. CHRISTMAS MORRISONS BAG-PACK

We are supporting Harwich Hampers for the Needy, Les Nicholl's Appeal.  
Can you spend an hour or two - possibly with your parents - to help Bag-Pack between 10am - 4pm? A Hamper costs £100. Could we raise enough money for purchasing at least one example? More details in December!

Each week we collect FOOD etc. for the Harwich Food Bank. Anything that you can spare and which is in date is much appreciated by the recipients.

## Diary Dates



13 <sup>th</sup> November:	Odd Socks Day
17 <sup>th</sup> November:	Children in Need Day – wear Pudsey wear or spots
6 <sup>th</sup> December:	EYFS Nativity Performance 2pm
7 <sup>th</sup> December:	EYFS Nativity Performance 10am
11 <sup>th</sup> December:	KS1 Nativity Performance 1.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December:	KS1 Nativity Performance 9.30am
12 <sup>th</sup> December:	KS2 Carol Concert at the school 1.15pm
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:</b>	<b>Last day of term for pupils; break up for Christmas (early finish 1:30pm)</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> January:	Spring Term Starts
23 <sup>rd</sup> January:	Wellbeing Fayre 2pm-5pm
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mind Parent Workshop 9am-11am