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We we are all
Maths writers ...



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Poppies

The red poppy is worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces communities across the UK, Allied Forces and the Commonwealth.

Both Offices have got both poppies and some poppy related paraphernalia.



If parents would like to make a donation for an item for themselves or their child, then we are suggesting a 50p donation for a poppy and £1 donation for an item of paraphernalia. Younger children can bring the money in in a named envelope if parents are not able to go to the School Offices.

E-Scooters

The school has had a few reports of parents using e-scooters on school premises. Specifically our T site.

Please be mindful of the following:

Privately owned e-scooters are illegal to use in a public place!

E-scooters come under the category of 'powered transporters'. This also covers a range of other personal transport devices which are powered by a motor.

Powered transporters fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Therefore, the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters, which includes that they must not be ridden on footpaths or pavements and must not be ridden carelessly.

As an e-scooter is classed as a motor vehicle, users must comply with various pieces of Road Traffic Legislation, including, but not limited to, the requirement for the rider to have:

- A valid driving licence
- Valid insurance

It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters. This means they cannot be used on the road or in public places legally.

It is important to emphasise that if you're not hiring an e-scooter from 'TIER' as part of the Essex County Council scheme, you will be breaking the law.

In other words—going forward, if we become aware of e-scooters being used on school property, we will notify the police and if needs be ban the adults using them on school property from the school site.

Awards

STAR—Hudson (RREX), CHARIOT—Myles (MM), JUMBO—Adyan (MLM).

EAGLES—Layla (RROX), ROSES—Tabasom ((RREX), CIRCUS—Patrick (MLM).

MERCURY—Esmee-Shea (RROX), CLAUDIUS—Ellie (MM), ROMANS—Arthur (RREX).

DUTCH—Fletcher (MM), ICENI—Freddie (MM), PAXMAN—Rhys (MM).

CASTLE—Ethel (MM), GARRISON—Alina (MM), CAVALIER—Jasper (MLM).

OYSTERS—Clark (MM), RAEDWALD—Isla (CC), MAGNETS—Alexander (MLM).

TRINOVANTES—Omar (RROX), CYMBELLINE—Georgina (CC), LATHES—Charlie (MM).

ATTENDANCE—Trinovantes & Circus

Maths, Magic and Mystery – Rob Eastaway: Family talk (1 December 2023, evening)

A Christmas show for all the family. Discover some of the fun ways you can explore maths at home in this fun interactive show which combines mind-reading tricks, games, curiosities and a surprising revelation about PG Tips teabags. This is suitable for children of any age from 6+. Parents and carers who are terrified of maths will be relieved to hear that all the volunteering and working out will be left to the children.

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One Square Mile

Our One Square Mile History Club—met for the first time yesterday. As part of their first session they were object handling.

History is important because it teaches us about past. And by learning about the past, you come to understand the present, so that you may make educated decisions about the future.

PTA BINGO Night

Please remember that next Friday is our PTA BINGO Night.

The premise is very simple. Gather a few friends, some bottles of drink and a few nibbles.

Pop along to play a bit of Bingo and you may even win some top quality, highly desirable prizes.

Tickets are £5 per adult and are available from either School Office.



Year 5 Swimming

I know there has been some confusion with regards to the correct attire for swimming—more specifically walking to and from Leisure World. So to clarify.

1, Children MUST wear school uniform on swimming days—NOT their PE kit. Children will change for swimming when they get to Leisure World.

2, Children do need a warm/waterproof coat. Children will have to walk to swimming whatever the weather so the above is kind of essential. The bottom line is that it should be able to keep your child warm and dry.

Term Dates

Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term
Thursday 4th January—First Day of Spring Term
Monday 19th February—Friday 23rd February—Half Term
Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Break.

Diary Dates

Friday 10th November @ 7.00p.m. (AF) —PTA Bingo Night.
Saturday 2nd December. PTA Christmas Fair @ AF. 12.00-2.00p.m.

Please keep your eye on the school's website calendar for other dates/information—including Christmas Production Times.

The **Big** Question for the Autumn Term Assessment Period — Where are my Roots?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Celebrating Difference

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 17 (access to information from the media) Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

After School Clubs

We do have some 'After School Clubs' with spaces still available.

AF: Spanish Year 1 (Tuesday), Dance Club (Yr 1) Wednesday, Yr 6 Football (Wednesday), Yr 5 Football (Thursday), Tennis (Yr 5/6) - Friday and Dance (Yr 5/6) - Friday.

T: Tennis (Yr 3/4) - Tuesday, Spanish (Yr 2/3) - Wed, Yr 2 Multi Skills - Thursday and Yr 3/4 Multi Skills - Friday.

If anyone is interested in joining any of the above mentioned clubs, please contact either school office.

Christmas Tree Wonderland

As part of our Christmas Market on Saturday 2nd December—there will, this year, be a 'Christmas Tree Wonderland'.

In effect—a magical maze of Christmas Trees for children and parents to weave around, so I'm told. Each class is taking responsibility for creating and decorating a tree.

However, we are after some trees—of all shapes and sizes to create the maze. If you have an old Christmas Tree hidden in the loft, under the stairs, under a bed—anywhere really, which is now surplus to requirements, could you possibly bring it in as soon as possible (an early Christmas clear out) to your child's class teacher. It doesn't matter if they get more than one tree as the teachers will share them out and it doesn't matter how big or small the tree is.

Like wise, if you have any old, or new, surplus to requirements decorations, they will be gratefully received by the PTA.

Many thanks.

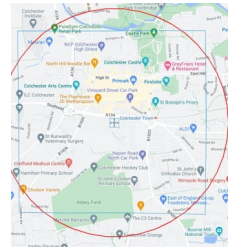


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HISTORY ON OUR DOOR-STEP... ONE SQUARE MILE.



St Botolphs Priory

Did you Know?

- It was founded about 1100, St Botolph's was one of the first Augustinian priories in England.
- The priory church was built in Norman style on the site of the earlier Church of St Botolph, the work having been completed by 1177 when it was dedicated.
- It was badly damaged by cannon fire during the Civil War siege of 1648.
- In the middle of the fourteenth century a violent altercation took place between the priory and St John's Abbey. The Abbey complained to the pope that prior John with two of his canons, John Noreys and Thomas de Gipwico, along with several laymen, attacked one of the monks of St John's with a sword and dagger and blockaded them within the abbey, before a third canon with some laymen forced entry and attacked the abbot and convent.
- The main west door into the church was called the Pardon Door, because it was where pardons were granted at the feast of St Denis (9 October, known as Pardon Day in Medieval Colchester).
- The house was headed by a Prior, and initially contained twelve canons representing the Twelve Apostles.
- Around Colchester the priory owned land at Greenstead and Cannock (or Canwick, from Canon's Wick) in West Donyland, and several watermills in and around the town, including East Mill, Cannock Mill and Hull Mill (the latter two located on Bourne Brook, where there was a third mill, Bourne Mill, belonging to St John's Abbey)
- Most of the abbey remains are constructed of flint and incorporate reused Roman bricks. The ruins of the priory church are most impressive, with large round columns and the rounded arches so characteristic of the Norman Romanesque period. The west front of the church is especially notable for its ornamentation.
- The priory ruins are on Priory Street, at the bottom of Queen Street, only a short stroll from the Colchester tourist information centre and castle. The priory is accessible at any time.

