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## Newsletter

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### Dominick the Donkey

Many parents (and children) are now aware that our PTA have been kicking up a 'Dominick the Donkey' Christmas surprise for all the children and parents at the school. It was a secret—but as with all best laid plans, little bits kept creeping out.



Some of our PTA have put a huge amount of work into bringing this together as well as other professionals who quite frankly, without their expertise, what you're about to see—could not have happened.

Please enjoy, and if you feel you can make a little donation to our PTA, who then spend the money back on the children at the school, please do so. Most importantly enjoy, Happy Christmas and be thankful that all the stars in the video decided to work in school and not pursue a career in singing!



To view the video: [https://youtu.be/eWE\\_\\_75uTlo](https://youtu.be/eWE__75uTlo)

To make a donation: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QQ0Q72KD> or scan the QR code.

Huge thanks to: Happy Days Creative, Colchester Arts Centre, Taylors Dance Company, Black Cactus Studio, Layer Marney Horse Drawn Carriages and of course, our PTA!

### Year 1 Christmas Melody

Really well done to our Year 1 children who have given us two singing concerts this week. Not easy to sing in front of an audience—I do know this! and they were just amazing. Thank you as well to all parents and relatives who were able to come along and support.



### Christmas Lunch

Huge thanks to Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Blackery and our Catering Team for serving up such a Christmas treat on Tuesday and Thursday as all our children enjoyed their Christmas lunch and also a Christmas cracker (courtesy of our PTA).



Christmas hats and Christmas jumpers were everywhere and how anybody could have left the hall hungry is beyond me.

### The Mighty Colchester United

The mighty Colchester United are at home this Saturday to Newport County. Now I didn't go to Colchester's last home league game, because it was a Tuesday night and it was going to be cold and I was tired and ... and they only went and won 4-0, much to Mrs. Smith's delight who took great pleasure in sending Year 6 children up to ask me whether I enjoyed the game!



I'll be there tomorrow...surely they can win!

### Kingswood (Year 5)

Year 5, Please remember that the first payment of £70 was due last week.

As always and as was said in the initial meetings—the best way to do this is little and often.

### Danbury (Year 4)

The third payment of £25 is due next week (Friday 18th December.)

### Primary School Admissions

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 4 November 2024 for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2025.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

### Christmas Card Delivery

Next week, our Year 4 and Year 6 Elves will be delivering Christmas Cards across the school.

If your child would like to send a Christmas card to their friends then please make sure you pop the first name and last name of the child the card needs to go and also if possible their class as this just makes it a little bit easier for our elves to deliver.



In the library area at both T and AF, there is a Christmas post box—and all your child needs to do to get their cards delivered is pop them in the post box—no stamps required.

### Honky Tonky Donkey

A massive well done to our EYFS children who were magnificent this week in their nativity. Not an easy thing to do when you're just 4/5 years old.



Life is SHORT.  
DON'T BE AFRAID TO LAUGH,  
TO CARE, TO SPARKLE & SHINE  
& MOSTLY LOVE!



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### Term Dates

Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January— Christmas Holiday.

(Please also see school online calendar and school website)

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th December—2.30p.m. Year 3 Christmas Songs to parents @ T.

Tuesday 17th December @ 10.00a.m., Wednesday 18th December @ 1.45p.m. & Thursday 19th December @ 1.45p.m.—Year 2 Production @ T—'Our Happy Christmas.'

Friday 20th December—Year 2 Pyjama Day (Night Before Christmas)

Friday 20th December—EYFS Pyjama Day (Polar Express)

**Please keep an eye on the school's website calendar for dates/times relating to Christmas.**

Monday 6th January—First Day of Spring Term

### Rights Respecting Schools

**Article 2** (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

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

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term— Celebrating Difference

### Christmas Sparkle...

Next Wednesday, our PTA have a little Christmas treat for the children. So if children want to come to school on Wednesday (18th) dressed in their Christmas jumpers, etc., they are very welcome.

Also—the very last day of term, Friday 20th children can come to school dressed Christmassey. Apart from EYFS and Year 2 on the Friday because they're all coming to school in their pyjamas.

Please note these are NOT non uniform days—if children don't want to wear Christmas clothes, that's fine, but they should come to school in their uniform.

### API Reports

All children will be bringing home today their API reports, which will summarise your children's learning for this term.

Please remember these reports are for you as parents and also include suggestions from class teachers about the next steps your children need to take to improve their learning.

Most importantly, please just read with your children. I cannot stress enough the impact that reading daily with your children will have on your children.

Please—just please. We're practically begging!

### Awards

STAR— Whole Class (CC), CHARIOT— Whole Class (CC), JUMBO— Whole Class (CC).

EAGLES— Lyla (RROX), ROSES— Ember (MM), CIRCUS— Maisie (MLM).

MERCURY— Joshua (RREX), CLAUDIUS— Sidney (MM), ROMANS— Isabella (MM).

DUTCH— Jenson (MLM), ICENI— Isaac (RROX), PAXMAN— Oscar (RROX).

CASTLE— Emil (MM), GARRISON— Roman (MM), CAVALIER— Reuben (MM).

OYSTERS— Keina (MM), RAEDWALD— Natalie (MM), MAGNETS— Izzy (CC).

TRINOVADES— Tommy (MLM), CYMBELINE— Holly (CC), LATHES— Julia (MM).

ATTENDANCE— Trinovantes

Assembly Theme for WB: 16/12/24—The Christmas Story.