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Please remember that next week is Half Term and the school is closed—All children are back on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Skinner has also very kindly put together some Autumn challenges for both you and your children and these are on the back of the newsletter—good luck and enjoy.

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At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.
Jane D. Hull

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good." - Malcolm Gladwell

YOUR CHILD WILL FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE, NOT YOUR ADVICE.

Room on the Broom

A menagerie of different animals and characters arrived at school today as our EYFS children finished off their unit of work linked to the book, 'Room on the Broom'. The children have undertaken a host of different activities and learnt some new skills—including both broom stick making and broom stick flying—will the skies ever be safe again?



Autumn at its' very Best

The national papers have been reporting over the last few weeks that this year there is likely to be a spectacular autumnal display of colours.

This is because we had good sunny spells in both Spring and September and some dampness in the Summer.

Sadly, in our daily lives, we miss what's on our doorstep and right in front of us. The pictures are of Abbey Fields that I took this morning. Friday Wood Green is just up the road—Highwoods Country Park and Castle Park are on our doorstep. I know things are pretty rubbish at the moment with the Tier 2 restrictions—but there are some things we can enjoy and better than that—it costs nothing.

<https://handsonaswegrow.com/kids-leaf-crafts/>



Book Island Challenge
From National Book Tokens—calling on young adventurers to guess which book characters live on the islands in our Book Island Challenge.

7 islands, 7 book characters. Just click on each island and enter answers in the box. We'll let them know if their answers are correct, almost there, or whether they need to try again!

<http://newsletter.sbooktokens.co.uk/q/1mU7YVwJX2hp7fwvDocU/wv>



Crocus Bulbs

With thanks to the Rotary Club, every child will be bringing home a crocus bulb today to plant at a location of their choosing.

The Rotary Club have been generously donating crocus bulbs for a few years now and our success in growing them hasn't been great.

Hopefully, you'll have far more success.

Now is the perfect time to plant them and all being equal they will bloom in the Spring.

Awards

- Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Katie (MM)
- Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Henry (MM)
- Year 6 (Lathes) - Noah (CC)
- Year 5 (Oysters) - Riley (RREX)
- Year 5 (Magnets) - Beau (MM)
- Year 5 (Raedwald) - Whole Class (CC)
- Year 4 (Castle) - Alan (MM)
- Year 4 (Cavalier) - Maddie (MM)
- Year 4 (Garrison) - Freddie (RROX)
- Year 3 (Dutch) - Rosie (RREX)
- Year 3 (Iceni) - Mia (RREX)
- Year 3 (Paxman) - James (MM)
- Year 2 (Mercury) - Ronnie (MM)
- Year 2 (Claudius) - Riduyan (MLM)
- Year 2 (Romans) - Isla (MM)
- Year 1 (Eagles) - Isaac (RROX)
- Year 1 (Circus) - Tilly (CC)
- Year 1 (Roses) - Matyas (MM)
- EYFS (Jumbo) - Aston (MLM)
- EYFS (Star) - Daniel (MLM)
- EYFS (Chariot) - Rocky (MM)
- Attendance—Iceni



Colchester United

I haven't waxed lyrical about Colchester United for sometime. However, with Half Term coming up and a stunning win for the team in blue on Tuesday against Forest Green—I couldn't resist.

Over Half Term, Colchester are playing three times and they start this fixture run against the mighty Harrogate.

It's £10 to watch the game live on ifollow—it's almost as if you're there!



Breakfast Club

From after Half Term, the school's Breakfast Club will start at 7.30a.m. until the start of the school day.

To support parents during these difficult times at the moment there will be no increase in the price of Breakfast Club, which will remain at £2.20.

Please could I remind parents that Breakfast Club should be paid for using Sims On-Line Payments and that when entering the school building, parents must wear face masks.

Many thanks.

Flu Immunisation (Friday 6th November)

Please remember—all parents have been sent an e-mail explaining the details of how to apply on-line for your child to be given the flu vaccine at our school.

Please go to:

<https://immsconsent.eput.nhs.uk/FluConsent/Form/1/#/Page1>

You will need the school code which is: 114711

Please complete the on-line form (you'll need to complete a separate form for each child you have in the school) by 5.00p.m. on **Wednesday 4th November** to ensure your child receives the vaccination.

If you do need any help with the form please contact the Immunisation Team on 01206 334530.

We do have a few paper consent forms at both school offices, should completing it electronically fill you with dread!

Langskip Floating

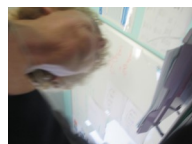
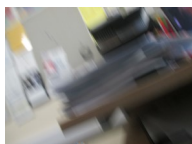
As part of their work linked to Vikings—our Year 5 children have been building longships in class and then testing their suitability for life at sea.

It's fair to say that this was a fantastic effort from the Year 5 children with some quite excellent ships. Sadly, not all the ships were deemed sea worthy and a few playmobil characters, either fell out of the ships or quite literally went down with them.



And Finally

Bonus points for anyone who can work out what these are photographs of! For all Mrs Bullivant's strengths, photography does not rank highly amongst them and when I was downloading some photos this morning, she had no answer for the two images or how she managed to take them...



Have a Good Half Term

Simon Billings

Raising Children

The best way to raise positive children in a negative world is to have positive parents who love them unconditionally and serve as excellent role models.

printablecards.resources2u.com

Essex Children's University & Suffolk Children's University

Autumn Challenge

Complete your challenge and take the evidence into your school for CU Learning Credits to be awarded.

Alternatively email your evidence to admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk or

manager@suffolkchildrensuniversity.co.uk

Autumn Rainbow

The Autumn is one of the most beautiful times of year. Nature thrills us with beauty.

On a walk with your family, see if you can find the colours of the Rainbow.

Here's one a friend of mine did and it gave me the idea.

Can you label and identify the plant name of each colour you add to your Rainbow?



Send us a photo of your rainbow and list as many of the plant names as you can

1 hour of CU Learning

Conker Creatures

On your walk you might find some Conkers. Make your own family of Conker Creatures and write a short story about them!



30 minutes of CU Learning

Pumpkin Maths and other things....



If you have a pumpkin at home, we'd like you to:

Record its statistics:

- Height
 - Circumference
 - Mass
 - Volume
 - Density
- Draw a pumpkin and label its parts. We think you can add 7 labels.
 - Put your hand inside the Pumpkin and close your eyes. Describe, as imaginatively as you can what you can feel.

1 hour of CU Learning on submission of your Pumpkin facts.

Hedgehog Rolls



There are some great recipes for Hedgehog Rolls out there. Bake a batch of Hedgehog Rolls and be sure to send us a picture of your baked delights to receive your Learning Stamp

1 hour of CU Learning

How many words....



How many different words can you make from Mary Poppins' famous phrase?

supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

What do you think it means?

1 hour of CU Learning on submission of your list of words and what your interpretation of the meaning of supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

How tall are the trees?

There's an easy way to estimate how tall a tree is, and we thought it would be fun for you to try.

It's only an estimate but uses trigonometry

- Find a tree
- Bend over and see if you can see the top of the tree.
- If you can't see the top move further away until you can.
- When you can see the top of the tree you are as far away from it as its height.



What does trigonometry mean? How did the word originate? How else is trigonometry used?

1 hour of CU Learning on submission of your findings and explanation of the word Trigonometry and its uses.