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Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February—Half Term
Monday 7th April—Monday 21st April—Easter Break
Monday 5th May—Bank Holiday—The School is Closed.
Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May—Half Term
Friday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th January—Year 6 Swimming Starts.
WB 20/1/25—Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 7th February—NSPCC Number Day—Non Uniform Day—(More details to follow)
Tuesday 11th February—Safer Internet Day

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 22 (refugee children) If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

Assembly Theme for WB: 20/1/25—Responsibility

The **Big** Question for the Spring Term Assessment Period — Who is Responsible for the World?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Dreams and Goals

Hedgehogs



Although normally at this time of year hedgehogs are hibernating to survive the winter, in our EYFS class last week, they were very much about! Or maybe, due to their inactivity on the table—they were indeed hibernating?



Really well done to our EYFS class, for their amazing clay work and very realistic hedgehogs.

Did you know...

Hedgehogs spend much of their life asleep, hibernating through the winter months of November and mid-March in a nest made from fallen leaves in a sheltered spot. They emerge in spring but will typically spend the day sleeping, becoming active after the sun has gone down.

Despite their cute appearance, these little spiky mammals are voracious predators and have a varied diet - eating worms, slugs, earwigs, millipedes, beetles and other small insects. They can sometimes also eat frogs, baby birds, snakes, bird's eggs and fruit.

Hedgehogs are good runners, proficient climbers and can even swim.

They are actually lactose intolerant - so if you want to feed your local neighbourhood hedgehog, wet cat food or hedgehog food you can purchase in most garden centres is best!



Attendance

At this time of year we all very much start thinking of warmer days, whether there is actually still some blue sky around and I've had enough of being cold.

It is more tempting at times to stay in bed—but please can I urge parents to un-earth their children and make sure they come to school, however cold it is outside.

We have carried out an attendance review this week with regards to children whose attendance is below 90%.

We do have a few children whose attendance is below 90% which makes them a PA—or a child that is considered a Persistent Absentee.

Whilst I very much appreciate that bugs and illness is a big part of this time of year, every day that a child is off school means they miss out on the learning that the class teacher has prepared and this then can impact on the rest of their learning week.

If your child is unwell then please keep them at home. But if they're just a bit under the weather, then they can come into school and we can administer calpol to help them through the day.

Some of the best tips I have could be...

- 1, If they're well enough to play on the Xbox/Playstation—then they're well enough to come to school.
- 2, If they're well enough to be looking at their phones/go on the iPad—then they're well enough to come to school.
- 3, If they are not lying looking very poorly on the sofa or on their beds—then they're probably well enough to come into school.

I do appreciate this is a bit tongue in cheek but this is actually a very long way of saying... I know it's tough at this time of year—but please make sure your children are in school as this is where we do our best work—!

Karter - Colchester United



A very special day for Karter a couple of weeks ago as he spent the afternoon behind the scenes at Colchester United.

Not only did he get to meet some of the players and obviously the famous 'Eddie the Eagle (Colchester's mascot) - so named because the Romans used an eagle as an emblem when they occupied Britain.

Karter also spent some minutes with the manager Danny Cowley, fist bumping him and I'm sure giving him some top tips on what Colchester United need to do next—'win', would have been my advice!



Young Artist

The school has registered to enable our children, should they so wish, to submit art work for the 'Young Artists Summer Show'. More details are on page 2 of the newsletter and more details can be found at <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

Year 4 Danbury

Please remember that the next Danbury payment of £30 is due today.

Awards

STAR— Adan (RREX), CHARLOT— James (RREX), JUMBO— Elan (CC).

EAGLES— Leo (MM), ROSES— Izza (MLM), CIRCUS— Myles (MM).

MERCURY— Raife (RREX), CLAUDIUS— Tola (MM), ROMANS— Zahil (RREX).

DUTCH— Harmony (RREX), ICE— NI— Sebastian (RREX), PAX— MAN— Whole Class (RROX)

CASTLE— Paul (MM), GARRISON— Ripley (RREX), CAVALLIER— Freddie (RREX).

OYSTERS— Isla (RREX), RAEDWALD— Lillie (RREX), MAGNETS— Albert (CC).

TRINOVANTES— Amelia (MM), CYMBELINE— Ryan (MM), LATHES— Lydia (RREX).

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After School Clubs

Please see below a list of after school clubs we currently have running at AF and T.

Some of the clubs do have spaces, so if your child is interested in joining one of the clubs, please contact either school office for more details.

Town Site:

Tuesday - Year 3 & 4 Tennis
Wednesday - Year 2 & 3 Spanish
Thursday - Year 2 Multi-skills
Friday - Year 3 & 4 Multi-skills

Abbey Field Site:

Monday - Year 5 Netball
Tuesday - Year 1 Spanish; Year 5 Football; Year 5 & 6 Yoga
Wednesday - EYFS Dance; Year 6 Football
Thursday - Year 1 Dance; Year 5 & 6 Choir
Friday - Year 5 & 6 Dance; Year 5 & 6 Tennis

Apple Watches

A number of our children have come back from the holidays with an 'apple watch'. Please reinforce with your children that if they do wear these to school, they do at their own, or the watches own risk and that they must not be used, other than to tell the time.

Many thanks.

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FREE family Fun at ACL Colchester on Saturdays!

Whether you, and your family, would like to join in with:

- *Floristry
- *First Aid
- *Arts and Crafts

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Resources are FREE too, PLUS you get to take home your creations!

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Young Artists' Summer Show 2025

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 years living and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts either onsite or online.

How to enter

From 6 January 2025, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, teachers and parents/guardians can submit artworks via the RA website until 5 March 2025.

Important dates

6 January – 5 March 2025

Registration and submission open

May 2025

Judging

15 July 2025

Online exhibition opens

15 July – 10 August 2025

Display at the RA open

Sign up and find out more

royac/youngartists

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