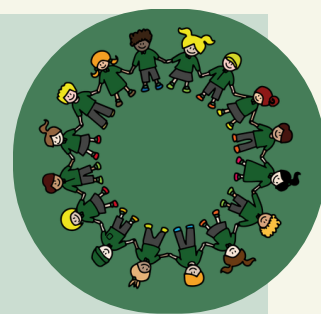


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Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible,
Enjoy Learning



NEWSLETTER

Summer Term
2026 - Vol 1
WE: 1st May 26

Sustainability Matters



Sustainability & Comic Relief

At our school, we are helping children learn how to look after our planet. We talk about simple ways to help, such as using less, reusing things, and recycling. Children are learning that even small actions, like turning off lights or picking up litter, can make a big difference. We remind everyone that we all need to care for the Earth so it stays clean and healthy for the future. By working together, we can all help to protect our world.

THANK YOU



**YES
PLEASE**

Clothing
Towels
Sheets
Curtains
Shoes
Sleeping bags

**NO
THANKS**

Soiled rag
Carpet
Rugs
Glass
Metal
Paper
Rubbish

In this weeks newsletter;

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School Clothes Bin

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LATEST NEWS...

Sports Celebrations

We were delighted to take 4 children who are passionate in sports to the Active Essex awards. We are one of three schools in Southend to receive this award due to the hard work put into sports within our school, ensuring children have excellent opportunities and great PE lessons.

We are also delighted to announce that we are the first school in the city of Southend-on-Sea to receive this year's School Gains Gold Award for all the events, activities and achievements across the whole school.

Creative Dance Festival

Our Golden Gabriella Dance Group watched 22 other schools perform yesterday and then performed themselves, which they did outstandingly! Thank you to all those who stayed to watch them perform on the playground again this afternoon, your support is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events..

Year 4 Colchester Castle Trip

An exciting trip coming up for our year 4's to Colchester Castle on 6th May (LH4) and 7th May (KP4). Please ensure they are in full uniform and wear comfortable shoes such as trainers, bring a packed lunch, water bottle and apply suncream before school if necessary.

SATS Week

We are delighted to recognise the exceptional effort and commitment our Year 6 pupils have demonstrated this year, especially as they prepare for their national assessments. To help support them during SATs Week (commencing 11th May), we are inviting all Year 6 children to start each day with breakfast at school. From Monday to Thursday of SATs week, breakfast will be served from 8:15am. Pupils should arrive via the middle gates. We will have a range of hot and cold options available, giving children the opportunity to settle in, enjoy time with their friends, and feel ready for the day ahead. We very much look forward to seeing all of our Year 6 pupils at breakfast!



KEY NEWS:

WINNERS

Well done to AP2 & OC6 for having the highest class attendance this week, keep up the effort of coming to school every day!

Mini Marathon

Please remember to donate to the Just Giving page for the children's completion of the Mini Marathon by 8th May



ATTENDANCE

Being in school, on time, every day matters. For children to learn and thrive to reach their potential, they need to be in school. Our gates are open **daily from 8.35am - 8.45am**, please ensure your child enters the school between these times so that they can get to class on time and engage in the important start of day activities and learning. - Keep an eye out for the next Superhero visit too! Thank you.



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Dates for the diary...

PLEASE REMEMBER, WE ARE...



May

- Monday 4th - Bank Holiday (School closed)
- Wed 6th - LH4 Colchester Castle Trip
- Thurs 7th - KP4 Colchester Castle Trip
- WB 11th - SATS week
- WB 18th History Week
- Friday 22nd - Challenge Day (Parents welcome to attend 2-3pm)

***** Half Term 25th–29th May *****

Children return to school Monday 1st June

June

- WB 1st - Year 4 Times Tables Checks
- WB 8th - Phonics Screening Checks

Reminders:



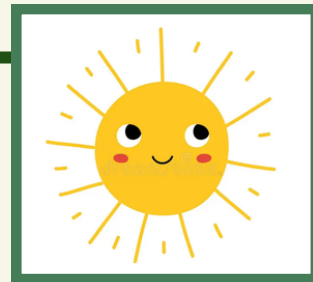
School Lunches

Please ensure you book your child's lunch at least 24 hours in advance. Orders can be placed for up to three weeks ahead. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) in KS1, please remember that you still need to place an order. Thank you for your cooperation.



Year 4 Swimming lessons

Year 4 will continue their swimming lessons each week. Please ensure your child brings a towel and a swimming hat every week so they can take part fully in the session. Thank you for your support.



Summer Term Weather

As the weather becomes warmer this term, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared. Children should bring a hat, sun cream, and a water bottle each day. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable during the warmer weather.



**Funded &
private
sessions
available**



RICHMOND AVENUE NURSERY

**Nursery Places Available for September
2026**

We have funded and private sessions available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

Come and Visit Us!

Join our Stay and Play sessions to meet our teachers and tour our
wonderful nursery:

Wednesday 20th May | 3:45pm – 4:15pm

Thursday 18th June | 3:45pm – 4:15pm

How to Apply:

Email: admin@richmond.secat.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our nursery family!



Phone: 01702 292197



WRAPAROUND CARE

Available for children Reception - Year 6

BEFORE SCHOOL

Children will be offered a nutritious breakfast (including dairy alternatives) and taken to their classes ready for their school day.

Monday - Friday
7:30am - 8:40am
£6.00 per Child, per day

INFORMATION

The club is there to help working parents and offer social interaction and varied experiences beyond the curriculum, focusing on fun and development.

Session can be booked on MCAS parents can also;
email - dropzone@richmond.secat.co.uk
or call 07759720103 (During session times only)

AFTER SCHOOL

Children are escorted by their teachers at the end of the school day to a safe supervised space, providing enrichment, where they can build friendships. During the session, children will be offered a nutritious snack, for example a toastie or a pitta pizza. There are plenty of activities to keep everyone occupied, including crafting, puzzles, board games, small world playsets, quiet zones for homework and outdoor play.

Monday - Friday
3:10pm - 6pm
£12.50 per Child, per day

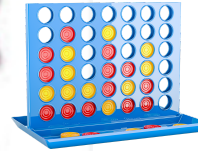
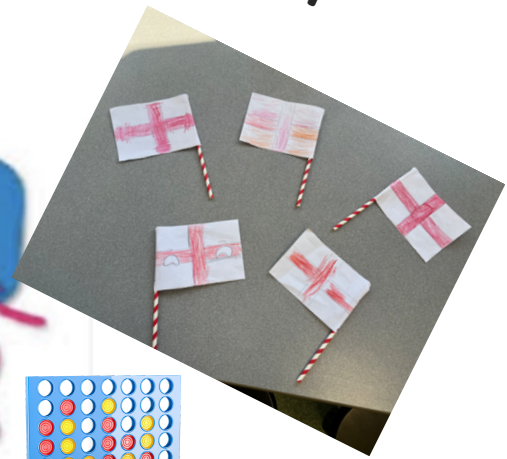
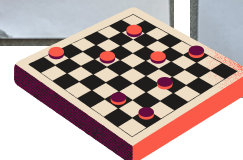
DID YOU KNOW?

Parents eligible for **Tax-Free Childcare** or **Universal Credit Childcare** will be able to use the support to help pay for wraparound care.

Childcare Choices | HM Government

We are offering a first session FREE for all new children to the club - subject to space available on your chosen day. Please help support our clubs to be successful. The club can be used for adhoc sessions when available - we aim to be as flexible as possible.

If you would like your child to attend our Dropzone wraparound care, please ensure you book at least 24 hours in advance on to the MCAS app and collect a contract from the office.





DROP ZONE BREAKFAST CLUB MENU

Cereals, Milk
Toast, Crumpets, Bagels, Butter, Jam
Fruit
Water

DROP ZONE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB MENU

Wraps, Pitta Bread, Mini Bread Rolls, Bagels
Toasted Sandwiches with fillings - Baked Beans,
Cheese, Ham
Make your own Pizza
Baked Beans on Toast
Sandwiches
Ham, Cheese, Dairy Lea Cheese Triangles
Cucumber, Peppers, Fruit
Frubes, Raisins, Malt Loaves, Tea Cakes
Water, Milk

****Gluten free bread, non-dairy spread, non-dairy milk available****



Gluten



Milk



Egg



WHEAT



DAIRY



Soybean

Apply for Free School Meals



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<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If your child is under 19 and in full time education, they may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also receiving Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you applied on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- Younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- In full-time education

Universal infant free school meals in England

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they are in a government-funded school and in:

- Reception class
- Year 1
- Year 2

If your child qualifies for free school meals, it is important that you tell their school, even if they take a packed lunch. This will allow the school to claim pupil funding for your child and allows them to provide your child with further support and opportunities.

We advise signing up for free school meals whilst your child is an infant. Even though they will be receiving a free school meal already, this could help your child's school to apply for extra money to help support your child.

Early Education Funding

Children aged 9 months to 4 years old will be eligible for free school meals where the following applies:

- The child is a registered pupil of a state funded school
- The child attends an early education government funded early education funded place both before and after lunch
- The child's parents are in receipt of specified benefits and meet the criteria and have made an application for free school meals

Free school meals for asylum seekers

Asylum seekers can apply for free school meals if they have a NASS Number.

Providing free school meals to families with no access to public funds

Children in households who are unable to claim public funds should be able to access free school meals (subject to maximum income limits). Please contact your school office to apply for free school meals under this scheme. The school will ask you to complete an application form, you can get help to fill the form in from the school office.



CELEBRATE VICTORY DAY

**SPECIAL EVENTS &
ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES**



SATURDAY 2nd MAY 2026



11.00 - 12.00 ILLUSTRATED TALK: "OUR GREATEST GENERATION"

11.00 - 15.30 WWII MILITARIA DISPLAY
CITY DAY CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION EXHIBITION



11.30 - 15.30 FIELD GUN DISPLAY - SHOE BURY & SOUTH ESSEX RAA

13.00 - 15.30 CHILDREN'S CRAFT ACTIVITIES

13.30 - 14.15* LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES:
& "SONGS OF WORLD WAR II" BY

14.30 - 15.15* HEATHER SIMMONS & TED BEAMENT

15.45 - 16.00 SUNSET CEREMONY

***FREE TICKET REQUIRED - BOOK ONLINE VIA
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CARTANDWAGONSHED/EVENTS**



***FREE ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS**

EVERYONE WELCOME - ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT