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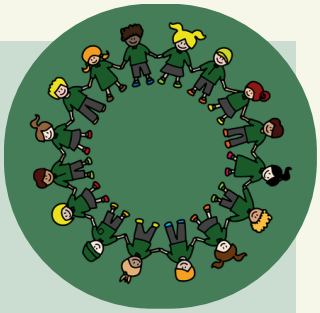

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2026 - Vol 5

WE: 27th November 26

Sustainability

This week, our Year 6 pupils have been busy putting their entrepreneurial skills to the test as part of Enterprise Week. Working in teams, they've been designing, creating and preparing to sell their own products – all while keeping sustainability at the heart of their business plans. From upcycled crafts to eco-friendly gifts, our young entrepreneurs have been thinking carefully about how to reduce waste and reuse materials. The children will be showcasing and selling their products at the Christmas Bazaar.

Richmond Avenue Road Changes

Please be aware the new road layout around the school came into effect this week and enforcement officers have already been spotted monitoring compliance.

As a reminder, there is now a 20mph speed limit in place and a one-way system with entry only via Caulfield Road.

Please allow extra time for drop-off and collection as we all get used to the new layout. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe.



In this weeks newsletter;

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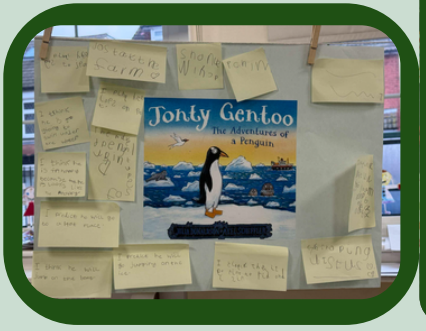
- Latest News
- Upcoming Events
- Dates for the Diary
- Other News
- Free School Meals
- Clubs Complete





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LATEST NEWS...

Enterprise Week

Our wonderfully creative Year 6 pupils have spent this week working incredibly hard making Enterprise items to sell at our Christmas Bazaar next week. We are so proud of their dedication and the interesting range of products they've created, from upcycled crafts to eco-friendly gifts. The children have shown excellent teamwork and creativity, and we can't wait for you to see their impressive work at the bazaar on Wednesday.

Upcoming Events...

Christmas Bazaar

Join us for festive fun at our Christmas Bazaar on Wednesday 2nd December from 3pm to 4.30pm! Browse and buy the sustainable products created by our Year 6 entrepreneurs, enjoy a performance from our school choir, try your luck on the raffles and teddy tombola, and take part in Christmas activities for all the family. We can't wait to see you there for an afternoon of Christmas cheer!

Christmas performances

Tickets for the Christmas performances will be live on MCAS soon, you can select 2 tickets for one performance or split them one each between the two performances. Physical tickets will then be distributed to pupils. All performances (except Nursery which will be in the school hall) will be at the Shoeburyness & Thorpebay Baptist Church.

Christmas Jumper day

As part of the seasonal festivities on 9th December we are inviting all pupils to wear a Christmas jumper along with their regular school uniform.

Parent Decoration Afternoon

Please join us for a special Parent Decoration afternoon activity session with your child. Please enter through the middle gate where you will be signed in. We ask that children remain on site until at least 3pm after completing their activity. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate pushchairs or younger siblings due to capacity restrictions.

KEY NEWS:

WINNERS

Well done to LG5 & Grasshoppers for having the highest class attendance this week!

Absences

Please remember to call into the school office, leave a voiecmail or email us if your child is unwell and will not be in school.

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. Thank you.



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Dates for the diary...





December

- Tues 1st - Rocksteady Concert - 9.30am
- Wed 2nd - Christmas Bazaar 3pm - 4.30pm
- Thurs 3rd - Nursery Christmas Performance (school hall 10.30am)
- Sat 5th - Choir singing at Shoeburyness Christmas Fair
- Tues 8th - Enzo the Elf visit - Daily mile
- Wed 9th - Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas Jumper Day
- Thurs 10th - Prospective Nursery 2027 Parent Meeting & Tour 5pm
- Fri 11th - Parent Decoration Afternoon - 2pm

All below performances are at the Shoeburyness Baptist church

- Mon 14th - Reception Christmas Performance - 10am / Yr 5&6 Christmas Performance - 2pm
- Tues 15th - Yr 1&2 Christmas Performance - 10am / Yr 3&4 Christmas Performance - 2pm
- Wed 16th - Yr 5&6 Christmas Performance - 10am / Reception Christmas Performance - 2pm
- Thurs 17th - Yr 3&4 Christmas Performance - 10am / Yr 1&2 Christmas Performance - 2pm
- Thurs 17th - Christmas Parties
- Fri 18th - End of term (1pm finish for all pupils)

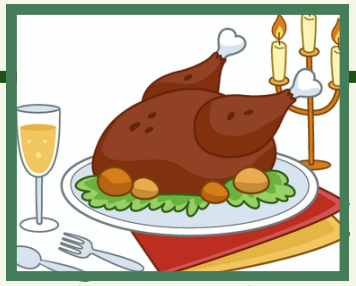
***** Christmas Break 21st December - 1st January*****
Children return to school Monday 4th January

Other News:



Winter Clothing

Now that the weather has turned much colder, please make sure your child comes to school with appropriate winter clothing each day. This includes a warm, waterproof coat, Gloves or mittens and a hat or scarf.



Christmas Dinner

Please book your child's Christmas dinner for Tuesday 9th December as soon as possible using the MCAS app. Early bookings are really appreciated to confirm numbers with our catering team.

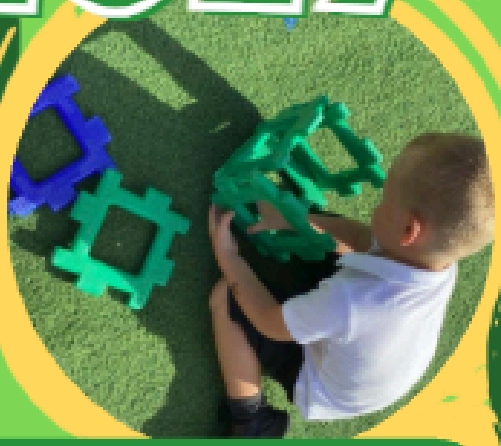


Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need and had a fun day wearing pyjamas to school. We have managed to raise a wonderful £245 for the charity.

NURSERY 2027





FUNDED & PRIVATE SESSIONS

Richmond Avenue Primary & Nursery School

January 2027 Sessions Now Available
We'd love to welcome you to Richmond Avenue Primary and Nursery School to discover our wonderful nursery provision!

Join us to:

- Meet our experienced and caring nursery team – the friendly faces who'll nurture your child's development
- See our nursery environment – a bright, stimulating space designed for curious young minds
- Look at our play-based environment – see how we help children learn through exploration and fun
- Ask any questions – we're here to help you feel confident about this exciting next step

12TH NOVEMBER 3.45PM

10TH DECEMBER 5PM

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Southend Educational Psychology Service
Upcoming Parent Coffee Mornings

Introduction to Barriers to School Attendance (Part 1)

Designed to support parents and carers of both primary and secondary-aged children, this session provides a clear introduction to Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA), including key facts, research, and current understanding. It explores common risk and protective factors, helping parents recognise what may make school attendance more difficult, as well as what can support a child's resilience. The session also highlights early signs to look out for when a child may be beginning to experience EBSNA. In addition, parents will be introduced to early intervention strategies, the role of multi-agency support, and a range of helpful services and resources available to support both children and families.

05/11/2026- 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams

26/11/2026 - 10am-11am,Online via Microsoft Teams

21/01/2027- 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams

03/02/2027 - 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 3

20/04/2027 - 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams

10/06/2027- 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 3

If you are joining a session online, via Microsoft Teams, please email: EPTeam@southend.gov.uk for the meeting link.

Southend Educational Psychology Service
Upcoming Parent Coffee Mornings

Barriers to School Attendance (Part 2)

Our part two parent session to 'Barriers to School Attendance' equips parents with practical tools and early-intervention strategies to support their child's attendance from home. It helps families better understand the reasons behind emotionally based school Non-Attendance (EBSNA) and why consistent support is so important. The session is designed to build confidence and hope, offering clear, achievable steps parents can take to make a positive difference.

08/12/2026- 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 6
09/02/2027- 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 6
18/03/2027 - 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams
06/05/2027- 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 3
22/06/2026- 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams

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Asthma Newsletter Winter 2026

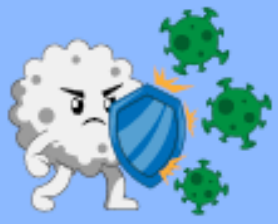
Mid and South Essex Community Collaborative

Did you know flu is a major trigger for asthma attacks?

Want to know how to protect your child this winter? Follow the Community Children's Asthma Nurses top tips:

- Take your **preventer** inhaler everyday.
- Always use a **spacer** unless you have a dry powder inhaler.
- Make sure you get your **flu vaccine.**





We need a spacer to ensure the medicine gets to our lungs.



What does a "preventer" inhaler do?

1. It reduces the swelling and inflammation within the airway in the lungs.
2. This makes the airways less sensitive to asthma triggers.
3. Using it every day as prescribed, will mean you need to take your rescue (blue) inhaler less.

According to UKHSA data the flu vaccine is up to 75% effective at preventing hospital attendances due to flu.



What is good asthma control?

1. ***No symptoms during the day.***
2. ***No symptoms waking them at night.***
3. ***Able to complete all normal acitivies including PE.***
4. ***Little/ no need for the rescue (blue) inhaler.***

If you are worried that your child's asthma is not controlled despite preventer treatment, please visit your GP for an asthma review and why not discuss referral to the Children's Community Asthma Service.



Important changes to Free School Meals from September 2026



Good News for Families!

From September 2026, all households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for free school meals in England, removing the current £7,400 income cap. Over 500,000 More Pupils Eligible and can save families up to £495 per child per year on school lunches

What's Changing?

New Eligibility Rules

Any household receiving Universal Credit will qualify for free school meals, regardless of income level. All reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils are eligible for free meals regardless of household income. No application is required for these year groups.

Do You Need to Apply?

YES! Although you're ultimately responsible for checking eligibility, your LA can carry out checks via the DfE's eligibility checking system. Even if you receive Universal Credit, you must still submit an application through Southend-on-Sea Council to receive free school meals for your child.

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YOU CAN APPLY NOW

How to Apply

Parents or guardians should apply through their local council or visit https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals to start your application.

- You will typically need your National Insurance Number and details of any qualifying benefits.
- Even if eligibility is automatic (e.g., Universal Credit recipients from September 2026), families must still submit an application to receive the benefit.

If circumstances change, such as a change in income or benefits, parents should update the school or council to ensure continued eligibility.

Transitional Protection Ending

The protections will remain in place until the end of the 2025/26 school year. From September 2026, only Universal Credit recipients will qualify.

Need Help?

Please contact the school office at office@richmond.secat.co.uk if you have any questions.



JOIN US FOR BEFORE SCHOOL CLUB HERE AT RICHMOND

To book for breakfast club scan here:

Breakfast Club 7:30-8:30am
£6.99 per morning
Held on site at Richmond Primary School

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For after school, the children are collected and walked to the club held at Thorpedene.

To book for after school scan here:

£6.95 per Activity Club 3-4:30pm
£14.50 per Discount care package including food 3-6:00pm

Monday
Arts & Crafts



Tuesday
Fun & Games



Wednesday
Lego



Thursday
Multi Sports



Friday
Mad Labs



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