



Newsletter

06/3/26

Dear Parents/Carers,
 Today staff wore an item of purple to recognise International Women's Day. This made me reflect on the importance of all school staff and the incredible work they do every day to support our pupils and our wider school community. Their dedication truly makes a difference to children's learning and wellbeing.

We also enjoyed a very successful World Book Day. It was wonderful to see the children dressed as their favourite characters and sharing their enthusiasm for stories and books. As part of the National Year of Reading, we continue to encourage a love of reading across the school. Thank you to families for supporting these special events and helping inspire our young readers.

Best
Mrs Poulteney
Headteacher



This half term our Netball team have been playing some matches against other schools in the area. After a couple of losses the children drew against Thameside last week in a very exciting match. Every week they are showing great progress and understanding of the Game. Well done everyone. Special mention to Chisom and Laura who have both received player of the match.



During our RE lessons, Reception have been learning about the Catholic Social teaching animals. Poppy the Popokotea reminds us to share with the poor. Thank you to all the Reception parents who donated food for the homeless shelter. We have also been learning about Lent and made and ate delicious pancakes!



Diary Dates

09.03.26 - 13.03.26	Science Week!
10.03.26	Netball Match, away vs Kenningtons Primary
12.03.26	Class 1T Celebration of The Word, 2.45pm - Parents Welcome
13.03.26	Year Reception - Mobile Zoo Workshop visiting the school
13.03.26	Class 5A Celebration of The Word, 2.45pm - Parents Welcome
17.03.26	Easter Passion Play for Year 3 Parents, 2.15pm
17.03.26	Netball Match, away vs West Thurrock Primary
18.03.26	Easter Passion Play for Year 4 Parents, 2.15pm
19.03.26	Year 1 Colchester Zoo Trip
20.03.26	Year 6 Imperial War Museum Trip



Science week 9th-13th March

This year's theme is Curiosity-what's your question?

On Monday 9th March we will be starting the week by dressing up as our favourite scientist so please send your children in dressed up.

All children will take part in a drama based science workshop either on Monday or Tuesday.

The home learning task is to make a curiosity box which the children will need to bring in by Wednesday 11th March so they can present them to their classes before taking them to the hall to create a whole school curiosity museum. There are some links and ideas below to support this.



"Curiosity Boxes" - My Wonder in a Box

<https://www.peterdriley.com/the-curiosity-box/>

[https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/activity-](https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/activity-packs/?_gl=1*13exhc9*_up*MQ..*_ga*MTM2Nzc3NjExOC4xNzY5MzQ4NDMy*_ga_DVXQMTJLCS*_czE3NjkzNDg0MzEkzEkZzEkdDE3NjkzNDg0MzckajU0JGwwJGgw)

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Each child decorates a small box (shoebbox, cereal box or recycled container) to represent a question they're curious about.

Ideas of what to include:

- Write their question inside the lid: *"Have you ever wondered why rainbows appear?"*
- Add drawings, models or objects connected to that curiosity.
- Optionally include a card showing what they discovered after researching or testing.
- Can include photos

Write a thank you letter!



INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY
MARCH 8

We are excited to let you know that this year, we will be celebrating **International Women's Day** on **March 8th!** This important day is an opportunity for our school community to recognize and honor the achievements of women around the world and reflect on how we can continue to work towards gender equality in all aspects of life. Our school staff will be invited to wear a purple item on Friday 6th March.

Theme of 2026:

This year's theme, "**Give to Gain,**" reminds us that when we support and uplift others, everyone benefits. By sharing opportunities, encouraging one another, and working together, we can help create a fairer and kinder world. In school, we have celebrated this by learning about inspiring women and girls and by thinking about how our actions can help others succeed.

Parent Involvement: We invite all parents and children to join in the celebration! If you are able to please write a letter or email of thanks to one of the women that works in our school community.

Thank you for your continued support.



World Book Day Activities

Thank you to parents for your support with this event!



We have our
Winners!!!



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World Book Day
competition entries,
homework and
visiting author



AND THE
WINNERS
ARE...

