

What's been happening in school?

It's been busy as usual-with lots of things to celebrate.

Our Reception children enjoyed their first 'trip' - a walk to the local shops. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who made this possible and supported our youngest children in exploring their community.

Our football team played their first match recently, and although they lost 3-1, their determination and team spirit were truly commendable. It's not always about winning, but about learning and growing together.



We're incredibly proud of a group of our Year 6 students who have begun an extraordinary



opportunity with a PhD tutor through [The Brilliant Club university project](#). This initiative provides our children with a chance to engage with higher education in a meaningful way, broadening their horizons and inspiring academic ambition.

Speaking of Year 6, they recently returned from their residential trip to [Fellowship Afloat](#) and they had a fantastic time. These experiences are so important for building

independence, teamwork, and creating lasting memories. We'll soon be contacting Year 5 parents with information about next year's residential.

A special mention must go to our incredible Learning Support Assistants (LSAs). To celebrate [National Teaching Assistants Day](#), we surprised them with breakfast treats. These dedicated professionals are the backbone of our school, and I'm sure you'll join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude for their tireless work.

Some of our children with special needs are enjoying tennis lessons through some funding secured by a coach at Chigwell Lawn Tennis Club-we very much appreciate their support.

Well done to 4M - the first class to achieve 'Every Day Matters' and come to school in non-uniform - a well-deserved treat!

A plea



I have been asked to add a note into the newsletter to ask parents not to smoke or vape near the school gates - it would be very much appreciated if you could wait, or stand further away from the gates. Many thanks for your co-operation. Obviously, vaping and smoking are not permitted on school grounds.

Notices and reminders

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school office and let us know - there is an answerphone system in place if the office is closed.

Our Harvest donations are coming in steadily, and I want to thank everyone for supporting local families through this important charity initiative. Community support means so much.

The photographer is coming on Friday 17th October to take individual and sibling photos. We will make sure all brothers and sisters in school have their picture taken together as a family group.

Here's the link to use to let us know you'd like to come and find out more about our Parent Forum which launches this term. <https://forms.gle/fjpWMbG5m7fUeLMh7>

Many thanks for your generous donations for Mrs Anderson, I believe we have collected over £100 which I'm sure will be very much appreciated.

Our Education Welfare Officer, Lynn Jago, has been proactive in supporting school attendance. During her fortnightly register check this week she also conducted a 'late gate', encouraging children to arrive by 9:50am when lessons start.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 16th October- Year 5 and 6 girls' football continues

Friday 17th October- Individual and sibling photographs

Friday 17th October- Deadline for booking spaces at the session to 'find out more' about the parent forum

Monday 20th October- Science Expo at Excel Centre (30 children invited)

Tuesday 21st October- Year 4 trip to British Museum

Wednesday 22nd October-Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd October- Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd October- Year 1 Harvest assembly

Friday 24th October- **Training Day- school closed to pupils**

Half Term-School Closed-Monday 27th to Friday 31st October

Friday 31st October- Deadline to pay for Glow Discos

Monday 3rd November- return to school- new Menu launches

Tuesday 4th November- Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 5th November- Parents Forum

Thursday 6th November- Year 5/6 girls football continues

Thursday 6th November- Glow disco Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 - 3.30pm-4.30pm pay on Parentmail

Monday 10th November Right to Be Safe Week- Road Safety (linked with Glow discos) and Cyber Safety (Y5 and Y6)

Tuesday 11th November-Remembrance Day

Wednesday 12th November- Glow Disco Years 4, 5 and 6, 5H and 6H - 3.30pm-4.30pm pay on Parentmail

Thursday 13th November-Met Police working with Years 5 and 6 on Cyber Safety

Monday 17th November- **Training Day- school closed to pupils**

Thursday 4th December- Flu vaccinations 2nd visit

Tuesday 9th December-Year 2 Fire of London experience (payment deadline-31st October)

Wednesday 10th December-School Christmas Dinner and wear Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December- 1.30pm school tour for prospective new families

Friday 19th December- School closes for Christmas holiday **2pm**

Monday 5th January-school re-opens