




# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

We  We are all  
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We are growing  
our learning 

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### Colchester Library

Some children were lucky enough to visit the newly refurbished Colchester library. They had a fantastic time exploring the books and seeing all the library has to offer. They even had an amazing experience listening to Nick Butterworth talk about his journey as an author and read them a story. It is a well worth a visit the next time you are in town!



### Historical Figures Day

This was a few weeks ago now where children explored the lives and achievements of influential people from history. Each class selected a famous figure to research, while some groups compared two notable individuals to deepen their understanding.

The children showcased their learning through vibrant research posters and creative crafts inspired by their chosen figures. From designing space suits and sketching Spitfires to building rockets with LEGO, blocks, and recycled materials, their creativity truly shone.

It was wonderful to see every child engaged and eager to share fascinating facts they discovered. A big well done to all our pupils for their enthusiasm and hard work! Thank you Mrs. Palmer.

### Whole School Pyjama/Christmas Dress up Day

Please remember that this is next Thursday (18th) December. There is no charge for this, just an opportunity for children to come to school as Christmasy as they like—tinsel, glitter, etc. etc.

Please also remember that children will still be going outside at break and lunch so sensible footwear please.

### The Nativity

A massive well done to our EYFS children who tripped the stage fantastic this week and dazzled parents with their singing, walking and stage presence. Never easy to stand up in front of so many people and they did amazingly.



### Christmas Lunches @ AF & T

Huge thanks to Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Blackery and all our Catering Team for a lot of Christmas Dinners this week.

My thanks as well to our PTA who made sure that all the children had a cracker so the meal could go off with a bang!

### Term Dates

Monday 2nd September—Friday 19th December (Autumn Term).

Monday 5th January—First Day of Spring Term.

Monday 16th—Friday 20th February—Half Term.

Friday 27th March—Last day of Spring Term.

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th December—Year 6 Ancient Maya Dress up Day.

**Thursday 18th December—Whole School Pyjama/Christmas Dress Up Day—No charge just fun.**

Friday 19th December—Last Day of Autumn Term.

Wednesday 14th January—Year 6 Swimming Lessons Start.

**Year 2 Christmas Production— 'Don't be Afraid'**

Monday 15th December and Tuesday 16th December @ 1.45p.m. @ T

Wednesday 17th December @ 10.00a.m. @ T

(Separate letters have already been sent out to parents with regards to the productions and tickets)

### Rights Respecting Schools

**Article 29** – Pupils' education should help them use and develop their talents and abilities. It should also help them learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

### Year 5 (Year 6 Residential 2026)

Please remember that the first deposit payment for the Year 6 Residential in September 2026 of £70 is now overdue. Many thanks.

### Cinderella

Huge thanks to our PTA, who paid for all children to experience the magic of the pantomime when they arrived at our AF site yesterday. The children really got stuck in and thoroughly enjoyed the panto experience. It was lovely to see the children who performed with confidence and poor Miss Parsons got roped in too!



### Awards

Star— Whole Class, Jumbo— Whole Class, Chariot— Whole Class.

Eagles— Harvey Lee, Circus— Nicolas, Roses— Karter

Mercury— Ariella (RREX) Claudius— Adamah (MM) Romans— Hudson (RREX).

Paxman— Xander (MM), Icen— Joshua (MM), Dutch— Zain (MM),

Castle— Harmony (MLM), Cavalier— Myah (MM), Garrison— Noah (MM).

Oysters— Annabelle, Magnets— Flora, Raedwald— Avni.

Trinovantes— Edward, Lathes— Lily & Jack, Cymbeline— Jasper

Attendance— Icen

### Elfridges

Our PTA have had to change the way they run Elfridges this year, so apologies for any inconvenience caused.

For those of you not in the know—Elfridges is a one stop shop of wrapped Christmas presents where your children can come in and buy you or anyone else they like a wrapped gift. If they have the money you can also send them up themselves—so it's a real surprise.

This will all happen on Wednesday at our T site from 3.20p.m.

Children (and parents if you like) should come in via the Year 4 door, go up the stairs, across the hall, purchasing some wrapped presents on the way, and then will leave via the stairs that lead onto the large playground.

Don't worry if your child is at all unsure. The PTA will be on hand to make sure they spend their (your) money wisely. Individual gifts are between £2.00 & £3.00.

### Dominick the Donkey...

Just when you thought it was safe our PTA have re-released Dominick the Donkey just in time for Christmas—well it wouldn't be Christmas without it!

<https://youtu.be/vexuJqfXz8>

