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## **News Update 23 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

And just like that the Spring Term is over! We have squeezed so much into this term, once again we are reminded that although we are small, we are mighty!

We started this term with an Epiphany service in church led by Rev Julia. Rev Julia has continued to be a huge asset and support to our school, she makes regular visits to the school to lead Collective Worship with the children and to support our curriculum developments. Recently we worked together to help Luke House prepare for their first House Group assembly. As always the Spring Term is the return of Forest School and the children have had great fun learning team building skills, resilience and appreciating that being successful isn't just knowing your times tables.

Our fabulous PTA have ran a Film Night, Mother's Day Rooms, Quiz Night and will be ending the term with an Easter Enrichment morning. The funds they raise are a vital support to our school and honestly help us to live out our vision and provide an excellent education for our children.

We have attended a swimming gala at the Aquatics Centre in Stratford, Reception visited the Stansted Aerozone and Nightingale Class went to Colchester Zoo.

Children in Reception and Year 5 took part in a Road Safety awareness workshop. The whole school took part in Safer Internet Day, a Chinese dance and plate painting workshop, World Book Day, a Westend in Schools workshop and Mr Ball's Mini Marathon. Nightingale and Darwin Class took part in a Lego workshop just this week.

Parents have continued to support us by joining in with DEAR, special lunches prepared by Miss Bennett, class and celebration assemblies and just generally in the day to day – so thank you!

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I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful Easter holidays and we are looking forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.



### **May Day**

Our school has been invited once again to dance at the May Day event; this will be hosted on The Green this year. Children in Year 2 and above are invited to dance. If your child would like to take part in this event and are available to dance on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May then please email in to the School Office. We are unsure of exact timings yet and it may be that the children dance twice throughout the event. Children will need to be in school uniform.

Year 6 only – If your child would like to be either the May Queen or an attendant could they please write a short letter to me outlining why they believe they would make a good May Queen or attendant. Could letters please be in by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024, any letters sent after this date will not be accepted.

### **Change of Menu**

This Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March there will be a change in the dinner menu we will be serving chicken nuggets and an Easter brownie. Please find attached the summer menus starting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Parents Spring Lunch**

We are now taking bookings by email for the parents Spring Lunch on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April this is open to 8 parents on each day on a first come first served basis. Lunch will be served at 12 Midday, on Thursday we will be serving cheesy pastry whirls or jacket potato with fillings or an egg mayo baguette with Fruit Jelly. On Friday we will be serving crispy chicken wraps, or jacket potato with fillings or a tuna mayo baguette with a spring cupcake. Please let us know when booking which option you would like and if you require the vegetarian option. The cost will be £3.50 which can be paid through Eduspot or cash in a name envelope.

### **After School Clubs**

We have been delighted with SCS Sports and have had some great feedback about their after school clubs. These clubs will continue in the Summer Term.

### **Nightingale Class Swimming**

**Year 1** will be starting their swimming lessons **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024** for 5 weeks at 13.15-14.15, they will travel on minibuses to and from Ongar Leisure Centre. **Year 2** will then have their swimming lessons from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024, with the last session being on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024. Please look out for a separate letter that will be sent with further information. Consent and payment can be made through your school money account.

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### Child Safety at Easter

Mini Eggs can pose a serious choking hazard to young children, as they are just the right size to block a child's airway, meaning they can be incredibly hard to dislodge if it becomes stuck. Unlike grapes which are of a similar size and shape, mini eggs are not easy to cut into smaller pieces.

The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) have advised that parents may want to crush the mini eggs with a pestle and mortar or rolling pin. Alternatively, they said parents may want to opt for a different treat altogether as larger, hollow Easter eggs are much safer.

<https://capt.org.uk/choking-prevention/>

### Normal school uniform on Fridays

Friday was our last Essex Wildlife Forest School, we will be returning to full school uniform after the Easter Holidays on a Friday.

### Online Safety

Disney+ parental controls help you keep your family watching content appropriate for them. Every family can customise the parental control tools to meet their needs.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/disney-plus-parental-controls-guide/>

### 75 Club

Are you interested in joining? A number is £2.50 per month and you are in with a chance to win £30, £15 or £10. All funds raised go to the Friends of Matching Green who are then able to help fund trips, visiting theatre productions and resources for your children. Anyone can sign up for a number; grandparents, family, friends or neighbours. Please contact the School Office if you wish to sign up for a number.

Winners this month are:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Mr Howes £30

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Mrs Dean £15

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Mr Rock £10

Best wishes,

Miss Wareham

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*New dates will be highlighted in yellow.*



Weds	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Parents Evening	3:30pm-5:30pm
Thurs	28 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Easter Enrichment Day	Whole School
<b>Easter Holidays Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>				
<b>1:15pm finish on 28/3/24</b>				
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Back to School	Whole School
Thurs	18 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Spring Lunch	8 parents only
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Celebration Assembly led by Luke House	All parents/carers welcome 9am start
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Spring Lunch	8 parents invited
Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Apr	PTA Earth Day Bake Sale	All parents/carers/community welcome 9am start
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Apr	Class Photos	Whole School
Weds	24 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Year 1 Swimming Lesson	Details on separate letter
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	PTA Meeting	All parents/carers welcome
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	May	KS2 SATs Week	Year 6 children only – they MUST be in this week!
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	May	Nightingale Class Assembly	Nightingale Class parents only
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	May	PTA Meeting	All parents/carers welcome
Tues	21 <sup>st</sup>	May	Pentecost Service at St Marys Church	9am start whole school
Thurs	23 <sup>rd</sup>	May	Headteacher's Year 4 Trip	St Pauls Cathedral
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	May	Parents Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	May	Half Term	Whole School
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	June	INSET DAY	Whole School
Weds	5 <sup>th</sup>	June	Shakespeare Residential Trip	Kingswood Kent returning Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	June	Father's Day Room	PTA Event Whole School

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Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	June	Year 6 Leavers Presentation	Chelmsford Cathedral - Details to be confirmed
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup>	June	Father's Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Weds	12 <sup>th</sup>	June	KS1 Father's Day Lunch	All KS1 Special Gentlemen
Thurs	13 <sup>th</sup>	June	KS2 Father's Day Lunch	All KS2 Special Gentlemen
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	June	Shakespeare Assembly	Shakespeare Class parents only
Tues	18 <sup>th</sup>	June	Sports Day/Picnic lunch	Whole School details to follow.
Weds	19 <sup>th</sup>	June	Potter Class Assembly	Potter Class parents only
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	June	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers invited
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	June	PTA Meeting	All parents/carers invited
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	June	Darwin Class Assembly	All parents/carers invited
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	June	PTA Matchfest	Whole School details to follow
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	July	Year 6 Bikeability	Year 6 pupils. Wed-Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup>	July	USA Parents lunch	8 parents only
Weds	10 <sup>th</sup>	July	Year 6 Go Outdoors Trip	Year 6 only
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	July	Euros Parent lunch	8 parents only
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	July	PTA meeting	All parents/carers invited
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	July	End of Year Performance	Details to follow
Tues	16 <sup>th</sup>	July	End of Year Performance	Details to follow
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	July	Leavers Assembly	Details to follow
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	July	Last day of term	Finish at 1.15pm

**INSET Days 2023/2024**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

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**INSET Days for 2024/2025**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**



**Potter Class** @potter.class  
**Nightingale Class** @nightingale.class  
**Darwin Class** @charlesdarwin.class  
**Shakespeare Class** @shakespeare.class  
**PTA** @matchinggreenschoolpta.

### **After School Clubs Page**

#### **SCS – Football and Gymnastics**

Monday - football and Thursday - gymnastics. They will run from 3:15pm-4:15pm. These clubs are open for all children from Year 2-6. To book and make payment for these clubs please follow the links.

Monday Football <https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/109>

Thursday Gymnastics <https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/108>

If you have any questions then please make contact with the company directly.

**Please can children be in appropriate clothes for the sport they are taking part in. If your child is taking part in football they need football boots and shin pads.**

#### **Spanish Club**

Runs on a Wednesday. Please see the poster at the front of the school for further information.

#### **Piano Lessons**

Mrs Ramsey has some lesson spaces available. If you wish for your child to take part in piano lessons, then please make contact with her. Her details can be found on this link:  
<https://www.matchinggreenprimaryschool.com/piano-lessons/>