



Perryfields Junior School

The Friday Flyer

Week 18 – January 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the midpoint of the first half of the Spring term, it has been wonderful to see the consistently high standard of work being produced across the school. Pupils in all year groups have made strong progress, which is a real credit to their effort and enthusiasm for learning. I would particularly like to commend our Year 6 pupils, who demonstrated fantastic resilience and focus during their assessments last week. The progress they have made since September is clear to see and reflects their commitment and determination – well done, Year 6.

This week, we marked World Religion Day with an engaging and thoughtful afternoon of learning. Pupils took part in meaningful discussions and creative activities that helped them explore a range of beliefs in a respectful and age-appropriate way. Many children also shared aspects of their own religions with their classmates, which led to some wonderful conversations and learning opportunities. It was fantastic to see such openness, curiosity and respect shown by everyone involved.

We would also like to congratulate all of the children who took part in our Spelling Bee competition on Thursday. The lower school competitors began the day with a very closely fought contest, followed by an equally impressive performance from our upper school pupils. Everyone competed with great perseverance, and the eventual winners were worthy recipients of their house points. A huge well done to all children involved, including those who took part in the class-based first and second rounds.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the vital role you play in supporting your child's wellbeing. Regular conversations about how your child is feeling can help foster trust and open communication. Establishing a healthy balance between learning, rest and play can support emotional stability, while positive habits such as regular exercise, good sleep routines and nutritious meals contribute to overall wellbeing. Children often learn best through example, and modelling positive self-care can have a powerful impact. By working together, we can continue to support our children's wellbeing both at home and at school.

Finally, we would like to remind families that our Book Look will take place on Tuesday 3rd February, straight after school. This will be a valuable opportunity to look through your child's work and celebrate the learning they have completed since September.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs S Edwards



Pupil of the Week

Cowell: Laynah
Seuss: Solomon
Dahl: Sienna
Lewis: Harry S
Walliams: Ayan
Rowling: Grace
Tolkien: Farzaad
Morpugo: Oliver D
Pullman: Izzy C

Mrs Siddall's Attendance Award
Tolkien Class – 98%

Award for
Outstanding Manners
Aanya – Lewis Class
Matilda – Morpurgo Class

PE Award
Mason - Tolkien

Spellers Award
Seuss Class

Random Act of Kindness
Isabel C – Tolkien Class

ATTENDANCE

The national expectation for attendance is 96%. The government has clarified the position regarding the term 'regular' attendance. It means children must be in school **EVERY DAY**. Every second counts at Perryfields. We **must** work together to improve attendance and punctuality even more.

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| Year 3 | 94.9% |
| Year 4 | 96.9% |
| Year 5 | 97.2% |
| Year 6 | 94.4% |



Coming Up This Term So Far!

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| Monday 26 th January | 2 Johns Visit – email sent |
| Wednesday 28 th January | 8pm 2 Johns Zoom session for parents – email with link sent |
| Saturday 31 st January | Year 6 Residential 6 th payment due – email sent |
| Tuesday 3 rd February | Year 4 Superstars Trip – email sent |
| Tuesday 3 rd February | Book Look – email sent |
| Wednesday 4 th February | Year 3 Egyptian Day – email sent. Volunteers needed |
| Friday 6 th February | Year 4 Colchester Castle Trip - email sent. |
| Thursday 12 th February | Year 5 Enterprise Day – Parents to join us at 9.15am |
| Friday 13 th February | Year 4 Enterprise Day – Parents to join us at 9.15am |
| Tuesday 3 rd March | Year 5 St Osyth Priory Trip – Details to follow |
| Thursday 5 th March | World Book Day - Book Fayre to Visit – Details to follow |
| Friday 6 th March | School Disco – Details to follow |
| Tuesday 17 th March | Year 3 Easter Production- Details to follow |
| Monday 23 rd March | Art Gallery & Easter Cake Sale – Change of Date |
| Tuesday 24 th March | Parents Evening – Details to follow |
| Wednesday 25 th March | Parents Evening – Details to follow |

Reminders/Notices

PE Kits: Children should have a pe kit in school every day. **All children should have a tracksuit in school to wear for outdoor activities.** Children should be able to remove earrings on their own.

Please see the menu below

Please note that we can also provide a jacket potato or a packed lunch if your child would prefer this. This will be either the baguette, wrap or soft roll and also includes a drink, fruit, cucumber sticks and the dessert of the day.

Please note Monday's burger will be beef not pork.



| | Meat | Pork and Apple Burger | Cheddar and Chicken Pasta Bake | Spaghetti Bolognaise | Sausage Casserole | Omega 3 Fish Fingers |
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| Main course | Vegetarian | Cheese and Potato Slice | Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake | Quorn Bolognaise | Roasted Vegetable Casserole | Cheese Pinwheels |
| | Gluten Free | Cheese and Potato Slice | Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake | Spaghetti Bolognaise | Sausage Casserole | Gluten Free Fish Fingers |
| | Jacket Potato | Beans & Cheese | Beans & Tuna | Tuna & Cheese | Cheese & beans | Tuna, Cheese & Beans |
| | Side Dish | Jacket Wedges | | Garlic Bread | Mash Potato | Chips |
| | Vegetables | Sweetcorn Salad Bar | Broccoli Sweetcorn Salad Bar | | Peas Salad Bar | Beans |
| Packed Lunch | | Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham) | Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham) | Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham) | Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham) | Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham) |
| | Dessert | Fresh Fruit Yoghurt | Iced Sponge Cake | Fresh Fruit Yoghurt | Brownie | Fruit Muffins |
| | Drinks | Water/Milk | Water/Milk | Water/Milk | Water/Milk | Water/Milk |

Kids Inspire Holiday Club

Our free Holiday Club is run once a week during most school holidays. It creates a safe space for children to:

- participate in meaningful activities
- make friends and socialise
- access lunch and snacks

and all of this is while developing social and communication skills and exploring new talents or interests.

Who is Holiday Club for?

Holiday Club sessions are booked and offered to families according to criteria. Priority will be given to those from lower income families, in receipt of pupil premium or eligible for free school meals.

Activities are free and suitable for children aged 6 and over in primary school.

For more information you can read our [Holiday Club Terms and Conditions](#).

Where are the Holiday Club activities?

Activities are held at our Kids Inspire HQ, Hargrave House, Hollycroft, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, CM2 7FW

Time: 10:30am-3:30pm

Upcoming dates for 2026 Holiday Clubs:

Tuesday 17 February 2026 - Animal Discovery with [Eden Oasis](#)

This February half term, children will have the chance to meet and handle eight amazing animals with a visit from Eden Oasis! **Please be aware that this will include cockroaches, leaf insects, royal python, blue tongue skunk, tortoise, ferrets, armadillo and rabbits.**

Expressions of interest are now open for our February activity, please complete our [expression of interest form](#).

[Eden Oasis - Animal Discovery Tuesday 17 February 2026 – Fill in form](#)

NATURE & ECO-SYSTEM WORKSHOP WILDERNESS

FOUNDATION UK

Nature & Eco Workshop

For children aged 7-11 years

Parents are asked to stay present during the session.

Join The Wilderness Foundation for an interactive, hands-on workshop where children can explore the wonders of the natural world!

Workshop highlights:

- Fascinating show & tell featuring natural items, including animal skulls, bees, and insects
- Engaging activities exploring ecosystems and how different species depend on one another

Tickets: £8 per child (to be purchased for each child attending)

Don't miss this chance for your child to discover, learn, and get hands-on with nature!

TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS TO BOOK PLEASE GO TO
WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK AND SEARCH CHELMSFORD GARDEN
COMMUNITY TRUST EVENTS OR SCAN THE QR CODE

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Beaulieu Community Centre, CMI 6AU



17th February 2026
14:00 - 17:00

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Delivered by peer educators – all parents and carers with lived experience.

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- **online** – join webinars on key topics, led by peer educators
- **on the SPACE website** – find helpful info and guidance anytime



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