



Perryfields Junior School

The Friday Flyer

Week 38 – July 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our fantastic netball team, who played their final league match of the season against Moulsham this week and secured another brilliant victory! This means they have finished the season as league winners and are once again Chelmsford Champions. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, teamwork and determination throughout the season. Well done to every player on this fantastic achievement!

On Wednesday, we joined a webinar led by Essex Fire and Rescue Service all about staying safe over the summer holidays. The session covered important topics including water safety, sun safety, and staying safe around barbecues and open fires. Our pupils listened brilliantly throughout, asking thoughtful questions and demonstrating an excellent understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe. A huge thank you to the team for helping us prepare for a safe and happy summer.

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils who completed their ECC Bikeability training this week. The instructors were full of praise for the children's confidence, sensible attitude and excellent behaviour throughout the sessions. Thank you to all the parents who supported the programme and to Mrs Siddall for organising everything so efficiently.

On Thursday, we enjoyed a fantastic whole-school Science Day focused on healthy living. The children took part in a range of exciting, hands-on activities that encouraged them to think about the importance of making healthy choices and looking after both their physical and mental wellbeing. A huge thank you to Mrs Canty for organising such an engaging and enriching day for everyone.

Looking ahead to next week, we are very excited for our Make £5 Grow event, which will take place straight after school on Wednesday on the upper school playground. Please do come along and support our budding entrepreneurs as they showcase their fantastic business ideas.

We are also eagerly awaiting our Year 6 SATs results, which have unfortunately been delayed nationally. Whatever the outcomes, I could not be prouder of this year's cohort. Every child has made excellent progress since joining us in Year 3, and I know their results will reflect the hard work, determination and resilience they have shown over the past four years. Congratulations in advance to all of our Year 6 pupils- we are incredibly proud of you.

Finally, I hope you enjoy reading your child's end-of-year report. I have had the privilege of reading every single one and have been so proud of the thoughtful, personal and encouraging comments written by our staff. They perfectly capture just how much our pupils have achieved this year. Well done to every child- you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs S Edwards



Pupil of the Week

Cowell: Ezra
Seuss: Ahmad
Dahl: Esther
Lewis: Eliza
Walliams: Ahana
Rowling: Sreeyan
Tolkien: Shanwik
Morpurgo: Zuzanna
Pullman: Sienna

Award for
Outstanding Manners
Elsie – Tolkien Class
Isla – Morpurgo Class

PE Award
Sophie – Rowling Class

Spellers Award
Cowell Class

Mrs Siddall's Attendance Award
Tolkien Class – 100%

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.

Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	98.2%
Year 6	93.9%



Coming Up So Far

Monday 13 th July	Year 6 Performance to parents @ 1.30pm – Tickets on sale from 7 th July
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Performance to parents @ 5.30pm – Tickets on sale from 7 th July
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 End of Year BBQ – email sent
Wednesday 15 th July	Make £5 Grow Enterprise Market – 3.15pm-4.15pm – Upper School Playground
Thursday 16 th July	Morning Clubs for Autumn Term go live @ 4.15pm
Friday 17 th July	Whole School End of Year Presentation – email sent
Friday 17 th July	End of Term – School finishes at 1.30pm



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1. Water Safety Messaging

The current hot weather means we are likely to see a significant increase in the number of people visiting coastal and inland waters and entering the water. Recent hot weather has sadly highlighted the link between rising temperatures, and increased risk of drowning.

The Essex Water Safety Forum is asking all schools to share key water safety messages.

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service have a dedicated [water safety](#) webpage which includes the Water Safety Code, and RNLI's 30 second Float to Live video.

For further information and resources please use the below:

- [Float to Live](#) – download the campaign toolkit and access all digital assets.
- Cold Water Shock Awareness – the reminder that while it may be hot on land, the water can still be cold enough to trigger cold water shock.
- [Phone, Float, Throw](#) – what to do if you see someone else in difficulty in the water.

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games, such as role-playing games, require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink or water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

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FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Understandably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

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Perryfields Junior School
Morning Clubs Letter – Autumn Term 2026



Morning Clubs – Week beginning 21st September – Week ending 11th December

We are pleased to be able to offer the following **morning** clubs in school next term.

Cost - £10 per club. Payable **ONLY** via ScoPay. Clubs will go live on Thursday 16th July from 4.15pm. Please book through your ScoPay account. Confirmation will be sent at the beginning of September.

By paying you will be reserving your place and giving permission for your child to attend the club

If the club is no longer visible after the go live time it will mean the club is full. Please do not contact the school office.

Our 3PR club will start again in the Autumn term. We are looking for enthusiastic children to volunteer and help hand out 3PR tokens to families who follow safe and considerate parking practices. The children who attend this club will become Ambassadors for the school. There is no charge for this club. Please give confirmation via your ScoPay account.

Please can children come into school ready for the sports clubs. They can then change into their school uniform before school starts.				
Club	Day	Time	Years	Notes
Table Tennis	Monday	8.00am – 8.40am	4,5&6	Children can wear school uniform
British Sign Language	Monday	8.00am – 8.40am	4,5&6	Children can wear school uniform
Quidditch	Tuesday	8.00am – 8.40am	4,5&6	Sports Attire
Hockey	Wednesday	8.00am – 8.40am	4,5&6	Sports Attire
3PR	Wednesday	8.10am – 8.40am	4,5&6	Children can wear school uniform
Multisports	Thursday	8.00am – 8.40am	4,5&6	Sports Attire
Running	Friday	8.00am – 8.40am	4,5&6	Sports Attire

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If your child no longer wants to do a club please let us know as soon as possible. Refunds will not be given. Please check club days do not clash when requesting a club. If your child cannot attend a club after school for any reason, please would you kindly let the office/teacher know in advance.

Pupil Premium

Please contact the school office on 01245 250781 before booking on ScoPay if your child is in receipt of free school meals and they would like to attend a club.



Thursday 6th August

10:30, 11:45, 13:15 & 15:00

4 Sessions of 1 hour

on board s.b. Centaur

Hythe Quay, Maldon, Essex CM9 5HN

Sessions led by Sue Pownall- Art Tutor

A fun art session based on experience aboard
Thames Sailing Barge "Centaur" (Built in 1895)

Strictly for children aged 5 to 11

Children/siblings under 5 will be allowed on board, however
they cannot take part in the activity.

A maximum of 14 children 5 to 11 per session

All materials will be provided

Entrance is by Donation—pre-booking required at
www.bargetrust.org/events

All children MUST be accompanied by an Adult





Thursday 20th August 2026
11:00 to 16:00
(1 hour timed slots)
on board
s.b. Centaur
Hythe Quay, Maldon, Essex CM9 5HN

A fun educational activity based experience aboard
Thames Sailing Barge "Centaur" (Built in 1895)
Strictly for children aged 5 to 11

Explore the barge above and below deck
with your child's free activity pack

Entrance is by Donation—pre-booking required at
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