



Perryfields Junior School

The Friday Flyer

Week 2 – September 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I have visited classrooms this week, I have been so impressed by the calm, focused atmosphere across the school. Pupils have settled brilliantly into their learning and are already showing great concentration, enthusiasm, and a strong desire to succeed. It has been a pleasure to see thoughtful contributions in English, careful reasoning in Maths, and a wide range of positive learning behaviours in action. The determination, curiosity, and resilience shown by the children have made a fantastic impression at the start of the year.

Just as pleasing has been the way pupils have been looking out for one another - offering help, sharing ideas, and celebrating each other's achievements. This kindness and sense of teamwork help to make our school such a welcoming and supportive community. We are looking forward to all that this term will bring and are confident that, with such a positive beginning, there is much to be proud of ahead. Well done to every pupil for a wonderful first week - we are incredibly proud of you.

I would also like to congratulate all of the children who have been elected as School Council members, Digital Leaders, Eco Warriors, and House Representatives. These are important roles, and we know you will carry them out with pride, responsibility, and enthusiasm. We are excited to see the positive contribution you will make across the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families about two important areas that have a significant impact on children's progress and wellbeing: reading and attendance.

Reading regularly at home makes a real difference to children's confidence, fluency, and understanding. Sharing a book each day is one of the best ways to support your child's learning. Consistent practice helps children to strengthen their skills and develop a lifelong love of reading. Our library monitors are now in place, so children can change their reading book every day at lunchtime.

Attendance is equally important. When attendance falls below 95%, it can affect not only learning but also children's friendships and sense of belonging. Unless your child is unwell with a condition that means they should not attend school, please support them to be in school every day. The NHS guidance on when children are well enough to attend can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

For families with children in Year 6, please remember that the secondary school admission round is now open. Applications for Year 7 places starting in September 2027 must be submitted by 31 October 2026. Applications can be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions, where you will also find the Secondary Education in Essex 2027-28 booklet with full details of admission arrangements. We strongly encourage families to apply before the deadline.

Wishing you all a restful and happy weekend.

Mrs S Edwards



Pupil of the Week

Cowell: Oliver
Seuss: Shreeya
Dahl: Charlie
Lewis: Ismail
Rundell: Saanvi
Rowling: Phoebe
Tolkien: Amelia
Morpurgo: Grace
Pullman: Sreeyan

Award for
Outstanding Manners
Beau – Cowell Class
Robyn – Dahl

PE Award
Seren Rose – Pullman Class

Mrs Siddall's Attendance Award
Dahl Class – 99.3%

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	97.6%
Year 4	98.2%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	90.6%



Coming Up This Term So Far!

Monday 21 st September	Morning Clubs (years 4,5&6) and After School Clubs start – email sent.
Wednesday 23 rd September	Flu Immunisations – email to be sent from NHS direct to parents Please sign your child up if you require them to have the flu jab
Friday 25 th September	MacMillan Cake Sale – email sent
Tuesday 29 th September	Boswells Information Talk for year 6 parents in hall – email sent
Friday 2 nd October	World War 2 Day Year 6 – email sent. Please make your donation and give permission through your ScoPay account
Thursday 15 th October	Year 6 Enterprise Day WW2 – Details to follow
Thursday 15 th October	Movie Night – email sent (see below)
Friday 16 th October	Year 4 Enterprise Day Greeks – Details to follow
Thursday 22 nd October	Break the Rules Day – Details to follow
Thursday 5 th November	Year 5 Harvest Festival – Details to follow
Friday 27 th November	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 4 Christmas Service – Details to follow

Please see our new 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 and the dessert of the day.

Week: Two						
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Meat	Ham & Cheese Pinwheels	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Korma	Sausage Rolls	Fish Fillet
	Vegetarian	Cheese Pinwheels	Meat Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegetable Curry	Meat Free Sausage Twist	Cheese Quesadillas
	Gluten Free	Cheese Pinwheels	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Korma	GF Sausage Twists	GF Fish Fingers
	Jacket Potato	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Tuna	Cheese & Tuna	Beans & Cheese	Beans, Cheese & Tuna
	Side Dish	New Potatoes & Broccoli	Garlic Bread & Broccoli	Rice, Naan Bread	Crispy Cubes & Beans	Chips & Beans
	Vegetables	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar
	Packed Lunch	Wraps (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Wraps (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)
	Dessert	Orange Cookies	Fruit Jelly	Cornflake Tart & Custard	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate Muffin
	Drinks	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk

HOLIDAY COURSES

**Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2, Learn to ride courses and a new course
Child Bike Workshop & Learn**

To book, please visit link

essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

Venues: Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow & Witham

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee



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AUTUMN MOVIE NIGHT

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you want to watch!



**K-POP
DEMON HUNTERS**
SING ALONG VERSION PG

A fun, action-packed adventure where a girl group balances their pop star lives with their secret duty as demon hunters. Packed with music, friendship and epic battles – and this version is a sing along!



Lilo & Stitch
LIVE ACTION U

A heart-warming and hilarious adventure about a lonely girl, Lilo, and a chaotic alien, Stitch, who form an unlikely friendship and learn what family really means.



**ZOOTROPOLIS
2** PG

Judy Hopps and Nick Wilde are back for a brand new case in the bustling city of Zootropolis. When a mysterious new threat emerges, they'll need to work together, face new challenges and uncover the truth.



ELIO PG

A touching and imaginative adventure about a boy who is accidentally beamed to space and mistaken for Earth's ambassador. He discovers new friends, new worlds and learns that he's not alone.



**THURSDAY
15TH OCTOBER**
Straight from school
(no collection required)

£5

Includes
popcorn and
a drink!

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Finishes at
5.15pm

 Parents to line up at the playground gate at collection time and will be seen into the hall to collect children.
No child is permitted to walk home.



Sign up on Sco Pay now and choose your favourite film!
Must be booked by 5th October.



SafeguardED

Most parents & carers think their children and young people spend too much time on devices. **DON'T FEEL BAD!** Lots of it is perfectly healthy anyway. Instead, follow these tips to keep them safe, happy and healthy.

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or video calling Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



Check the safety settings are turned on

Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? What about safe search and Youtube? See parentsafe.lgfl.net for more.



Get your children to show you their apps and games

You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced - they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** reviews.



Don't try to hide news about scary things in the news

If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel - there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.



Remind them of key online safety principles

There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... if somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

If you aren't sure, ASK!

Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lgfl.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).



Earlier this year, families received a copy of the **Mid Essex Summer Activities Resource**, highlighting free and low-cost activities and opportunities across Braintree, Chelmsford and Maldon.

The organisations involved would like to understand how useful the resource was for local families and whether it helped people access activities over the summer holidays.

We would be grateful if you could complete this short survey, which should take no more than 2 minutes:

Click the link below

[Tell Us What You Thought About the Mid Essex Summer Activities Resource](#)

Or scan the QR code



Your feedback will help shape future resources and support available to families across Mid Essex.

Thank you for your time.



You Are Not Alone Drop-in

Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings (meltdowns etc)
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents have said:

*'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned **so much more about autism and PDA** than he has over the past year - Jo (parent)*

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I **really do feel less alone** and more validated. My hope is back' - Louise (parent)*

You can request the **Zoom link** on our website

<https://youarenotalone.community> or you can send an email to

team@youarenotalone.community





**NATIONAL
JUSTICE
MUSEUM**

On Tour



National Justice Museum Education

Courtroom Workshops for Key Stages 2 – 5

**Chelmsford Justice
Centre**

**Monday 25th – Friday
29th January 2027**



The National Justice Museum are excited to be in **Chelmsford** in **January 2027** to deliver our immersive courtroom workshops which enable students to learn about citizenship, the law and their rights and responsibilities.

Students will prepare and enact a trial, taking on all the courtroom roles, reach a verdict and explore sentencing options. The sessions allow students to develop key skills such as questioning and public speaking. We are also organising for legal professionals to attend for Q&A sessions.

Date & Time of sessions: Monday 25th – Friday 29th January, 10am - 12pm or 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Cost: £8.50 per student. Teachers are free. (*A 25% discount is available for eligible schools, please enquire for information)

Key Stage 2

Contemporary Topics: Robbery, Cyberbullying, Knife Crime (Year 5-6 Only)

Historical Topics: Victorian Child

Key Stage 3+

Contemporary Topics: Knife Crime, Cyberbullying

Key Stage 5 only: Murder

Historical Topics: Suffragettes, Capital Punishment (KS4/5 only)

Maximum 30 students per session

To book, complete our enquiry form at nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk/museum/learning/educational-visit or call us on 0115 993 9811

Please state 'Chelmsford' as your preferred location



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