

Friday 22nd May 2026

“That they may have life in all its fullness”

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, we can reflect on all the exciting things that have been happening across the school. From classroom achievements to enrichment opportunities, this half term has been full of memorable experiences and successes.

Wellbeing Week

This week, we were delighted to celebrate our annual Wellbeing Week, organised and led by Miss Rowe. Throughout the week, the children took part in a wide range of activities linked to the different areas of our wellbeing wheel: *Be Active, Get Creative, Be Mindful, Keep Learning* and *Connect*. These themes are based on the research-backed ‘5 Ways to Wellness’ and help children develop the knowledge, skills and strategies needed to support both their own wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. During what can often feel like a busy and demanding time of year, Wellbeing Week provided a fantastic opportunity for everyone to pause, reflect and enjoy learning in different ways.

To teach the PSHE curriculum we use CORAM. On the website there is an area that parents can access for free, which provides resources to support your child in areas such as mental health, confidence and sensitive conversations about growing up (among many!). Please visit the link to have a look at the resources: <https://www.coramscarf.org.uk/family-scarf>.

Quick Fire Cricket

Yesterday, our Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in the Rapid-Fire Cricket event at JFAN. The children represented the school brilliantly, showing excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the competition. It was wonderful to see everyone taking part with such enthusiasm and confidence- especially in the hot weather!

SATS

Last week, our Year 6 children completed their SATs tests. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and determination they have shown throughout the year and during the assessment week itself. The children approached each day with maturity and positivity, trying their very best in every test. They should all feel extremely proud of their efforts and achievements, and we would also like to thank the staff and families who have supported and encouraged them along the way. Well done, Year 6! Also a huge thank you to the FODS for treating them to a pizza lunch on the Friday.



JFAN drama production- Our teacher’s a Troll

This week, children from Years 2–6 had the exciting opportunity to watch a drama production performed by drama students at JFAN. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and it was wonderful to see our pupils experiencing live theatre and appreciating the hard work and creativity that had gone into the production. A huge thank you to the JFAN students for putting on such an entertaining and enjoyable show for our children.

Reminder to Parents and Carers

We would like to kindly remind parents to always communicate respectfully and politely with our office staff, whether in person, over the phone or via email. Our office team work incredibly hard to support our families and children each day, and we appreciate your continued understanding.

Key dates for Summer 2

- Tuesday 2nd June- Back to school
- Monday 8th June- Phonics check (Year 1)
- Tuesday 9th June- Y6 Leavers service at Chelmsford Cathedral
- Tuesday 16th June- Aerozone (Minnows and Frogs)
- Monday 22nd June- Sports Week
- Friday 3rd July- Sports Day
- Wednesday 8th July - Kingfishers Performance afternoon
- Thursday 9th July – Kingfishers Performance evening
- Friday 10th July- FODS Summer Fayre
- Friday 17th July- Last day

Have a wonderful half term break.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Bailey

Headteacher



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WE EARN THESE BADGES AND MORE!

ADVENTURER	CAMPER	CYCLIST
COMMUNICATOR	TEAMWORK	ARTIST
SWIMMER	FORESTER	NATURALIST
PERSONAL SAFETY	COLLECTOR	COOK

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BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 8-10 1/2 ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

WE MEET: MONDAY 7:00 - 8:15 PM
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- EXPLORE**
Camp, hike and discover new places.
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS**
Build strong friendships and work together.
- LEARN NEW SKILLS**
Earn badges, try new things and build confidence.
- GROW YOUR WAY**
Be your best and have fun every step of the way.

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GET INTO GEAR AT OUR **FREE** HALF TERM **WORLD BIKE DAY THURSDAY 28 MAY**

10am-3pm
Market Place
Saffron Walden
CB10 1HR

Join us in the Market Place for some World Bike Day fun with lots of activities. Everyone welcome!

Face painting | Smoother bike | Essex Library Service | Games
 Anti-theft bike marking | Safer cycling hats | Colouring
 Lord Butler Leisure Centre | Active lifestyle advice

10am <<< Learn to ride sessions For children of all ages who have never learnt to ride a bike, need to build their confidence or ride a bike without stabilisers. **Register for FREE**

11am
12pm
1:15pm
2:15pm

10am-3pm <<< Dr Bike workshop sessions Is your bike in need of some TLC? Our bike doctors will give it a **FREE bike health check** and make any minor repairs, such as brakes, gears, chain or tyres. Book a place between 10am and 3pm and bring your bike to the Market Place for our mechanics to give it up to 30-minutes of support in their pop-up workshop.

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