

Stock Church of England Primary School

Newsletter: Friday 1st May 2026



“Let their light shine” (Matthew 5:16)
Affinity - Aspire - Achieve

The week's news:

Gospel Values Celebration Certificates

Well done to the following children that have received certificates today for demonstrating our Gospel Values this week.

Perseverance

Reception:

Penny M for trying her hardest in her lessons.

Year 1:

Delilah C for adding her amazing ideas to her independent writing.

Leo R-G for trying really hard with his reading.

Year 2:

Oscar R for working hard to remember the class rules.

Linus G for a wonderful writing a wonderful story in English.

Year 3:

Poppie H for working hard to improve her spelling in the writing lessons.

Year 4:

Josh R-H for working so hard to improve and join his handwriting consistently.

Oliver O for working hard in English this week.

Year 6:

Tilly- May V for working hard and making good progress with her reading.

Compassion

Year 3:

Maxwell S for taking the time to help an injured classmate by writing her answers down for her.

Year 4:

Emily B for showing kindness by helping a staff member tidy up the hall after lunchtime without being asked to.

Koinonia

Year 3:

Jimmy S and Lucas B for representing the school so well at the Tennis competition.

Year 4:

Leo H, Frank B, Olivia B, Olivia F, Brogan A, Rose S for representing the school so well at the Tennis competition.

Year 5:

Megan J and Lenny B for working well to complete an asteroid experiment.

Emily B and Jack S for working well as a pair to research about beavers.

Trust

Reception:

Finley H for always listening and being engaged during class inputs.

Year 4:

Emily H for always being ready to learn and working her best in all lessons.

Year 6:

Alfie Bysh for always working hard, following class rules and being helpful.

Class Attendance



This week the award for highest attendance goes to Year 4 with 98.79%.

Every Day Matters. Attend today, achieve tomorrow.

Mini Marathon

On Saturday, 25 of our children alongside parents and Mr Roberts ran in the London Mini-Marathon. It was a fantastic experience for all involved. A special well done to Jaxson in year 4 who finished in 6 minutes 37 seconds, 113th out of 22,000 runners. Also, a special well done to Jessica and Penny in reception who both completed the mile run in very hot weather conditions.



Tennis Competition

On Thursday, 8 year 3 and 4 children went to Mayflower High School to participate in the red ball tennis tournament. The children were great representatives of the school and this was shown in the results. There were two competitions, a cup and a plate and we are pleased to say that in both competitions our teams came second and will proceed through to the next stage of the competition. Well done!

Reception Class Assembly – 7th May

The Reception class children are working hard preparing for their class assembly. They are excited to show you the work that they have done throughout the school year so far. Parents are invited to come and watch their children in the assembly which will start at 9am.

Term Time Holidays

We are noticing an increasing number of holidays being taken during term time. Please ensure that you only take holidays during the school breaks and not during term time, holiday requests will not be authorised by the school. As a reminder, please see below for the Essex County Council guidance on understanding Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance.

Essex County Council

Helping Parents understand Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

From 19 August 2024, there is a National Framework for Penalty Notice Fines being issued for unauthorised absences recorded by schools

National Threshold

A single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice must be considered by ALL schools in England, this is:

- 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period
- These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence
- For example, a 5-day unauthorised leave of absence would meet the national threshold
- The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years

Who may be fined?

- Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent without authorisation from school
- For example, 3 siblings absent for unauthorised leave during term-time would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, the fine amount will be:

- £80 per parent, per child if paid **within 21 days**
- If **not paid within 21 days**, the fine will increase to **£160 per parent, per child**, payable between the 22nd and 28th day

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, a reduced rate is not available. The amount therefore will be:

- £160 per parent, per child – payable within 28 days

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed, a Penalty Notice WILL NOT be issued, and the case will be presented **straight to the Magistrate's Court**

- **Prosecution** can result in **criminal records** and **fines of up to £2,500**
- Cases found **guilty** in a **Magistrates Court** can show on the parent's future DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) certificate (Disclosure and Barring Service) due to a **'failure to safeguard a child's education'**

11+ Tutoring

If you are interested in 11+ tutoring for your child, please can you register their details using the following web address:

docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQhMJJsYM0YztsEzi7kBq59Yq1Ysdd6nhISGh_tNPajuGgBA/viewform

PTA 2026/27

You may have noticed in last week's newsletter that Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Adams have decided to step down in their roles on the PTA from September. Ashleigh and Lisa have shown fantastic support over the last five years in their roles, helping to raise funds for the school and organising PTA events which make Stock such a fun school for the children. I would like to thank them for the time and commitment they have given to the school.

This now presents an opportunity for a new chair or chairs to take our PTA on going into the 2026/27 academic year. If you would like to have a conversation about the role or express interest then please email admin@stock.essex.sch.uk and ask to have a conversation with Mr Roberts. Alternatively, if you would prefer, I know Mrs Bradshaw is happy to discuss the role and share her wisdom and knowledge.

PTA News

Golden Ticket Search

The children had a great time yesterday choosing their chocolate bars and unwrapping them to hopefully find a golden ticket. With over 200 golden tickets hidden within the wrappers we had a lot of happy faces and the children definitely had lots of fun!

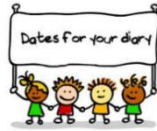
Our prizes ranged from 'Pick n Mix' sweet bags, little mystery bags, lots of fun activities to take place at school and our main prize - a £50 Smyths voucher - which was won by William in year 6. Well done everyone!

Events like this would not be possible without the continued support from the PTA members, you the parents making your purchases and last but not least, our fantastic parent volunteers who always help to make the events run so smoothly. A special thank you to them for helping to make it so much fun for the children yesterday, which, apart from raising funds for the children, is the main aim of the PTA.

We will be giving a list of those whose golden tickets revealed a school activity prize to Mr Roberts and the teachers and we hope the children enjoy them. Mr Roberts will also gain an assistant or two with playground gate duties and certificate distribution at Friday assemblies for the remainder of the term.

Wishing all families a lovely Bank Holiday weekend from the PTA Committee and our members.





New dates added to the diary throughout the term will be added in red and bold.

PTA Event Dates

27 th June Summer Fayre	16 th July Summer Disco
10 th July Sports Day	

School Event Dates

<p>May 4th – May Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS 7th May – Reception Class Assembly 9am (Parents Invited) 11th – 14th – SATS Week 15th – 18th – Year 6 Residential 19th – Class Photographs 25th – 29th – MAY HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</p> <p>June 4th – Year 6 Class Assembly 9am (Parents Invited) 8th – Year 6 Service at Chelmsford Cathedral 10th – Year 5 visit to Mayflower School 17th – KS1 Music Festival 23rd – Year 5 Food and Farming Day 30th – Year 5 Class Assembly 9am (Parents Invited)</p>	<p>July 2nd – Year 2 Class Assembly 9am (Parents Invited) 2nd – Year 3 School Trip to Colchester Castle 4th – Stock Flower Festival 7th July – Year 4 School Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village 7th – Year 6 Performance 2pm (Parents Invited) 8th – Year 6 Performance 7pm (Parents Invited) 8th – Reception School Trip to Marsh Farm 9th – Year 2 School Trip to Colchester Zoo 10th – Sports Day and Parent Open Afternoon 13th – Rocksteady Concerts: KS2 – 9.15am (Parents Invited) KS1 – 10.30am (Parents Invited) 17th – Reserve Sports Day 21st – School finishes at 2pm for all children except Year 6 children. 21st – Leavers Service in Church 9.15am 21st – Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm 22nd – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS 23rd – School Summer Holidays</p>
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