



Newsletter 1 – 11th September 2026

Headteacher: Mrs Tina Bourne Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Helen Ford

Welcome back to the new school year. It has been a delight meeting you and your children on the playground this week. Thank you for your very warm welcome while I get to know you and our whole school community. I aim to be on the playground before and after school, so if you have not said hello yet, please do come and introduce yourself.

A special welcome to our new pupils in Early Years. Our youngest pupils have settled in very quickly and next week will have their first full week at school.

I thought you would appreciate a paper copy of this first newsletter, an email copy has also been despatched. You will also be able to pick up the newsletter through our website, which I am currently updating - so look out for new content in the next couple of weeks.

Wishing you a happy and positive weekend.

Tina Bourne

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Autumn Term 1

03/09/26 – 23/10/26

Half Term: 26-30 October

Autumn Term 2

03/11/26 – 18/12/26

Non-Pupil Days for Autumn:

1st and 2nd Sept, 2nd Nov

Proposed other non-pupil days 04/01/26,
21/07/26 subject to agreement by
Governors on 22 September meeting

- Thu 17 Sept, 2.15-3.10pm
EY Phonics Workshop
- Fri 25 Sept, 8.50-10am
Macmillan Coffee Morning in Hall
- Fri 29 Sept, 10.45 – 11.30am
Harvest Festival @ St Barnabas
- Wed 14 & Thu 15 Oct, Parents' Evening, 3.30-6.30pm
- Thu 15 Oct, Individual pupil photos

CLUBS start on Monday! Here is a list of clubs for the term. Our teachers give up their time at lunchtime and after school to run free clubs for pupils.

Mon	Yrs 5&6 3.15-4.15	Football Col Utd
	Yrs 1&2 3.20-4.20	Craft
Tue	Yrs 4/5/6 Lunchtime	Multisports
	Yrs 1 & 2 3.20-4.20	Dance
Wed	3.20-4.20	Chess
	KS2 Lunchtime	Board Games
Thu	Yrs 1/2/3 3.20-4.20	Pilates
	KS2 Lunchtime	Choir
	Yrs 3&4 3.15-4.15	Football Col Utd

School Council Elections

Miss Pudney is leading our school council. Elections will be held in each class next week. We will elect a girl and a boy from each Y1 – Y6 class.

Year 6 – Learning Outside the Classroom Visit

Yesterday Year 6 enjoyed a field trip to Flatford Mill. They used branching question keys to identify species while pond dipping. Thank you to Mrs Russell, our Educational Visits Coordinator, for arranging the trip and learning activities. The children covered Science, Art and Geography curriculum subjects.



Child First Trust

Parenting Workshop

This 8-week course is offered to parents from all Child First Schools at NO COST

Venue: Unity Primary Academy, Hickory Avenue, Colchester CO4 3QJ

Start date: Thursday 1st October
9.15am-11.15am for 8 weeks (excluding half term week)
8/15/22nd Oct and 5/12/19, 26th Nov

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Friday 25th Sept look out for posters soon



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Colchester Heritage

Heritage Open Days are running Sept 11-20th with many free tours of well-known buildings. Checkout the link for more details
<https://www.visitcolchester.com/whats-on/heritage-open-days/>