

Working Together Through the Heatwave

Thank you for your understanding and support during last week's extreme heat.

Closing the school is never a decision we take lightly and is always a last resort. Despite our usual adjustments, we felt it wasn't possible to keep everyone safe in the conditions.

We know schools made different choices, but each decision is based on individual risk assessments for each site.

We hope to stay open if hot weather continues, with adjustments in place. For the rest of the term, children are welcome to wear either school uniform or PE kit to stay comfortable.

Thank you again for your support.

School dates	
Newly added items or any changes are highlighted in yellow	
July	
2nd	'Move up' morning
3rd	Volunteer coffee morning
9th	'Move up' morning
7th-8th	Upper Key Stage 2 production
10th	School reports out to parents
13th	Y6 Leavers' evening
14th	iRocks concert: 9.30am and 2.30pm
15th	FOSP - non-school uniform day
15th	5pm-7pm - Celebration evening
17th	Y6 Leavers' Service at the church
17th	Parent Picnic (weather dependent)
17th	LAST DAY OF TERM
20th	Non Pupil Day

School Expansion Update

Following a recent update from Essex County Council, plans are underway for the building expansion work to start onsite during the summer holidays. While we are still awaiting a confirmed detailed schedule for the works, we are expecting for them to set up on site, to complete some interior works, as well as make some adjustment to our rear gates over the summer.



We are now working on our site risk assessments and plans for drop-off and pick-up for September. Once these have been approved I will share them with parents.





DIVERSITY WEEK



Last week in school, we had another, special curriculum focus week: Diversity Week. Part of school vision says, **“Our uniqueness is embraced...guide us to be courageous enough to stand up for what is right...”** We have been in awe of some of the beautiful responses and mature discussions and questions our children have demonstrated throughout the week.

Reception

Children in Mulberry have read a huge range of books about the beauty of all our differences then created these lovely self-portraits:

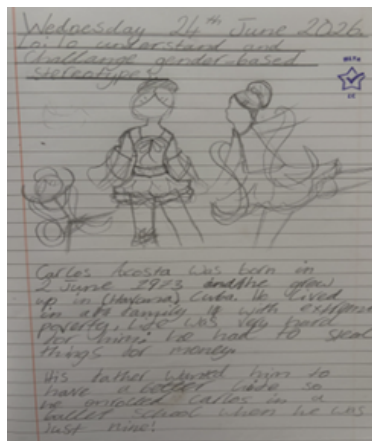
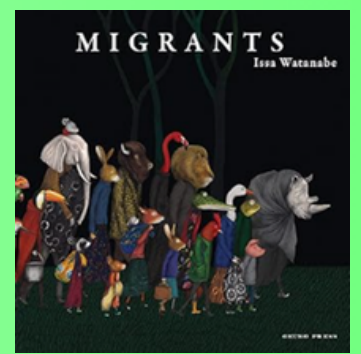
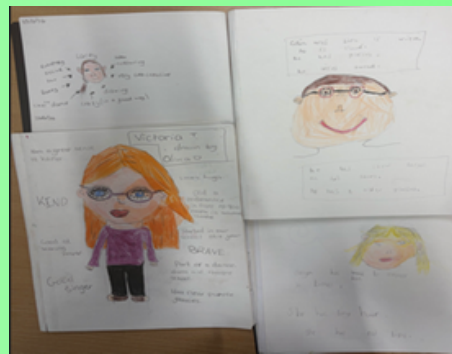


Key Stage 1

Children in Years 1 and 2 have been really enjoying a number of different books this week, celebrating the richness of all our family structures, heritage and how we express ourselves and our personalities.

Lower Key Stage 2

Children in Years 3 and 4 read the book Pansy Boy and the book Migrants. They thought about what makes us special and unique. They drew portraits of each other and labelled all their interesting personality features, skills and facts about their lives.



Upper Key Stage 2

Children in Years 5 and 6 have especially focused on challenging harmful stereotypes through or work on Carlos Acosta and reading the beautiful book Pansy Boy and writing our own positive poetry. It tells the story through from the author's own experience of growing up with homophobic bullying but ultimately has a message of hope and love.





Summer term non-uniform day

The final non-uniform day of the school year will be on Wednesday 15th July, in return for a suggested £2 donation on the gates. Non-uniform days are completely optional and children are welcome to wear uniform if they prefer - the money raised from non-uniform days helps pay for school trips, as FOSP pays up to £20 for each child for every school trip.

Scarecrow trail

Our annual Scarecrow Trail will be held over the summer holidays from 20th July - 3rd August, with a classic scarecrow theme. There is no fee to have your scarecrow on the trail - please email Coggeshallscarecrowtrail@outlook.com to sign up your scarecrow. Please also get in touch if you are a local business and interested in sponsoring this event to be included on the maps, parent messages and social media posts. Maps will be available from Bakalicious.

150 Club

We have lots of vacant numbers up for grabs, so if you'd like to join the 150 club, please email FOSP on ptafosp@gmail.com and we will send you a sign up form. It's £3 a month for a number and all of the money raised goes towards the Helping Out Fund which supports students and families at our school. Each month we draw two winners from numbers 1-150. Could you be our next winner?

FOSP update

Thank you so much to everyone who got involved with our spare change challenge over the last couple of weeks. We raised an amazing £446.18 (plus some foreign coins and a few plastic toy coins as a bonus!). Well done to Willow class for raising the most money with £83.70! We will be in touch with Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Russell to arrange a class treat as a thank you.

Our father's day stall was a success again this year, with a total of 302 gifts sold, raising £500.54! Thank you to Charlotte and her team of volunteers for running this lovely event!

Inflatables day

And finally, we have been able to reschedule our inflatables day for Sunday 20th September! Tickets for our previous event will still be valid. Further details to follow soon...

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FAMILIES
IN OUR SCHOOL
COMMUNITY**

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Free Family Events in Braintree

A snapshot of low or no cost fun & family-friendly activities across Mid Essex Helping you make the most of the summer holidays!

Families across Mid Essex can enjoy a range of free, fun summer events in Braintree, Chelmsford, and Maldon.

This guide highlights local activities, support, and welcoming spaces to help keep children entertained.

This is just a starting point, there are many more opportunities available through local organisations, offering plenty to explore this summer. Scan here to take a look at our web page for further activities on offer.

**Find out
more here!**



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