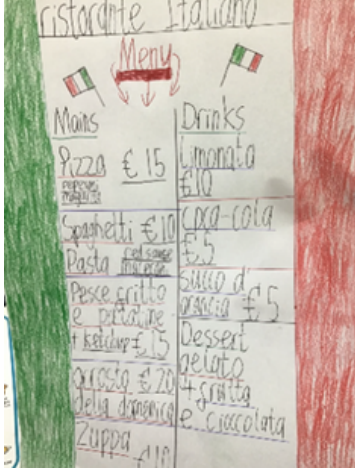




Bonjour! Ola! Hallo! Buongiorno! Thursday was European Day of Languages and there were lots of interesting things going on in school such as cooking and food tasting, guest parents teaching us some of their home languages and art work. Here are some of the highlights:



School dates
newly added items or any changes are highlighted in yellow

October	
3rd	Black History Day
8th - 10-1pm	Tag Rugby (by invitation)
8th	Harvest Festival at church - children only
11th - 2.45pm	Mrs Sullivan / Mrs Doody class assembly
11th	Food Bank collection
17th - 6.30pm	FOSP Annual General Meeting
18th - 2.45pm	Miss Vianello's class assembly
22nd	Parents' evening - 3.30pm - 5.30pm
24th	Parents' evening - 4.00pm - 7.00pm
24th - 2.45pm	Dr Gardner's class assembly
25th	Non-pupil day
28th-1st	HALF TERM
November	
6th	EYFS/Year 5 Road Safety
9th	FOSP Fireworks
15th	Anti-bullying day
15th - 2.45pm	Mrs Armitage's class assembly
15th	FOSP school disco
22nd - 2.45pm	Mrs Brooker's class assembly
29th - 2.45pm	Mr Brennen's class assembly
December	
3rd & 4th	FOSP wreath making 7-9.30pm
10th	iRocks concerts - 9.30am and 2pm
11th & 12th	EYFS/KS1 Nativity - 2pm
12th	Parent Share
18th	Whole school panto
20th	Christmas Service at church

Harvest Food Bank Collection

Just a reminder, that we are currently collecting donations for the Braintree Foodbank. Please kindly give any donations to your child to pass on to their teacher.



HARVEST Festival
SHOPPING LIST

<u>Essential Items</u>	<u>To Maintain Our Stocks</u>
Jam	Instant Snack (Pot Noodle)
Tinned Cold Meat	Tinned Hot Meat (Stew, mince)
Packet Custard	Packet Soup
Cereal	Pasta Sauce
Sponge Puddings	Deodorant
UHT Milk	

We ask for small packs as larger packs do not fit in our boxes making it difficult for our clients to carry home. Also, we are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs.

We follow the standards set by the Food Standards Agency. We can only accept donations of unopened and undamaged goods that are still well within their "use by" date (no less than six months if possible). Items which do not meet these requirements cannot be used and your donation may be wasted.

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THINK BEFORE YOU PARK
BE CONSIDERATE TO OUR NEIGHBOURS
YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE

With the weather getting cooler, there has been an increase in people parking on zigzags, on the kerb and across people's driveways. Please can I ask you to be mindful of parking restrictions during drop-off and pick-up,

Website Photographs

We are looking to refresh the school website with some updated photos. If you have a knack with a camera and are able to help us with this, please let us know.



LSA Post

We are currently looking to recruit two LSAs. Interested candidates can apply online via the following links:
[EYFS/SEN LSA](#) - closing 7th October
[SEN LSA](#) - closing 11th October



CLUBS

Many clubs are now underway for the Autumn term, both at lunch times and after school. They are posted on the [school website](#).

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Attendance Update

Our school attendance targets are:

- >95% attendance for the whole school
- <5% absence for the whole school
- <12% persistent absence for the school

Current academic year up to Friday 27 September 2024

Number of pupils 337	Overall attendance % 95.9%	Overall absence % 4.1%	Unauthorised absence % 0.5%
Persistently absent Number of persistently absent pupils 37	Percentage of persistently absent pupils 11.0%	Severely absent Number of severely absent pupils 5	Percentage of severely absent pupils 1.5%

... other news/reminders

Our **play equipment** in both our KS1 and KS2 playgrounds are only for use during the school day. This is a polite reminder to keep children off the equipment at drop-off and pick-up.

Parent Consultation evenings are being held on 22nd and 24th October. We are currently looking into an online booking system rather than our previous paper slips. Further information on this will be coming soon.

We will soon be offering **tours** for the Reception intake - September 2025. Dates for these can be found on the [school website](#). Anyone wanting to book onto a tour should contact the school office.

School Expansion

As many of you are aware, there was a public consultation in May regarding the school expansion building project. Following consultation, many changes are being considered by Essex County Council. While it is great that ECC are making changes to ensure we get the best possible building, this has meant there are significant delays in getting started. Plans are still being discussed and so there are no updates to share at present.

