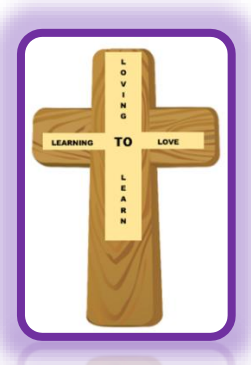
NEWSLETTER

24th June 2022



My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15: 12-13)

OUR CHRISTIAN THEME THIS HALF-TERM IS

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

Jesus calms the storm (Mark 4.35-41)

Essex County Council

£1.298 million Essential Living Fund

With a surge in fuel, food and energy prices many of us are facing tough decisions and challenges right now. If you are facing hardship, you might be eligible for Essex County Council's **Essential Living Fund** which provides help with essential household costs.

The Essential Living Fund can help pay for:

- general living expenses such as groceries, nappies, toiletries and money for pay-as-you-go fuel meters
- clothing and footwear, including school uniforms (in exceptional circumstances)
- white goods
- furniture
- household furnishings

You must live in Essex and apply through Southend Borough Council who are managing the fund for the county. Read more about ways you can get help with money, debt and benefits resources.

Has your child/ren mislaid any of their School Uniform?

If so, please check through our lost property which will be in the school hall at 3.10pm on:

Friday 24th June 2022 &
Friday 1st July 2022

Any unclaimed items will be available to purchase from Monday 4th July 2022 for a suggested 50p per item.

We always endeavour to return any named items to children.

Please can we ask that you ensure all your child/ren's school uniform are clearly named.

Thank you.

As a school we are taking part in '30 Days Wild' which is a fun, annual event from the Wildlife Trust.

Members of the public are invited to try out one act of wildness every day throughout June. Ideas could include listening to bird song, exercising outdoors, having a picnic outdoors, looking at flowers, going on a bug hunt, creating nature sculptures, hugging a tree, making a wildlife home, painting in nature or any other idea that helps people to connect with nature.

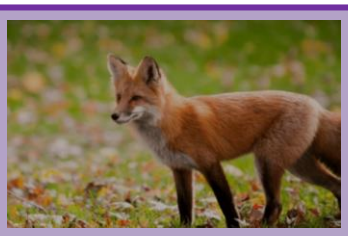
Parents/ children can get involved with this at home and we would love to see any photographs of any events that you do – please send them via e-mail to:

admin.latchingdon@dcvst.org

There is more information on the Wildlife Trust website:

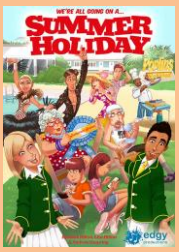
[30 Days Wild 2022: Sign up | The Wildlife Trusts]

Some of the activities the school have taken part in will be included in the Newsletters during June.



FOXES

As part of '30 Days Wild' Foxes class have been using items they have found on the school field to make pictures – great work Foxes!

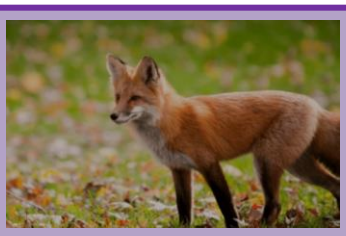


Year 6 Parents/Carers

The Year 6 end of year performance, 'We're all Going on a Summer Holiday', will be taking place on Thursday 14th July 2022 at 7pm.

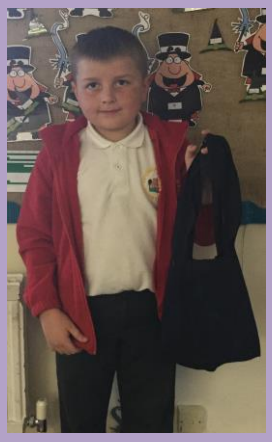
Further details will be issued shortly.

The children have been very busy practising their lines and learning all the songs – they will be amazing!



FOXES

At the end of last week Foxes class finished sewing their tote bags. As you can see the finished items look fantastic – way to go Foxes!



BADGERS

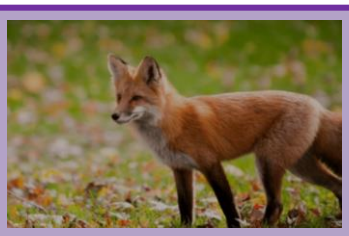
As part of '30 Day Wild' Badgers class enjoyed tree hugging – we are not so sure that the tree's enjoyed it!

6 of the Best

Well done to Elsie-Mae from Red Squirrels class who has read all the books in the '6 of the Best' list for Reception children.

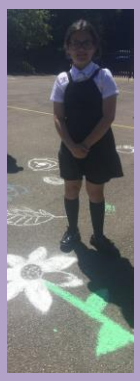
She has read **Room on a Broom** by Julia Donaldson, **Funnybones** by Janet & Allan Ahlberg, **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle, **The Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister, **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Ronson & **Dogger** by Shirley Hughes.

Today in our Celebration Assembly she received a Certificate – Well done Elsie-Mae keep up the good work!



FOXES

As part of '30 Days Wild' Foxes class have been drawing animals in chalk on the school playground.



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ATHLETES WHO INSPIRE KIDS

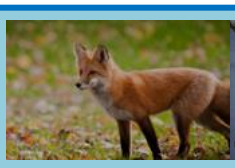
Sports for School

Once again a huge big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Family Sports Event on 8th June 2022.

As a school we raised an amazing £478 of which the school has received £170.70 to spend on sporting equipment and the remainder is used to support our GB athletes.

During our Celebraton Assembly the thank you gifts from Sports for Schools were given to the children.

This week was the last time that all the members of this year's School Council were able to attend a meeting. Therefore, as a thank you for all their hard work and input throughout the year, they had a treat of a drink and biscuit.



FOXES & OTTERS

As part of their work on '30 Days Wild' all of the children in Foxes class chose an object/ animal in nature to draft, write and edit a poem about. They shared their completed poems with Otters.

HEDGEHOGS

This week during music Hedgehogs class have been using boom wackers to play 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star".

Please take the time to have a look at them play here:

Hedgehogs Playing Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

PIERCED EARS

If you are thinking of getting your child/ren's ears pierced then the beginning of the Summer Holidays is the ideal time. It is usually advised that new earrings cannot be removed for the first 6 weeks and, therefore, this gives time for them to heal before we return to school in September.

Regulations for school's state that no jewellery can be worn for PE and Games lessons and during use of play equipment, when injuries can occur. This means that any child wearing jewellery to school will not be permitted to go outside at playtimes.

In order for children not to miss PE and playing outside with their friends during break and lunchtimes we appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Well done to the following children who have all earned Times Table Rock Stars Certificates.

FOXES

Eddie
Hallie
Phebe
Lucas

OTTERS

Erin
Ernie
Giruish
Lillie

BADGERS

Isla

DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S MATHS CHALLENGE?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, THEN YOU COULD BE THE NEXT MATHS CHAMPION!

6 of the Best

Well done to Jaxon from Red Squirrels class who has read all the books in the '6 of the Best' list for Reception children.

He has read **Room on a Broom** by Julia Donaldson, **Funnybones** by Janet & Allan Ahlberg, **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle, **The Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister, **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Ronson & **Dogger** by Shirley Hughes.

Today in our Celebration Assembly he received a Certificate – Well done Jaxon we hope you enjoyed reading these books!

6 of the Best

Well done to Gopish from Red Squirrels class who has read all the books in the '6 of the Best' list for Reception children.

He has read **Room on a Broom** by Julia Donaldson, **Funnybones** by Janet & Allan Ahlberg, **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle, **The Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister, **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Ronson & **Dogger** by Shirley Hughes.

Today in our Celebration Assembly he received a Certificate – Well done Gopish we hope you enjoyed reading these books!

Headteacher Stickers

This week Mrs Kemp has given Headteacher Stickers to the following children:

Tahnee – Red Squirrels
Isaac – Otters
Rylee – Otters
Ethan – Otters
Hallie – Foxes
Daisy – Red Squirrels
Tilly – Hedgehogs

6 of the Best

Well done to Tahnee from Red Squirrels class who has read all the books in the '6 of the Best' list for Reception children.

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Today in our Celebration Assembly she received a Certificate – Well done Tahnee we hope you enjoyed reading these books!

SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 2022

Thank you to some of our Worship Group who are attending the Christ Church Service with Mrs Kemp at 4pm

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for the last week of term is as follows:

Monday 18th July 2022

Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Pasta (V)

Jacket Potato

Tuesday 19th July 2022

Chicken Burger in a bun & Chips

Veggie Burger & Chips (V)

Jacket Potato

Please order in the normal way via School Money.

Thank you.

Essex County Council

Story of the Month- June

Every month during 2022 there will be a different story chosen and available on the Essex Library Service website.

This month's story is from BookTrust and is Lenny and Wilbur, written and read by Ken Wilson-Max.

There is also a suggested arts and crafts activity that the children could enjoy after listening to the story.

It can be accessed via this link:

Story of the Month- June (essex.gov.uk)

Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember. Details of any events will be sent out nearer the time.

SUMMER TERM

June 2022
26th June – 4pm Christ Church Service – Worship Group
28th June – Pilgrimage – Year 3/4
28th June – EYFS/KS1 Barleylands Trip

July 2022
1st July – Dengie Sports – Ormiston Rivers Academy
1st July – Kwik Cricket Festival 6pm – 9pm
7th July – Year 6 Transition Day – Ormiston Rivers
12th July – iSing Pop – Chelmsford Cathedral – Year 5/6
15th July – KS2 Layer Marney Tower Trip
11th July to 15th July – Science Week
12th July – 2pm – Foxes Have Talent
14th July – 7pm – Year 6 End of Year Production
19th July – Leavers Assembly – Year 6
20th & 21st July – NON-PUPIL DAYS
22nd July – START SUMMER HOLIDAY

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM

September 2022
1ST & 2ND Sept – NON-PUPIL DAYS
5TH Sept – First Day Academic Year 2022-2023

October 2022
7th Oct – NON-PUPIL DAY
24th to 28th Oct – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

December 2022
21st Dec – 4th Jan 2023 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SCHOOL OPENING TIMES TO TAKE EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 2022

The Government's White Paper states that all schools must be open for 6½ hours each school day by September 2023.

Currently Latchingdon C of E Primary School is short of this legislation by 5 minutes per school day. Therefore, it has been decided, that from the academic year 2022-2023 (ie from 5th September 2022) the school start time will change to 8.40am instead of 8.45am.

The school finishing time will remain the same at 3.10pm

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Application for Leave of Absence During Term Time

Leave of absence may only be granted by a person authorised in that behalf by the proprietor of the school. As from 1st September 2013, the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 amended Regulation 7 to prohibit the proprietor of a maintained school from granting leave of absence to a pupil, except where an advance application has been made by the parent with whom the pupil normally resides, and the proprietor considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

There has been some uncertainty regarding term time holidays and we would like to clarify the situation.

Parents can apply for leave of absence if there are exceptional circumstances for taking time off. We have been given a definition of exceptional circumstances as:

- Not a holiday
- Rare
- Significant
- Unavoidable (an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at any other time)
- Short

If the absence is not authorised and the holiday is taken, the case will be referred to the Local Authority who may issue a Penalty Notice for £120 (or £60 if paid within 21 days) to **each parent for each child** taken out of school.

Attendance – 24/6/22

The winning class for the week ending 24th June 2022 is Badgers class.

Year	Attendance %
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	87.65%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	88.65%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	95.96%
4 / 5 (Otters)	95.24%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	96.67%

Each Friday we hold a raffle for all pupils in school, on time all week. This week the raffle was drawn and the winning pupil was Ethan from Otters class.

The Government expects our attendance to be 96%.

If your child is not in school, please remember to phone each morning before 9 am and leave a message. **We must have a reason to enable us to authorise the absence.**

If you receive a text message, please contact the school to explain the absence. If we do not hear from you telephone calls will be made.

Safeguarding requires the school to know why a child is not in school. Every child legally must attend school and parents/carers have a duty to notify the school.

Each week the Friday Assembly is led by members of Badgers Class. This week's leaders were Mollie, Skylar & Cheri.

Well done to all these children.

Stars of the Week – w/e 24/6/22

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Gabriel & Lola-Rose
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Dounya & Oliver B
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Nyla & Catalina
4 / 5 (Otters)	Zac & Ernie
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Lacie & Mollie

Star Writers – w/e 24/6/22

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Bonnie
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Isabelle
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Nancy
4 / 5 (Otters)	Caitlin
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Max

Good Manners – w/e 24/6/22

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Tahnee & Arlie-Blaiz
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Ruby & Tommy
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Henry & James
4 / 5 (Otters)	Olivia & Girush
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Laila-Bo & Lacie

Lunch Time Stars – w/e 24/6/22

Evelyn – Badgers
Ethan - Badgers

Reading Challenge – w/e 17/6/22

Year	% children reading at home regularly
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Less than 50%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	59%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Less than 50%
4 / 5 (Otters)	69%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	92%

Maths Champion

- problem dated 17/6/22

KS1 Answer = There were 17 cookies in the jar at the start

- WINNER - Gopish - Red Squirrels

KS2 Answer = $\frac{42}{60} = \frac{7}{10}$ - WINNER - Caitlin - Otters

Well done to you both!

Maths Problem of the Week

KS1 (EYFS – Year 2)

The Problem

Amy has 32 pears.

She puts the pears into bags of 5.

She needs 8 bags of pears.

How many more pears does she need?

KS2 (Year 3 – Year 6)

The Problem:

Max has some bags of apples and some bags of oranges.

How many oranges are in one bag?

- There are twice as many oranges as apples in a bag.
- Max has 4 bags of apples and 3 bags of oranges.
- Max has 70 apples and oranges in total

If you would like to solve your KS problem, please put your completed answer, labelled with your name and class, in the **'Maths Competition' box in the main School Office Foyer by 8.45am on Friday 1st July 2022.**

A 'Maths Champion' of the week, will be announced in Celebration Assembly each week. Good luck!

NATIONAL BOOK tokens

Please vote for Latchingdon C of E Primary School using the Enter Now button below.

Thank you for your support.

Nominate your school to win £1,000

We know how hard schools have been working to catch up after months of lost learning over the past two years. But at a time when reading for pleasure – known to be the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – is more important than ever, a survey by Read for Good has revealed the devastating impact of the pandemic on school libraries.

We're giving five schools a £1,000 prize each, as well as a year's membership to the School Library Association, to help them start rebuilding their range of books and encourage reading for pleasure.

Nominate your school, and you could also win a £100 National Book Token to spend in your favourite bookshop or online!

Enter now ▶

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PCC of Latchingdon

Presents On Sunday 26th June 2022

Car Rally Treasure Hunt

Start and finish will be The Red Lion Car park, Latchingdon. Starting Times from 12.30pm last car to set off will be at 2pm. Duration approximately 2 hours depending on your investigative skills.

Come and have a day of family fun exploring Latchingdon and the surrounding areas.

Presentation of the treasure will take place at 4pm in the Red Lion.

Entry Fee is £5 per car

Email h.jenner@btinternet.com for your car start time.

PCC of Latchingdon

Presents a Tabletop Sale

Saturday 9th July 2022

11am till 4pm

The table pitches will be set up inside the Church and on the Church grounds between 10 and 11am.

Cost of a pitch is £5 you will need to provide your own table.

Entry cost £1 per person. Come along and have a look around whilst enjoy a yummy cream tea.

If you are interested in hiring a pitch, please contact Karen Eyles on 07791292222 or email Christchurch.latchingdon@aol.com

The MHST are delighted to announce the summer programme of support for children, parents and care-givers, who are able to attend virtual workshops over the summer holidays. This summer programme will focus on supporting children, parents and care-givers in relation to behaviour, anxiety and moving onto secondary school. These workshops can be selected using the QR code and further information on these workshops can be found on Eventbrite.

Eventbrite Summer Workshops

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ESPORTS

British Esports describes 'esports' as "competitive gaming, human-v-human, usually with a spectator element to it". In recent years, the esports industry has grown significantly – and is expected to reach an overall worth of $1.2 billion, with around 30 million monthly viewers, by the end of 2022. This rapid evolution has presented even more opportunities ... but, of course, opportunities usually come with a risk. Here, we've highlighted some of the potential hazards within the esports arena and suggested ways to help young people stay safe so they can make the most of this exciting space.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions are in-game purchases that unlock new features or give players special abilities, characters or content. These can cost anything from 99p to £99 (and sometimes more!). The topic of microtransactions in gaming is heavily scrutinised – with cosmetics, pay-to-win features and loot boxes all being a source of contention for gamers and governing bodies in recent years.

MENTAL HEALTH

Studies show that esports competitors face the same level of mental health issues as athletes from traditional sports, along with some specific additional demands. Like mainstream professional sport, esports is an incredibly tough industry – requiring countless hours of practice. Competing at the highest level can lead to pressures such as handling setbacks, stressful situations and facing criticism.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT & BEHAVIOUR

CENSORED

Only 22% of gamers globally are aged between 10 and 20 – meaning the majority are adults, who might not always act or talk in a way that's appropriate for children. Like traditional sport, esports has many athletes and 'personalities' to look up to. However, it's important that your child stays aware of how influenced they are by the people they follow, and whether the athlete is age appropriate.

TROLLS & TOXICITY

An internet troll is someone who tries to offend people and cause trouble by posting derogatory comments. Toxicity, as in the real world, refers to negative behaviours like harassment, verbal abuse and inappropriate conduct, which all impact on wellbeing. Trolls and toxicity are an issue within esports, perhaps due to its pressurised, extremely competitive and high-stakes nature.

POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

The revenue in esports is potentially vast. Organisations often look to professionals and content creators to help grow their brand, in exchange for the organisation's backing, a salary, and marketing and sponsorship benefits. However, the industry is still in its infancy – and so is its regulation. In some countries, esports isn't regulated at all, so things can get sticky if players don't know what they're doing or who they're working with.

PHYSICAL EFFECTS

The common perception of esports involves a sedentary lifestyle, an unhealthy diet and very little physical activity – which has obvious health implications. It's certainly true that players sit at their desk for hours, looking into bright screens and not getting regular exercise. Some professional esports players have nutritionists, personal trainers and dieticians specifically to protect their health.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENCOURAGE BALANCE

Dedicating oneself intensely to any activity – including esports – can be harmful, both mentally and physically. Make sure your child's gaming routine is balanced with exercise, regular breaks, healthy food and plenty of water. If your child spends long hours gaming, using a chair with the proper supports and taking the time to practise good posture will help protect their lower back, neck and wrists.

GET EXPERT HELP

If your child *does* start on the road to becoming a professional, get in touch with an esports-specific agency who are experienced in industry terminology and loopholes. Do due diligence on any team or organisation offering your child a contract: a key point is how long your child would be contracted to them – the esports industry changes quickly, so there might be better and more secure offers out there.

UNDERSTAND GAMING

Chat to your child about the games they play; ask to watch or even take part to get an idea of how appropriate they are. This will give you an awareness of the phrases esports players and content creators use, helping you understand young gamers' slang. If you find some of the games unsuitable, talk to your child about why. You can also explore age-specific settings on apps like YouTube and Twitch.

BLOCK TOXIC USERS

Monitoring in-game chats, or disabling them altogether (either through the console or in the game itself), is a comprehensive way to avoid negative experiences and reduce the risk of toxic messaging. Your child also has options to block messages from particular players and only interact with their friends; this can also help to prevent them from encountering the blocked users in future games.

Meet Our Expert

Nathan David is an experienced gamer, teacher and athlete. He is Course Leader for the BTEC Esports programme at Salisbury Sixth Form College. Nathan has more than 10 years' experience working in schools and colleges, and holds a Masters degree in Sport Psychology.

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