



### Dot Day Gallery Event

Our Dot Day event was a huge success and celebrated your child's wonderful art work. Items are now available to purchase through our Parentmail system and we will be sending home all completed orders by the end of next week. Thank you for supporting this event.



### Friend's event

Our Friends provided the children with an opportunity to purchase a gift for Father's Day on Friday 7 June 2024. They thoroughly enjoyed their shopping experience and we hope you like your surprises. This event raised £252.23 towards their fundraising.

### School Council Challenge

Thank you to everyone who helped our School Council achieve their Foodbank challenge. This has now been collected and they were very grateful.

### Attendance changes

From September 2024 the government will be issuing new statutory guidance "Working Together to Approve School Attendance" for schools. The changes that are being introduced can be found in DfE education hub article below:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/category/attendance/>

Our school policy on this will be updated in due course. Please also see the attached leaflet from Essex County Council explaining the changes to fines for term time holidays.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

We are now approaching the end of term and have a number of activities taking place that can be seen in the "Dates for your Diary" section. For our concerts and performances we will be issuing information via Parentmail to collect attendance nearer the time.

### Friends BBQ

Following with tradition, the Friends will be hosting their end of term BBQ on Thursday 18 July 2024 to celebrate the academic years' achievements. Raffle tickets have already been circulated for this and further books are available from the school office if required. Please return these to the school as soon as possible. There will also be a selection of tombola stalls available on the evening. We will be holding a PJ day in exchange for chocolate or alcohol items for these on Wednesday 17 July 2024. Items can be sent into school on the morning and placed in the boxes in the main playgrounds for the Friends. Normal non-uniform rules apply for this day—no jewellery and sensible hair, PJs and footwear.

### Class Parties picnic

As Mrs Spearman is retiring at the end of the term, class parties will be a whole school event with a picnic on the main field to celebrate together her time spent with us. Parents will be invited to join this event from 14:30. Classes will put food lists up as normal outside their classes or via Seesaw nearer the time.

## **REMINDERS**

### Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is growing strong and the children are enjoying their morning activities and breakfast with us. Spaces are available for all days and can be regular attendees or one-offs if needed. Please collect a registration form from the school office if needed and provide us with at least 24 hours notice of your requirements.

### School dinner ordering system

Please can we remind you to ensure that your child's school dinner is booked in advance for the days required. Dinners can be booked each day up until 8:55 am or can be booked in advance for the whole week, half-term, or term.

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Lately we have experienced a lot of unbooked dinners especially on a Monday, despite our weekly reminder and this is causing extra work for all involved. Our kitchen does provide a few additional dinners mainly for spillages. Unbooked dinners therefore have an impact on those later down the line and our kitchen staff searching for food to feed these if the office are unable to contact parents to provide sandwiches. Your assistance with this would be much appreciated.

#### Late to school

Parents are legally responsible for making sure that their children arrive on time. This ensures they receive the learning details and plans for the day. All pupils arriving at school anytime after 8:45 am when our gates are closed, should report to the school office before proceeding to class.

#### Parking around the school vicinity

We have received a number of concerns from local neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking around the area. Please remember that these people also have appointments and school runs to make. If you are unable to walk to school or use the public car park and walk, please be considerate to our neighbours if you choose to park in nearby roads. Do not:

- ◆ block drives or garages
- ◆ park on pavements therefore blocking access for pushchairs/wheelchairs and children to walk safely
- ◆ park on green areas
- ◆ park cars on the corner of junctions as this makes it difficult for pedestrians and other road users to view on-coming traffic.

Please do not park on the road outside the school, this is a red route, and you will be fined. The parked cars also cause congestion, which increases the possibility of an accident occurring.

#### September 2024 reminders

##### PE Kits

We will continue to wear PE kits to school on our PE days (Mondays & Fridays). We have finished the phased-out stage of the House colour t-shirts and these will not be part of the PE kit from September. The PE Kits consists of:

- Navy shorts
- White polo shirts – optional with logo
- Navy jogging bottoms and sweatshirt (no hood) or
- Navy tracksuit (no hood) with school logo optional
- Plimsolls or trainers (for outside activities)

Further information can be found on our [website page](#).

##### Earrings

No jewellery is permitted during the school day. It is not necessary and is easily lost or broken, causing distress or possible injury. So please, no earrings, studs, rings, signet rings or chains. Any child entering school with jewellery of any kind will be asked to remove it. The piercing of ears should be scheduled for the beginning of the summer holidays to enable them to heal in time, so they can be removed before returning in September. Please note that nail varnish is also not permitted during the school day.

Children are permitted to wear a simple watch that only tell time and do not distract the child/other children from their learning during the day, but this needs to be removed for PE lessons and is the child's responsibility to store it safely in their bag.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

There are lots of activities taking place in and around Harlow along with adult training events through ACL. Take a look at our website [community](#) page for things to do.

Here are a couple of additional links of activities to do this summer with your children that may be of interest.

[the art of getting children outdoors.pdf \(wildlifewatch.org.uk\)](#)

[TWT My Wild Summer A5 2015 Update v1.pdf \(wildlifewatch.org.uk\)](#)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
27 June 2024	Transition morning
3 July 2024	Music Concert (14:00) - parents invited for those attending music tuition and choir (Parentmail invite to be issued shortly for sign up)
11 July 2024	Transition morning
12 July 2024	School Reports being issued
15 July 2024	Rocksteady Performance (9:15): for parents whose children attend— Parentmail invite to be issued for sign-up shortly
16 July 2024	Y6 Performance (18:00) - Y6 parents only (No children under 11) - F&B pupils will see a dress rehearsal
17 July 2024	Non-uniform PJ day in exchange for chocolate or alcohol items for the BBQ event—sensible hair, PJs, footwear and no jewellery apply
18 July 2024	Friends end of term BBQ in the meadow (17:30)
19 July 2024	Class Parties picnic on field (13:30) - Parents invited to join from 14:30
23 July 2024	Year 6 Leavers' assembly (9:00) Y6 parents invited School finishes at <b>13:30</b>
24 July—30 August 2024	Summer Holidays
2 & 3 September 2024	INSET Days—School closed to pupils'
4 September 2024	Pupils' return to school

