



### Head Talk

What a week of weather we have had. It has been lovely to have the hot weather. I would like to remind you that children need to have sun cream applied in the morning before coming to school and if they have hats, they should wear those as there is limited shade on the school site.

This week we had the Year 4 class assembly. This was a lovely opportunity for the children to showcase the learning that they had undertaken this year. When you look at it as a single body of learning, I am in awe of what the children have experienced and how well the Year 4 team have planned for the children this year. We have also had our 'Stay and Play' sessions for our new Early Years children, starting with us in September. This was a great 3 morning sessions for the team to get to know the children.

Last week saw children in Year 1 taking part in their Phonics Test, and we also had Year 4 children taking part in the Multiplication Tables Check too. My congratulations go to all the children and staff involved.

We have an exciting in school visit from a farm for our Early Years children on Tuesday next week, and we will also have the results of the parent governor elections to announce. Year 6 children will be spending time on Thursday in their new school, so an exciting week to come.

Don't forget that we have celebration evening coming up on **Thursday 3rd July between 6pm and 8pm**. We will have a tasting menu of school dinners in the infant hall, and there will be an opportunity to talk with staff and see your child's work. Parking will be available on the junior playground.

The PSA summer fair will also be taking place on **Saturday 5th July**. Please contact the PSA to

volunteer. If we don't have enough people, the event can't go ahead.

Mr Greatorex and I are available on the infant playground most days if you would like to pop over and have a chat with us on most days. We would love to see you..

### E-Safety Nugget

This week I would like to recommend my own presentation on when should I give my child a mobile phone. I had 24 parents/carers attend the evening 2 weeks ago. I have included the link to the presentation again. Please be aware that there is offensive language in this presentation. I plan to run another event in September for those of you that could not make it. This will take place on **Monday 15th September at 7pm in the infant hall**.

[Device management for children .pdf](#)

### Borrowing books electronically

This week I thought it would be helpful to share the 'Borrow Box' App with you. This is an app that allows children to borrow e-books from Essex Libraries, using their library card number. The link to follow is here:  
<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital-content/using-our-elibrary/borrowbox>

We often forget that we don't need to purchase every book that we want to read. We can borrow them in physical form and online.

If your library card has expired or you don't have one, you can follow this link to register:

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/user/register>

### Attendance

We are coming close to the end of the school year and we want to ensure that children have the best attendance possible.

Our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website:

<https://www.hamiltonprimary.com/office/policies>

Our current attendance for the year is 96.1%. This is low, but we are above the national average and the Essex average. We have had a number of children who have been unwell, and some families have taken holidays too. If your child has below 90% attendance, they will be classed as being persistently absent. This is not good. It means your child is missing too much education. Please ensure your child attends school. If we have concerns about your child's attendance, we will be writing to you and offering you a meeting to discuss any support that you may need. Our attendance should be 97% or above. Please help us to help your child. Our leading attending year group is Year 3 with 96.8% attendance. Keep up the excellent work.

## Parents Forum

The next Parent's Forum is on  
Tuesday, 24 June · 2:00 – 3:00pm  
Time zone: Europe/London

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/gfi-drrv-yvw>

Or dial: (GB) +44 20 3910 5059 PIN: 515 877 023#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/gfi-drrv-yvw?pin=6067314745071>

## SPORTS DAY: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our KS2 Sports Day is usually supported by sixth formers from a local school. Unfortunately, this year they are not able to help. If you are able to help support our KS2 Sports Day by helping run an event (under a Teacher's instruction), please do let us know. Email our Office

[parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk) or come and find Mr O'Loughlin on the playground after school.

## Spotlight on Send – Face Newsletter

Please find attached the July Newsletter from Family Advice.

## Colchester Royal Grammar School

CRGS are holding their annual 11+ open evening next week, on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, advert attached.

## Sports Day – Infant and Junior

In a break from tradition we will now have both the Infant and Junior Sports Days on the same day. The Infant Sports Day will take place from 9.30am on the Junior Playground on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July and should be concluded in an hour. The Junior Sports Day will take place at the Garrison Track as per normal and will start from about 1.20pm. Further information will be released nearer the time.

## Cricket Tournament

Last Thursday, our school took part in the inaugural Under 11's Cricket Tournament at Holmwood House school. The team performed admirably under the blazing sun, supporting each other through difficult patches and celebrating each run or wicket together. There were some great individual performances with Will Trail taking four stumpings in our opening game to defeat Holmwood Greens; in our second game Hey Pinnamaraju launched a series of 4s and 6s into neighbouring fields to help us defeat Kelvedon. As group stage winners, they progressed to the final, where they battled hard but were beaten by a very good Holmwood Blues team. There was one last moment of glory to round things off, with Hey bowling a lightning-speed yorker to take a wicket with the final ball of the tournament!



## PSA – Summer Fair Donations Week

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who came in today with a party bag or bottle for our Summer Fair. These stalls made over £600 last year so it is a fantastic contribution.

It is not too late to bring in your bag or bottle just bring these to the office. Next week the PSA will be collecting even more as you can donate your pre-loved toys, games and books. Please see the flyer.

I know many people have volunteered on the day (although we need 15 more) but I need to ask for another favour... we are looking for corporate sponsors for the Summer Fair.

Will your company or work be able to sponsor one of our food stalls or a raffle prize?

This means your company gives the PSA – the school's charity – a tax-free donation *and* supports your school community. Your company will be promoted at the fair and in school communications.

If you are able to give £100, £200 or £300 please speak to me or any member of the PSA ([psa@hamiltonprimary.com](mailto:psa@hamiltonprimary.com)).

## Pupil News

Congratulations to Harrison Kirk (1VH) ran the Pretty Muddy Kids 5km race on Sunday and finished in 39 minutes and raised over £60 for Cancer Research.



## Pupil News

Registration for the 11+ 2026 Entry will commence on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The 11+ will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

## Job Vacancy

### MID-DAY ASSISTANT REQUIRED

**As soon as possible**

**Monday to Friday 12:00 to 13:15 or 12:30 to 13:45**

**Scale 2 point 3 to 4 (£12.45 to £12.65)**



We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and friendly person to work during the school lunch break to supervise the children. You will be required to work independently and as part of a team with a flexible approach to the position.

Duties include:

- Supervising the children in the lunch hall and classrooms
- Clearing of tables, plates and food waste
- Cleaning floors and tables when required
- First aid (training will be given)
- Playground duties
- Playing and organising games with children

Closing date: **Midday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

You can apply via the Essex School Jobs website:

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=111770>

## Calendar Dates

### Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Parents Forum 2-3pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 6 – WW2 Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Year 2 trip to Walton Beach
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	Celebration Evening 6-8pm
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	<b>PSA – Summer Fair</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Sports Day for Infants – 9.30 am Junior Playground Sports Day for Juniors – 1.20pm Garrison Track
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 2 Play to parents – 9.30am start
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Visit new class morning
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Last Day of Term

### Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	First Day of Term
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Year 6 Residential to Aylmerton
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Half Term
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Last Day of Term

### Spring Term 2026

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	First Day of Term

## Email Information

If contacting the school via email, please use:

[parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk)