

THE LOOP - 25th September 2026

"Keeping families updated."

The Loop, our shorter information update, will be published in the weeks between our fortnightly newsletters.

As **Mrs Bennett** begins her maternity leave, we'd like to wish her lots of happiness as she and Mr Bennett prepare for their exciting new arrival! 🍼💖 Very best wishes from everyone at school. We can't wait to hear the happy news!

Calendar



The poster is titled 'Essential Dates' and includes a disclaimer: 'Please understand that all dates and times may be subject to change'. It features a 'SAVE THE DATE' sticker and a list of events for the Autumn Term 2026. The events are listed in chronological order from September to January.

Essential Dates
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SAVE THE DATE

Autumn Term 2026

- 30th September - Harvest Service - Cathedral 2pm
- 6th October - Individual Photos
- 9th October World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow - *Details to follow*
- 21st - 23rd October PGL Y5 Residential Trip
- 26th - 30th October Half Term
- 4th November - Parents' Evening - 5-8pm
- 5th November - Parents' Evening - 4-6:30pm
- 7th November - KS2 Choirs supporting Young Caprice - *details to follow*
- 24th November - Barnardo's Concert - Royal Albert Hall - Invited pupils
- 28th November - PTA Christmas Bazaar
- 8th December - KS1 Nativity - Morning Performance
- 9th December - KS1 Nativity - Evening Performance
- 11th December Cracking Christmas Concert - EYFS & Y6
Morning & Afternoon Performances
- 16th December - Carol Service - Cathedral 6:30pm
- 18th December last day of Autumn Term
- 21st December - 1st January Christmas Holiday

[Please view our calendar for all events](#)

School Lunches

Lunch Menu Week Commencing 28th September 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Jacket Potato Your Children Optional topping Cheese* ^{WHEAT} MILK Baked Beans Tuna Mayo* ^{FISH} Homemade Coleslaw Served with a side salad	NEW! Greek Style Chicken Served with 50/50 Savoury Rice* CELERY Mixed Vegetables & Optional Flatbread* WHEAT MILK EGG Tzatziki Dip* ^{MILK}	Roast Gammon (pork) served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables Optional Gravy Optional Yorkshire pudding* WHEAT MILK EGG	Beef Mince Tomato 50/50 Pasta* ^{WHEAT} Green Beans or Peas Optional Garlic Bread* ^{WHEAT} MILK SESAME SEEDS MILK	Chicken Nuggets* WHEAT CELERY Chips Peas or Baked Beans Optional Ketchup
Option 2	Ham Wrap* WHEAT Served with Side Salad & Savoury Snacks	NEW! Grilled Halibut* ^{MILK} Served with 50/50 Savoury Rice* CELERY Mixed Vegetables & Optional Flatbread* WHEAT MILK EGG Tzatziki Dip* ^{MILK}	Roast Quorn* WHEAT CELERY served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables Optional Gravy Optional Yorkshire pudding* WHEAT MILK EGG	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with 50/50 Pasta* ^{WHEAT} Green Beans or Peas Optional Garlic Bread* ^{WHEAT} MILK SESAME SEEDS MILK	Quorn Dippers* WHEAT Chips Peas or Baked Beans Optional Ketchup
Option 3	NO OPTION	Vegan Sausage Roll* WHEAT served with side salad & Savoury Snacks	Tuna Mayo Baguette* FISH WHEAT WHEAT SESAME SEEDS served with side salad & Savoury Snacks	Cheese Wholemeal Bread Sandwich* WHEAT SESAME SEEDS served with side salad & Savoury Snacks	Egg Mayo Brioche Bun* WHEAT EGG MILK SOYBEAN served with Side Salad & Savoury Snack
Dessert	Fruit Jelly	School Oat Cookie* WHEAT MILK SOY OAT	Ice Cream Tub* MILK or Dairy Free Ice Cream	Fruit Yoghurts* MILK or Dairy Free Yoghurt* Soybean	Chocolate Brownie* WHEAT MILK SOYA EGG



Served daily: Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Milk and Water
GF: Gluten Free



Lunch Menu Week Commencing 5th October 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	NEW! Pepperoni (Pork) Baguette Pizza* WHEAT MILK MILK SESAME SEEDS Served with sweetcorn or side salad	NEW! Bang Chicken Korma* MILK with 50/50 Rice, Mixed Vegetable Optional Naan Bread* WHEAT	Chicken Burger in a Bun* WHEAT SESAME SEEDS with Salad Baby Potatoes & Vegetable Sticks	Mac n Cheese* WHEAT MILK Served with Seasonal Vegetables, Optional Garlic Bread* WHEAT MILK MILK SESAME SEED	Harry Ramsdens Fish Fillet* WHEAT FISH Chips, Peas or Baked Beans optional Ketchup
Option 2	Cheese Baguette Pizza* WHEAT MILK MILK SESAME SEEDS Served with sweetcorn or side salad	NEW! Hoin Quorn Fillet Wrap* WHEAT SOYBEAN SESAME SEEDS with 50/50 Rice, Mixed Vegetable	Quorn Southern Crumb Burger in a Bun* WHEAT SESAME SEEDS with Salad Baby Potatoes & Vegetable Sticks	Tomato & Lentils 50/50 Pasta* WHEAT Served with Seasonal Vegetables, Optional Garlic Bread* WHEAT MILK MILK SESAME SEED	Quorn Nuggets* WHEAT Chips, Peas or Baked Beans optional Ketchup
Option 3	Chicken Mayo Wrap* WHEAT Served with Side Salad & Savoury Snacks	Wholemeal Bread Cheese Sandwich* WHEAT MILK SOYBEAN served with Side Salad & Savoury Snack	Ham Wrap* WHEAT Served with Side Salad & Savoury Snacks	Tuna Mayo Baguette* FISH WHEAT WHEAT SESAME SEEDS served with side salad & Savory Snacks	Egg Mayo Brioche Bun* WHEAT EGG MILK SOYBEAN served with Side Salad & Savoury Snack
Dessert	Fruit Jelly	Ice Cream Tub* MILK or Dairy Free Ice Cream	Fruit Yoghurts* MILK or Dairy Free Yoghurt* Soybean	School Cake* WHEAT MILK SOYA EGG	Mousse* MILK or Raisins



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Lunch Menu Week Commencing 12th October 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Margarita Pizza* WHEAT MILK Served with sweetcorn or side salad	Mini English Breakfast Sausage* ^{WHEAT} Hash Browns Baked Beans Plum Tomato Omelette* ^{MILK EGG} Optional Wholemeal Bread* ^{WHEAT SOYBEAN}	Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables Optional Gravy Optional Yorkshire pudding* WHEAT MILK EGG	NEW! Beef Lasagne* WHEAT MILK SOYA MILK MILK MUSTARD MILK EGG served with Mixed vegetables & Optional Garlic bread* WHEAT MILK MILK SESAME SEEDS	Fish Fingers* WHEAT FISH Chips, Peas or Baked Beans Optional Ketchup
Option 2	Quorn Piccas Tomato Pasta* WHEAT MILK MUSTARD Served with Side salad or Sweetcorn	Vegetarian English Breakfast Vegan Sausage* WHEAT Hash Browns Plum Tomato Optional Omelette* MILK EGG Optional Wholemeal Bread* WHEAT SOYBEAN	Roast Quorn* WHEAT CELERY served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables Optional Gravy Optional Yorkshire pudding* WHEAT MILK EGG	Quorn Vegan Beef Burger in a Bun* WHEAT MILK SESAME SEEDS Soageths Hoops* WHEAT or Mixed Vegetables	Vegetable Fingers* WHEAT Chips, Peas or Baked Beans Optional Ketchup
Option 3	Ham Wrap* WHEAT Served with Side Salad & Savoury Snacks	Cold Tuna Mayo Pasta Salad Pot* WHEAT FISH	Egg Mayo Brioche Bun* WHEAT EGG MILK SOYBEAN served with Side Salad & Savoury Snack	Wholemeal Bread Cheese Sandwich* WHEAT MILK SOYBEAN served with Side Salad & Savoury Snack	Chicken Mayo Wrap* WHEAT Served with Side Salad & Savoury Snacks
Dessert	School Cake* WHEAT MILK SOYA EGG	Flapjack* WHEAT MILK SOYA	Fruit or Yoghurt* MILK Dairyfree Yoghurt* Soybean	Ice Cream Tub* MILK or Dairy Free Ice Cream	Fruit Jelly



Served daily: Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Milk and Water
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School Meals – Please Book Early

*To help our kitchen plan and cut down on waste, please make sure **all meals (including packed lunches where possible) are booked by the Sunday before each fortnight.***

*Meals can be booked up to three weeks ahead on **ScoPay**, and we'll let you know when new menus are ready. If no booking is made, we'll assume your child has a packed lunch.*

Payments can be made in advance or as meals are taken, but please note we can't offer credit.

All meals can be booked up to half term.

Thank you for your support — it makes a real difference!

Instructions for early booking can be found on our [website/parent's page](#)

Please note: ScoPay does not allow same-day bookings – meals must be booked in advance.

Nut Aware School

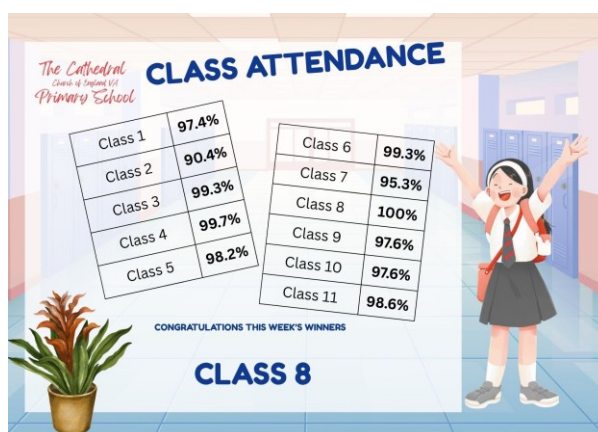
The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts,

We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes or in their snacks.

Please can we remind parents to cut grapes in half.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance



 **Celebrating Attendance!** *This year, we're continuing with our rewards to celebrate great attendance. Each Friday, the class with the highest attendance will receive a trophy. Plus, any class with over 97% attendance will earn a puzzle piece—collect all six to unlock a non-uniform day or a special treat of their choice.*

Let's make every day count!

Achievers of the Week

EYFS

Alice W Melissa L

Lower School

Sara V Ronnie K Kobe W

Middle School

Bluebelle E Chiamaka O Chloe T

Upper School

Juan J Rayaana N Adam G

Times Table Rockstars



1. *Hugo K*

2. *Syedah K*

3. *Louis A*

Your New PTA Committee

Thank you to everyone who joined the recent PTA AGM, and special thanks to everyone who registered as a helper; your support in any form will be so valuable in the coming months.

Two of our key Trustees; Kelly Garner (Chair) and Catherine Fisher (Treasurer) have stepped down from their roles, as their children enter Y6. Their energy, hard work and commitment over the last few years have been amazing and we are so grateful. Thankfully they have both agreed to stick around for a while to share their knowledge, experience and insights!



Your new PTA Committee for 2026/7 is Ashley Pipe (Chair), Kelly Garner (Vice Chair). Alice Rath (Treasurer) and Sam Wood (Secretary).



Secondary School Tours

Mid Essex Secondary Schools

Open Evenings for Years 7 and 12 and Tours for 2027-2028 intake

The Boswells School
Tel: 01245 264491 www.boswells-school.com

The Boswells School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Wednesday 30 September 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm

The Boswells School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours
Dates: 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 September 2026
Timing: 9.15 am to 10.30 am. Booking required.
Arrive at Reception 9.10 am

The Boswells School - Sixth Form Open Evening
Date: Wednesday 4 November 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 6.00 pm and 6.45 pm
Sixth Form Open Morning tour: Wednesday 18 November 2026 at 9.15 am. Booking required.

The Beaulieu Park School
Tel: 01245 943500 www.beaulieuparkschool.com

The Beaulieu Park School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Thursday 1 October 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Executive Headteacher & Head of School presentations: 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm

The Beaulieu Park School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours
Dates: 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 September 2026

The Beaulieu Park School - Year 12 Open Evening
Date: Tuesday 3 November 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Please visit our website to book.

Director of Sixth Form presentations: 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm

Chelmer Valley High School
Tel: 01245 440232 www.chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk

Chelmer Valley High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Thursday 17 September 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

Chelmer Valley High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours
Dates: 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 September 2026
Timing: 9.00 am and 10.00 am. Booking required.
Arrive at Reception 8.55am and 9.55 am

Chelmer Valley High School - Year 12 Open Evening
Date: Thursday 18 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.45 pm

Chelmsford County High School
Tel: 01245 362592 www.cchs.co.uk

Chelmsford County High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Thursday 20 April 2026
Timing: 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 4.45 pm, 5.30 pm and 6.15 pm

Chelmsford County High School - Year 12 Open Evening
Date: Thursday 1 October 2026
Timing: 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm

Great Baddow High School
Tel: 01245 265821 www.gbhs.co.uk

Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Tuesday 22 September 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm, 6.30 pm and 7.15 pm

Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours
Your times by appointment throughout September and October 2026. Please visit our website to book.

Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Saturday 3 October 2026 (Application deadline midday on Friday 25 September 2026). Application via the school website: www.gbhs.co.uk

Great Baddow High School - Year 12 Open Evening
Date: Wednesday 21 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.30 pm (external applications only) and 6.15 pm (internal students)

Hylands School
Tel: 01245 266766 www.hylands-school.org

Hylands School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Thursday 24 September 2026
Timing: 4.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm

Hylands School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours
Date: Monday 28 September to Friday 2 October 2026 at 8.00 am. Please contact Reception to book.

King Edward VI Grammar School
Tel: 01245 263191 www.kevgs.co.uk

King Edward VI Grammar School - Year 7 Entry Open Days
Tours in Spring and Summer 2027 for Year 5 students will be advertised on our website.

King Edward VI Grammar School - Year 12 Open Evening
Date: Wednesday 18 November 2026
Timing: 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form presentations will take place at various times during the evening.

Mid Essex Secondary Schools Open Evenings for Years 7 and 12 and Tours for 2027-2028 intake *continued...*

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Moulsham High School
Tel: 01245 260191 www.moulshamhigh.org

Moulsham High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Thursday 17 September 2026
Timing: 5.45 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm. Music Aptitude presentations throughout.

Moulsham High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours
Dates: 22, 23, 24 and 25 September 2026 and 2, 3 and 14 October 2026
Timing: 9.00 am and 10.00 am on all days

Moulsham High School - Year 12 Open Evening
Date: Thursday 12 November 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm

Ormsiston Rivers Academy
Tel: 01245 782277 www.ormsistonriversacademy.co.uk

Ormsiston Rivers Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Thursday 24 September 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm

Ormsiston Rivers Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours
Date: Monday 28 September until Friday 9 October 2026
Timing: 9.30 am

Ormsiston Rivers Academy - Year 12 Open Evening
Date: Tuesday 6 October 2026
Timing: 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm

Plume Maldon's Community Academy
Tel: 01621 854681 www.plume.essex.sch.uk

Plume Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Thursday 17 September 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

Plume Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours
Please refer to the Plume Academy website to book your tour, available from the 14 September 2026.

Plume Academy - Year 12 Open Evening
Date: Thursday 8 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of College presentations: 5.45 pm

The Sandon School
Tel: 01245 473611 www.sandon.essex.sch.uk

The Sandon School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Thursday 1 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

The Sandon School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours
Various dates in September and October - please contact our reception team to book.

The Sandon School - Year 12 Open Evening
Date: Thursday 22 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.45 pm

St John Payne Catholic School
Tel: 01245 256030 www.sjp.essex.sch.uk

St John Payne Catholic School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Thursday 1 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm, 6.45 pm and 7.45 pm

St John Payne Catholic School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours
Please contact the school to arrange a visit. We look forward to meeting you.

St John Payne Catholic School - Year 12 Open Evening
Date: Wednesday 14 October 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm

William de Ferrers School
Tel: 01245 225326 www.wdf.sch.uk

William de Ferrers School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Thursday 17 September 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Executive Headteacher and Headteacher's presentations: 6.20 pm and 7.00 pm

William de Ferrers School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours
Various dates in September and October, please contact our reception team to book.

William de Ferrers School - Year 12 Open Evening
Date: Thursday 5 November 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.20 pm

Parents and carers can apply for their child's school place online using the Essex Online Admissions Service at: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions
Alternatively an application form can be found on their website or you can request a form by calling 0345 603 2200 or use the one at the end of The Secondary Education in Essex 2026/2027 Booklet (if you would prefer to apply on paper). **Please do not do both.**
You will be able to make your application online from 11 September 2026.
The closing date for secondary applications is 31 October 2026. This is the statutory national closing date set by the Government.

Vacancy at Chelmsford Cathedral

Current vacancies

Chelmsford Cathedral is a busy, interesting and diverse place to work.

Choir Welfare Assistant

Chelmsford Cathedral is currently looking to recruit a **Choir Welfare Assistant** to join our music department.

The Choir Welfare Assistant plays a vital role in the smooth and safe running of the music department, working closely with the Director of Music and Assistant Director of Music to ensure that all choristers are safe, supported and cared for, and are able to flourish and reach their full potential. Strong, positive communication with parents is central to this role.

Primary responsibility for the welfare of choristers under 18, including choral scholars under 18, sits with the Precentor, the Director of Music and the Choir Welfare Assistant. The postholder will also work closely with the Cathedral Safeguarding Lead, whose guidance and support are an essential part of this role.

Full details of the role, including responsibilities and person specification, can be found in the recruitment pack (PDF) below.

The deadline for applications is 9.00am on **9 October**.

To apply please complete the application form below, along with a covering letter, with reference to the role and return
to humanresources@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

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