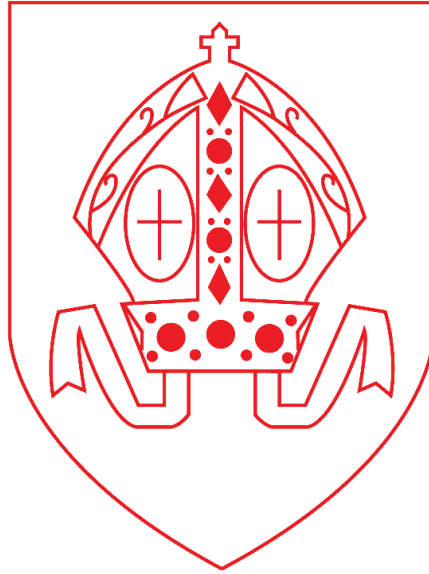


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John 13:34

"Love one another. As I have loved you"

The Cathedral
Church of England VA
Primary School

Message from the Headteacher



Dear Families,

It has been another wonderful week at The Cathedral School!

Our Harvest Celebration this week was a real highlight. Thank you to Rev Olivia and Canon Seb, who did a fantastic job leading our service alongside members of Year 6, who spoke with such confidence. We were also overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and the fabulous amount of donations received. Thank you! All of these have now been sent to the Little Edi Foundation and will make a real difference to those who need them most. It was a wonderful example of our children living out our value of compassion and thinking about how they can help others. A special mention must also go to our choir. They sang beautifully, and I know they touched many members of staff and parents who attended. There is always something quite special about hearing children sing together, and they certainly did themselves proud.

There has been lots of fun learning taking place across the school this week too. In lower school, children have been exploring plants and learning more about the natural world around them. In EYFS, I have spotted some rather impressive jellyfish being created as part of their learning about God and Creation. In middle school, children have been using tights to recreate digestion and have made Rice Krispie cakes as part of their instructional writing. Meanwhile, our upper school pupils have been developing their weaving skills and producing some fantastic work. It has been lovely to see so much positivity, creativity, and engagement across the school.

We have also had our first sporting fixtures of the year. Whilst the recent football results may not have quite gone our way, the children represented the school brilliantly and showed excellent team spirit throughout. We are always proud of children who demonstrate resilience, encouragement, and sportsmanship, and our teams certainly did that.

A quick reminder to keep an eye out for information regarding individual photographs next week. It is always one of the busiest days of the term but also one of my favourites. There is something lovely about seeing all of the children looking so smart and proud in their uniforms.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has already returned their data collection sheets. If you have not yet done so, please could these be returned as soon as possible. New forms will be sent out on Monday to any families who have not yet returned theirs so that we can ensure all of our records are accurate and up to date.

Thank you, as always, for your support. The school continues to feel full of energy, enthusiasm, and happy, flourishing children, and that is something worth celebrating.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Stay safe,

Gemma Smith

Headteacher

Calendar



Essential Dates

Please understand that all dates and times may be subject to change

SAVE THE DATE

Autumn Term 2026

6th October - Individual Photos
9th October - World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow
19th October - PTA Uniform Sale
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 PTA Christmas Photo Shoots - 9am - 12pm details to follow
7th PTA Discos - details to follow
7th November - KS2 Choirs supporting Young Caprice - Invited pupils
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](#)

Class Attendance



CLASS ATTENDANCE

Class 1	100%
Class 2	96.3%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	91.3%
Class 5	97.7%

Class 6	98.3%
Class 7	99.3%
Class 8	99.3%
Class 9	100%
Class 10	96.3%
Class 11	97.7%

CONGRATULATIONS THIS WEEK'S WINNERS

CLASS 1, 3 & 9



 **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!

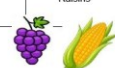
School Lunches

Lunch Menu Week Commencing 5th October 2026

	Summer Term Week 3				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	NEW! Pepperoni (Pork) Baguette Pizza* *WHEAT *MILK *HNS 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* *FISH *WHEAT Served with Seasonal Vegetables, Optional Garlic Bread* *WHEAT *MILK *HNS SESAME SEED	Harry Ramsdens Fish Fillet* *WHEAT *FISH Chips, Peas or Baked Beans optional Ketchup
Option 2	Cheese Baguette Pizza* *WHEAT *MILK *HNS SESAME SEEDS Served with sweetcorn or side salad	NEW! Hoisin 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 *HNS 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 *HNS SESAME SEEDS served with side salad & Savory Snacks	Egg Mayo Broche 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, *HNS SOYA *EGG	Mousse* *MILK or Raisins



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



Lunch Menu Week Commencing 12th October 2026

	Summer Menu Week 1				
	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 *HNS SOYA *MILK *HNS MUSTARD *HNS EGG served with Mixed vegetables & Optional Garlic bread* *WHEAT *HNS MILK *HNS SESAME SEEDS	Fish Fingers* *WHEAT *FISH Chips, Peas or Baked Beans Optional Ketchup
Option 2	Quorn Pies Tomato Pasta* *WHEAT *HNS MUSTARD Served with Side salad or Sweetcorn	Vegetarian English Breakfast Vegan Sausage* *WHEAT Hash Browns Baked Beans 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 *HNS SESAME SEEDS Spaghetti House* *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 Broche Bun* *WHEAT *EGG *MILK *SOYBEAN served with Side Salad & Savoury Snack	Wholemeal Bread Cheese Sandwich* *WHEAT *MILK *SOYBEAN served with Side Salad & Savoury Snacks	Chicken Mayo Wrap* *WHEAT Served with Side Salad & Savoury Snacks
Dessert	School Cake* *WHEAT, *HNS SOYA *EGG	Flapjack* *WHEAT *HNS 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
GF: Gluten Free



Lunch Menu Week Commencing 19th October 2026

	Summer Menu Week 2				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Jacket Potato Your Children Optional Topping Cheese* *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 & 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 *HNS SESAME SEEDS *HNS 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 Halloumi* *MILK Served with 50/50 Savoury Rice* *CELERY Mixed Vegetables & Optional Flatbread* *WHEAT & 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 *HNS SESAME SEEDS *HNS 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 *HNS SESAME SEEDS served with side salad & Savoury Snacks	Cheese Wholemeal Bread Sandwich* *WHEAT *SOYBEAN *MILK served with side salad & Savoury Snacks	Egg Mayo Broche Bun* *WHEAT *EGG *MILK *SOYBEAN served with Side Salad & Savoury Snack
Dessert	Fruit Jelly	School Oat Cookie* *WHEAT *HNS SOYA *OAT	Ice Cream Tub* *MILK or Dairy Free Ice Cream	Fruit Yoghurts* *MILK or Dairy Free Yoghurt* *Soybean	Chocolate Brownie* *WHEAT *HNS SOYA *EGG



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.

Achievement Awards



EYFS

Nora M Olivia M

Lower School

Lucas R Amani B Jonah C

Middle School

Charan A Isla W Elina G

Upper School

Harsith K Lexey D Chloe P

Times Table Rock Stars



1. *William W*

2. *Myra A*

3. *Hannah B*

Football Round-Up

*It has been a busy and exciting time for our school footballers, with both our girls' and boys' teams competing in a tournament, as well as another group of players taking part in a friendly fixture against Trinity Road School. Across all three teams, our pupils showed fantastic **teamwork, determination and sportsmanship**.*

Girls Finish Fantastic Fourth!

*The girls competed in the morning on **Wednesday 23rd September** and enjoyed a brilliant tournament, eventually finishing an impressive **4th out of 12 teams**.*

*During the group stage, the girls played against **Springfield, Great Leighs, Baddow Hall, Terling and Barnes Farm**, losing just once, against Great Leighs. Their excellent performances earned them a place in the latter stages of the competition and the chance to compete for third place.*

*In the **3rd/4th place play-off**, the girls faced Moulsham. Although the result did not go their way, finishing **4th overall out of 12 schools** was a fantastic achievement!*

*A huge well done to **Isla, Poppy, Ivy (captain), Lilly, Rebecca, Hope and Matilda**. The whole team played brilliantly and represented the school superbly.*



Boys Battle Throughout the Afternoon

*In the afternoon, it was the boys' turn to take to the pitch. They competed in a large field of **18 teams**, eventually finishing **14th overall**.*

The boys faced **Great Leighs, Westlands, Barnes Farm, Baddow Hall and Terling** during the tournament. They showed plenty of determination, enthusiasm and resilience, working hard for one another in every match.

A big well done to **Toby, Louis, Theo (captain), Eddie, Theodore, Max, Jack and Hugo**, who showed excellent team spirit throughout the afternoon.



Spirited Performance Against Trinity Road

On Wednesday this week, we had the opportunity to play a **friendly fixture against Trinity Road School**, which was a particularly exciting occasion as **many of our players were making their school football debuts**.

Despite eventually losing **4-1**, the score line did not tell the whole story. The team produced a **spirited performance**, showing great determination and continuing to battle right until the final whistle. It was fantastic to see so many new players pulling on the school shirt and gaining valuable match experience.

Well done to **Ivy (captain), Rebecca, Jeremiah, Eddie, Tommy, Edinson, Max, Zavien, Ashwin, Ezra and George**. There was plenty to be proud of and lots to build on for future matches!



[Well Done to All Our Footballers!](#)

We are incredibly proud of **everyone who represented the school**. Whether competing for a top-four finish, battling through a tough tournament or stepping onto the pitch for the first time, every player showed a brilliant attitude and supported their teammates.

Well done to all our footballers. We are already looking forward to the next fixtures!

School Individual Photographs

Parent Pre-Registration Information

IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS

Exciting news! Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our school on 06 October 2026.

All parents/carers are requested to pre-register for instant access to their child's photographs as soon as they are ready. Please note that

****pre-registration is required for every photo shoot*.***

Register in 3 easy steps – it takes less than a minute:

- 1. Visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk*
 - 2. Enter your unique code: JRKUGN2M3R*
 - 3. Enter your child's full school register name.*
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Admission to The Cathedral School - September 2027

If your child is due to start primary school from September 2027, here are some important dates for you.

It is the responsibility of parents to apply for a school place at the correct times. The Local Authority will not send you any letters to inform you to apply for your child's school place.

How do I apply?

*The primary school (Reception) admission round opens **9th November 2026**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in **September 2027**. From 9th November 2026 you can apply online to the Local Authority for your child's **primary (Reception)** school place.*

*You must submit an application to the Local Authority by the national closing date of **15 January 2027**. Applications received after this date are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.*

You can also complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) by the 15th January 2027. This will help us know more about where your application would sit in our oversubscription criteria.

The SIF asks for details of your church connections and enables the Governors to apply the School's admission criteria. A copy of this form can be viewed by clicking the link below. The Local Authority sends the school a list of all applicants and use the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to help us rank applications. The SIF can be collected by parents from the school office at any point of the school year or visit our admission page to download [Admissions | The Cathedral Church of England V/A Primary School](#)

Tours

If you would like a tour of the School we are more than happy to show families around. Our official guided tours for 2027 - 2028 Reception places are being completed on:

Wednesday 4th November 9:30am - 11am - PLACES AVAILABLE

Wednesday 25th November 9:30am - 11am - PLACES AVAILABLE

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK A PLACE](#)

Secondary School Admissions for September 2027

The new secondary school admission round opened recently, for parents of **current Year 6** children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **31 October 2026**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2027-28 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies

Mid Essex Secondary Schools

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

The Boswells School
Tel: 01245 264451 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 presentation: 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm

The Boswells School - Year 12 Entry Open Evening
Date: 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 and 8.45 pm
Headteacher's presentation: 6.00 pm and 8.45 pm
Sixth Form Open Evening: Wednesday 18 November 2026 6.15 pm. Booking required.

Chelmsford County High School
Tel: 01245 352594 www.cchs.co.uk

Chelmsford County High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Thursday 30 April 2026
Timing: 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher's presentation: 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 presentation: 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm

Hylands School
Tel: 01245 286786 www.hylands-stat.org

Hylands School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening
Date: Thursday 24 September 2026
Timing: 4.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher's presentation: 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 9.00 am. Please contact Reception to book.

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 presentation: 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm

The Beaulieu Park School - Year 12 Entry Open Evening
Date: 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 September 2026

The Beaulieu Park School - Year 12 Open Evening
Date: Sunday 3 November 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Please visit our website to book.
Director of Sixth Form presentation: 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm

Chelmer Valley High School
Tel: 01245 480232 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 presentation: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

Chelmer Valley High School - Year 12 Entry Open Evening
Date: 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 September 2026
Timing: 9.00 am and 10.00 am. Booking required. Arrive at Reception 8.50 am and 9.50 am

Chelmer Valley High School - Year 12 Open Evening
Date: Thursday 15 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentation: 5.45 pm

Great Baddow High School
Tel: 01245 355521 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 presentation: 5.45 pm, 6.30 pm and 7.15 pm

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

Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Sport Selection Day
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 presentation: 5.30 pm (external applications only) and 6.15 pm (internal students)

King Edward VI Grammar School
Tel: 01245 352510 www.kegs.org.uk

King Edward VI Grammar School - Year 7 Entry Open Days
Days 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 10 November 2026
Timing: 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form presentation 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...

Moulsham High School
Tel: 01245 290101 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 presentation: 6.00 pm and 7.10 pm. Music Aptitude presentations throughout.

Moulsham High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours
Date: 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 7.15 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentation: 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm

Orminster Rivers Academy
Tel: 01621 782777 www.orminsterriversacademy.co.uk

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

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

Orminster 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 presentation: 6.00 pm

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

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

Plume Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Evening - Mill Road Campus
Please refer to the Plume Academy website to book your tour, available from the 14 September 2026.

Plume Academy - Year 12 Open Evening - Mill Road Campus
Date: Thursday 1 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of College presentation: 5.45 pm

The Sandon School
Tel: 01245 473811 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 presentation: 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 presentation: 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 presentation: 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 presentation: 6.00 pm

William de Ferrers School
Tel: 01245 326326 www.wdfs.school

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 presentation: 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 9 November 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentation: 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.

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

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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<https://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/about-us/current-vacancies>

Community Page



*We would like to share information from our wider community including **charity fund raising**, local events and information from other relevant organisations including special offers.*

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'Flourishing together – rooted in love'
'Love one another as I have loved you' – John 13:34