

Hatfield Heath Primary School

Newsletter

"Learners today, leaders tomorrow"

Issue 25



Dear Parents and Families

It is our first week back of a 13 week term and we've been quite busy already.

Year 3 became Romans, Year 5 became scientists at a workshop. Our football teams took on our local rivals and some of junior children got sporty! Keep an eye on the events on the calendar as they will begin to come thick and fast.

Attendance

We will be finishing our school year on the 17th July, which is earlier than some schools. There are many events to look forward to: performances, sports days, picnics and sunny days where memories are made. It is so important for your children to attend for all of these days.

I really understand how expensive holidays are in the school holidays, but there are detrimental effects to children who miss school regularly.

Absent children miss out on many things:

Friendships- Friends are very important when you are young. It is difficult for children to maintain their friendships when they are not in school. Children want to feel certainty about who they will play with and this can be a source of worry for both parties.

Attainment- Every moment in school counts, school moves along quite quickly and if days are missed, children can lose their learning blocks; it might be the planning for a story, finishing a science activity, working on a model or painting.

Long term life outcomes- Children who do not attend regularly in primary school tend to become worse attenders in secondary school. Evidence shows that financial outcomes in adulthood and life chances are reduced.

I know mornings can be tricky and sometimes children can be reluctant to come to school, there may be a reason or no reason, but please come and talk to us if you are struggling on a regular basis. We can often find ways to help.

Safety around the gates and fences

We have been talking to the children about Stranger Danger and encouraging them to not talk to people that they do not know. Please help us reinforce this message by not calling children over to talk to you through the fences. Thanks very much for your co-operation.

Year 2 are preparing to write their own fear stories, this week we have enjoyed, retold and ordered the story "Orion and the Dark".



This week, Year 5 have been role playing as English Naval Commanders, deciding what to do to defend us from the invading Spanish Armada



Upcoming Dates

27.4.26 Yr 4 Viking Day

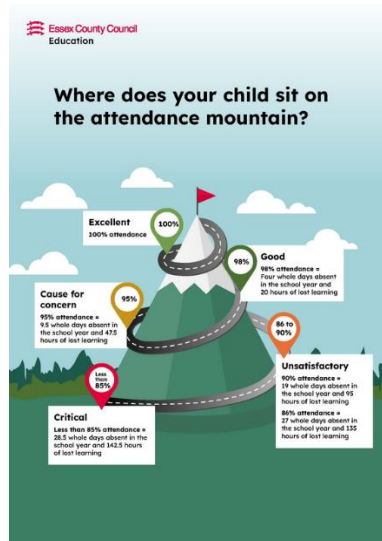
5.5.26 Yr 2 Visit to Colchester Zoo

6.5.26 The Two Johns Visit- Evening Parent session

20.5.26 Reception Visit to Hatfield Forest

Overall attendance from September until now: 96.7% (0.0%)

Y1	96.6% (+0.1)
Y2	95.9% (+0.2)
Y3	97.2 % (-0.2)
Y 4	96.7% (-0.1)
Y5	97.2% (0.0)
Y 6	96.4% (-0.3)



The Football Quarter finals

A huge double cup upset happened on Tuesday. Both the Year 5/6 girls and boys teams, had been drawn in the quarter finals away at Henry Moore, who seem to win everything on the sporting calendar. Both games were intense, high-tempo and nerve-shreddingly close. The girls twice came from behind to draw 2:2, then went on to win a penalty shoot-out with the final kick. The boys battled hard to draw 0:0 before also triumphing in the shootout. Thanks to Paul Mayhew for coaching - the semis await.



A day with the Romans

This week Year 3 enjoyed an exciting Roman workshop, where they explored life in Roman Britain during the time of Boudica and her revolt.

In the morning, children took part in hands-on activities and role-play, guided by a Roman officer. They made wax tablets, mosaics, clay pots, and scented oils, bringing history to life. In the afternoon, pupils became archaeologists, excavating a Roman fort and discovering how we learn about the past.

It was a fun and engaging day, and the children gained a deeper understanding of Roman history.



This week our values were Equality and Team Spirit as we found out about the festival Vaisahki, were introduced to the Art competition and celebrated the endeavours of the crew on the Artemis. Well done to the children who have demonstrated these values this week!



Earth Day - Wednesday 22nd April

To celebrate Earth Day, we would love for the children to take part in a special plastic-free day. We are asking that on this day, children come without any single-use plastics. This means swapping plastic water bottles for reusable ones and choosing snacks that aren't wrapped in plastic. It's a great opportunity to take to the children about caring for our planet and how making small changes can make a big difference.