



Term 3 Week 23rd – 27th May 2022

Quote of the week:

"Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God."

Queen Elizabeth II



Platinum Jubilee

It was wonderful to see so many children wearing red, white and blue on Friday 27th May to commemorate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Mrs Cuthbert hosted a special Jubilee assembly in which every child participated. We celebrated Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne through music and some dance with each class focusing on one of the decades that Her Majesty has served these great islands, as queen.



Southminster celebrating together

Just to remind you that our school choir will be singing during the Jubilee Service at St Leonard's on Sunday 5th June from 10:45am-12:00pm.

The choir will be meeting for a final rehearsal at 10:15am at school (Orchard Building). We encourage parents to attend the service or collect their children directly afterwards at 12pm.

Everyone is welcome!

Following the service, the Jubilee activities will continue within the village, with a walk to Jubilee Wood (off Devonshire Road) where there will be a treasure hunt for the children.

1pm Opening Ceremony of Jubilee Wood; storytelling and a display of country dancing by Southminster Rainbows and Brownies.

2pm-6pm 'Picnic in the Park' featuring DJ and live musical performances (local bands)





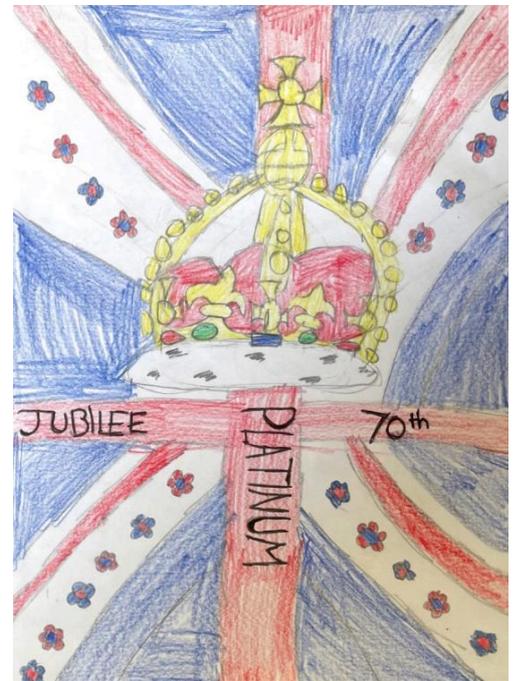
We hope that many of you will join in the fun, being together with neighbours, friends and family to mark this auspicious occasion.



Well done to all of our children who participated in the **Jubilee Card design competition** and huge congratulations to Evie, Honey, Archie & Ivy who were our age-group winners in each of the following age groups: Early Years, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2.



The winning entries have been sent to the trust who will, in turn, be sending the winners from each of our 23 schools, directly to Her Majesty in order to congratulate her on reaching such a milestone. The children were awarded with a beautiful, leather bookmark to mark this occasion which we hope that they treasure for many years to come!





Stars of the Week

Congratulations to everyone who has been chosen for shining so brightly in the past week. Mrs Cuthbert announced winners on Friday 27th May, as follows:



Class	Friday 27th May	
Elm	Brae	Jaxon
Hazel	Brice	Roman
Willow	Whole Class	
Maple	Maddie	Sofia
Ash	Ollie	Bella
Cherry	Maisie	Riley
Elder	Macie	Millie
Oak	Harley	Ruby

Attendance: Summer Term to 27/05/22	
Reception	92.01%
Year 1	93.43%
Year 2	94.57%
Year 3	93.57%
Year 4	91.45%
Year 5	92.45%
Year 6	86.43%
Whole School	92.19%

Attendance

Whilst attendance continues to improve, we are still falling short of our expectations. We understand the difficulties that many of you have faced in recent months however the more that your child is in school, the better for them. Usually, we are aiming for a whole school attendance beyond 95%. Please be reminded that we will not be authorising any term-time holidays as it is an expectation that your children remain in school until the end of term on Friday 22nd July.

House Points **St. Mark 143** **St. Matthew 138** **St. Luke 167** **St. John 108**

Dates for your diaries:

Key dates for your diaries:

- 30.5.22 – 3.6.22 – Half term
- 8.6.22 – School Class Photos (am)
- 10.6.22 – Yr. 3&4 Colchester castle trip
- 21.6.22 – Yr. 5 Road Safety Roadshow
- 1.7.22 – Teacher Training Day
- 4.7.22 – EYFS/KS1 Sports Afternoon
- 5.7.22 – KS2 Sports Afternoon
- 7.7.22 – Yr. 6 Transition Day to Ormiston Academy
- 21.7.22 – Dance festival (am), Jubilee Picnic (pm)
- 22.7.22 – Last day of term
- 25.7.22 – Start of summer holidays





Yr 6 Residential

We were delighted to see the safe return of our Year 6 students and staff who attended last week's residential to Kingswood in Norfolk. Our sincere thanks to Ms David, Mrs Plummer and Mrs Powell who accompanied the children throughout the week. Thanks to the team, we were provided with regular updates which reassured us all that the children were safe and happy, creating lifelong memories during their week away from home. We are looking forward to adding more coverage in future editions of this newsletter.

Community News

Players needed:



**New Players Wanted
to join our
Under 9's Team**

**We are looking for boys & girls born between
1st Sept 2013 & 31st August 2014
to join our team!**

Bradwell Bay United Youth Football Club is a Chartered Standard club that is affiliated to the Essex FA. The club thrives on being a family orientated club, with a fun atmosphere for both the children and adults.

Our focus as a club is for the children to enjoy themselves while interacting and having fun. We ensure that all of our Managers, Coaches and Volunteers are trained to the latest FA guides, are DBS checked and First Aid trained.

Our under 8's side will play in the Blackwater & Dengie league, with training sessions taking place on Saturday mornings and matches being held on Sunday's.

If you are interested in your child joining our football family, and you would like further information, please get in contact via our social media page.





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