

Term 2 Week 16 - 29th April 2022

Quote of the week:

“We travel not to escape life but for life not to escape us.”

Year 3 & 4 Trip to Bradwell Outdoors Centre – Monday 25th April

At last, our children in Cherry and Ash classes got to spend the day at Bradwell Outdoors centre. The weather was good... and the children all had great fun, as you can see by the pictures. Thank you to our volunteers.



Willow and Maple class trip to Colchester Zoo

Today, Willow and Maple classes set off bright and early to spend the day at Colchester Zoo. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day, and learnt lots of interesting facts about the animals, insects and mammals they saw. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out on the trip.



Athlete Visit to Southminster School on Friday 13th May

We are fortunate to have an athlete visit booked for 13th May at 1pm. We will be welcoming Eilidh Gibson, a Slalom Canoeist into school. In preparation for this visit, the children were shown a video on Friday which explained to them what will happen when our special guest visits our school. A letter has been sent home with your child/ren today. Please note that on Friday 13th May – your child/ren will be asked to come into school wearing their PE kit.

GB SLALOM CANOEIST

EILIDH

GIBSON

is visiting this school

Top tip for them

Be kind to others but most importantly be kind to yourself!

What are you most grateful for?

My family and my friends.

What are you most grateful for?

The small things in life and family.

Favourite book?

The Magic Library by Matt Haig

True or false?

I made a feature on LACROIX!

Most important subject at school?

Whatever you like best it is different for everyone!

Eilidh Gibson

Eilidh grew up in a small village in Scotland, where she loved exploring outdoors. Both Eilidh's parents were paddlers, and Eilidh and her brother grew up paddling with their parents. Eilidh took up the sport competitively when she was 13 after she found some friends in the sport and started enjoying winning some races!

Eilidh trains at the Lee Valley Whitewater Centre in North London, which was the 2012 Olympic venue.

Some of Eilidh's achievements include:

- ★ 2021, 2015, 2014 3 x Scottish Champion
- ★ 2019 UK Sport Social Impact Award winner for my organisation Slalom Inspires
- ★ 2017 World Championships - World Champions, Team Event
- ★ 2017 World Championships - 4th
- ★ 2017 U23 World Championships, Team Event
- ★ 2017 & 2016 European Championships - European Champions, Team Event
- ★ 2016 Rio Olympics - Team GB Ambition Programme.
- ★ 2014 World Cup - Silver



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FRIDAY
13th MAY
2022

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Stars of the Week

Congratulations to everyone who has been chosen for shining so brightly this week.

The winners for this week were as follows:

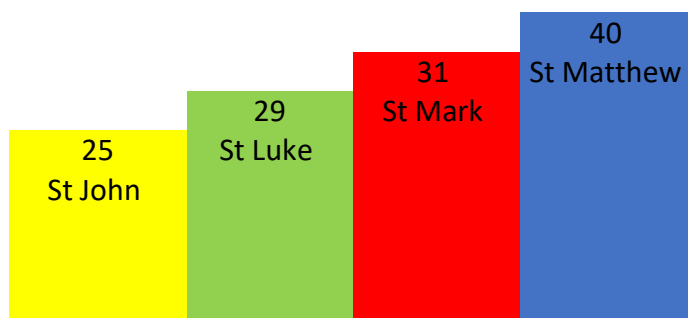
Class	Friday 29th April	
Elm	William	Jack
Hazel	Joshua	Frankie
Willow	Whole class	
Maple	Whole class	
Ash	Evie	Elliot
Cherry	C'anna	Riley
Elder	Kayla	Eoin
Oak	Radley	Brodie

Attendance: Week ending 29.4.22	
Elm – Reception	95.69%
Hazel – Year 1 & Reception	98.71%
Willow – Year 1&2	91.38%
Maple – Year 1&2	98.66%
Ash – Year 3&4	95.42%
Cherry – Year 3&4	92.34%
Elder – Year 5&6	92.19%
Oak – Year 5&6	93.36%
Whole School	94.72%

Below is the chart to show the house standings at the start of this term.

Remember, every time that you show respect, good manners, and courtesy to others, you are making Southminster Church of England Primary School stronger and a happier place for us all!

House Points **St. Mark 2,443** **St. Matthew 2,883** **St. Luke 2,901** **St. John 2,659**





YOU'RE INVITED!



We are pleased to invite you to our 'Phonics Parent Workshop' on

Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 2pm

During this workshop you will be introduced to the way we teach phonics and reading in EYFS and KS1. We will look at the benefits of reading at home and in school and also the use of Read Write Inc Phonics.

All families attending will receive a Phonics Kit to get them started or to support their continuing Phonics journey!

We can't wait to see you there!



Please RSVP to the office by Wednesday 27th April

Southminster C of E Primary Sunflower Project

Desch Plantpak in Latchingdon, have very kindly donated some sunflower seeds to our school – which when they bloom, will flower in beautiful blue and yellow colours – in respect of the continuing troubles in the Ukraine. Mrs Curtis and Mrs Parry are planning to sow these seeds in pots with our children, so that when they are ready for planting... they can be transferred to the patch of garden at the side of the playground area. With the Ukraine crisis in all our thoughts, our School have decided to start a collection which we can donate to the British Red Cross.



Red Cross teams in Ukraine have helped more than 750,000 people since the conflict began. This includes distributing 400 tonnes of vital aid, including food, blankets, hygiene parcels and warm clothes. First aid training has also been delivered to over 42,000 people so they have the skills to treat their loved ones if needed. They've also been providing psychosocial support, and helping people regain contact with their loved ones if they've been separated. Red Cross teams in bordering countries are offering medical care and providing food, aid, and shelter to people arriving from Ukraine.



If you would like to contribute to the Red Cross Appeal for the Ukraine crisis, please make your donation to the school office who will forward all donations on to this worthy and very necessary cause.



The dinner menu for w/c 3rd May will be:

SUMMER MENU WEEK 3

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Chinese Chicken	Roast Chicken	Chilli con Carne and Baked Tortilla Crisps	Picnic Lunch day Ham, Cheese, or Tuna Baguette
OPTION 2	Sticky Meat-Free Strips (V)	Garlic and Herb Quorn Fillet (V)	Tomato and Chickpea Ragu (V)	Cheese Omelette (V)
On the Side	Noodles Green Beans	Roast Potato Carrots Broccoli Yorkshire Pudding Gravy	Wholegrain and White Rice Peas	Cucumber Sticks Carrot Sticks Crisps Fresh Fruit
Lighter Bite	Tuna Salad Roll Mixed Salad	Hot Roast Chicken in a Roll Mixed Salad	Tuna Crunch Pasta Salad Mixed Salad	
Dessert	Victoria Sponge	Healthy Fruit Day	Jelly and Ice Cream	Fruit Ice Lolly

Key: (V) - Vegetarian (VE) - Vegan (P) - Processed (GF) - Gluten Free

Dates for your diary:

Key dates for your diaries:

- 4.5.22 Parents Phonics reading workshop
- W/c 9.5.22 – Year 6 SATS week
- 13.5.22 – Athlete visiting school
- 16 & 17.5.22 – Yr 5 Mersea trip
- 18.5.22 – Yr 6 Crucial Crew
- 23 -27.5.22 – Yr 6 Residential trip
- 30.5.22 – 3.6.22 – Half term
- 1.6.22 – 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)
- 25.7.22 – Start of summer holidays

Community News

Sailing Opportunity



The poster features a yellow top section with the RYA logo and the text 'Discover Sailing'. Below this is a photograph of a man in a white shirt steering a boat, with three other people (two women and one man) sitting in the boat. A yellow text box on the right of the photo says 'Try sailing or paddleboarding for free!'. The bottom section is dark blue with orange text providing dates, times, and location. Social media icons and a QR code are at the bottom.

 **Discover** **RYA**
Sailing

Try sailing or
paddleboarding
for free!

Sat 7 May & Sun 26 Jun
9am to 1pm
Royal Corinthian Yacht Club
Burnham on Crouch

 
@RCYCBurnham

BOOKING ESSENTIAL.
Please visit: rcyc.co.uk/discover-sailing
Tel: 01621 782 105



Farleighs Hospice Walk for Life

My name is **Margaret** and I am a volunteer at Farleigh Hospice, a charity based in Chelmsford that provides vital care to people affected by a life-limiting illness and/or bereavement within mid-Essex.

This year we are delighted to be celebrating 40 years of providing care and support to the local community. All our fundraising events this year will be in honour of this special milestone and our theme is 'making special memories', as this is a valuable and important aspect of the support we provide to our patients and their families.

On 8th May, our popular **Walk for Life** from Maldon to Chelmsford returns and we want to spread the word to encourage as many families as possible to take part and make their own special memories while sharing some birthday fun with us!

We would be very grateful if you could support us in spreading the word by either sharing the attached Walk for Life poster or the details below with the parents at your school.

Walk for Life details:

- The walk is suitable for keen walkers of all ages and abilities and your four-legged friends are also welcome. Registration for the event is now open and closes on Monday the 2nd of May.
- Participants can choose between two scenic routes that take in the peaceful towpath of the Chelmer and Blackwater navigation. The 12km ramble begins at Paper Mill Lock and the more demanding 24km route starts at the Heybridge Basin, both finish at Teledyne e2v in Chelmsford.
- Entry is just £20 for adults, and £5 for children under 16 and includes coach transfer to your chosen start point, a T-shirt and a medal on completion. All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.
- Walk for Life is a sponsorship event and relies on walkers raising as much money as possible to enable Farleigh Hospice to continue to care for people in mid-Essex affected by life-limiting illness and bereavement.
- For more information or to register visit: [farleighhospice.org/events/walk-for-life-2022](https://www.farleighhospice.org/events/walk-for-life-2022)



Burnham Junior Parkrun

Thank you for your support throughout our endeavour to get junior parkrun to the Dengie.

I am ecstatic to say that after raising the initial £4000 start-up fee and going through numerous checks and paperwork that the new Burnham Riverside junior parkrun is ready to go, all information can be found at

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/burnhamriverside-juniors/>

It is necessary for each runner to only register once for your parkrun barcode which works at every event for the junior and adults.

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

We look forward to welcoming you all to Burnham Riverside junior parkrun on 24. 4.22 and to start handing out milestone wristbands

Joe Harwood, Event Director
Burnham Riverside junior parkrun



New FA Girls Football Wildcats Centre in Southminster for 5-11 yr olds



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