



# Newsletter—Summer 3

We hope you have found your child's report and Termly Learning Conference helpful. Monitoring of individual children's progress data and the feedback from staff about learning behaviors and attitudes is incredibly pleasing; all the children have made such pleasing progress. Nationally reported school data for Foundation Stage, Years 1, 2 and 6 is now arriving in school and there is so much to celebrate across the board!

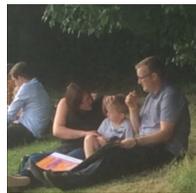
Sports day was terrific—even the weather was a winner!



It was great to see the Pre-School join our youngest children for the first part of the day. Years 2 to 6 then took part in field events and races to gain points for their country team. Brazil were the outright winner on the

day. Thanks to everyone who joined us for the wonderful Family Picnic.

The Foundation Stage and families joining us in September recently joined us for our "Read with Me Under a Tree" evening. It was fantastic to see families engrossed in books and stories that were "growing on trees". The evening was rounded off with a very popular strawberry picnic.



Our latest round of Children's University Graduates recently graduated at Anglia Ruskin University—congratulations to them all.

Attendance is an important aspect of school life. Children with good attendance can be tracked through their schooling and go on to get great results in exams. Please remember that holiday's in term time can very rarely be authorised and fines are increasingly common. Children who have dramatically improved their attendance and the winner of our 100% attendance prize draw are off for a day's sailing next week with the Pioneer Trust—a great opportunity.

St Andrew's Church Centre is hosting the next Messy Church session for families this Saturday, the 15th July from 3—5pm. Visit standrewschurchhalstead on Facebook for more information.



The Year 6 production of Oliver was a real smash! Well done to all involved.

## Animal Agents, Summer Reading Challenge ,



15 July - 2 September

Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge is called Animal Agents

this year. Children will be invited into the world of detectives, sleuths and solving puzzles. Animal Agents will inspire reading on a grand scale and place newly discovered authors under the microscope. Children will explore new titles and discover facts, characters and stories across the best contemporary children's writing. Children will be encouraged to read any six books of their choice to collect stickers in their Animal Agents folder; there are other exciting rewards along the way and, when they complete, they will receive a medal and certificate. In each library children will be able to hunt out the Animal Agents and join in with wild activities. Animal Agents is aimed at children aged 3-12 with a special early years version for babies and toddlers.

Children will be bringing home the Livewell Child 5 a day challenge to complete over the Summer Break. There will be certificates when we return for all who complete the challenge.



They will also be bringing home details of how to access our online payment system for lunches and school visits. School Meals will cost £2.30 from September and we would encourage you to make use of the online payment system. Please remember that children moving from Year 2 to Year 3 will need to start paying for their meals or claim Free School Meals via the Essex County Council website if you believe you receive qualifying benefits. Look out for the online payment information as well as new menus for September.

Have a great, safe summer see you all on Tuesday

5th September

### Uniform

As you know uniform is now available through our on-line supplier "Smartypants". From this summer it will also be available through Tesco online. The school receives a 5% donation on every purchase from Tesco. We have added an option for **Year 5 and 6 pupils only to wear a black polo shirt with the school logo on.** This is a privilege for **Year 5 and 6 children only.** All other children continue to have a choice of white or yellow polo shirts or shirts. Please do ensure your child has the correct uniform, including black shoes, as this shows a pride in themselves, our school and helps them to be ready to learn.

