

# LAWFORD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is rapidly approaching after half term and the school librarians have been very busy planning for the week it takes place. They are inviting everyone to take place in a book swap. Please can the children bring in books that they are OK with swapping and that are in a good condition. Over the week the librarians ( with Mrs Usher) will be running a reading café and there are lots of plans for the activities being run.

We will not be dressing up for World Book Day, but if you are able we would rather that you donate a book to the school library based on our Amazon wish list ( link to follow) or perhaps you know of an amazing book that your child has enjoyed and want to share that with our school community by donating to the library.

The librarians are also running a competition. The children are being asked to design a cover for their current class book ( you can ask your child's class teacher for this information). The winners will get to have lunch with the authors Charlotte and Adam Guillain when they visit on 9<sup>th</sup> March, as well as other prizes. I can't wait to see all teh entries.

We are very much looking forward to the author visits on 9<sup>th</sup> March - every class will get a session with them - some will be about story writing , some storytelling and some exploring non-fiction texts and how they are written. Don't forget if you have some of their books or wish to order one from Manningtree - they can be brought in and signed on the day.

The year 5 are lucky to meet another author on 10<sup>th</sup> March at the Royal Hospital School - Matt Goodfellow - he is a poet and has written several collections including, 'The final year' [at school] - to me he sits in a tradition of Allan and Janet Ahlberg and their school based poetry.

## Arts' Week

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Arts' week. There have been some amazing opportunities - a stand out for many has been the amazing music and story workshops led by Mrs George to KS1. Our thanks also go to Stephanie King for the KS2 story making workshops an incredible opportunity for our children to work with someone who is involved in the production and editing process for children's books.

Everyone has put in a huge amount of time and energy to give the children this chance to explore 'the arts' and my thanks go to Miss Dadd and Mrs Usher for organising it.

6TH FEBRUARY 2026

### Achievers of the Week

RA	Aria Davis
RC	Albie Nunn
1LS	Isobel Ward
1S	Leo Rogers Shakesheff
2D	Alfie Lawrence
2Q	Ripley Beramsingh
3D	Isla Field
3T	George Lawson Jones
4B	Bella Drury
4H	Ted Clarke
5	Olive Kilick
6	Allegra Liddle
MDA	Jacob Crowhurst
Headteacher	Sam Harris

Help get a crossing to make trips to school safer! Sign the petition

🗳️ Why this matters:

Lawford parents, residents and school families are calling on Essex County Council to install a proper pedestrian crossing and 20 mph speed limit on Wignall Street (A137), opposite the Venture Centre, between the roundabouts. The current stretch of road is hazardous for children, families, elderly people and everyone on foot — with no crossing points, no traffic calming and vehicles often speeding through an area where children walk daily. There have been accidents and near misses on this spot in the past, and action is needed now.

👉 Take action: Please click the link and add your voice to the more than 500 people who have already signed the petition to help make streets safer for our children and neighbours:

<https://c.org/hjJg9RftMs>



## Sport

The year 5/6 girls represented Colchester United at Wednesday's regional finals. It was very exciting to go into the changing rooms and see the kits laid out just like it would be for the 'real' team. Even better they also got a chance to see the actual Premier League trophy! The girls played brilliantly and only just missed out on a place in the final. There is a create article about the event, which also outlines the mental health and wellbeing aspect of this tournament and the 'premier league stars' programme.

<https://www.cu-fc.com/news/2026/february/12/PLPS-girls-regional-finals/>

## Dates for your diary

16th -20th February - Half Term  
 24th February - Year 1 Holly Trees Museum Visit  
 27th February - PTA Quiz Night - **postponed**  
 6<sup>th</sup> March - Parental EdTech Study tour  
 10<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 trip to Flatford  
 16th March - Day 1 year 6 (only) consultations  
 17th & 18<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Consultations  
 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Netball tournament - Woodbridge  
 27<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of term  
 13<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school  
 15<sup>th</sup> April - Year 5 - Manningtree History trip  
 20<sup>th</sup> April - Y5/6 - CBSSP - netball tournament



Please name all loose items (including bags, lunch boxes and water bottles - class and child's name. Thank you

## Road Closure

For those of you who come to school via Bromley Road please note that there are due to be some road closures and traffic control next week and til 13th March. I am not completely sure of its impact so please do factor in extra time for your journeys so that you are not late.

<https://www.lawfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/notice/notice-of-street-works-grass-verge-along-bromley-road-just-before-junction-of-dead-lane>

Thank you.

**Starting Reception Roadshows**

Is Your Little One Starting Reception in September 2026?  
 Come along to our Starting Reception Roadshow!  
 Get ready for a fun, friendly, and totally FREE event designed to help you to support your child feel excited and confident about starting reception.  
 Essex Early Years has teamed up with local schools plus education, health and care partners to bring you a lively, helpful session packed with top tips and advice.

Want to join in?  
 Ask your child's childminder, preschool, or nursery for details about your nearest event, or visit the Essex Talk, Listen and Cuddle website to find out more about dates and times across Essex.

Starting Reception Roadshow near you:  
 Where: [Hawthorn Primary School, Harwich, CO12 4AG](#)  
 When: Wednesday 25th March 2026  
 When: 6.00pm until 7.30pm

You can find out information about the event by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.tlc-essex.info](http://www.tlc-essex.info) and searching 'Starting reception'

Follow us on social media to join our Starting Reception Campaign  
 Instagram Facebook

**Disabled parking only**

**DISABLED PARKING SPACES: RESERVED FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM**

**Always Display Your Badge:**  
 If you have a valid disabled badge, please ensure it's clearly visible when you park in the designated disabled spaces.

**No Badge, No Parking:**  
 Parking in a disabled space without a valid badge is inconsiderate, selfish and illegal.

**Think before you park:**  
 Is this space reserved for someone who needs it more?

Thank you for your cooperation. Let's keep disabled parking spaces available for those who truly need them.

Please note that Miss Fairbairn **cannot** give permission for people without blue badges to use the disabled bays in the Parish Council car park. If parking enforcement see a car without a blue badge in these bays, they will issue a ticket. If you or your child has a qualifying disability please apply for a blue badge. Thank you

## Lunch Menu: Week 1

Don't forget to book in advance (before 23:59 on the day before), using the MCAS app.

If your child is absent, please cancel by 23:59 the day before. However, if illness occurs overnight, please add a comment to your report in 'Studybugs' so the office can cancel it for you.

## Golden Book

TLS - For their excellent motivation and high quality uploads in continuous provision Lily, Lois, Phoebe and Ivy

3T - Lucas - for his excellent hard work in phonics and spelling showing real determination to succeed.

Arthur and Elsie for their 'Twisted Fairy Tales' - they followed the features and each showed progress in the quality of their writing.

# Look what we have been doing this week...

