



Primary School

Friday 9th October 2026

We've had such a lovely morning celebrating our Harvest Festival at St Catherine's Church. It was a real community event, filled with singing, poems and thoughtful reflections from the children. Thank you so much for your generous donations to the local food bank – they will make a meaningful difference to families in our area.

Today has also been Wear It Yellow Day, bringing a little sunshine to a drab October morning. It has been wonderful to see children wearing everything from bright jumpers to yellow socks, all helping us remember the vital support Young Minds provides to young people's mental health. We raised an amazing £87.50.

Next week, we are excited to welcome the Book Fair to school. It will be set up in the hall after school each day, and we hope families will enjoy browsing the books together. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home every night – it is such an important life skill. A quick reminder that Key Stage 2 children can write in their reading diaries themselves, but they still need an adult to sign them twice a week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bower



Raising the bar in everything we do: Because our children deserve the best.

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

Children in Attenborough, Jemison, Hawking and Luther King classes should all have come home with their Times Table Rock Stars login details. Please download the app onto a device your child uses regularly. The expectation is that they complete five 'Garage' sessions a day – each one only takes a minute. Once a month, children complete a 'Gig' session, which identifies the times tables they are secure with and those they need to focus on in the coming weeks. In school, we also practise our times tables for three minutes every day. These fluency skills are essential; confident recall of times tables helps children access all areas of maths more easily and with greater confidence. Please continue to practise at home – it makes a real difference.

Class	Class winner
Attenborough Class	Thomas- 2,502 coins
Jemison Class	Ellie- 16,531 coins
Hawking Class	Daisy- 21,086 coins
Luther King Jr. Class	Emmanuel- 45,083 coins



YOU SAID, WE DID

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have already completed our survey – your feedback is genuinely valued. A few families mentioned not always knowing what their children are learning. Just a reminder that the Curriculum Snapshots we sent out a couple of weeks ago give a clear overview of each class's learning for the half term, and these are also available on our website. You can also find our Subject Road Maps, which show your child's learning journey in every subject throughout their time here. Parents' Evening will be booked through Arbor, and this provides a really valuable opportunity to discuss your child's learning in more depth and understand how we can work together to support them further. By working in partnership, we can continue to raise the bar and help every child achieve their very best.

INCLUSION REVIEW

You should have received our Inclusion Review Report this morning, and we are absolutely thrilled with the outcome. It truly reflects the inclusive, nurturing and ambitious culture we strive for every day, and it celebrates a school community we can all be incredibly proud to be part of. The reviewer highlighted that *"every child should participate and thrive"* and praised the way our RAISE values are now *"driving decision-making across the school"*. Families described the school as *"approachable, compassionate and responsive"* and one parent even shared that the school had *"changed our life"*. The report also recognised the *"quality of relationships throughout the community"* and the *"collaborative team culture"* among staff. We are delighted that this external review reflects the hard work, care and commitment shown by our whole community.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Kahlo Class	98.1%
Attenborough Class	95.5%
Jemison	96.3%
Hawking Class	100%
Luther King Class	99.3%
Whole school	97.9%

WINNING WORD COUNT – FROM 01.10.2026 TO 09.10.2026

	1st	2nd	3rd	Class total
Jemison	Isabel- 75,031	Ellie- 40,009	Bella- 12,031	167,360
Hawking	Daisy- 114,675	Phoebe- 40,048	Rosie- 35,987	295,018
Luther King Jr.	Gabe- 77,325	Harriet- 54,363	Thomas C- 22,439	154,127

HOUSE POINTS

	Weekly points
Cowell	403 points
Donaldson	433 points
Morpurgo	396 points
Rosen	402 points

WELL DONE

Well done to Freddie for an outstanding performance and being named Man of the Match. Your hard work, determination and teamwork on the pitch were fantastic to see. A huge congratulations also to Darcie for achieving Level 4 in swimming. This is a wonderful achievement that reflects your dedication and perseverance. We are incredibly proud of both of you for representing the school so brilliantly.



UPCOMING DATES FOR THE TERM

Monday 12th October- Thursday 15th October- Book Fair after school
Tuesday 13th October- Year 5&6 Girls Football competition at Witham
Wednesday 14th October- Cross- Country at Gosfield School
Wednesday 14th October- Year 5&6 Boys Football at St. Peter's, Sible Hedingham
Friday 16th October- Flu immunisations
Tuesday 20th October- Year 5&6 Boys Football competition at Ramsey, Halstead
Wednesday 21st October- Luther King Jr Class Crucial Crew visit
Wednesday 21st October- Cross-Country at St. Peter's, Sible Hedingham
Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October- Parents Evening
Friday 23rd October- INSET day
Thursday 19th November- Kahlo Class and Attenborough Class trip to Hedingham Castle
Friday 27th November- Luther King Jr. Class trip to Essex Police Museum
Tuesday 1st December- KS2 Pickleball Competition (more details to follow)
Tuesday 1st December- KS2 Netball Competition at St. Peter's (more details to follow)
Wednesday 2nd December- Jemison Class and Hawking Class trip to the National Gallery, London (more details to follow)
Friday 18th December- Carols on the Playground at 2.15

Details about the Christmas Nativity and Christmas Concert will be published next week.