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PREPARING TODAYS LEARNERS FOR TOMORROWS WORLD

Year 2 will be once again taking part in the My Future My Southend program, which is a project across Essex and Suffolk, aiming to raise children's aspirations and to challenge stereotypes in the world of work.

This will be our fourth year and the children will be taking part in half-termly interactive Zoom sessions, each containing three special guests from a similar industry theme. The children hear the guests' clues and have to try to guess their jobs. They then learn about their roles and stories.

To date, the My Future program has engaged 115 schools and has reached over 35,000 children. We are so proud to be part of it!

As a starter, we asked the children in Year 2 to tell us what they wanted to be when they grow up. Among them were a hotel manager, a cowboy, a spy, plus half a class of budding YouTubers! Look out for regular updates on our Social Media pages.

What did your child say? Perhaps you could ask them?

Mrs Bygrave - MFMS Project Champion

A HUGE HARVEST THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents and families for your incredibly generous Harvest donations.

Your kindness will help support Southend Foodbank and One Love Charity, making a real difference to local families and our wider community.

Thank you for helping us to teach our children the importance of kindness, caring and sharing, while showing our REACH value of CARE in action. We are so grateful for your generosity!

A FOND FAREWELL AND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR PTA.

This week, our PTA said a very fond and formal goodbye to some long-standing members of the team. Our Chair, Pippa, Treasurer, Danielle, and Secretary, Nicola, have all stepped down from their roles following many years of dedicated service to our school community.

Over the years, they have helped raise an astounding amount of money for our schools, but, perhaps even more importantly, they have created countless wonderful memories for our children and families through the fantastic events they have organised and supported. We are incredibly grateful for all their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm, and for the lasting contribution they have made to our school community.

As we say goodbye to one team, we are also delighted to welcome a new group of willing volunteers, led by our newly elected Chair, Laura. We are certain that Laura and the new PTA team will continue the fantastic work of bringing our community together through brilliant school and family events, while raising much-needed funds to support our children. We wish them every success and, as always, thank them for giving their time so generously.

CAR PARK SAFETY

Please do not allow your children to run or play between staff cars before or after school or Nursery. This is not safe, and unfortunately, cars are also being damaged as a result.

We appreciate your support in helping us to keep everyone safe and to look after our staff's property.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

RAINY WEATHER REMINDER

It seems that the season has finally started behaving as it should, and the rain has arrived! Please remember that the children will continue to spend time outdoors in all safe weather conditions, so it is vitally important that your child has a raincoat with a hood and a pair of wellies in school at all times.

Thank you for helping us to make sure the children can continue to enjoy being outdoors, whatever the weather!

DRESSING UP CLOTHES WANTED

One of our favourite things to do at lunchtime is dress up, and I can promise you, it's not just our youngest girls who love it!

So, when your children have outgrown their dressing-up clothes, please think of us before passing them on. We would be incredibly grateful for any good-quality, second-hand dressing-up clothes that are suitable for children to play in.

Thank you for helping us to keep our lunchtime play fun, imaginative and full of creativity!

MYSTERY MORNING

OUT NOW!

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Meet author Amanda Brandon

October 27th @ 11am

Southend Forum Library
The Forum, Elmer Ave,
Southend-on-Sea
SS1 1NS

Signed books available on the day
£5 and under (cash only)

Maverick FUSION

Southend Educational Psychology Service
Upcoming Parent Coffee Mornings

Introduction to Barriers to School Attendance (Part 1)

Designed to support parents and carers of both primary and secondary-aged children, this session provides a clear introduction to Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA), including key facts, research, and current understanding. It explores common risk and protective factors, helping parents recognise what may make school attendance more difficult, as well as what can support a child's resilience. The session also highlights early signs to look out for when a child may be beginning to experience EBSNA. In addition, parents will be introduced to early intervention strategies, the role of multi-agency support, and a range of helpful services and resources available to support both children and families.

05/11/2026- 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams

26/11/2026 - 10am-11am,Online via Microsoft Teams

21/01/2027- 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams

03/02/2027 - 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 3

20/04/2027 - 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams

10/06/2027- 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 3

If you are joining a session online, via Microsoft Teams, please email: EPTeam@southend.gov.uk for the meeting link.

Southend Educational Psychology Service
Upcoming Parent Coffee Mornings

Barriers to School Attendance (Part 2)

Our part two parent session to 'Barriers to School Attendance' equips parents with practical tools and early-intervention strategies to support their child's attendance from home. It helps families better understand the reasons behind emotionally based school Non-Attendance (EBSNA) and why consistent support is so important. The session is designed to build confidence and hope, offering clear, achievable steps parents can take to make a positive difference.

08/12/2026- 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 6

09/02/2027- 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 6

18/03/2027 - 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams

06/05/2027- 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 3

22/06/2026- 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams

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AUTUMN WEEK 1

MONDAY

SWEET POTATO HOT POT AND RICE (VE)
OR
MACARONI CHEESE (WHEAT, MILK) AND A CHEF'S SALAD
WITH
OVEN ROASTED COURGETTES AND CARROTS

TRAYBAKE (WHEAT, EGG, MILK)
AND CUSTARD (MILK)

TUESDAY

CHICKEN SAUSAGE ROLL (WHEAT, SULPHITES)
AND OVEN ROASTED POTATOES
OR
ORIENTAL STYLE SWEET & SOUR STIR FRY
AND RICE (VE)
WITH
BROCCOLI AND BAKED BEANS

MIXED BERRY & APPLE OAT BAR (WHEAT, OAT)

WEDNESDAY

SMOKEY BBQ STYLE BEEF CHILLI (SULPHITES)
OR
BEAN CHILLI (VE)
WITH
A SOFT TACO (WHEAT) & RICE
AND SALSA, LETTUCE, CHEESE (MILK),
LIME & CORIANDER MAYONAISE (EGG)
AND
SWEETCORN & MEXICAN ROASTED VEGETABLES

MARYLAND COOKIE (WHEAT, EGG)
AND PINEAPPLE & LIME COMPOTE

THURSDAY

TOMATO & BASIL PASTA BAKE
WITH MOZZARELLA (WHEAT, MILK)
OR

CHICKEN CASSEROLE WITH MASHED POTATOES
WITH
GREEN BEANS & ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

PARSNIP & APPLE CAKE (WHEAT, EGG)
WITH CUSTARD (MILK)

FRIDAY

PESTO STYLE TOPPED PIZZA (WHEAT, MILK)
OR
BATTERED FISH (WHEAT, FISH)
WITH
OVEN CHIPS OR NEW POTATOES
& TOMATO KETCHUP
AND
PEAS OR BAKED BEANS

JAM DROP COOKIE (WHEAT, EGG, SULPHITES)

AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:

WRAPS WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS (WHEAT, DAIRY)
JACKET POTATO WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS
A COLD SALAD BAR
FRESHLY MADE BREAD
FRESH FRUIT
WATER AND MILK
WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

This page of our Newsletter summarises some the learning your child will access next week. For more detailed information on our curriculum please visit our website.

Nursery

Stories: The Leaf Man, The Leaf Thief, We're Going On A Leaf Hunt

Number songs/Stories: 5 Little Leaves, 5 Red Apples

Other Areas: Next week our we will be exploring all things Autumn. We will talk about the changes we may see during Autumn and will explore natural objects including conkers, acorns, leaves and autumnal fruits. We will use some of these objects in our play and create autumn pictures at the art table.

In the garden the children have loved exploring our new Conker Cafe mud kitchen! This week we will continue to add some autumnal objects for them to create some wonderful autumn treats!

Reception

Phonics: t, i, n, p

Maths: We will be building on our subitising skills next week. Subitising is the ability to look at a small group of objects and instantly know how many there are without counting them.

Other Areas: Next week, our learning will focus on Autumn and Harvest. We will take part in Drawing Club, where we will explore the story of The Little Red Hen and create our own drawings of the characters and settings.

We will also learn about hibernation and discover which animals hibernate during the colder months. Through stories and discussions, we will explore what hibernation means and why some animals need to hibernate.

In PSED, we will share the story Mine! to help us think about the importance of sharing, taking turns and being considerate of others.

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Year 1

Phonics: o-e (home), u-e (tune), aw (yawn), are (care)

Maths: The importance of zero

Foundation subjects: In Science, we will be sorting materials according to their common properties, including hard, soft, bendy and rigid. In Computing, we will be using the 2Count and 2Explore programmes to practise clicking and dragging icons and saving our work. In Music, we will be using glockenspiels for the first time, learning how to play them correctly and beginning to explore the music we can create together. In Gymnastics, we will be practising balances and developing our stability and control. In RE, we will be listening to the story of Moses. In PSHE, we will be thinking about kind and unkind behaviour and what we can do if we see unkind behaviour happening to ourselves or others. In History, we will be recalling the key events of the Gunpowder Plot and sequencing pictures to put the events in the correct order. Finally, in DT, we will be designing our first product – a split-pin mini-me – ready to make the real thing very soon!

Year 2

Phonics/GPS: Multisyllabic words ure (sure) tion (attention) cious (scrumptious) tious (delicious)

Maths: Addition: Continue to practise adding two, 2 digit numbers together (36+17=)

Foundation subjects: In Computing, we will be learning how to search the internet safely and effectively using Kiddle, a child-friendly search engine. In DT, we are looking forward to designing our own couscous vegetable salads and choosing the ingredients we would like to include. In Geography, we will be identifying human and physical features using appropriate geographical vocabulary and recording our findings in a table. In Music, we are excited to start learning the glockenspiel again, locating and practising the notes G, A and C and exploring which notes are higher and lower. In PE, we will continue to develop our throwing and catching skills, focusing on using the correct techniques. In PSHE, we will be learning about how we react and respond to different situations and how we can manage our responses to help us stay self-regulated. Finally, in RE, we will be exploring and learning to respect special places, objects and symbols found in places of worship, with a particular focus on the church.

Stars of the week

NURSERY
Ada Ratcliffe

NORTHERN IRELAND
Gracie Stagg

WALES
Keeona Kwashie

SCOTLAND
Oliver Bourne

SPAIN
Artie Stimpson

MEXICO
William Lidster-Woolf

SWEDEN
Ingrid Teaca

FINLAND
Phoebe Stewart

VIETNAM
Ezra Edgings

BAHAMAS
Grace Williams

Right on time

Punctual

Charlie Andrews	Landon Fraser-Johnson	Olivia McFadden
Mateo I W	Lottie Walsh	Aris Bigand
Noel Shuti	Savannah Mitchell	Joy Todd

WINNER

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Together, we can do great things.

ATTENDANCE
This week - 97.20%

Reception - 97.00%
Year 1 - 95.70%
Year 2 - 98.80%
Whole School Year To Date - 97.80%

REACH Award
Health
Jude Ellis

WHAT'S GOING ON?

New additions will be in red
School holidays will be in bold

Thu 15 Oct	9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours (full)
Fri 16 Oct	9.00 New intake (Reception 2027) tours for SEND
Mon 19 Oct	9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours (full)
Thu 22 Oct	Reception Autumn walk to Chalkwell Park
Thu 22 Oct	**Break up for half term**
Fri 23 Oct	**Non-pupil day (closed to all pupils)**
Mon 2 Nov	**Back to school for all pupils**
Mon 2 Nov	Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations
Mon 2 Nov	Poppy sales in the EYFS garden at 3pm all week
Thur 5 Nov	9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours
Mon 9 Nov	Year 2 - visit from the dentist
Fri 13 Nov	Children in Need (more info to follow)
Mon 16 Nov	Odd socks for Anti-Bullying (more info to follow)
Wed 18 Nov	9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours
Wed 18 Nov	6.30pm Prospective Parents Information Evening
Fri 20 Nov	Year 2 City Boys Football Tournament
Fri 27 Nov	PTA Non-Uniform day in exchange for booze / chocolates
Sat 28 Nov	PTA Winter Fayre
Tue 1 Dec	Santa visiting
Wed 2 Dec	Christams Bazaar
Mon 7 Dec	Year 1 visit to Chalkwell Park
Tue 8 Dec	9.10am Class Wales Nativity
Wed 9 Dec	9.10am Class Scotland Nativity
Thu 10 Dec	9.10am Class Northern Ireland Nativity
Thu 10 Dec	Choir to perform at Langley Lodge
Fri 11 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (fundraising for Brain Tumour charity)
Tue 15 Dec	9.30am KS1 Nativity at St. Michael and All Angels
Wed 16 Dec	9.30am KS1 Nativity at St. Michael and All Angels
Thu 17 Dec	KS1 visiting Palace theatre The Nutcracker (more info to follow)
Fri 18 Dec	**Break up for Christmas holiday**
Mon 4 Jan	**Back to school for all pupils**
Thu 11 Feb	**Break up for half term**
Fri 12 Feb	**Non-pupil day (school closed for all pupils)**
Thu 25 Mar	**Break up for Easter holidays**
Mon 12 Apr	**Back to school for all pupils**
Thu 27 May	**Break up for half term**
Fri 28 May	**Non-pupil day (school closed for all pupils)**
Mon 7 Jun	**Back to school for all pupils**
Wed 21 Jul	**Break up for Summer holidays**

CONTACT US

If you have a question, query or concern, please get in touch with someone from the list below. Please do not email class teachers directly, they should be contacted via the communication book or by calling the school office. Teachers may be available to chat to at the end of the school day.

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