



### Updates from Mrs Murrell

The class with the best attendance this week: **YEAR 3!** They can wear non-uniform on Monday 12th January.

Please be reminded that any holiday during term-time will be unauthorised. The children get 13 weeks holiday a year, please ensure holidays are taken during this time only.

Welcome back to all of our families and Happy New Year. We wish you all a healthy and happy 2026! It has been wonderful hearing about the children's Christmas breaks and what they got up to.

This week, we said goodbye and thank you to Mrs Cooper, who is leaving LPPA to start a new career in foster care. Many of the children have been supported by Mrs Cooper and we are grateful for the work she has done with the children during her time at LPPA. We wish her luck and best wishes for her future.

We also say hello to Mr Lawlor, our new site manager, who I'm sure will have a positive impact on the school site. In addition, we welcome Mrs Mynett, who is here as part of her teacher training year. She is working alongside Mr White in Year 4 and will be here until February half term. Miss Williams, who is training with Mrs Izatt in Year 2, will return after February half term. She is currently on her second placement at another school.

This week has been all about getting back into routine and learning. The children have settled well and behaviour has been excellent. Well done to the children who didn't receive any 1s or 2s last term. They enjoyed a trip to the local cinema. This will be offered to all children each term, who demonstrate excellent behaviour within school.

We also had the New Year disco this week, which was well attended and enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to the PTA, who organised this and to the teachers and support staff, who supervised the children.

We are beginning to set up our Forest School area. If you have anything to donate, please do let me know. I am also looking for parents or grandparents, who would like to volunteer their time, assisting in Forest School sessions next academic year. Please let the office know if you are interested in doing this. On Monday, during the INSET, the team got an introduction to the vision of Forest School and cooked quesadillas for lunch, over an open fire. It was lovely to see the team engaging with the Forest School principles and enjoying some time outside.

Please be reminded that the deadline for Reception applications for 2026 starters is Thursday 15th January.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Murrell and the team at LPPA.

# LPPA's week in photos



## Further Information

### Allergies

Please make sure we are up to date with all allergies and dietary requirements for your child. **We are a no nut school.** Please ensure nut products are not brought into school.

### Absence

Can we remind parents that the school needs to be informed of your child's absence each day that they are off.

Holidays are not permitted during term time.

### Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Please make sure your child's space is booked in advance using our app Schoolgateway.

### School Dinner

The dinner menu for week commencing will be: **Week 2**

School dinners cost £2.70 per child per day and payment should be made via Schoolgateway

## Key Dates

KS2 New Year's Disco	4.15pm – 5pm	School Hall	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
School Clubs start	All week	School	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 5 Swimming Lesson start	1pm to 1.30pm	Waterside	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January
Closing date for Reception Applications	All Day		Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January
World Religion Day	All Day	School	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January
Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Drop in	9am	School Hal	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January
Assessment Week	All Week	School	W'C Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
RWI Assessments	All Week	School	W'C Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
KS2 French Day	All Day	Classrooms	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
NSPCC TT Rockstars – Dress like a Rockstar	All Day	Classrooms	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Children's Mental Health Week	All week	School	W'C Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Sponsored Pancake Toss	All Day	Classrooms	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Parinirvana Day - Nirvana Art Day	All Day	Classrooms	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Half Term Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>			

## Dodgeball

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in a dodgeball tournament this week. They all played extremely well and really enjoyed themselves.



## Trackit winners

Congratulations to this week's Trackit certificate winners!

