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Dear parents and carers,

Staff Update

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Still is now Assistant Head of School.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. The children are asked to dress up as their favourite book character from their favourite book. We encourage children to bring their favourite book with them. Children will also receive a £1 book token, These are valid from **12th February—15 March 2026**.

Lateness

Please can we ask that you are completing the late book when dropping your child off at reception, unless under exceptional circumstances. If the late book has not been completed your child will still be marked as late by the office staff, and "no reason provided" will be added as the comment.

TTP Course for Families

Attached is a leaflet regarding information for a TTP (Trauma Perceptive Practice) course. This is focused on Understanding Behaviour and Supporting Emotional Wellbeing. We are inviting parents to attend an awareness session on **Monday 9th February 2026 at 2pm**.

Menus Available

This week lunch menus for Spring Term 2 were made available on MCAS. Please can we ask that lunch choices for the first week back after half term (**Monday 23 February—Friday 27 February**) is completed before **Wednesday 11th February 2026**.

You may have encountered an issue with booking meals for 16th March 2026, this has now been rectified.

An Evening Of Music To Support Our School, Kindly Organised by Mrs Gloc

Just a polite reminder that the music concert at the Abberton and Langenhoe Village Hall will be taking place on **Friday 13th February at 7pm**.

Quattro Amici, an acclaimed quartet of vocalist will be performing a programme of classical favourite to contemporary pieces as well as performances from local children.

Tickets are **£10** and available from **The Lion Corner Shop (Cash Only)**.

Big Schools Birdwatch 2026

This week we took part in the **Big Schools Birdwatch 2026**.

The children made their own birdfeeders, bird hides and also counted how many birds there were in the wildlife area.

More details to follow in the termly Kestrel Kids Newsletter



TERM DATES:

Spring Term

Non Pupil Days: 5 January & 23 February 2026

6 January—27 March 2026

Spring Half Term

16 February—20 February 2026

Summer Term

Non Pupil Days: 20th July 2026

13 April—17 July 2026

Summer Half Term

25 May—29 May 2026

EVENTS:

Newly added events are in red

27 January

Nightingale & Falcon Trip to Essex Police Museum

5 February

Sparrow Sharing Assembly

9 February—13 February

Mental Health Awareness Week

13 February

Music Concert

2 March—4 March

Year 5 Bikeability

5 March

World Book Day

12 March

Owl Sharing Assembly

13 March

F&F Mothers Day

19 March

F&F Easter Disco

20 March

Comic Relief (Wear Something RED)

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A snapshot of what we've been up to:

The first few weeks back have been busy in school. It was so disappointing that we couldn't start on the proposed first day back, however thanks to lots of hard work from staff we managed to get back to normal as soon as we possibly could.

Nightingale held their Class assembly this week, it was lovely to see the parents come and support the children and see just how much the children have progressed with their learning. Our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project is taking shape and new specific play areas are now set up ready to be introduced to the children. Thank you to all who have offered equipment and resources so far.

Finally, congratulations to Mr Wilson on the birth of his son and we look forward to seeing him return from paternity leave next week.

Mrs Lucy Kershaw, Head of School

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Rainbow Rewards

Friday 16th January & Friday 23rd January 2026

This week, the following awards were presented and children nominated:

Class	Rainbow Award		Class	Hot Chocolate	
	16th	23rd		16th	23rd
Robin	Thomas M & Ralph	Phoenix & Ronnie	Robin	Phoenix	Thomas H
Sparrow	Phoebe & Ava-Marie	Quinn & Bella	Sparrow	James	Lenny
Owl	Poppy & Ellie	Daisy & Kieran	Owl	Evie T	Lily
Nightingale	Erin & Ethan	All of Nightingale	Nightingale	Poppy	Toby
Falcon	Lily-Mae & Ralph	Sophia & George L	Falcon	George L	Zane

Class	Work to Praise & Share		Class	Class Dojo	
	16th	23rd		16th	23rd
Robin	Thomas H	Reggie	Robin	3410	3781
Sparrow	Félicité	Sienna	Sparrow	4972	5027
Owl	Aya	Libby	Owl	4138	4319
Nightingale	Charlotte	Jasmine	Nightingale	2904	3264
Falcon	Maisie	Rose	Falcon	4492	4619

16th January 2026

Timestable Rockstars Award: -

Timestable Rockstar Certificate: -

Attendance Cake: Robin, Sparrow & Falcon —100%

Zoe Bear Award: James W

Sports Coach Award: Thomas H, Emilia, Andromeda, Kassius, Lily-Mae

Outdoor Learning Award: Kieran & Oliver H

23rd January 2026

Timestable Rockstars Award: Owl—3216 Points

Timestable Rockstar Certificate: Jake, Libby, Edward and Beatrix

Attendance Cake: Nightingale—99.38%

Zoe Bear Award: Charlotte

Sports Coach Award: Kasey, Teddie, Archie, Winona & Kieran

Outdoor Learning Award: Edward & James H