

Friday 16th October 2026

iSing Pop Concerts

On Tuesday, the children brought their iSing Pop project to a wonderful conclusion with two fantastic concerts in front of packed school halls. The performances were full of energy, enthusiasm and confidence, with the children singing their hearts out and showcasing everything they had learned throughout the project.

Families and friends thoroughly enjoyed the shows, and it was clear from the smiles on everyone's faces just how much the children had enjoyed taking part. Adding to the excitement was a very special guest appearance from Oreo the cat, who proved to be a big hit with both performers and audience members alike! A huge well done to all the children for their brilliant performances and for making the culmination of the iSing Pop project such a memorable occasion. 🐱 🎵 🎤

iSing POP



School Attendance for WC 5th October

Attendance Matters

Whole school attendance figures for WC 5th October were 95.3%. The class with the highest attendance this week were Year 5 who achieved a fantastic **97.8% attendance** for the week, great work everyone! Which class will it be in the newsletter next year and can anyone make that **100%**?



Every Day Counts....

Foodbank Collection

A huge thank you once again for all your donations for our Harvest collection. This week, Colchester Foodbank collected the donations from school and have taken them back ready to be distributed amongst the local community.



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This Week's Leaderboard

1. Adyan – Y4
2. Hallie – Y4
3. Alexander – Y4



- The whole school will take part in a Eucharist during collective worship on Wednesday 21st October. Please look out for further details about this on SchoolPing along with an electronic form for you to give permission for your child to take part. If you do not respond we will assume you are happy for your child to take part.
- Don't forget we break up for the half term break next Friday 23rd October. We are then back in school on Monday 2nd November.



This Week's Achievements & Items to Show.

This week, Charlotte from Year 4 and Hallie from Year 4 have been working very hard on their swimming. Both of them have completed their stage 1 swimming certificates. Great work girls!



School Photos

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code on the proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your proof and following the instructions. If you have not received your proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711, however if you do not have an existing account with Van Cols you will need to contact the school directly for the website photo code.



Year 4 Teeth Models

Last week, Year 4 became dentists and scientists as they created detailed sets of model teeth from clay. Using their knowledge of the different types of teeth and their functions, the children carefully shaped incisors, canines and molars to build realistic models.

The activity helped the children develop their understanding of dental health and the important role each tooth plays in chewing and speaking. They showed great creativity and attention to detail, and were very proud of their finished models. It was a fun, hands-on way to bring their science learning to life.



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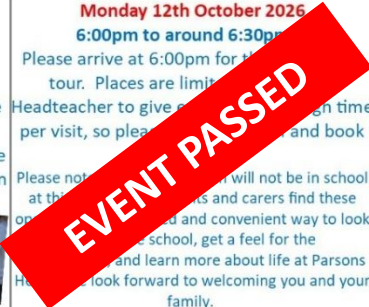
Calling all Prospective Parents for Early Years Foundation Stage intake September 2027!

At Parsons Heath C of E Primary School we are offering prospective parents the chance to meet the Headteacher and some of the Reception Class staff. You will then be able to take a tour of the school facilities and a chance to learn about the school's values, ethos and curriculum. Choose a suitable date from the list below and please call or email the school office to book your place. As you will see we are offering either a daytime visit, early evening or the Saturday Open Morning on 14th November 2026.

Please email: office@parsonsheath.essex.sch.uk or call 01206 860612.



In the School Day	In the Evening
Wednesday 14th October 2026 Monday 16th November 2026 Monday 11th January 2027 11:00am to around 11.30am Please arrive at 11:00am for the start of the tour. Places are limited to allow the Headteacher to give each family enough time per visit, so please call the school and book in advance.	Monday 12th October 2026 6:00pm to around 6:30pm Please arrive at 6:00pm for the start of the tour. Places are limited to allow the Headteacher to give each family enough time per visit, so please call the school and book in advance.



Saturday Open Morning - 14th November 2026 between 10.00am to 11.30am

Please drop in any time between 10.00am and 11.30am.

Our school doors will be open, giving you the opportunity to explore the school at your own pace if you're unable to visit during the working week. During your visit, you'll have the chance to meet the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and Reception Teacher, ask any questions you may have, and see the classrooms and learning environment where your child will begin their school journey. Although children will not be in school at this time, many parents and carers find these open sessions a relaxed and convenient way to look around the school, get a feel for the environment, and learn more about life at Parsons Heath. We look forward to welcoming you and your family. We would be grateful if you would call the school and let us know if you are coming, but you are also welcome to turn up on the day.



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Parsons Heath PTFA

BREAK THE RULES DAY

50p per rule broken

RULES THAT CAN BE BROKEN:

1. Wear nail varnish
2. Temporary tattoos
3. Wear trainers instead of school shoes
4. Crazy hair/hats
5. Wear odd socks

Broken rules can be paid for in cash into school or by card after school to a member of the PTFA.

Friday 23rd October

Let's break some rules and make some money for the school!

Year 2 Science: Testing Stretchiness

This week, Year 2 became scientists as they investigated which materials were the stretchiest. The children carried out a fair test, making sure they only changed one variable: the material being tested. They compared bubble wrap, balloons, elastic bands, cardboard and wool to see how much each material could stretch. The children carefully observed and measured their results, discussing what made a test fair and why it is important to keep everything else the same. They were fascinated to discover how differently the materials behaved and enjoyed making predictions before testing them. It was a fantastic hands-on investigation that helped develop their scientific enquiry skills and understanding of materials.



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Next week's school dinner
menu for information.



School Menu - Autumn 2026 - Week 1 - WC 19 th October 2026				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza Day Freshly Prepared Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Plain Pasta & Salad	Pasta Day Macaroni Cheese Pasta Or Tomato Pasta Bake with garlic bread or plain bread	Roast Day Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding Or (V) Quorn Roast & Yorkshire Pudding With Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Optional Gravy	Curry Thursday Chicken Korma Or (V) Veggie Curry with Rice & Naan Bread	Friday Fun Day! Sausage Roll Or (V) Cheese & Tomato Whirl with Chips, Beans & Ketchup
(V) Oven baked jacket potato topped with cheese or beans or both	(V) Oven baked jacket potato topped with cheese or beans or both	No Jackets	(V) Oven baked jacket potato topped with cheese or beans or both	No Jackets
Oat Biscuit or Fruit	Yoghurt or Fruit	Fruit Jelly with cream	Ice cream pots or Fruit	Chocolate Traybake Cake or Fruit

Gluten, dairy and lactose free alternatives are available daily.

Year 5 Science

Year 5 enjoyed a series of exciting science investigations exploring the properties of magnets. Working scientifically, the children tested a range of different materials to discover which contained metal and could be attracted by a magnet. They used magnets to extract metal objects from mixtures and carefully recorded their observations, making predictions and discussing their results along the way. The hands-on experiments helped the children develop their understanding of magnetic materials while encouraging curiosity, teamwork and problem-solving skills. It was wonderful to see the children thinking like scientists and enthusiastically investigating how magnets can be used in everyday situations.

PTFA Christmas Artwork Information

Children have come home with information and a blank sheet to create a Christmas design at home if you would like. Please note, all designs need to be returned to school by Thursday 22nd October 2026.



Beautiful FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS PRODUCTS FROM CHILDREN'S ARTWORK

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Don't miss the chance to have your child's artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs, gift labels, our fabulous waffle textured tea towels, tote bags, enchanted snowblocks, or our keyring and fridge magnet packs!

It's that time of year again and your child will either have already created their own special Christmas design at school/nursery, or will have brought the materials to do it at home. This is a great opportunity to turn their creation into a range of professionally printed products, which you are able to purchase for family and friends this Christmas.

£1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the school/nursery or PTA!

Christmas Products Include:

- ★ Christmas Cards
- ★ A3 Poster Calendars
- ★ Tea Towels
- ★ Cards With No Message Inside
- ★ Mugs
- ★ Gift Labels
- ★ Tote Bags
- ★ Keyring and Magnet Pack
- ★ Enchanted Snowblock

For prices please visit www.xmas4schools.co.uk/products

Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's artwork and return it to the school by the date printed – you will not need to place an order at this stage. Once we have received your form we will send you a text and an email containing your order link which you can follow to your child's ordering portal. From here, you can place your order and make payment.

22 Bring your finished artwork in to your teacher. Must be returned to school by 22nd October.

Please note we cannot accept any late orders after the online portal has closed.

Many thanks & we look forward to receiving your order.

The Xmas4Schools Team



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ARTWORK INSTRUCTIONS

Please read these instructions carefully to ensure you get the best results.

DO

- ✓ Bright, colourful Christmas designs that fill the A4 paper produce the best results.
- ✓ Use paint, felt tip, crayon, inks and coloured pencils.
- ✓ Use collage.
- ✓ Use glitter glue.
- ✓ Make sure any text is bold, legible and kept AWAY from the edges of the A4 paper.

DON'T

- ✗ Please **DO NOT** use sprinkle glitter (glitter glue is fine) – it has a tendency to fall off and end up on other children's artwork and our scanners!
- ✗ If you are doing collage, please **MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE FIRMLY STUCK DOWN TO STOP THEM FALLING OFF.**
- ✗ Avoid metallic finishes over large areas.
- ✗ Pale coloured pencils on a white background do not reproduce well.

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PLEASE FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE BELOW FOR THE BEST RESULTS

DO



Bright, colourful and well within the guidelines!

DON'T



Pale colours, not filled in and a border – please avoid.

Please also **DO NOT** draw a border unless you want it to appear on the final product.

Thank you for your support!



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