

Weekly Newsletter



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Class photographs – Please note that we will be taking this year's class photographs on the morning of **Tuesday 2nd May**, as I know most parents want to ensure their children are wearing their smartest school uniform.

Golden Owl badges – It has been my pleasure to award several Golden Owl badges already this term in our celebration assemblies. To earn this prestigious accolade the children need to keep and collect their Merit Certificates and Attendance Awards until they have 50 points, with a Bronze worth 1 point, a Silver 3 points and a Gold 5 points. Winners wear your badges with pride!

Polling Days – In case you have missed our previous message **we are closed** to the children on **4th May** and **8th June** as we have been instructed to act as a polling station. We have previously requested to be exempted from this duty but were, unfortunately, not successful.

Meal prices – The price of a school meal will increase to £2.30 from September 2017. This reflects our rising costs but still represents very good value for money.

School trips – Year 4 have visited Hampton Court Palace this week as part of their learning about the Tudors and what could be a better location? The children (and grown-ups!) had a fantastic day and were excellent ambassadors for our school. The Early Years children had their first educational visit this week too, with their trip to Barleylands. Another grand day out. We look forward to hearing from Year 2 next week after their trip to Colchester Zoo. A big thank you to you as parents for supporting our educational visits both financially and as volunteers on the day. We can't do it without you and it really does make a huge difference to the children's learning.

Congratulations - Joshua Lawford came 20th in the 1500 m Essex Primary Schools Individual Cross Country Event held this week.

Come and play rugby! - Old Brentwood's RFC, Ashwell's Road, Pilgrim's Hatch, Brentwood. Open Day 7th May 10am-12pm

Menu – Week 3 of the menu. Please follow this link: <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

Attendance – 97% target – Congratulations to Birch, Elder, Elm, Holly, Hornbeam, Laurel, Mulberry, Spruce & Sycamore Classes.

Letters home

25th April – Year 6 Forest School

25th April – Able Writers' Day 19th May

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28th April – Colchester Castle 3rd July

Forthcoming dates

2nd May – Group photos

3rd May – Y2 visit to Colchester Zoo

4th May – school closed for Polling Day

8th May – start of SATS week

18th May – Summer Disco

19th May – Y6 visit to Globe Theatre

19th May – Able Writers Day, Year 3

23rd May – Essex Fire Service, Cyberbullying Year 6

24th May – Bags for School collection

25th May – Brentwood School Community Workers Trust, It's Your Move – Year 6

Congratulations to

Bronze Certificates went to Lenny Foster, Ewan Collins, Ben Milton, Amour Gardner-Sweeney, Rupert Thomas, Jorgie Shearing, Freya Sharma & Prince Soluta

Silver Certificates went to Jasmine Stringer, Leo Honey & Rosie Stock