

Jakki Hammond Headteacher –

W/B 07th September 2026

Lunchboxes – Nut Aware School

Please be aware that we're a nut aware school, this means that when packing lunches, children can't have peanut butter, Nutella or other chocolate spread, sesame seed topped bread/rolls. We have children in our care that have extreme allergies and require medication if they come in contact with these items.

Years 3 to 6: Tuck Update

Tuck prices have now increased to 50p per item, for your child to be able to purchase tuck (a drink and/or a snack) you will need to manually increase the spend limit on SchoolGrid to either 50p or £1 per day.

£1 = 2 items

50p = 1 item

This can be paid for by topping up the account or by setting up a direct debit.

Health Care Plans and Medication

- Please ensure these are all completely up to date, this is important for your child's safety within school.
- Please make sure you've updated SchoolGrid for the kitchen staff to deliver the correct meals for your child.
- If medication has changed for your child over the summer break, please let the school office know as soon as any changes occur.

Year 6 Secondary school admissions: September 2027

Key Admission Dates for 2026/2027

Applications Open: 12 September 2026 (for Essex)

Application Deadline: 31 October 2026. This is the final date to submit your on-time application

National Offer Day: 1 March 2027. This is when you'll receive your school allocation outcome.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Key dates – 2026-27

Sept 2026	
21 st	Individual School Photographs
30 th	Y2 Trip to Hedingham Castle
30 th	Reception Parent Lunch
Oct 2026	
15 th	Y4 Trip to Colchester Zoo
20 th	Parents Evening
21 nd	Y5 Trip West Stow
22 nd	Parents Evening
23 rd	Non pupil day
26 th -30 th	Half-term
Nov 2026	
2 nd Nov	Non-pupil day
3 rd Nov	Return to School
19 th Nov	Flu Immunisations

Girls Tights

If you have any spare tights for older girls, we'd appreciate any donations. Thank you in advance.

Attendance

This week we sent home an attendance leaflet. If you want to view it digitally, please click on the link.

[Attendance Leaflet 2026.pdf](#)

Parking

A polite reminder – BOTH school car parks, are NOT for parents use unless agreed otherwise with the school. This is the same when collecting from EPC, please do not use the car parks.

Attendance champions



Congratulations to 5J whose attendance was a fantastic 99.3% for the week beginning 7th September 2026.

Friends Update

Welcome back to a new school year from Friends! For anyone who is new to our school community, we are the school PTA — a group of parents who are passionate about fundraising and supporting our school.

We have lots of exciting and fun events planned for the year ahead, and we can't wait to share them with you! As always, we are incredibly grateful for your continued support. Whether you attend an event, take part in our fundraising activities, volunteer your time or simply help spread the word, every little bit makes a difference to our school and the children.

Here's to another fantastic year!

Just a reminder of how much we raised as a community last year – amazing!



Earls Colne In Pictures

The Nest Nursery

Welcoming back and settling in our new children as they start their nursery adventures.



Welcome to our Monkey and Elephant classes



WELL DONE FOR WORKING SO HARD!

Robbie Burlton

For amazing ideas and using these ideas when constructing sentences.

Monkey and Elephant Classes

A huge well done to all our reception pupils who completed their first full day this week. You have all been incredible and settled in so well. We are SO proud of you all.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Welcome to Autumn Term!



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



EPC WRAPAROUND CARE AT EARLS COLNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have an exciting term ahead at EPC Wraparound Care!

From getting active and trying new sports to getting creative, discovering the world around us and enjoying time with friends, there is plenty for children to look forward to this autumn.

Exciting things we have planned...



ARCHERY

Take aim and have a go at an exciting new challenge.



AUTUMN LEAF WREATH MAKING

Getting creative with the colours and materials of the season.



DISCOVERING THE AUTUMN EQUINOX

Learning about the changing seasons through fun activities.



CAN PINECONES PREDICT THE WEATHER?

Exploring nature and discovering how pinecones can give us clues about the weather.



DODGEBALL

Fast-paced, active fun with friends.



COSY MOVIE NIGHTS

Time to relax together with a movie and a scrumptious portion of popcorn.



SPOOKTACULAR SEASONAL FUN

Halloween-inspired activities and plenty of autumn fun.



PLUS A FEW SURPRISES

Along the way!

More than just before and after school care ♥

Our Wraparound Care gives children a welcoming place to play, create, discover, get active and spend time with friends before and after the school day.



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HERE
to book



READY TO JOIN THE FUN?

Find out more about EPC Wraparound Care and book your child's place today.



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