The Buzz

Keeping you up to date with our weekly news bulletin

Earls Colne PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Jakki Sibley Headteacher - 03rd October 2025

Reception Parent lunch

On Thursday, our reception class had a delightful lunchtime treat as they welcomed their parents to join them for a tasty meal at school. The children were thrilled to share this experience, and it was heartwarming to see families enjoying time together in the school setting. Laughter, smiles, and full tummies were in abundance — a wonderful way to strengthen our school community!

Come join us at ECPS!

Finance Assistant
Scale 3 Point 5 – 6 (Actual salary £19,739.11 - £20,052.37)
32.5 hours per week 5 days per week
40 weeks per year, term time, 5 non-pupil days and 1 week during school holidays.
Required: ASAP
We are looking to appoint a talented and highly motivated person to take an important role as Finance Assistant in our wonderful school.
We are a large, vibrant primary school with a friendly and creative team.
Our children are delightful.
We are looking for a Finance Assistant who:
Be responsible for financial administration including, inputting orders, paying suppliers, and BACS/direct debits using the school's finance system.
Bank Reconciliation.
Prepare invoices for nursery and lettings.
Work closely with the School Business Manager to produce the school budget.
Has very effective management, administration and recording skills.
Is competent in IT computer skills.
Has excellent communication, presentation and social skills with a range of stakeholders.
Can work efficiently in a busy school environment where there are conflicting demands and interruptions.
Is able to work on their own initiative – a flexible and proactive approach will be essential.
Is comfortable in dealing with First Aid.

If you want to be part of our friendly, committed and supportive team come and see what we have to offer.
Please apply online via the Essex Schools Jobs website.
Closing date: 13th October 2025
All appointments are subject to safer recruitment requirements to ensure the safeguarding of children and young people. All positions will involve appropriate checks and clearances.

Key dates – 2025-26	
Oct 2025	
08th	Flu Immunisations
14th	Y5 Trip West Stow
16th	Y4 Colchester Zoo
21st	Parents Evening
22nd	School Photographs
23rd	Parents Evening
24th	Non pupil day
27th	Half-term
Nov 2025	
03rd	Non-pupil day
04th	Return to school

Attendance champions
Congratulations to **5W** whose attendance was a fantastic 99**%** for the week beginning 29th September 2025.

WELL DONE FOR WORKING SO HARD!

Frankie – Frankie blew us away with his fabulous independent maths work. He concentrated so well to complete his work and made sure it was super neat and tidy! Keep it up Frankie!

Grace Fitzpatrick – For excellent effort in writing, creating a wonderful independent story.

Sonny Monty – Exceptional writing! Sonny's work blew me away. His work featured great vocabulary and thoughtful style. Incredible Sonny!

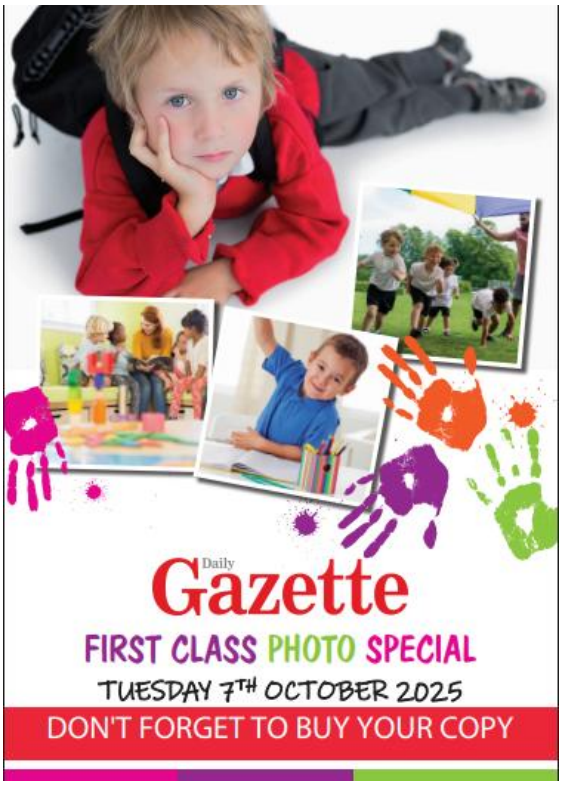
Lola-Marie Woods, Bobby Philps, Eva Cojanu, Edie Green, Millie Burr, Lucy Smith and Francie – These children form Tiger class all created fantastic writing pieces about their lost teddies. The descriptions were so good that I'm sure they'll be found!

Nancy Coverdale – Exceptional writing all about her visit to Hedingham Castle yesterday! Outstanding

Look out for the children's order forms that were sent home today for the school Christmas Card Project. All details on how to order are on the form. Well done to the children, they all look AMAZING 🎄 🌟

www.order.schoolprintworld.co.uk

Deadline for school to get commission on orders and delivery to school is 7th OCTOBER so get those orders in.



Join us next week for spoooooky Halloween Bingo! Cards are £2 per person and are still available so let us know if you want one via our dojo post. Look out for the pictures everyday next week and tick them off. Submit completed bingo cards by 3:30pm on Monday 13th October to enter our prize draw and win some SPOOKTACULAR prizes! Winners will receive their prizes at school to bring home and enjoy. Thank you everyone for your support so far! 🎃 🎃

MEET THE NEW TEAM

friends
PTA OF EARLS COLNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Laura

Chair Mum of 3 boys at school. Looking forward to bringing some new and exciting events for all to enjoy.

Natalie

Vice Chair I'm a mum of three, with two at the school and a lively two-year-old at home. I love seeing how our fundraising directly benefits the children.

Sarah

Secretary I have two girls that attend the school. I'm the new PTA Secretary! Translation: I'll take notes, crack jokes (mostly bad ones), and help squeeze every penny we can for the kids.

Ferne

Treasurer Hi, I'm Ferne! I've stepped into role of Treasurer. I'll be doing my best to keep the numbers straight so we can keep supporting schools activities. Excited to be part of the team!

Sarah

I have enjoyed supporting 'Friends' since 2018 and seeing what it does to help all our children.

Charlotte

Hi, I'm Charlotte! I've got two children at the school, and when I'm not chasing after them, I'm running my own local business. Community means a lot to me, so I'm excited to roll up my sleeves, get involved, and help shout about our PTA to the wider world. Let's make it fun, friendly, and full of good vibes!

Nicola

Hi, I'm Nicola, I have three children at the school. I'm looking forward to helping towards events to create fun memories for all our children!

Jenna

Hard-working mum of two, 90s enthusiast, and excited to help create fun, memorable experiences for all our children through the PTA.

AiSha

I have two small people at the school and love getting creative with posters and pitching in at events!

Kayleigh

I'm Kayleigh, I have a son at ECPS and am part of the task force team for the school pool and general fundraising for the school. I'm passionate and dedicated to help in any way I can x

WE ALSO HAVE: SARAH & JESS WHO ARE BOTH EXCITED TO BE PART OF THE TEAM.

AND NICOLA:

I have 2 daughters. I am looking forward to helping out at the wonderful events and create fun memories for all the children.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN US OR GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WE DO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH