

# The Chorus Schools Federation

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## This week...

Happy New Year to all our families! What a cold and blustery first week back! Year 6 enjoyed their session at Forest School on Tuesday. They chopped a selection of different vegetables to make a warm hearty soup on the open fire.



In Environmental Science Owls have been thinking about healthy eating and the different types of food they need to give them energy and to grow big and strong! They put the different items that they eat on their own 'Eatwell Plate' and added a new food that they will try in the future. They were very also excited to see their garlic and broad beans growing through the snow!



- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Closing date for  
Reception Year  
Applications 2026
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Half Term
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Yr 6 Cyber Safety
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Forest School Starts  
for Robin Class
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Mar  
Owl Class PGL  
Residential Trip
- Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Mar  
Reception Yr  
Boydell's Farm
- Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Mar  
Palm Celebration  
Assembly
- 30<sup>th</sup> Mar – 10<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Easter Holidays
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Spring Term Starts
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Nation Offers Day  
Reception Year 2026
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Bank Holiday

## Children's Commissioner - A Guide For Parents On Managing Children's Digital Lives



Parenting today can feel overwhelming - especially when childhood looks so different from what we grew up with. There's no manual, and it can be hard to keep up with the fast-changing digital world your child moves through every day. This guide from the Children's Commissioner aims to make those conversations easier and help you support your child with confidence. Click here to view the guide:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

## Don't Let Your Child Miss Out on School Lunch!

A reminder to ensure you top up the meals section of your Compass account over the weekend if needed, so your child can order a school meal on Monday. Compass is different to ParentPay as it requires credit to be available on the account for children to order a meal in class. Thank you for your support this week while we have been working with Compass to get the Wallet operational.



## Area SEND Inspection for Essex Local Area Partnership

[Ofsted](#) and the [Care Quality Commission \(CQC\)](#) are visiting the area to inspect the local arrangements for children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND). The inspectors want to know about the help and support that children and young people with SEND get. Parents and/or children can use the links below to complete a survey. The information you give will be treated in confidence. The surveys will close at 9am on Tuesday 13 January 2026.

[Take the parent and carer survey](#)

[Take the parent and carer survey \(Easy Read version\)](#)

[Take the children and young people survey](#)

## Swimming for Year 5 – Payment on Compass

A reminder to please make payment through your Compass Wallet, swimming can be found under the 'Events' section. Thank you.



FOR FURTHER INFO OR TO BOOK THE CLUB  
SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK HERE

Spaces are limited to provide the very best experience for your children...



## EPC Wednesday After School Sports Club

EPC will be running their popular Wednesday after school sports clubs for Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) this Term. For more information and to book scan the QR code or they can be contacted via email: [admin@epcoaching.co.uk](mailto:admin@epcoaching.co.uk) or telephone: 01206 670237

## Nits / Head Lice General Guidance

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and particularly in primary schools. There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. Treat lice as soon as you spot them with wet combing or applying medicated lotion. There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice, one of the best ways to reduce the risk is having hair tied back, particularly in a bun or plait is one of the most effective ways of keeping them at bay. With the hair tied back, it makes it more difficult for the lice to grab hold of the hair. Thank you for your support. For further guidance visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Coming up...

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January - Closing date for Reception Year Applications 2026

Yours faithfully,

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