



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, we reflect on what a truly magical and memorable term it has been. The children have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, kindness, and commitment to learning, and the festive spirit has been alive throughout the school. The Year 3 and 4 football team won the Mid-Essex tournament (with half the number of team members as everyone else)! Our youngest pupils delighted us all with their wonderful Nativity performance, filling the hall with joy and confidence. Quickly followed by a brilliant church service yesterday. The PTA Christmas Fete was a fantastic success, bringing families together for an afternoon of fun and raising valuable funds for our school. We can't forget a highlight of the season; our whole-school trip to see Aladdin at the theatre! It was full of laughter and excitement. A perfect way to celebrate the Christmas period!

This week, we also said a fond farewell to Mrs Clement, our dedicated SENDCo who has covered for us whilst Mrs Smith was on maternity leave. That does mean, however, that we are pleased to welcome Mrs Smith back who will be fulfilling the role of SENDCo across Ford End, Roxwell and Margaretting.

We are still on the look out for 2, new, parent governors to join our local governing body. If you would like any more information about the positions, or would like to volunteer, please speak to me on the gate, or email the office to make an appointment.

A personal 'thank you' from myself to each and every child, team member, parent and family member for all of your hard work, support and dedication to our school during my first term here. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by such a wonderful group of people and consider myself to be very lucky to be part of the Ford End community. I can't wait to see what we all get up to in the new year!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I look forward to welcoming you all back into school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Best wishes,
Mrs Sarah Tate, Headteacher (BA Hons, NPQH, NPQSL) and the Ford End Team

"Hope and a Future"

TERM DATES:

- 5th Jan INSET Day
- 6th Jan First Day of Spring 1
- 8th Jan Project ME starts for Y6
- 12th Jan Clubs Start
- 21st Jan Vision ReVision Day—more information to follow
- 3rd Feb Brooke Dental Scheme in for EYFS, Year 3 and Year 4
- 4th Feb Governors Meeting
- 4th Feb Parent Forum 2:30pm
- 9th Feb Children's Mental Health Week
- 10th Feb Year 5 and 6 Greek Day—information to follow
- 11th Feb Parents Evening
- 12th Feb EYFS Fairytale Day—information to follow
- 13th Feb Last Day of Spring 1
- 23rd Feb INSET Day
- 24th Feb First Day of Spring 2
- 3rd Mar Chinese New Year Celebrations
- 5th Mar World Book Day—let's dress up!
- 10th Mar Year 5 and 6 football matches at Dr Walker's—information to follow
- 20th Mar Eid Day
- 23rd Mar Mid-Essex's Got Talent—information to follow
- 26th Mar Year 1 and 2 Wilderness Day—information to follow
- 27th Mar Last Day of Spring 2



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Please Note...

The school day begins at 8:30am. School gates will be opened at 8:20am. Then end of the school day is 3:00pm for KS1 and 3:05pm for KS2.

PE days are as follows: Year 3/4 — Monday EYFS/Year 1/2 and Year 5/6 —Wednesday

Please ensure children come to school in their correct PE kit, on these days. This includes all long hair tied back and all jewellery removed, specifically earrings. Children must also have the correct sports kit to change into if they are taking part in an after school club.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform (or PE kit on Mondays/Wednesdays). Please see https://fordendschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Uniform_Policy_Ford_End_2024.pdf for the correct uniform list. Make sure your child brings a coat when the weather is cold.

All medications must be given to the school office, named, by a parent or guardian, having completed a medication administration form.



LIFE Education Trust

Dear Parents & Carers,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your engagement with us and our schools in 2025, and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to bringing you the next edition of our Parent Bulletin in January, which will include the LIFE Annual Report, and to meeting you at events in our schools.

Have a restful and peaceful break.

Julian

Julian Dutnall - CEO
LIFE Education Trust

