

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is your key info for w/c 20/10/25

31 Dates for your diaries:

22nd/23rd October:

- Year 6 Bikeability
- Remember to bring your bikes, helmets and water bottles to school
- Wear PE kit

22nd October:

- Parents' Evening – please return letters ASAP

23rd October:

- Celebration Assembly 8:40am
- All parents are welcome to come and join us, in the hall, for our first Celebration Assembly of the school year!
- Kate and Vicki from Project ME will also be here to tell us a little about the programme!

24th October:

- Harvest Festival
- In the Church, 1:45pm
- Families are welcomed to join us for our annual Harvest Festival.
- We are collecting food donations for The Food Bank. Please bring any donations to school throughout next week!
- This service will be led by the Year 3 and 4 class. Once the service is over, parents and carers are welcomed to take their children home. Anyone who did not attend the service will also need to collect their children **directly from the church**.
- Anyone taking part in Drama Club that evening will be taken back to school, in time for their club.

25th October – 2nd November:

- Half Term

3rd November:

- First day of Autumn 2

5th November:

- EYFS Open Morning (for September 2026 intake)
- 10am, in the hall
- Please spread the word; all families welcome.

6th November:

- Project ME starts for Year 6 pupils!
- Please wear PE kit every Thursday until Christmas

12th November:

- PTA ideas planning session
- Please come along to the first PTA meeting of the year.

- The session is aimed at ideas on how we can form a new PTA committee, how this will look in the year ahead, and the roles we can all play.

13th November:

- Year 1 and 2 Great Fire of London Day – information to follow

19th November:

- Year 3 and 4 Chocolate Day – information to follow

20th November:

- LIFE Ambassador Day
- Year 5 LIFE Ambassadors to visit one of our Colchester schools and meet the other ambassadors
- Information to follow

26th November:

- Open Evening for new families who would like to join our school
- 6pm, in the hall

1st December:

- INSET Day

11th December:

- KS1 Nativity
- 1:30pm and 4pm
- Letters to follow

17th December:

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Dinner Day

18th December:

- Christmas Church Service
- Lead by our KS1 class
- 2:15pm, in the church
- Please come and join us as we celebrate!

19th December:

- Last Day of Term
- Class Christmas Parties – information to follow

20th December – 4th January:

- Christmas Holidays

5th January:

- INSET Day

6th January:

- First Day of Spring 1

Key Reminders:

- We have a new Instagram account, please follow us. Our account name is [fordend.life](https://www.instagram.com/fordend.life)
- As part of our Harvest Thanksgiving, we are collecting food donations for The Food Bank. Please bring any donations to school throughout next week!
- If you ever need to park out the front of the school building, either in the car park or in the layby, please ensure you have parked considerately to ensure cars can safely pass through the middle of the vehicles.
- Keeping our children safe at school is our top priority, therefore may we please remind parents that children should not be on any of the play equipment during drop off or collection times. Thank you for your understanding.
- Children who partake in Drama Club on a Friday should be collected from the front door.
- A reminder that all long hair should be tied back, at all times.

Celebrations this week:

 **STAR OF THE WEEK**  – Olivia, Lilly and Alex

 **HEADTEACHER CUP**  – Florence

 **ZOE BEAR AWARD**  – Jacob

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Mrs Tate & The Ford End Team