



Spring Newsletter 2026

Year 3

Welcome back to the spring term.
We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and we wish you all a 'Happy New Year!'

REMINDERS

Please remember to bring reading books and diaries into school every day.

PE is on Tuesday this term so please come to school in your PE kit. **3A** will continue swimming **until Tuesday 3rd February** and then **3B** will **start on Tuesday 24th February** and continue until Tuesday 10th July 2026. All children must attend swimming lessons and must come to school with their swimsuit under their PE kit and bring their underwear in their swimming bag. Please remember that on non-PE days, school shoes must be worn (no trainers).

HOMEWORK

Doodle Maths - set weekly on Friday
Spellings - set weekly on Friday
Grammar - set weekly on Friday
Daily reading - reading records
Topic homework project

DATES

15th Jan - Road Safety show
30th Jan - HSBC financial literacy workshop
5th Feb - School Council trip to the Mayors Parlour.
9th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week
9th & 11th Feb: Parent Evenings
16th - 20st Feb: Half Term
23rd Feb - Choir trip to Young Voices Concert
4th March: Y3 Trip Colchester Castle
5th March: World Book Day
13th March - Mother's Day Stalls
16th March: Stay & Learn Week
Week of 23rd March - PTA Easter Egg hunt (date TBC)
27th March: Easter Bonnet Parade & **Break UP @ 1.30pm for Easter Holiday.**
13th April: Start of Summer Term
23th April: Y3 performance of St George's Day Assembly to parents



This terms topic:

Emperors and Empires

In this project, we will be learning about the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain. We will explore warring Britain: meet Claudius, Boudicca and Julius Caesar and find out what the Romans did for us. We will also look at the importance of the Roman town of Colchester, looking for evidence of Romanisation in our local area.

ENGLISH

The children will be reading a Roman Diary - The Journey of Iliona (a young slave) which will inspire them to write their own historical narrative.

They will also be reading The Nothing to See Here Hotel and writing a newspaper report, limericks as well as looking at the features and styles of various poems.

Non-Fiction – the children will be creating a non-chronological report on a mythical beast.

They will also write a short persuasive text convincing others to buy their toy from their Design & Technology project!

MATHS

Multiplication and division up to 8 times-tables

Length and Perimeter – measuring in millimetres, centimetres and metres. Comparing lengths and calculating perimetres.

Fractions – comparing and ordering, counting in fractions and understanding equivalent fractions.

Mass & Capacity – measuring in grams, kilograms, litres and millilitres.

SCIENCE

Forces and magnets

This project teaches children about contact and non-contact forces, including friction and magnetism. They investigate frictional and magnetic forces, and identify parts of a magnet and magnetic materials.

HISTORY

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GEOGRAPHY

The children will be learning about the geography of Italy and it's capital city Rome.

ART & DESIGN

People and Places

This project teaches children about the genre of figure drawing. They study the figure drawings and urban landscapes of the artist LS Lowry and create artwork based on their research on figures in the landscape.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Making it move

This project teaches children about cam mechanisms. They experiment with different shaped cams before designing, making and evaluating a child's automation toy.

COMPUTING

Purple Mash 2besafe scheme. Children will be working on online relationships and online reputations. The children will also be studying routes, branches and databases

MUSIC

The children will be studying pentatonic melodies and composition. After half term, the children will be rehearsing for a St George's Day assembly in the summer term. (23rd April 2026)

RE

The children will be studying Christianity and looking at: Why is Jesus important to Christians? How do Christians express their faith through arts? They will also learn about the importance of Lent to Christians.

PSHE

For our Dreams and Goals topic, the children will be setting personal goals and thinking about career aspirations. They will also be looking at spending plans, saving money and how to keep money safe using the Money Heroes Framework.

For our Healthy Me topic, the children will be learning about body health, attitudes towards drugs, first aid and keeping safe.

SPANISH

Children will learn 10 familiar activities that they know how or do not know how in Spanish. After half term they will be learning the names of the different parts of the body.

PE

Gymnastics

The children will create sequences using different spins on patches and points. They will focus on ensuring smooth transitions between movements.

Tennis

In this introduction to tennis the children will learn to take up a 'ready position' and move into good positions to strike a ball. They will play a game of hand tennis trying to move their opponent around the court and will practise hitting consistent forehand and backhand returns.

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