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Lawford Mead Primary & Nursery School

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High expectations and improved outcomes for all

6th November 2026

Mrs Sophie Wilson
Head of School

Dear parents and carers,

Reminder: Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Parents/carers of Year 1 children are invited to a phonics workshop at the school. These will take place on the following dates:

- Thursday 12th November for Bonsai Class
- Thursday 26th November for Birch Class

The session should boost your confidence in supporting your child's reading progress. We hope you can join us.

Please wait at the Trent Road gates after drop off and we'll get you into the hall ASAP. The session should last approximately 45 minutes.

Reminder: 2027 Reception Open Afternoons

You can apply for a reception school place at an Essex primary school between 9th November 2026 and 15th January 2027. Find out more here.

Parents and carers who are considering applying to Lawford Mead, are invited to join us for one of two 'open day' events. These will take place on Tuesday 17th November at 1.30pm to 2.30pm and Wednesday 18th November, 4.30pm-5.30pm.

If you would like to reserve a place at either of these open day events please visit here.

Reminder: Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November

National Anti-Bullying Week starts on Monday 16th November. At this time of year, we spend a lot of time talking about kindness and how to prevent and stop bullying.

The week itself includes national Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November, when we all wear odd socks to celebrate diversity. Make a note in the diary. We can't wait to see your sock combinations! No donation required.

Reminder: Non-pupil Days – November 20th and 23rd

We have non-pupil days on Friday 20th November and Monday 23rd November. We hope you can make the most of the long weekend and everyone can 'charge up their batteries', ready for the lead-up to Christmas!

Reminder: New School Dinner Menu

Scroll down to see our new school dinner menu! It runs from November to the end of March. A reminder that school meals are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, but you may still be eligible for free meals once your child is in Years 3-6.

If you are not sure about this, you can find the online checker on our school website.

Reminder: Collection from after school clubs

As the nights are drawing in, after half term, we won't be allowing children to walk home by themselves after clubs at 4.15pm, *even if you have previously given permission*. Please arrange to collect your children after clubs.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Wilson

Dates for your diary

You can find all event dates and academic year calendars here.

Thurs 12/11	Year 1 Bonsai Phonics Workshop 9 – 9:45
Mon 16/11	Odd Socks Day (start of Anti-Bullying Week)
Thu 19/11	Y4 Parents Assembly - 10.15am – postponed (new date TBC)
Fri 20/11	Non-pupil day
Mon 23/11	Non-pupil day
Thurs 26/11	Year 1 Birch Phonics Workshop 9 – 9:45
Fri 4/12	Reception and Nursery Christmas songs (am)
Tues 8/12	KS1 Christmas Performance 6pm
Wed 9/12	KS1 Christmas Performance 1:45pm
Thurs 10/12	KS1 Christmas Performance 9am

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Fri 11/12	Reception and Nursery Christmas songs (am)
Wed 16/12	Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 21/12 – Fri 01/01	Christmas Holidays
Mon 04/01	Start of Spring Term





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School Dinner Menu – November 2026 to March 2027

V = Vegetarian

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Commencing: 02/11/26, 23/11/26, 14/12/26, 04/01/27, 25/01/27, 15/02/27, 08/03/27					
Main	BBQ beef burger with garlic & herb potato	Beef penne Bolognese with garlic bread	Roast chicken with roast potatoes, gravy & Yorkshire pudding	Three bean chilli with Mexican rice V	Fish Fingers & chips
Veggie	BBQ quorn burger with garlic & herb potato V	Rainbow stir fry V	Quorn & veggie pie V	Margherita pizza V	Quorn dippers & chips V
Jacket Potato	Jacket potato with cheese/tuna mayo				
Pasta	Plain pasta with choice of topping				
Vegetables	Seasonal vegetables V				
Dessert of the Day	Orange & lemon drizzle cake	Apple crumble with custard	Strawberry jelly & peaches	Chocolate sponge	Oat dream cookie

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Commencing: 09/11/26, 30/11/26, 21/12/26, 11/01/27, 01/02/27, 22/02/27, 15/03/27					
Main	Sausage with mashed potato & gravy	Chicken & sweet potato curry with rice	Roast chicken with roast potatoes, gravy & Yorkshire pudding	Chef's special bolognese V	Fish Fingers & chips
Veggie	Quorn sausage with mashed potato and gravy V	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread V	Veggie puff squares V	Margherita pizza V	Veggie chilli fajita with chips V
Jacket Potato	Jacket potato with cheese/tuna mayo				
Pasta	Plain pasta with choice of topping				
Vegetables	Seasonal vegetables V				
Dessert of the Day	Vanilla ice cream	Pineapple sponge cake	Chocolate shortbread	Peaches with custard	Lemon & courgette muffin

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Commencing: 16/11/26, 07/12/26, 28/12/26, 18/01/27, 08/02/27, 01/03/27, 22/03/27					
Main	Chicken & sweetcorn meatballs in tomato sauce with penne pasta	Mexican chicken wrap with spicy rice	Roast chicken with roast potatoes, gravy & Yorkshire pudding	Quorn meatballs in tomato sauce & penne pasta V	Fish Fingers & chips
Veggie	Pizza baguette with pesto pasta salad V	BBQ veggie strips with spicy rice V	Sweet chilli stir fry with noodles V	Margherita pizza V	Little Heroes lasagne with tomato focaccia V
Jacket Potato	Jacket potato with cheese/tuna mayo				
Pasta	Plain pasta with choice of topping				
Vegetables	Seasonal vegetables V				
Dessert of the Day	Chocolate & beetroot brownie	Eve's pudding with custard	Shortbread	Strawberry jelly with peaches	Iced bun