Lawford Mead Primary & Nursery School

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27th November 2026

Mrs Sophie Wilson
Head of School

Dear parents and carers,

Reporting Your Child Absent From School

If your child is unable to attend school, it is important that you contact the school to report them absent. This should be done before 9.15am.

There are different ways that you can do this:

- Telephone the school on 01245 354134, press option 1 for the absence voicemail or hold to speak to the office.
- Send an email to: admin@lawfordmead.essex.sch.uk
- Come into the school office and speak to a member of the office staff.

A copy of our Attendance Policy can be found here.

Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of Nursery and Reception children are invited into school to watch the Christmas performance. There will be two opportunities to watch the performance on Friday 4th December and Friday 11th December.

Please note that children are to come into school in their uniform on these days and not their PE kits.

More details will be sent out at the beginning of next week.

Reminder: Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of KS1 children are invited into school to watch the Christmas performance. There will be two opportunities to watch the performance on Wednesday 9th December at 1.45pm and Thursday 10th December at 9.15am.

An email has been sent, explaining why the performance on Tuesday 8th December at 6.00pm has been cancelled.

Information about how to book tickets for the performances will be sent out shortly.

Reminder: PALMS Christmas Crafternoon

Our PALMS volunteers have organised a Christmas Crafternoon, which take place on Tuesday 15th December at 3.15pm to 5.00pm in the school hall.

Tickets cost £4.50 in advance and can be purchased online at www.pta-events.co.uk/palms/ or by scanning the QR code on the poster. Online tickets are available to purchase until 12pm on Friday 11th December. Tickets will also be available on the day for £5, but stock cannot be guaranteed so please purchase your tickets in advance to avoide disappointment. Tickets are required for children only, accompanying adults do not need to purchase a ticket for themselves.

The ticket will include making a Christmas Crazy Sand creation, decorating a wooden Christmas decoration and decorating a Christmas bauble.

Please note that parent/carers will need to accompany their child to this event and stay with them for the duration. Children in Year 5 and 6 will not have permission to walk home without an adult from this event.

Snacks and raffle tickets will be available to purchase at the event - please bring cash for this.

PALMS are asking for volunteers to help at this event to set up the hall, help with the craft activities or to run the snack/raffle stall. If you are available to volunteer, please email palms2020@outlook.com

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Reminder: PALMS Raffle

PALMS will also be running their annual Christmas Raffle. Prizes include family photography session vouchers, gym vouchers, gifts, food and drink. Raffle tickets can be purchased online at www.pta-events.co.uk/palms/ or at the Christmas Crafternoon.

Raffle ticket winners will be notified on Wednesday 16th December and prizes can be collected on Thursday 17th December from the studio. If any local businesses would like to donate prizes for the raffle, PALMS would be very grateful. Please email palms2020@outlook.com to offer any prizes.

Reminder: 2027 Reception Places

Applications are now open for parents/carers to apply for a Reception school place, for the academic year that starts in September 2027. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2027.

Even if there is already a sibling at the school, you will still need to apply if you have a child due to start Reception next September.

Applications can be made here.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Wilson

Dates for your diary

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

Fri 4/12	Reception and Nursery Christmas songs (am)
Tues 8/12	KS1 Christmas Performance 6pm - Cancelled
Wed 9/12	KS1 Christmas Performance 1:45pm
Thurs 10/12	KS1 Christmas Performance 9am
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

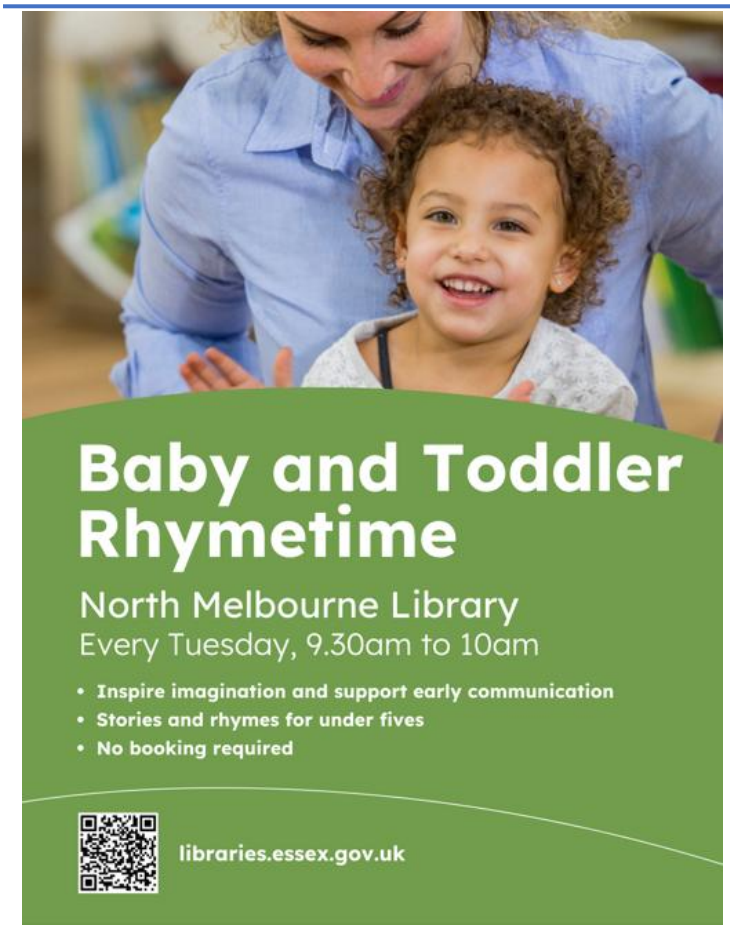
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Chelmsford Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Shopping List Winter 2026/7

Thank you for continuing to support us
These are the items most needed at present:

Emergency food for people in crisis

Tinned meat meals
Instant mashed potato sachets
Tinned potatoes and vegetables
Tinned soups
Ketchup, brown sauce and mayo
Pot noodles, mug shots and instant noodles
Tinned rice puddings
Sponge puddings
Instant custard sachets and tinned custard
Long-life fruit juice - orange and apple
UHT Milk
Jam and spreads
Savoury crackers packets
Cereal bars and chocolate biscuit bars
Packets of sweets

Toiletries such as:
washing up liquid - toilet rolls - deodorant
shampoo - conditioner - toothpaste - shaving foam
laundry tabs/pods
anti-bac and surface cleaners

Items can be delivered to our warehouse at
450A Beehive Lane CM2 8RN

www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk
See also weekly Top 5 most needed items updates on Facebook

Trussell
Ending hunger together

info@chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk 07512 574 542

Chelmsford Foodbank is overseen by The River Church Chelmsford Ltd, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered in England number: 7685257 Registered charity number: 1144804

Website - www.lawfordmead.essex.sch.uk

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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