



Perryfields Junior School

The Friday Flyer

Week 28 – May 2025

Headteacher's Message -

A Week of Achievements and Sunshine!

It's been another fantastic week full of achievements, teamwork, and proud moments at our school.

Our choir were off to Mildmay Juniors to take part in a rehearsal for the upcoming Junior Music Festival. Their enthusiasm, focus, and excellent behaviour made them shining ambassadors for our school. We're really looking forward to seeing them perform at the main event – well done to all involved.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, our two upper school netball teams took to the court in the inter-school netball rally. Both teams gave it their all, demonstrating brilliant perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship. We are delighted to share that one of our teams finished second overall and have now qualified for the Chelmsford finals! A huge congratulations to every player – your hard work in training has really paid off.

On Wednesday, eight of our talented Year 4s took part in the Public Speaking Competition at Anglia Ruskin University. Each pupil delivered their role with confidence, clarity, and poise – it was a joy to watch. Mrs Canty and I were incredibly proud of them all. A special mention goes to Emily in Dahl Class whose poem won the Mighty Oak Poetry Competition. She presented her beautifully framed poem to each of the judges with great confidence – a truly special moment and a well-deserved recognition of her talent. Not only this, but another member of the team, Zuhaira from Dahl Class, received a Judges' Award for the Most Compelling Argument – a fantastic achievement and very well deserved. Superb work!

As the warm weather continues, we kindly remind families to ensure that children are sun-creamed before school and come prepared with hats and sunglasses to stay protected during outdoor activities.

Thank you to everyone for another brilliant week. Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend – we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for more exciting learning next week!

Samantha Edwards



Pupil of the Week

Cowell: Ahana
Seuss: Leonid
Walliams: Alisha
Lewis: Nakshatra
Dahl: Zuhaira
Rowling: Raveesh
Tolkien: Olivia
Morpurgo: Aroush
Pullman: Mustafa

Award for
Outstanding Manners
Kyle – Pullman Class
Finley – Seuss Class

PE Award
William – Tolkien Class

Spellers Award
Cowell Class

Mrs Siddall's Attendance Award
Seuss Class – 99.3%

ATTENDANCE

The national expectation for attendance is 96%. The government has clarified the position regarding the term 'regular' attendance. It means children must be in school **EVERY DAY**. Every second counts at Perryfields. We **must** work together to improve attendance and punctuality even more.

Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	98.4%
Year 6	98%



Coming Up So Far Next Half Term!

Tuesday 6 th May	Morning and after school clubs start
Monday 12 th May	SATs Week for Year 6
Monday 19 th May	Braintree Museum Trip Year 5 – email sent. Parent volunteers needed
Tuesday 20 th May	Class Photographs
Wednesday 21 st May	CHANGE OF DATE - Residential Talk for Year 6 Parents – Please join us in the hall at 3.30pm
Friday 23 rd May	Summer Inflatable Fayre – Please see poster below

Please see below NEW menu for the Summer Term!

Please note that we can also provide a packed lunch if your child would prefer this. This will be either the baguette, wrap or soft roll and also includes a drink, fruit, biscuits or the dessert of the day.

Menu Summer Term starting w/c 21/04/25

Week: One

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Meat	Cheese & Tomato Baguette Pizza	Tuna, Cheese, Ham & Tuna + Sweetcorn Baguette	Roast Gammon Steak	Chicken Fajitas	Omega 3 Fish Fingers
	Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Baguette Pizza	As Above	Garlic and Herb Roast fillet	Mexican Bean Fajitas	Cheese Pinwheels
	Gluten Free	Gluten Free Pizza	Gluten Free Wraps	As Above	Chicken Fajitas	Gluten Free Fish Fingers
	Jacket Potato	Tuna & Cheese	Cheese & Beans	Beans & Tuna	Cheese & Tuna	Tuna, Cheese & Beans
	Side Dish	Coleslaw Potato Salad	Cucumber Raisins	Gravy	Couscous	Chips & Beans
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Potato Slice Shredded cabbage cauliflower	Broccoli	Salad Bar
	Packed Lunch	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)
	Dessert	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Victoria Sponge	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Jelly	Oat cookies
Drinks		Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk



MEGA INFLATABLE DAY

Please come along and join us on
Friday 23rd May 2025 from 3.30pm-5.00pm

Wristbands £7

Please pay for wristbands through your ScoPay
account. Children will be given their bands in
school on the day.

Wristbands also available on the gate.

Bouncy Castles, Bungee Run, Penalty Shoot-Out,
Coconut Shy, Sumo Suits, Face Painting, Bottle
Tombola plus much more!

BBQ, Drinks, Ice Creams!

**This event is for children up to year 6 only.
Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate year 7 and
above.**

Children are using smart devices from a much younger age than ever before. It's why it's essential we talk to our children about how to use them safely. There are so many positive benefits to the new technology at our disposal these days - however there are plenty of downsides too. As a parent, it's important you understand these risks and how you can take steps to protect your family against them.

1 PUT YOURSELF IN CONTROL

Make use of the parental control settings available to you. With most devices, you're able to change the settings to control the content your child has access to. This isn't difficult to do, as you'll often find guidance in the instructions that come with the device. By setting a private pin code on certain devices, you can make sure your child can only access it when you allow it.



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PROTECTING ANDROID DEVICES

You can set up restricted users on Android tablets through a Google account. Open the settings menu (look for a cog icon) and select the 'Users' option. Here you can add a new restricted user. After setting up a password and username, select which applications you want to restrict access to. On an Android smartphone it's similar, but first select 'Parental Controls' in the play store.

3 PROTECTING APPLE DEVICES

For Apple devices, you can simply visit the <https://www.apple.com/parental-control/> website and within 'General' there is an option for 'Restrictions'. Here you can turn off any applications or features on your child's device that you do not want them to have access to.



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MAKE SEARCHING MUCH SAFER

Most search engines, such as Google, Bing or Yahoo, have a 'safe search' setting. You should activate this. Otherwise, it's extremely easy for a seemingly harmless search on the internet to return unexpected and inappropriate results. Depending on the browser you're using, go to the settings and search for 'safe search'. Make sure you save the change as it defaults each time you open the browser. This will seriously reduce the chances of your child being exposed to something they shouldn't be.

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THINK ABOUT ALL YOUR SMART DEVICES

As well as tablets and smartphones, you should think about any device in your home connected to the internet: a games console, a media hub, or a personal computer. In each case you can usually find parental controls in the settings. Think carefully about how much access you want to allow your child, especially when it comes to accessing the internet.



9 Top Tips To Get Smart About children's devices

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REGULARLY CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA SETTINGS

Before you allow your child to use social media, you should discuss the dangers with them. You should also make sure you're able to access their profile and privacy settings and check them regularly. The companies behind social media platforms often make privacy changes without making it very obvious to the user, such as Facebook's introduction of facial recognition software.



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DON'T LET PEOPLE SEE WHERE YOU ARE

Location software sounds useful for seeing where your child is, but it also provides the opportunity for others to locate your child too. For safety, it's a good idea to disable location software on all devices or at least turn it off when it's not required. Also, be mindful of specific apps that record running routes or locations where your child might be playing a game. Talk to your child about why these can be dangerous and how to turn the setting on and off as required.

WATCH OUT FOR FAKE PROFILES

Sadly, social media presents an enormous opportunity for the likes of paedophiles to set up fake profiles and interact with children. Keep a track of the people your child interacts with on social media and if you do not recognise a user as a friend, consider blocking them.



KEEP A CHECK ON SCREEN TIME

Managing how much time we spend on screens is a new challenge for us all. It's critically important when it comes to children, especially younger children who are still developing. It's not just a case of setting arbitrary time limits. Guidelines published by The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health suggests it's more important to consider the 'content and context' of what the screen is being used for. SSBF is helpful to put limits on devices using 'Guided Access' features, which you can find in the settings of certain devices.



Meet our expert

Emma Davis was a secondary school Computer Science teacher for more than a decade. Since leaving education, she has been working in a cyber security firm delivering cyber awareness training to businesses and carrying out network testing. She is a mother of a five-year-old, she's had vast experience of controlling and managing how children access online services and use apps.

