

May 2025

Head’s update

Another short newsletter, due to half term taking a week of May - the last half term was so short that it flew past!

The SLG completed learning walks before half term (which is where we go into every class to see what they are learning, and link it with our School Improvement Plan) and we saw some lovely engaging activities, which the learners were clearly enjoying.

In the middle of May **Dan, Sharon, Jack, Louis and Tracy C took a group of Year 10 learners on a two night residential to Danbury outdoors!** They had an amazing time, learning new skills and making new friends. They were so lucky with the weather – it was really warm and sunny! I was fortunate enough to spend both evenings with the learners playing games on the field and drinking hot chocolate. The staff that went really enjoyed themselves, despite getting very little sleep the first night! You can see a photo of the group on the last page.

Staffing updates

Just before the half term break, we held interviews for a new teacher. **We have been lucky enough to recruit Angela**, who has been doing some relief work with us for the past year. She will be starting with us full time in September – welcome to the team, Angela!

We needed a new teacher because **Darren White and Clare Barker (both from Southend class) will be leaving at the end of this term!** We will miss them both and wish them the best of luck with their new adventures!

Clare has been with us for 9 years and has done a fantastic job in a variety of different classes, as well as leading our TEACCH programme.

Darren has been with us for 26 years and will be taking his well-earned retirement! Darren was our science teacher and then became a class teacher with our older learners. He is also our resident DJ and helps to run the school discos!

This term is one of our busiest, with some nice events coming up:

02/07/2025	Sponsored walk and fun sports day (More information to follow)
05/07/2025	Family picnic
07/07 to 09/07/2025	Year 14 Residential
07/07- 11/07/2025	Arts week/celebration(More information to follow)
11/07/2025 6.30pm – 9.30pm	Leavers’ Ball (More information to follow)
18/07/2025	Last day of term!

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Maggie

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Edie's area

Signs of the month May

May (May Day, 1st May)



Finger spell 'M' then 'Y'

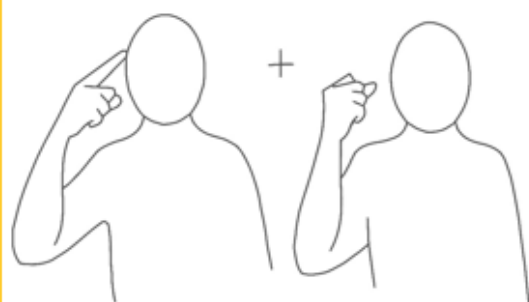
Laugh (World Laughter Day, 3rd May)



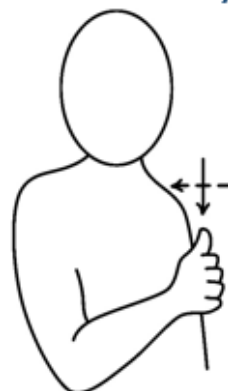
Space (Star Wars Day, 4th May)



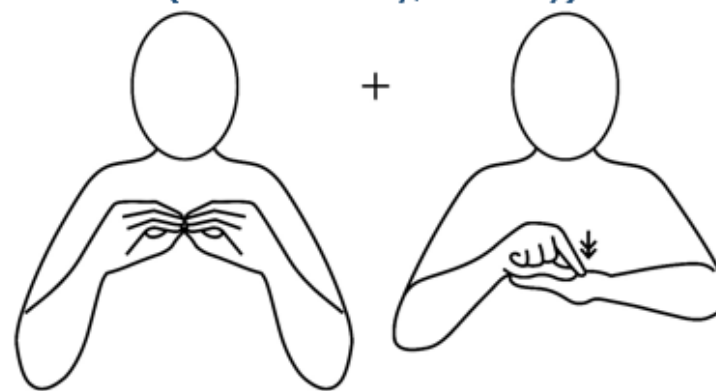
Remember (VE Day, 8th May)



Nurse (International Nurses Day, 12th May)



Bee (World Bee Day, 20th May)



Edie's jokes of the month

What time should you go to the dentist?

Tooth hurty! (*Two thirty!*)

How do you organize a space party?

Planet early! (*Plan it early!*)



Word of the month



Post-16 Transport

For any learners who will be Year 12 in September 2025, Essex County Council have required families to pay for Post-16 transport. **All applications must be completed and submitted online.**

Please complete the form on the following website under 'How to apply' before the start of summer term:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/school-transport/post-16-transport>.

If you feel that you may need some support applying for Post-16 transport, **please contact Tasha or Paula in our Family Worker team.**

Heathrow class met with some representatives from the Lord's Taverners, who have kindly fundraiser for, and donated, a table cricket set to our school!



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Don't forget, **our Parent Support Group** takes place **on Friday 6th June at 9.30am!**

Join our monthly lottery!

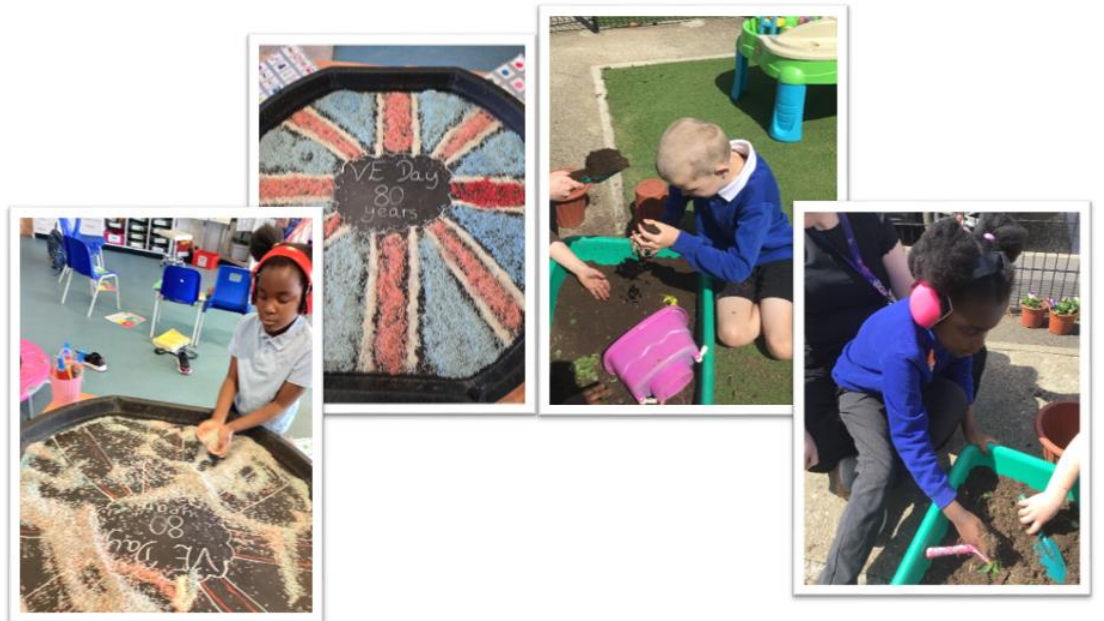
'Your School Lottery' was set up to raise money and make a difference for our amazing learners - for every ticket you play, 74.2% goes to our school and prizes! **It's only £1 per ticket with the chance to win a £25,000 grand prize!**

[Your School Lottery](#)

Thank you to everyone who chose to donate their winnings to our school!

Iguana class enjoyed learning about VE Day and exploring our themed tuff tray! We also had a disco with Wolf class, and a member of Ostrich class, which students loved!

We have also enjoyed spending more time in the garden now that the sun is out, and have been working on our gardening skills!



Warmer weather

As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure that you:

- **Put sun protection on your son/daughter** before they come into school
- **Send in a sun hat** (which is clearly labelled with your learner's name)
- **Send sufficient drinks** in for the day

If you would like staff members to reapply sun cream to your child during the day, **please remember to send in a bottle of sun cream** (clearly labelled with your learner's name) and to **complete the [Application of Sun Cream permission form](#).**

Flamingo class enjoyed the VE Day party - there was music, cakes, victory hair rolls and games!



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Owl class made flags for VE Day!



Leopard class enjoyed their red, white and blue messy play during the VE Day celebrations.



Some of our learners went on a 3 day residential to Danbury outdoors!



At The Edith Borthwick School, we respect, encourage, achieve, care, and have fun!