



Perryfields Junior School

The Friday Flyer

Week 15 – January 2025

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable winter break. This term is packed with exciting enrichment and extra-curricular activities, so please keep an eye on our communications and newsletters for all the latest updates and information.

A huge congratulations to Emily in Dahl Class for winning the Poetry Competition run by the Mighty Oak Public Speaking body. Well done, Emily—what an outstanding start to 2025 for you!

Just a gentle reminder: we've noticed several children arriving at school after the gates have closed. Late arrivals disrupt the class and mean children miss out on crucial learning opportunities. Our gates open at 8:40 am, and we kindly ask that all children are in school before 8:50 am to ensure a smooth start to the day. Thank you for your support in this.

Additionally, a few children have returned to school wearing incorrect uniform items, such as leggings instead of trousers, trainers, hoop earrings or missing their school ties. If there's a specific reason why your child cannot wear the correct uniform, please inform the school office so we can assist you.

Wishing you all a lovely, frosty weekend!

Samantha Edwards



Pupil of the Week

Cowell: Hope
Seuss: Ozzie
Walliams: Amelia
Lewis: Reggie
Dahl: Alyan
Rowling: Aniket
Tolkien: Lara
Morpurgo: Ayaan
Pullman: Lilah-Rose

Award for
Outstanding Manners
Alex – Seuss Class
Zac - Morpurgo

Spelling Award
Seuss Class

Mrs Siddall's Attendance Award
Pullman Class – 99.7%

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	98.4%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	94.9%
Year 6	98.7%



Coming Up This Half Term

Monday 13 th January	2 John's Safety Talk – email sent 6 th January
Monday 13 th January	Girls Football starts (Outside provider please see email)
Tuesday 14 th January	EPC Football Club Yrs 3&4 starts (Outside provider please see email)
Wednesday 15 th January	Dance Club starts (Outside provider please see email)
Thursday 16 th January	LAMDA starts (Outside provider please see email)
Friday 17 th January	Fencing Club starts (Outside provider please see email)
Monday 27 th January	After School Sports Clubs start – email sent 7 th January
Monday 3 rd February	Year 4 Superstars Trip – email sent 8 th January
Monday 10 th February	Year 4 Trip to Colchester Castle – email sent 8 th January
Thursday 13 th February	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day – email sent 9 th January
Friday 14 th February	Year 5 Enterprise Day Tudors – Please join us at 9.15am
Friday 28 th February	Year 4 Enterprise Day Romans – Please join us at at 9.15am
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day - Details to follow
Friday 14 th March	Book Fayre - Details to follow

Please see below our menu.

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, cucumber sticks and the dessert of the day.

Week: Two					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat	Jacket Potato Day	Nacho Chicken	Beef bolognese	Chicken Tikka Masala	Burger in a bun
Vegetarian	Jacket Potato Day	Nacho Quorn	Quorn bolognese	Vegetable Tikka Masala	Quorn Burger in a bun
Gluten Free	Jacket Potato Day	Nacho Chicken	Beef bolognese	Chicken Tikka Masala	GF Sausage
Jacket Potato	Bacon, Cheese, Beans, Tuna mayo, Tuna & Sweetcorn	Tuna & Beans	Cheese & Tuna	Beans & Cheese	Tuna/Cheese & Beans
Side Dish		Crispy Cubes & Beans	Garlic bread	Rice & Naan bread	Chips & Beans
Vegetables	Salad bar	Salad bar		Salad bar	Salad bar
Packed Lunch	Baguettes	wraps	Baguettes	Baguettes	wraps
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie	Frest Fruit or Yoghurt	St Clements Cake	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	YoYo Cookies
Drinks	Milk or Water	Milk or Water	Milk or Water	Milk or Water	Milk or Water

Next week Thursday and Friday will be swapped. Please see the email sent 10th January.



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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

Universal, suitable for all ages	Parental Guidance required	Suitable for people aged 12 and over	Suitable for people aged 12 and over, although younger children be accompanied by an adult
Suitable for people aged 15 and over	Suitable for people aged 18 and over	Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers	

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info

PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info

We are delighted to share an exciting opportunity for your child to participate in a **Science Enrichment Activity Day**, hosted by a former Perryfields Junior School teacher, Miss Howlett, during the February half-term in the local area. This activity day is tailored for children aged 7-11 (Key Stage 2) and provides a fantastic chance for students to engage in hands-on science experiments and problem-solving challenges. These activities are designed to complement the school curriculum while igniting a passion for STEM subjects in a fun and interactive way. Please find below the flyer with all the relevant details, including how to register your child for this event.



All this ...



Chemistry



Physics

Volcanic eruptions

Biology

Rockets



Bubbling potions



Flower dissection



And more!

SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Monday 17th February 2025
Great Waltham Village Hall
9am - 3:30pm

IGNITE THEIR CURIOSITY, ENRICH THEIR EXPERIENCE



£30 a child
7-11 year olds

LEAD BY A QUALIFIED TEACHER AND GUEST EDUCATIONALIST,
Msc CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT

More about the day...

Ignite your child's curiosity with a captivating day of science exploration! This engaging experience dives into the three main branches of science, sparking wonder and discovery at every turn. Through hands-on investigations, your child will not only learn but also actively experiment, deepening their understanding in an exciting and memorable way. It's a day designed to inspire the scientists of tomorrow!

Why choose us?

Choose us for an exceptional learning experience! Run by a qualified, first-aid trained, and DBS-checked teacher, our programs combine expertise with passion for a safe and engaging environment. With limited group sizes, we ensure personalised attention and plenty of hands-on activities, maximising engagement and learning. Our sessions are fully insured, cost-effective, packed with guaranteed fun, and carefully aligned with the national curriculum, giving your child a memorable and educational experience you can trust.

How to book

Booking your child's place is simple, but don't wait too long—spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis! To secure your spot, email info@firstedu.co.uk. Once we receive your email, we'll provide you with all the details regarding payment and registration to complete the process. Act now to avoid disappointment!





Scouts

2nd Chelmsford
(Springfield)

Jumble Sale

Saturday 25th January

2:15pm

The Scout Centre, Lawn Lane,
Springfield, CM1 7PP

Admission 50p
Refreshments available

2ndchelmsfordscouts.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 268683

Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment



- **Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

**Visit your
Pharmacy First!**

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied



Book from 24/12/24,
01245 605666

Pickleball



**Ages
8-11**

ACADEMY

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Pickleball is a fun paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis. The rules are simple, and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can easily develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for all.

£4.40

PER SESSION

14/1/25 - 4/2/25

16:00 - 16:55

Tuesdays

Book your 3 week course!



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