



# Fingringhoe

## Church of England (VA) Primary School

Spring Term 2026

Friday 20th March

### Dates for the diary

- KS2 Girls Sport Festival—  
Monday 23rd March at  
Stanway Fiveways Primary  
School (for those on the list  
to attend)
- Easter Service—in church  
Thursday 26th March at  
9:15am
- Beech & Maple class trip -  
Friday 27th March



### Regular clubs

- Year 6 revision club—every  
Thursday after school (until  
SATS week)
- Music lessons—every Friday  
morning (for those signed up)
- Netball club—every Friday  
after school (Elm class)
- Art club—starts on 14th April  
every Tuesday after school  
for 6 weeks (for those signed  
up)

### Reminders

- **Mersea Residential balance  
must be paid in full by  
Monday 23rd March to  
secure your child's place.**

### Dear Parents,

We have had a really enjoyable Science Week in school, with children across all year groups taking part in a range of practical and engaging activities. It has been lovely to see their curiosity and enthusiasm! Please do take the time to read through your child's class section in this newsletter to find out more about their excellent science learning during the week.

We were also very pleased to welcome Revd. Terry into school yesterday to talk to the children about this term's Christian Value of justice. The children explored what justice and injustice mean to them, finding examples from the Easter story. The children really impressed us with how well they could recall their learning about Lent and Easter, as well as the thoughtful questions they posed. The children have really enjoyed raising money for Comic Relief this week as part of Red Nose Day, showing justice in action!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Headteacher Awards	Week commencing 09/03/2026	Week commencing 16/03/2026	Science Awards
Willow Class	Rory, Marnie & Penny	Ayva & Kayden	Rory
Beech Class	Emilia & James	Charlie, Darcey, H & Mollie-May	Sarah & Shylah
Maple Class	Roseanne, Olive, Kenlie & Amadea	Harry B, Rosie, George .P& Miles	Rosie & Juno
Elm Class	Lily-Sophia & Jaxon	Presian, George & Whitney	Ollie & Daniel

## Willow

As part of science week, Willow class learnt how to care for plants and discovered what they need to grow effectively. At the outdoor classroom, they began their practical learning to embed this topic and made their own cress heads! They have also been uncovering the job of an 'entomologist' and were able to put their learning into practice with a bug hunting mission around the site. As a class, they discussed where these insects may be hiding, the habitats they thrive in and which areas would be best for their individual needs.

They have also been learning how to use a computer and applying their 'click and drag' skills to create their own representations of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.



## Beech

Last week, we used Science Week as an opportunity to learn about the 3 areas of science: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. We explored different job roles in these areas, watching videos and learning about skills needed to do a range of science related jobs. We also took part in an online 'My Future' event with lots of other schools to discover even more jobs related to science! One of our favourite experiments this week was the 'Bear Cave' experiment where we investigated what happens to our eyes and brains when it is dark and then what happens when we introduce a source of light.

We also had a great time at the outdoor classroom, searching microhabitats for wildlife, exploring pitfall traps kindly hidden for us by Maple Class and using different resources to mimic a bird's beak to create bird nests. Thank you to our volunteer parents for coming along to join the fun!



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## Maple

Maple class had a fantastic Science week, experiencing all things related to biology, chemistry and physics careers. We explored Scientist stereotypes and realised that absolutely anyone can become a scientist! On Tuesday, we went to the Outdoor Classroom and became ecologists. We created pitfall traps to try and capture some invertebrates like an ecologist would when investigating populations and we discussed Ecosystem webs and the threats to these from humans. We had lots of fun digging and exploring! Our curiosity really shone through when looking at 'Bouncy Eggs' and 'lava lamps' – we were amazed that the eggshell dissolved in vinegar leaving behind a protective membrane which meant the eggs could bounce, despite still being raw! What a curious and exciting week we had Maple, well done!



## Elm

In R.E., we have explored the differences between the Big Bang Theory and Creationism, and how different perspectives explain the origins of the universe. In Science, we have been focusing on adaptation and survival of the fittest, particularly through studying Darwin's Finch experiment, which shows how species evolve to suit their environment. Recently, in Geography, we have learnt about mining in South Wales, considering its impact on people, animals, and the country. In English, we are continuing to construct balanced arguments, using point, evidence and explanation to develop the argument for both sides. And in PSHE, Elm have been discussing how to spend and use their money wisely.

As part of Science week (and our normal Science lessons), children took part in some fossil hunting. They found examples of pre-historic fossils, like ammonites, coral, sharks teeth, and even some coprolite!



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