

Jakki Hammond Headteacher - 16th October 2026

Year 4 Colchester Zoo

Year 4 had an unforgettable day at Colchester Zoo, where they encountered incredible animals and learned about conservation and habitats. The children were full of enthusiasm and curiosity, and we're proud of how they represented our school.

Harvest Festival Celebrations

Today, the whole school came together to celebrate the Harvest Festival with joyful singing and reflection. Thank you so much for your generous donations—they will make a real difference to those in need in our community. It was heartwarming to see everyone united in gratitude and giving.

Returning borrowed School Uniform

We asking parents to wash and return clothes that have been borrowed if your child has required a change of clothes during the school day, especially underwear. We are kindly donated spare school uniform and we have a limited supply in school.

Year 5 STEAM Day Saturday 21 November 2026

On Saturday 21 November from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, Colchester Prep & High School is inviting Year 5 pupils to join us for our Year 5 "STEAM "Creative Connections" Experience Day. This exciting, hands-on event offers pupils the chance to explore the world of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) through a range of fun, interactive, and inspiring activities, including:

- Robotics with LEGO® Spike Kits: Build, code, and create robots, solve challenges, and bring ideas to life through engineering, coding, and teamwork.
- Fashion & Textiles: Experiment with colour, texture, and design to develop your own unique creations.
- Food Science: Conduct taste tests, explore the chemistry behind food, and see how science shapes flavour.

If any of your parents would like for their child to attend our "Creative Connections" event, or would like more information, they should call Admissions on 01206 217116 or email admissions@colchesterhighschool.co.uk.

This event is open to all Year 5 pupils in Colchester and the surrounding area.

Book Fair – Next Week

Our popular book fair is returning next week for parents evening. It will be open during Parents evening on Tuesday and Thursday and after school on Wednesday.



Key dates – 2026-27

Oct 2026

20th	Parents Evening
21st	Y5 Trip West Stow
21st	Giraffes ONLY Parents Evening (Tuesday and Wednesday)
22nd	Parents Evening
23rd	Non pupil day
26th -30th	Half-term

Nov 2026

2nd Nov	Non-pupil day
3rd Nov	Return to School
13th Nov	Children in Need – Non uniform, wear something yellow or spotty
19th Nov	Flu Immunisations



Attendance champions

Congratulations to **4E** whose attendance was a fantastic **99%** for the week beginning 12th October 2026.

ECPS in Pictures

The Nest

The children have been taking part in lots of spooky activities this week such as magical potions, making imaginative pumpkin soup and pie. We had fun making and decorating some spooky Halloween cupcakes and turned marshmallows into monsters.



All School



Year 1 have been busy playing in their new Greenhouse. The Garden Centre roleplay has been made possible from the RHS gardening award funding.

Year 4 had a great day out at the zoo learning about the classification of animals as a part of their science topic.



Year 6 had a very exciting afternoon learning about CPR. We learned how to put someone in the recovery position and even got the chance to use a defibrillator!

Friends News



Calling all detectives

As our investigation draws to a close and the final clues come together.

If you'd like to be in with a chance to win one of the prizes on offer.

Please submit your card **(with name and class on)** with £2 into our post box.

These need to be in by **9am, Wednesday 21st October please**, to ensure we can draw the winners and get prizes out before half term.

Put your cards in here – see below

