



Message from Mrs. Gravely

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had a lovely Christmas celebrating with family and friends.

It was lovely welcoming the children back into school on Thursday and they have settled back well after the excitement of Christmas. I cannot believe we are now into the Spring term and I am looking forward to continuing to work together to build upon the progress made in the Autumn term.

As a school, we continue to work hard to improve the attendance of all pupils. Please remember to inform the school office if your child is off sick.

We still have a number of children that are not attending school for minor ailments including stomach aches and headaches. Your child/children do not have to be absent from school for these reasons. Parents/carers are able to come to the school office to administer medicines ie. Calpol, during the school day.

Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

- R1M McKenzie
- 12G Ben
- 2R Jude
- 3R Adam
- 4W Ryder
- 5DC Bobby
- 5FH Jimmy-Lee
- 6G Tyler
- 6R William



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- R1M Preston
- 12G Ben
- 2R Max
- 3R Grace
- 4W Stanley
- 5FH Layla
- 6G Aatif
- 6R Bobby

Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 15th December to Wednesday 20th December is as follows:

Year R/1 R1M	Year 1/2 12G	Year 2 2R
78.6%	90.5%	96.1%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5DC	Year 5 5FH	Year 6 6G	Year 6 6R
90.7%	86.6%	93.4%	94.4%	94.6%	90.9%

Very well done to 2R who had the highest attendance this week, with their attendance being 96.1% and to R1M who had the most improved attendance.

Change to contact details

In order to keep our records up to date, please can we remind parents to ensure that the school is notified of any changes to contact details or addresses.

Thank you.



As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6 November 2023**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

From 6 November 2023, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

Dates for your Diary (please check as dates may change)

Monday 15th January

Yr5 swimming starts
Yr1, 2 and 3 Forest School session

Wednesday 17th January

02 Young Voices Concert

Thursday 18th January

Happy Day - non-uniform and special 'happy' lunch menu

Monday 22nd January

Yr1, 2 and 3 Forest School session
Yr5 swimming session

Tuesday 23rd January

Dance Festival at the Palace Theatre

Monday 29th January

Yr4 and 5 Forest School session
Yr5 swimming session

Wednesday 31st January

Yr1, 2 and 3 reading cafe - parents and carers welcome

Thursday 1st February

Yr4, 5, 6 reading cafe - parents and carers welcome

Monday 5th February

Yr4 and 5 Forest School session
Yr5 swimming session

Tuesday 6th February

Yr2 Australia Day assembly for parents and carers

Monday 12th February

Yr5 swimming session

Tuesday 13th February

Sponsored Pancake tossing