



Message from Mrs. Gravely

We have had a full first week back after the holiday. The children are starting their new topics and are already engaged and eager to share new facts with me.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the first two weeks of year 5 swimming, due to the extended pool maintenance at Waterside. I am sure once the children start their lessons they will really enjoy them.

Choir have been busy practising the songs ready for the Young Voices concert at the O2 on Wednesday. It looks like it's going to be an excellent evening. It will be an experience the children will remember forever.

I have reminded the children in assembly that it is important they wear their coats on the playground. I have reminded them to bring in hats, gloves and scarves as the weather is definitely getting colder.

Remember, next Thursday is our Happy Day in school. The children can wear clothes that make them happy. Nothing too impractical please. There will be a special lunch and every child having a school dinner will receive a 'slinky' toy.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

- R1M Oliver
- 12G Ellie-Rose
- 2R Sophia
- 3R Sophie
- 4W Lily-Mae
- 5DC Ryan
- 5FH Gio
- 6G Violet
- 6R Bobby



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- R1M Darcy
- 12G Hennessey
- 2R Josie
- 3R Jesse
- 4W Ryder
- 5DC Luis
- 5FH Sydney
- 6G Lilly
- 6R Felicity

Lunchtime awards

Our Midday Assistants awarded two lunchtime awards this week to Josie for being very well behaved and Chloe for being friendly and helpful.

Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 5th January to Thursday 11th January as follows:

Year R/1 R1M	Year 1/2 12G	Year 2 2R
88.6%	90.3%	93.8%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5DC	Year 5 5FH	Year 6 6G	Year 6 6R
96.3%	92.2%	85.3%	91.1%	95.7%	99.5%

Very well done to 6R who had the highest attendance this week, with their attendance being 99.5% 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.

Parking

Please be considerate if parking in the neighbouring roads when bringing or collecting your child from school. We have received some complaints regarding neighbour's driveways being blocked.

It has also been noticed that some parents are parking their cars on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school in Craven Avenue.

These lines are there for a reason and to enable the area to remain clear. It is dangerous for everyone, not just the children.

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

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