



**Message from Mrs. Gravely**

We have come to the end of another exciting and busy week at William Read.

Year 5 enjoyed learning about road safety and were able to put their knowledge into practise as they went for a local walk.

Year 4 enjoyed their Brazilian Day on Tuesday. The children looked wonderful in their brightly coloured clothes and enjoyed a range of craft activities. They ended the day with a carnival procession around the school that everyone enjoyed!

Our mixed netball team had their first match on Tuesday against Northwick Park. We lost 6-2 but the children played so well and I was very proud of them all.

Year 2 had a visit from KIT theatre company on Wednesday and they continued learning about Thomas Farriner and the Great Fire of London. The children amazed our visitors with their knowledge of London and the great fire. The day ended with their postcards being put into a time machine and being sent back to 1666! It was definitely a fun and exciting learning experience.

We ended the week with all the children in years 1, 2, 3 and 4 participating in a conductive music workshop. During the lesson, the children combined their knowledge of science and conductors to create music. They even made a keyboard work by connecting circuit wires to a piece of paper and used the graphite in pencils to make the keyboard play!

Tomorrow, two children from year 3 will represent William Read at the Remembrance Service at the Knightswick Centre. Thank you to Jesse and Spenser.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and relaxing weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

**Headteacher Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

- R1M Oliver
- 12G Eva-Maria
- 2R Umar
- 3R Isabelle
- 4W Raife

- 5DC Ava
- 5FH Teddy
- 6G Ruby
- 6R Kelsie



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- R1M Jami-Rose
- 12G Ellie
- 2R Lennon
- 3R Bella
- 4W Jayden
- 5FH Megan
- 6G Ella
- 6R Tommy

**Lunchtime Awards**

Our Midday Assistants awarded two lunchtime awards this week to Jimmy C for being very well behaved and Teddy R for being friendly and helpful.

**Attendance**

Class attendance for Friday 3rd November to Thursday 9th November is as follows:

Year R/1 R1M	Year 1/2 12G	Year 2 2R
72.9%	90%	97.6%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5DC	Year 5 5FH	Year 6 6G	Year 6 6R
90.7%	85.8%	94.7%	87.8%	95.2%	94.5%



Very well done to 2R who had the highest attendance this week, with their attendance being 97.6% and to 6R who had the most improved attendance.

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>

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.

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](http://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](http://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)

**Thursday 16th November**  
Year 5 Viking Day

**Friday 17th November**  
Children in Need

Basketball Competition

**Friday 17th November - Sunday 19th November**  
Christmas Tree Festival at St. Nicholas Church  
**Tuesday 21st November**  
Year 1 Florence Nightingale visit

**Thursday 23rd November**  
Reception Road Safety Presentation

**Thursday 30th November**  
Staff training day (Non pupil day)

**Friday 1st December**  
Staff training day (Non pupil day)

**Monday 4th December**  
Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas images to go on website  
Santa Run

**Tuesday 5th December**  
2.00pm - 5.00pm Reception, Year 1 and 2 Parent Consultations

**Wednesday 6th December**  
2.00pm - 5.00pm Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Parent Consultations

**Thursday 7th December**  
Mayor's Concert - afternoon

**Friday 8th December**  
Christmas Jumper Day

**Monday 11th December**  
9.15am - 9.45am Class R1M Christmas Concert  
10.00am - 10.30am Class 12G Christmas Concert  
Christmas Raffle tickets go on sale  
Christmas Post Box opens

**Tuesday 12th December**  
9.15am - 9.45am Class 2R Christmas Concert  
10.00am - 10.30am Class 3R Christmas Concert  
Christmas Dinner Day

**Wednesday 13th December**  
2.15pm Carol Service at St. Nicholas Church for Reception, Year 1 and 2

**Thursday 14th December**



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10th  
November  
2023

2.15pm Carol Service at St. Nicholas Church for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

### **Monday 18th December**

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Christmas Parties

### **Tuesday 19th December**

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Parties

2.00pm Year 1 and 2 Christingle at St. Nicholas Church

### **Wednesday 20th December**

School finishes at 1.30pm

### **Thursday 21 December 2023 -**

### **Wednesday 3rd January 2024**

Christmas Break

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