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Message from Mrs. Gravely

Sponsored Bounce

On Monday, RG and 1K took part in their sponsored bounce. They were supported by their parents and carers and have raised an amazing £569.00 so far. This money will be put towards the outside climbing equipment we would like to order. Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

After School Clubs

This week saw the launch of our after-school clubs. These clubs are running for 4 weeks. It is a great opportunity for children to have fun with their friends and also learn new skills.

Year 6

6G have had an exciting week with their WW2 themed days. On Tuesday, the children worked together to design and make Anderson shelters. On Wednesday, they experienced life as an evacuee during the 1940's.

Pumpkin Raffle

A would like to thank Miss Kemp in organising our pumpkin raffle. Well done to Darcy in year 3 who won the first prize. I hope you and your family enjoy visiting the pumpkin farm in Benfleet. We have raised £224.00 which will go towards equipment for the playground.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

Butterfly - Leila B
RG - Dolcie
1K - Florence
2HL - Oliver
3R - Elena
4DY - Eoin
5CH - Mason
6G - Jamie

Our Dojo Champions this week are:

RG - Eliza
1K - Jace
2HL - Evalina
3R - Amelia
4DY - Tommy
5CH - Mia F
6G - Eliza & Oliver P



Happiness Hero Awards

1K - Daniel
2HL - Darcie
3R - Ronnie
4DY - Hennessey
5CH - Maya
6G - Oliver C

Maths Awards

Our award winners this week are:

Number bonds to 5: Alexander, Darius
Number bonds to 10: Alexander, Darius
Number bonds to 20: Ivy-Mae
Bronze times table award:
Silver times table award:
Gold times table award:

TT Rockstars

Coming soon!

Remember to encourage your child to log onto TT Rockstars at home to practise their timetables.

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Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 9th October 2026 to Thursday 15th October 2026 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1 1K	Year 2 2HL
95.1%	93%	94.7%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4DY	Year 5 5CH	Year 6 6G
97.9%	95.4%	93.1%	96.7%

A big well done to **3R** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **97.9%**.

If a child is absent from school the parent must follow these procedures: Contact the school on the first day of absence before 8.45 am.

The school has an answer phone available to leave a message if nobody is available to take your call, or you may call into school personally and speak to the office staff. You may also send an email to attendance@williamread.essex.sch.uk or via Dojo Contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 8.45am Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible and you provide medical evidence, if requested, to support the absence.

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

Monday 19th October
Reception reading café

Tuesday 20th October
Year 2 big box day

Tuesday 20th October
School tour for September 2027 starters

Wednesday 21st October
Year 2 big box day

Friday 23rd October
End of half term

Friday 23rd October
Big box exhibition for year 2 parents

Half term
Monday 26th October until Friday 30th October

Monday 2nd November
Back to school

Tuesday 3rd November
Reception children height, weight and vision checks

Friday 6th November
Year 1 Hero day

Friday 13th November
Children In Need

Thursday 19th November
Year 5 Viking Day

Friday 27th November - Sunday 29th November
St Nicholas Church Christmas Tree Festival

Thursday 3rd December
Teacher Training Day

Friday 4th December
Teacher Training Day

Monday 7th December
Christmas post box opens

Monday 7th December
Carol Concert at St Nicholas

Monday 7th December
Christmas film night

Tuesday 8th December
Christingle at St Nicholas Church for 1K and 2HL

Wednesday 9th December
RG, 1K, 2HL and 3R Christmas singing concerts

Wednesday 9th December
Choir singing at CISCA House

Thursday 10th December
Choir singing at Abbyfield

Thursday 10th December
Christmas decoration afternoon

Thursday 10th December
Mayor's Christmas Concert at Waterside for choir [evening performance]

Friday 11th December
Butterfly room Christmas crafts

Friday 11th December
Christmas jumper day

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Friday 11th December
Christmas party
Monday 14th December
KS2 Christmas parties
Tuesday 15th December
RG and KS1 Christmas parties
Wednesday 16th December
Christmas dinner
Thursday 17th December
Santa Run
Friday 18th December
Christmas raffle
Friday 18th December
End of term



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Uniform Bank

We have relocated to R/O Our Lady Of Canvey R/C Church, 224, Long Road, Canvey Island, Essex SS8 0JS.

We are open every Wednesday 10am-1pm and the first Saturday of every Month.

Secondary School Applications 2027

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened recently, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2026.

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.

myHappymind

Support your child with their wellbeing using the free 'My Happy Mind' parent app.



Reading Corner

Our class champions readers this week are:

Key Stage One

2HL with 24 readers

Key Stage Two

5CH with 27 readers

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At William Read we encourage the children to read to an adult at home at least 3 times a week. The children who achieve this are counted and the class with the most readers receive a reward. In EY/KS1 the class win the reading bear and a selection of special books to share with their friends for the week. In KS2 the class win an extra 10 minutes playtime.



Information from our Reading Cafe parent sessions:



Top tips for parents:

Create a reading routine that is regular and calming

Make it fun

Remember reading to your child is just as valuable as them reading to you

Ask questions about the story

Enjoy books together

Vocabulary

Find and explain the meaning of words in context

Example questions

- What do the words ..... and ..... suggest about the character, setting and mood?
- Which word tells you that....?
- Which keyword tells you about the character/setting/mood?
- Find one word in the text which means.....
- Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to.....
- Find a word or phrase which shows/suggests that.....

Infer

Make and justify inferences using evidence from the text.

Example questions

- Find and copy a group of words which show that...
- How do these words make the reader feel? How does this paragraph suggest this?
- How do the descriptions of ..... show that they are .....
- How can you tell that.....
- What impression of ..... do you get from these paragraphs?
- What voice might these characters use?
- What was .... thinking when.....
- Who is telling the story?

Retrieve

Retrieve and record information and identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.

Example questions

- How would you describe this story/text? What genre is it? How do you know?
- How did...?
- How often...?
- Who had...? Who is...? Who did....?
- What happened to...?
- What does.... do?
- How ..... is .....?
- What can you learn from ..... from this section?
- Give one example of.....
- The story is told from whose perspective?

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Predict

Predict what might happen from the details given and implied.

Example questions

- From the cover what do you think this text is going to be about?
- What is happening now? What happened before this? What will happen after?
- What does this paragraph suggest will happen next? What makes you think this?
- Do you think the choice of setting will influence how the plot develops?
- Do you think... will happen? Yes, no or maybe? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

Explain

- Explain how content is related and contributes to the meaning as a whole.
- Explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of language.
- Explain the themes and patterns that develop across the text.
- Explain how information contributes to the overall experience.

Example questions

- Why is the text arranged in this way?
- What structures has the author used?
- What is the purpose of this text feature?
- Is the use of ..... effective?
- The mood of the character changes throughout the text. Find and copy the phrases which show this.
- What is the author's point of view?
- What affect does ..... have on the audience?
- How does the author engage the reader here?
- Which words and phrases did ..... effectively?
- Which section was the most interesting/exciting part?
- How are these sections linked?



Summarise

Summarise the main ideas from more than one paragraph

Example questions

- Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened?
- What happened after .....?
- What was the first thing that happened in the story?
- Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/middle/end of the story?
- In what order do these chapter headings come in the story?