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Newsletter

Achievement Respect Responsibility Teamwork

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Message from Mrs. Gravely

Sponsored Bounce

The updated amount raised so far is £769.00.

Thank you so much for your generous donations.

Bishop Adam

On Monday, Bishop Adam visited William Read and met our school counsellors. The children were interested in his role within the Church and asked lots of questions. Well done to our counsellors.

Reception Reading Cafe

We welcomed our Reception parents to their first reading cafe on Monday afternoon. The children were excited to share books with their grown ups and the delicious cakes were a lovely treat! As we come to the end of the first half term, I am proud of our youngest children and how they are engaging in their daily Read, Write Inc lesson. Keep up the hard work everyone.

Year 2 Big Box Day

2HL have enjoyed designing and building their London landmarks this week. The children have worked well in groups to create some amazing buildings. They are excited to invite their parents and carers into school this afternoon to share their work.

Tag Rugby

Congratulations to our tag rugby team who came 3rd in the local competition on Wednesday. Mr Spence was very proud of their determination and team work. The children came back to school with big smiles and a lovely shiny medal.

Ghosts and Monsters Music

The children in 3R and 1K have been working with some local musicians creating songs, stories and listening to opera. The children have created a story which is going to be turned into an opera. The children will have the opportunity to watch this performance early next year.

Thank you for your support to make the first half term at William Read a huge success.

Have a lovely week and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

Butterfly - Oscar

RG - Eliza

1K - Akolade

2HL - Jack

3R - Sophia

4DY - Sophia H

5CH - Umar

6G - Nicole

Our Dojo Champions this week are:

RG - Daisey

1K - Daniel

2HL - Alex and Hannah

3R - Albie

4DY - Oakley

5CH - Sophie

6G - Oliver P

Happiness Hero Awards



1K - Roman

2HL - Ella D

3R - Ella-Louise

4DY - Mason

5CH - Daisy

6G -Jenson

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Maths Awards

Our award winners this week are:

Number bonds to 5: Noah, Scarlett, Leila, Akolade, Poppy, Myles, Freddie, Marnie, Nelli-Rose, Roman, Olivia, Milo

Number bonds to 10: Scarlett, Marnie, Roman, Olivia, Milo

Number bonds to 20:

Bronze times table award: Leon, Marius

Silver times table award: Leon, Marius

Gold times table award: Marius

TT Rockstars

Coming soon!

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

Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 9th October 2026 to Thursday 22nd October 2026 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1 1K	Year 2 2HL
91.6%	87.8%	91.3%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4DY	Year 5 5CH	Year 6 6G
97.5%	95.6%	86.3%	97.3%

A big well done to **3R** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **97.5%**.

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)

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

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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
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

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.

myHappymind

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



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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.

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Reading Corner

Our class champions readers this week are:

Key Stage One

2HL with 20 readers

Key Stage Two

6G with 22 readers

RG 19 readers
1K 9 readers
2HL 20 readers
3R 19 readers
4DY 16 readers
5CH 16 readers
6G 22 readers

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.

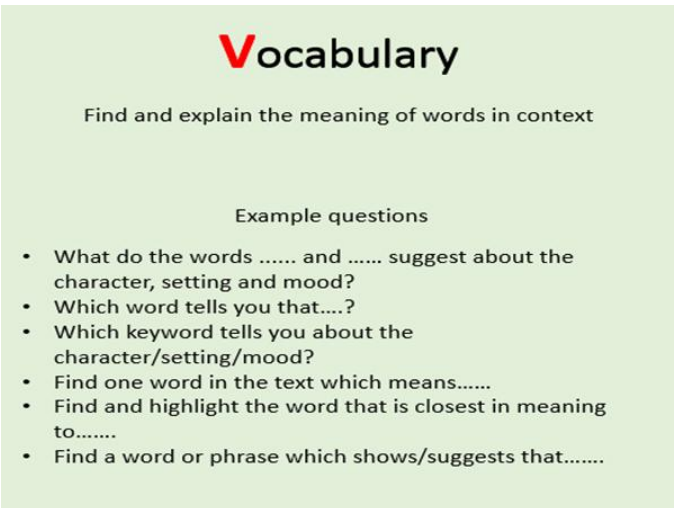


Information from our Reading Cafe parent sessions:



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



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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?

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?



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?



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?

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.