WILLIAM READ PRIMARY ACADEMY

Newsletter

Achievement Respect Responsibility Teamwork

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Message from Mrs. Gravely

Welcome back as we start the second half of the autumn term. I hope everyone enjoyed the break. We have started to arrange our exciting Christmas activities for the children. The dates can be found on the bottom of this newsletter.

I would like to start by congratulating Hannah in year 2, who represented England at the World Martial Arts Championship in France in October. Hannah won two gold medals and one bronze medal. Congratulations to Hannah, who is now world champion! We are so proud of you Hannah.

Rotary Club

Canvey Rotary Club came into school on Wednesday to present our year 4 pupils with a dictionary. We would like to thank the Rotary Club for this generous gift, which will support the children with their future education.

Year 1

Year 1 has started their topic 'People who help us', with a visit from the Fire Service. The children learnt about the uniform they wear and how they deal with emergencies. Today, the children came to school dressed as their heroes. The children had an exciting day and participated in lots of activities involving being a firefighter, police officers and hospital staff.

Have a lovely weekend.

Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

Butterfly - Thomas
RG - Tommy
1K - Nelli-Rose
2HL - Harrison P
3R - Archie
4DY - Hayley
5CH - Josie
6G - Joey

Our Dojo Champions this week are:

RG - Theo
1K - Poppy
2HL - Alex
3R - CJ
4DY - EJ
5CH - Julius
6G - Marius

Happiness Hero Awards



1K - Leila
2HL - Millie H
3R - Amima
4DY - Archie
5CH - Evie
6G - Anthony
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Maths Awards

Our award winners this week are:

Number bonds to 5:
Number bonds to 10:
Number bonds to 20:
Bronze times table award:
Silver times table award: Brodie
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 23rd October 2026 to Thursday 5th November 2026 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1 1K	Year 2 2HL
94%	93.9%	96.6%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4DY	Year 5 5CH	Year 6 6G
97.4%	92.6%	90.6%	98.7%

A big well done to **6G** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **98.7%**.

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)

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
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.

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.



Reading Corner

Our class champions readers this week are:

Key Stage One

2HL with 24 readers

Key Stage Two

5CH with 22 readers

RG 19 readers
1K 10 readers
2HL 24 readers
3R 18 readers
4DY 13 readers
5CH 22 readers
6G 19 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.

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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?