



WILLIAM READ PRIMARY ACADEMY

Issue 10

Newsletter

17th
November
2023

Achievement

Respect

Responsibility

Teamwork

Message from Mrs. Gravely

I hope everyone had a lovely, relaxing weekend. It is great to see the children in school looking refreshed for another week of exciting learning opportunities.

Last week, year 5 fully immersed themselves in their Viking day. They had opportunities to participate in an archaeological dig and bury a time capsule!

Our basketball team took part in a basketball competition at Waterside on Friday. They played against various local schools and met some fierce competition. However, they worked well as a team and it was lovely to see them encouraging their teammates.

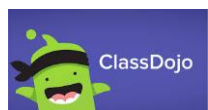
Miss Gillbe took William Read's Christmas Tree to St Nicholas Church for the annual Christmas Tree Festival. The children worked hard to create little Dutch cottages to celebrate our school turning 100 years old this year. The tree looked fabulous, well done everyone.

The children looked wonderful in their spots and non-uniform on Friday for Children In Need. As a school, we raised £90.14. Thank you for your kind donations for this worthwhile charity.

Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

- R1M Madison
- 12G Anaiyah
- 2R Julius
- 3R Cooper
- 4W Edward
- 5DC Luis
- 5FH Jessica
- 6G Connor
- 6R Eric



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- Nature Harrison
- R1M Madison

- 12G Aariz
- 2R Josie
- 3R Spenser
- 4W Edward
- 5DH Bobby
- 5FH Summer
- 6G Josie and Daisy
- 6R Tommy

Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 10th November to Thursday 16th November is as follows:

Year R/1 R1M	Year 1/2 12G	Year 2 2R
78.6%	90%	92.4%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5DC	Year 5 5FH	Year 6 6G	Year 6 6R
95%	91.9%	93.7%	93.3%	93.9%	98.6%

Very well done to 6R who had the highest attendance this week, with their attendance being 98.6 and to 4W 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. 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)

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

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
