



Message from Mrs. Gravely

I cannot express how proud I am of the children at William Read.

I am delighted to say our girls netball team had their first victory against Canvey Junior School. They won 5-2 and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the match.

Our girls football team played against Northwick Park. Although the score was 4-0 to Northwick, the girls demonstrated great perseverance and it was a great match to watch.

William Read has really entered into the Christmas spirit with our Santa Run on Monday. The children enjoyed running laps of the playground and the hot chocolate and biscuit at the end was thoroughly enjoyed. The biggest highlight was running through the snow!

We welcomed Mary and Joseph into our school on Tuesday and Reverend Marion retold the Christmas story. Yesterday, our school choir sang at the Mayor's Christmas concert. The children sang beautifully, behaved impeccably and looked so smart in our new choir tee-shirts. It was a very special afternoon.

We have ended the week in a sea of colourful Christmas jumpers and the children have enjoyed making Christmas decorations to bring home today.

I hope everyone has a restful weekend, ready for another week of Christmas festivities next week.

Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

- R1M Lara
- 12G Oakley
- 2R Sophie
- 3R Eliana
- 4W Vir
- 5DC Ethan
- 5FH Cooper
- 6G Tommy
- 6R Harry



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- Nurture Austin
- R1M Ella-Louise
- 12G Eoin
- 2R Bryana
- 3R Theo
- 4W Stanley
- 5DC Ryan
- 5FH Summer
- 6G Ruby and Ella
- 6R Aston

Lunchtime Awards

Our Midday Assistants awarded two lunchtime awards this week to Jimmy C for being very well behaved and Indie T and Samuel M for being friendly and helpful.

Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 1st December to Thursday 7th December is as follows:

Year R/1 R1M	Year 1/2 12G	Year 2 2R
80.4%	86.6%	97.4%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5DC	Year 5 5FH	Year 6 6G	Year 6 6R
95.4%	98.1%	89.5%	96.5%	95.7%	96%

Very well done to 4W who had the highest attendance this week, with their attendance being 98.1% and to R1M who had the most improved attendance.



WILLIAM READ PRIMARY ACADEMY

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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.

Change to contact details

In order to keep our records up to date, please can we remind parents to ensure that the school is notified of any changes to contact details or addresses.
Thank you.

Christmas dinner

Roast dinner will not be served on Wednesday 13th December due to the Christmas dinner on Tuesday 12th December. Wednesday's dinner will be Jacket Potato from the Tuesday menu.

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)

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

Thursday 4th January 2024

Children return to school