



**Message from Mrs. Gravely**

The staff and children at William Read are certainly in the Christmas spirit now after a week of Christmas concerts, Carol concerts at St Nicholas Church and our Christmas raffle today.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the concerts and the children certainly entertained everyone with their beautiful singing. I spotted some children who will certainly be on the West End stage in the future.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend and we look forward to our last few days in school before we finish for Christmas. I would like to remind parents and carers that school finishes at 1.30pm on Wednesday 20th December for all children. There is no child care available in the afternoon.

**Headteacher Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

- R1M Amima
- 12G Ariz
- 2R Finley
- 3R Whole class
- 4W Dollie
- 5DC Tabitha
- 5FH Megan
- 6G Aatif
- 6R Mikey

**Lunchtime Awards**

Our Midday Assistants awarded two lunchtime awards this week to Umar A for being very well behaved and Teddy S and for being friendly and helpful.

**Attendance**

Class attendance for Friday 8th December to Thursday 14th December is as follows:

Year R/1 R1M	Year 1/2 12G	Year 2 2R
74.3%	88.6%	93.1%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5DC	Year 5 5FH	Year 6 6G	Year 6 6R
90.7%	93.7%	91.1%	92.2%	98.3%	95.5%

Very well done to 6G who had both the highest attendance this week, with their attendance being 98.3% and 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.

**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.



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- R1M Jimmy
- 12G Adina
- 2R Daisy
- 3R Eliana
- 5DC Ryan
- 5FH Logan
- 6G Ella
- 6R Aston



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## Newsletter

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15th  
December  
2023

### Dinner menu change

The chicken pasta on Tuesday 19th December will be replaced with chicken meatballs and pasta.

Grab a bag will be served on Wednesday 20th December instead of the full English breakfast.

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Children return to school

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](http://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](http://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.

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

#### **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 (there will be no childcare facilities)

#### **Thursday 21 December 2023 - Wednesday 3rd January 2024**

Christmas Break

#### **Thursday 4th January 2024**