



Message from Mrs. Gravely

I would like to start by congratulating the girls' netball team, as they beat Lubbins 26-0 on Tuesday. Well played girls.

Year 5 are still enjoying their swimming lessons at Waterside and Mrs Dove has informed me that many children have moved into the big pool and are really improving their swimming skills. Well done year 5.

On Tuesday, year 6 had the London Bus Company come into school to talk about bullying. It was a great session and they commented on the exemplary behaviour of the children. Well done year 6, I am very proud of you all.

Year 6 also had an antisocial behaviour presentation from Essex Police on Thursday. Again, the children listened really well and engaged fully in the activities and discussions.

Year 5 were invited to Castle View on Thursday afternoon to watch their High School Musical Show. Both children and staff enjoyed the experience and luckily the rain stopped for the walk there and back!

This week in school we have been participating in different activities for Children's Mental Health week. Today's assembly was a celebration of the amazing work the children have produced this week. We discussed how important it is to look after our mental health and to talk to adults both in school and at home. It was lovely to see children expressing themselves through their choice of outfits, colours and patterns. It made William Read a very colourful place today.

I wish everyone a happy and relaxing weekend.

Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

- R1M Mason
- 12G Eve
- 2R Whole Class
- 3R Anthony
- 4W Lily-Mae
- 5DC Taylor
- 5FH Teddy
- 6G Eligiusz

6R Jessica



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- Nurture Elena
- R1M Ella-Louise and Michael
- 12G Eva-Maria
- 2R Josie
- 3R Spenser
- 4W Harvey
- 5DC Taylor and Bobby
- 5FH Grace
- 6G Lexie
- 6R Melissa

Lunchtime awards

Our Middy Assistants awarded two lunchtime awards this week to Max M for being very well behaved and Lewis D for being friendly and helpful.

Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 2nd February to Thursday 8th February as follows:

Year R/1 R1M	Year 1/2 12G	Year 2 2R
77.1%	89.6%	98.3%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5DC	Year 5 5FH	Year 6 6G	Year 6 6R
92.3%	81.9%	92.2%	85.3%	92.6%	88.6%

Very well done to 2R 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>

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

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 any medical evidence, if requested, to support the absence

Foster Carers Needed

Nexus Fostering based in Hornchurch, is a local fostering agency supporting and training foster carers to help and care for local children that are unable to live with their birth families. Unfortunately, the number of children being taken into care in Essex, Northeast London and South London, is increasing so the need for Foster Carers is as urgent as ever.

“At Nexus Fostering based in Hornchurch, we're looking for local people like you to become foster carers. By providing a loving and stable home environment, you can support the increasing number of children and young people in the local area who cannot live in their family homes. Not all children require long-term care. We also need foster carers for short-term placements, respite care, and to provide temporary homes to support young parents and their babies. So, if you have a spare room and are ready to change lives, please give us a call on 01452491980 or email **Bridget Fletcher** on bridgetf@nexusfostering.co.uk.”

Pupil Entrance Gate - Long Road

This will be open (unlocked) from 7.30am until 8.45am and 3.05pm until 4.15pm Monday to Friday. It will also be open from 1.25pm until 1.45pm on a Friday. This gate will no longer be tied back. Please ensure the gate is closed fully behind you.

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.

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

Monday 12th February

Yr 5 swimming session

Tuesday 13th February

Sponsored Pancake tossing

Boys football match at home against Lubbins Park

Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February

Half Term

Monday 26th February

Non pupil day

Tuesday 27th February

Year 4 trip to Colchester Castle

Thursday 29th February

Year 6 SATS meeting for parents on zoom 9.15am & 6pm

Friday 8th March

World Book Day dressing up day

Tuesday 12th March

Infant Music Festival for year 2

Thursday 14th March

Year 4 Multiplication check meeting for parents on zoom 9am & 6pm

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day



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Achievement

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Tuesday 19th March

Yr 3 History Day

Friday 22nd March

Clubs Celebration Day

Tuesday 26th March

Mrs Moore's class forest school session

Year 6 parent consultations 2pm - 6pm

Reception parent consultations 2pm - 6pm

Thursday 28th March

Grand Easter Egg Raffle

Last day of term

Monday 15th April

Return to school