



Message from Mrs. Gravely

We have come to the end of a very long and busy half term. Both children and staff are ready for a break and a time to relax with family and friends. I am so proud of year 6 as they have completed their assessments this week. They have worked so hard and should be proud of their efforts.

The boys football team had a match against Lubbins on Tuesday and won 4-1. It was a great match to watch and the boys demonstrated their great football skills.

Year 5 started their ukulele lessons in school on Monday. I am looking forward to seeing the progress the children make over the next term.

Tuesday was another exciting day in school as we held our annual pancake tossing fundraiser. The children looked very professional in their chef hats and I look forward to telling you how much money the children have raised.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Billy’s Band into William Read. The band consisted of six musicians and it was a chance for children to listen to live music and learn about the different instruments. We even had the opportunity to stand up and have a dance!

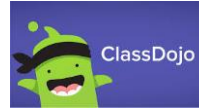
I wish you all a very happy half term and I hope we enjoy some sunny days.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 27th February.

Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

- R1M Whole class
- 12G Sienna
- 2R Ethan
- 3R Alfred
- 4W Harley
- 5DC Stanislav
- 5FH Megan
- 6G Shae-Lee
- 6R Favour



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- Nurture Florence
- R1M Oliver and McKenzie
- 12G Macey
- 2R Harry
- 3R Eilah
- 4W Dollie
- 5DC Dulcie
- 5FH Megan and Jack
- 6G Elijah
- 6R Reggie-Harry

Lunchtime awards

Our Midday Assistants awarded two lunchtime awards this week to Tommy for being very well behaved and Alfred for being friendly and helpful.

Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 9th February to Thursday 15th February as follows:

Year R/1 R1M	Year 1/2 12G	Year 2 2R
71.4%	92.8%	97.6%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5DC	Year 5 5FH	Year 6 6G	Year 6 6R
94.6%	97%	96.7%	92.4%	93.5%	99%

Very well done to 6R who had the highest attendance this week, with their attendance being 99% and 4W with 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](mailto:bridgetf@nexusfostering.co.uk) 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 19th February - Friday 23rd February
Half Term

Monday 26th February
Non pupil day

Tuesday 27th February
Return to school
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 & 5pm

Friday 15th March
Red Nose Day

Tuesday 19th March
Yr 3 History Day

Friday 22nd March
Clubs Celebration Day



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Monday 25th March

Class Photos

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

Wednesday 24th April

Yr 1 Phonics Screening Check meetings for parents on

Zoom - 9am & 5pm

Tuesday 30th April

Yr 6 Residential Trip meeting 5.00pm