



**Message from Mrs. Gravely**

It has been a pleasure to welcome our new Reception children into school this week and see them settle so well into their new classroom. Next week, they stay until 12.30pm so they can have lunch in school. This is a very exciting time for our youngest children.

Year 2 had a Teddy Bears picnic today to introduce their topic on London with the help of Paddington Bear. The children had a lovely time making sandwiches and icing biscuits.

Year 6 had their first session in Forest School yesterday. They worked on team building skills and enjoyed being creative in the environment.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Reading Cafes next week. We are starting a book swap so if you have any unwanted children’s books at home, please bring them into the office on Monday.

Can I just remind you we are a healthy school so please consider the snacks the children are bringing in for their break.

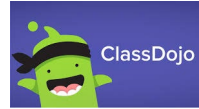
Don’t forget our parent and child craft session on Thursday morning at 9am. This is a great opportunity to find out about free parenting courses that ACL have to offer. Please sign up in the office.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Headteacher Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

- 12M Alby
- 23DH Tommy
- 3R Raife
- 4W Maisie Ann
- 5HD Selim
- 6CA Jessica



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- 12M Alby
- 23DH Sienna
- 3R Freddie
- 4W Eilah
- 5HD Oscar
- 6CA Ryan

**Lunchtime awards**

Our Midday Assistants awarded two lunchtime awards this week to Albie for being friendly and helpful and Millie for being well behaved.

**Attendance**

Class attendance for Friday 6th September to Thursday 12th September 2024 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1/2 12M	Year 2/3 23DH
	97.7%	94.1%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5HD	Year 6 6CA
100%	95.7%	97.6%	96.9%

A big well done to 3R this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being 100%.

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](mailto: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

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### **Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2025**

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday, 12 September 2024, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2024.

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 also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

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

#### **Monday 16th September**

Yr 1 and Yr 2 Reading Cafe 2:45pm

#### **Tuesday 17th September**

Yr 3 and Yr 4 Reading Cafe 2:45pm

Reception Curriculum meetings 8:45am and 5:00pm

#### **Wednesday 18th September**

Yr 5 and Yr 6 Reading Cafe 2:45pm

#### **Thursday 19th September**

Parent and child workshop 9:00am - 11:15am

#### **Friday 20th September**

Macmillan fundraising

#### **Monday 23rd September**

Yr 3, 4 and 5 Forest School

#### **Tuesday 24th September**

School Photographs - individual photos

#### **Wednesday 25th September**

Football Competition - selected children

#### **Friday 27th September**

European Day of Language

#### **Monday 30th September**

Yr 3, 4 and 5 Forest School

Yr 1 and Yr 2 Discos

#### **Tuesday 1st October**

Yr 1 and Yr 2 Forest School

Yr 5 and Yr 6 Discos

#### **Wednesday 2nd October**

Yr 3 and Yr 4 Discos

Girls Football Festival - selected children

#### **Thursday 3rd October**

Happy Day

#### **Tuesday 8th October**

Yr 1 and Yr 2 Forest School

#### **Thursday 10th October**

Yr 6 World War 2 Day



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Issue 2

## Newsletter

13th  
September  
2024

Achievement

Respect

Responsibility

Teamwork

### **Monday 14th October**

Clubs start

### **Thursday 17th October**

Reception Sponsored Bounce 2:30pm

### **Monday 21st October**

Reception Reading Cafe

### **Wednesday 23th October**

2DH Big Box Day

### **Thursday 24th October**

2DH Big Box Day

### **Friday 25th October**

Big Box Day Exhibition 2:00pm - 3:15pm

### **Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November**

Half Term