



Message from Mrs. Gravely

What an exciting week we have had at William Read. Year 5 had an Egyptian day on Monday. They made necklaces, headdresses and went on an Ancient Egyptian treasure hunt. Then today, year 5 had a visit from a Detective Sergeant in the forensic department of the Metropolitan Police. He spoke to the children about preserving and collecting different types of evidence from a crime scene. This links to their forensic science topic. Year 6 had WW2 shelter day on Thursday. They made Anderson shelters and used their technology skills very well. They had the opportunity to use saws and glue guns. Reception held their sponsored bounce and enjoyed bouncing on the castle in front of their parents and carers. So far they have raised about £800.00 for new equipment for their outside area. The boy's football team had a home game against Hockley Primary. We witnessed great teamwork and effort from all the boys. I am looking forward to year 2 big box day next week. The children will be designing and creating their London landmarks and then showcasing them to parents next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Essex Activate Holiday Camp

The Deanes are running Activate holiday camps for children aged 5-14 years old, who are eligible for benefits based free school meals or from low income working families. The camps are free to attend and each day children will participate in both sporting and enrichment activities, as well as receiving lunch.

You will not require a Wonde code to book onto these sessions. Instead, head to Deanes Sports Centre website <https://deanessportscentre.com/holiday-camps/> and scroll to the bottom of the page, where you will find the 'Activate Holiday Camps' heading. Please refer to the calendar under this heading and select all dates required.

This half term, Deanes are running camps on the following dates –

Monday 28th October 2024 – Wednesday 30th October 2024 inclusive, 10am-3pm.

Further information can be found via this link - <https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/>

Should you have any further questions on these camps please contact management@deanessportscentre.com

Parent Pay

We have a number of accounts on Parent Pay for Breakfast Club, Dinners and Friday Afternoon Club that are in arrears.

Please can parents/carers check your child's account regularly and if it has fallen into arrears, please bring it up to date.

If you need your Parent Pay login details please contact the school office.

Schoolcomms Messaging

The number used to send and receive text messages through Schoolcomms will be changing from 01268 833263 to 07507271432 on 11th October.

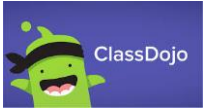
Please ensure that all future texts are directed to this new number.



Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

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| RG | Thomas |
| 12M | Amima |
| 23DH | Archie |
| 3R | Mason |
| 4W | Oliver C |
| 5HD | Isla |
| 6CA | Ethan |



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- Nurture Isaac
- RG Louis
- 12M Jimmy
- 23DH Bo
- 3R Maya
- 4W Henry
- 5HD Lexi
- 6CA Layla

Dulcie - 6CA

Silver Times Tables

- Mille - 4W
- Jessica - 6CA
- Nieve - 6CA
- Grace - 6CA

Gold Times Tables

- Millie - 4W
- Jessica - 6CA

Platinum Times Tables

Jessica - 6CA



Maths Awards

Our award winners this week are:

Bronze Number Bonds

- Jake - 12M
- Kore - 12M
- Oliver 12M
- Amima - 12M
- Lennon - 3R

Silver Number Bonds

- Sophia - 23DH
- Tommy - 23DH
- Nariah - 23DH
- Lennon - 3R

Gold Number Bonds

Sophia - 23DH

Bronze Times Tables

- Henry - 4W
- Adam - 4W
- Isabel - 4W
- Alfie - 4W
- Jessica - 6CA

Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 11th October to Thursday 17th October 2024 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1/2 12M	Year 2/3 23DH
95.6%	92.3%	96.1%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5HD	Year 6 6CA
94.3%	99.3%	84.8%	91.6%

A big well done to 4W this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being 99.3%.

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

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. 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.

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

Monday 21st October

Reception Reading Cafe

Wednesday 23rd October

2DH Big Box Day

Thursday 24th October

2DH Big Box Day

Friday 25th October

Big Box Day Exhibition 2:00pm - 3:15pm for 2DH parents

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Half Term

Canvey Island School Uniform Bank

Every Thursday 10am - 2pm in the Community Suite, Castle View School.

Every item is free.

