

**Message from Mrs. Gravely**

Happy half term everyone. We have come to the end of a very long and busy half term. The children and staff deserve a well earned rest next week ready for the most exciting half term leading up to Christmas.

This week, we welcomed our Reception parents into school for their first reading cafe. It was wonderful to see so many parents enjoy reading with their children.

Mrs Dove and Mrs Harris' class enjoyed their big box days this week. I have been impressed with the children's team work, designing and creating skills and their London landmarks are magnificent.

Today in assembly, we welcomed some children from William Read and Northwick Park to demonstrate what they have been learning in their musical instrument lessons. At present, we offer 1:1 drumming and piano lessons and there is an opportunity to learn the guitar. If this is something your child would like to do, please ask for a letter in the school office.

We have been celebrating the children's attendance in school today and I would like to congratulate all the children who have achieved 100% attendance this half term. Each child was presented with a certificate and a small prize.

Teachers have been busy selecting their half term star today. This is an award given to a child who has shown outstanding effort, behaviour and resilience throughout the last 8 weeks. Each winner received a certificate and a book.

Congratulations to our winners.

Reception: Millie

Year 1: Ved

Year 2: Archie

Year 3: Matei

Year 4: Isabel

Year 5: Indie

Year 6: Nieve

I wish everyone a lovely half term and I hope you enjoy spending time with family and friends.

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**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 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:management@deanessportscentre.com)

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**Parent Pay**

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

Please ensure your accounts are brought up to date before we return back to school on Monday 4th November.

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**Schoolcomms Messaging**

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

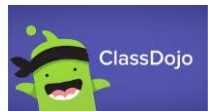
Please ensure that all future texts are directed to this new number.



**Headteacher Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

- RG Whole Class
- 12M Jake
- 23DH Adina
- 3R Finley
- 4W Henry
- 5HD Ryder
- 6CA Megan



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

**Nurture Morgan**

- RG Vinny
- 12M Madison
- 23DH Archie
- 3R Skyla
- 4W Olivia
- 5HD Noah
- 6CA Summer



**Maths Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

**Bronze Times Tables**

- Jamie S - 4W
- Ethan M - 6CA
- Logan C - 6CA
- Pearl R - 6CA

**Silver Times Tables**

- Ethan M - 6CA

Pearl R - 6CA

**Gold Times Tables**

- Bella R - 4W
- Grace G - 6CA
- Pearl R - 6CA

**Platinum Times Tables**

- Bella R - 4W
- Grace G - 6CA

**Attendance**

Class attendance for Friday 18th October to Thursday 24th October 2024 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1/2 12M	Year 2/3 23DH
97.4	91.2%	94.2%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5HD	Year 6 6CA
91%	95%	89.6%	92.2%

A big well done to RG this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being 97.4%.

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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### Canvey Island School Uniform Bank

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

Every item is free.

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

Half Term

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