



Message from Mrs. Gravely

What a great first half term we have had! The children have worked so hard but I think everyone is ready for a well deserved rest.

We started the week with Egyptian Day in year 5. The children made Egyptian collars and headdresses and learnt about hieroglyphics. I was impressed with their clay cartouches.

Year 2 have excelled in big box day and created their London landmarks. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers visit the exhibition. I felt like I was actually walking around the city and what a surprise to see Mrs Lane on the balcony of Buckingham Palace!

Remember, our after school clubs continue after half term for another two weeks.

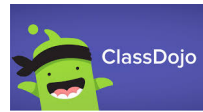
Lastly, I want to congratulate 2R on winning the attendance treat for the best overall attendance for this half term. I am sure the children enjoyed their sweet treat.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing half term holiday and I look forward to seeing the children in school on Monday 30th October.

Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

- R1M Brodie
- 12G Hennessey
- 2R Whole Class
- 3R Alfie
- 4W Stanley
- 5DC Mason
- 5FH Summer
- 6G Max
- 6R Lacey-Mai



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- R1M Darcy-Rae
- 12G May
- 2R Mia
- 3R Eliza
- 4W Ellie-Harper
- 5DC Scott
- 5FH Layla
- 6G Ruby
- 6R Shanay

Lunchtime Awards

Our Midday Assistants awarded two lunchtime awards this week to Aariz for being very well behaved and Ann-Marie for being friendly and helpful.

Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 13th October to Thursday 19th October is as follows:

Year R/1 R1M	Year 1/2 12G	Year 2 2R
67.1%	92.1%	96.2%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5DC	Year 5 5FH	Year 6 6G	Year 6 6R
96.8%	89.2%	87.4%	95%	92.2%	92.7%

Very well done to 3R, who for the second week running have had the highest attendance, with their attendance this week being 96.8%.

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<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

**Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2024**

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.

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 2024-25 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Dates for your Diary (please check as dates may change)**Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October**

Half term

Tuesday 31st October

Reception Sponsored Bounce

Year 1 Hero Day

Wednesday 1st November

Flu Immunisations

Monday 6th November

Year 5 Road Safety Walk

Tuesday 7th November

Year 5 Road Safety Walk

Year 4 Brazilian Carnival Day

9.30am School tour for prospective parents

Thursday 9th November

Year 3 and 4 Conductive Music Workshops

Friday 10th November

Year 1 and 2 Conductive Music Workshops

Thursday 16th November

Year 5 Viking Day

Friday 17th November

Children in Need

Basketball Competition

Friday 17th November - Sunday 19th November

Christmas Tree Festival at St. Nicholas Church

Tuesday 21st November

Year 1 Florence Nightingale visit

Thursday 23rd November

Reception Road Safety Presentation

Thursday 30th November

Staff training day (Non pupil day)

Friday 1st December

Staff training day (Non pupil day)

Monday 4th December

Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas images to go on website
Santa Run

Tuesday 5th December

2.00pm - 5.00pm Reception, Year 1 and 2 Parent Consultations

Wednesday 6th December

2.00pm - 5.00pm Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Parent Consultations

Thursday 7th December

Mayor's Concert - afternoon

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 11th December

9.15am - 9.45am Class R1M Christmas Concert

10.00am - 10.30am Class 12G Christmas Concert

Christmas Raffle tickets go on sale

Christmas Post Box opens

Tuesday 12th December

9.15am - 9.45am Class 2R Christmas Concert

10.00am - 10.30am Class 3R Christmas Concert

Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 13th December

2.15pm Carol Service at St. Nicholas Church for Reception, Year 1 and 2



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Thursday 14th December

2.15pm Carol Service at St. Nicholas Church for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Monday 18th December

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Christmas Parties

Tuesday 19th December

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Parties

2.00pm Year 1 and 2 Christingle at St. Nicholas Church

Wednesday 20th December

School finishes at 1.30pm

Thursday 21 December 2023 -

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Christmas Break
