



**Message from Mrs. Gravely**

Year 1 enjoyed a WOW moment this week when they had a visit from Florence Nightingale. She told the children about looking after the sick and how she was known as ‘The lady with the lamp’ because she would carry a lamp to check on her patients at night. The children enjoyed making their own lamps.

We have also enjoyed a week of sporting events at William Read. The girls football team played against Northwick Park. Well done girls for playing as a team and showing great resilience. On Wednesday, our tag rugby team played in a competition at Canvey Rugby Club. Although it was a bitterly cold day, the team played well and got through to the quarter finals. Well done everyone.

It was lovely to see some parents in school this morning who were attending the Understanding Children’s Anxiety workshop. I hope everyone found it useful. Please keep looking out for future workshops with ACL. Lastly, I would like to say well done to year 6 as they have come to the end of their assessment week. You have all worked so hard and I am very proud of your effort and attitude to your learning. Keep up the hard work.

I wish everyone a happy and relaxing weekend.

**Parent Pay**

We still seem to be chasing outstanding payments for breakfast, dinner and Friday afternoon club.

Despite reminders and requests for accounts to be brought up to date, some accounts are still in arrears.

Please ensure you check your accounts regularly.

Thank you.

**Schoolcomms Messaging**

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

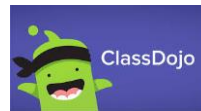
Please ensure that all future texts are directed to this new number.



**Headteacher Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

- RG Darius
- 12M George
- 23DH Felicity
- 3R Mia L
- 4W Alfie
- 5HD Raife
- 6CA Stanislav



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- Nurture Isaac
- RG Florence
- 12M Brodie
- 23DH Adina
- 3R Mia F
- 4W Grace
- 5HD Vir
- 6CA Logan



**Maths Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

**Bronze Number Awards**

- Eve - 23DH
- Millie - 3R

**Silver Number Awards**

- Millie - 3R



**Bronze Times Tables**

- Harry M - 3R
- Freddie - 3R
- Jamie - 4W
- Dollie - 5HD
- Lexi - 5HD
- Lily-Mae - 5HD

**Silver Times Tables**

- Isabel - 4W
- Chloe - 4W
- Millie M - 5HD
- Lexi - 5HD

**Gold Times Tables**

- Lexi - 5HD

**Attendance**

Class attendance for Friday 15th November to Thursday 21st November 2024 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1/2 12M	Year 2/3 23DH
93.7%	94.2%	97.8%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5HD	Year 6 6CA
93%	97.1%	90%	93.8%

A big well done to **23DH** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being 97.8%. 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

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 4 November 2024**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**.

**From 4 November 2024**, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

All of the application information is available on the website above. The website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

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

**Wednesday 20th November**

Tag Rugby (selected children)

**Friday 22nd November**

ACL Understanding Children's Anxiety course (sign up in the office)

**Monday 25th November**

Year 5 Viking Day



# WILLIAM READ PRIMARY ACADEMY

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## Newsletter

22nd  
November  
2024

Achievement

Respect

Responsibility

Teamwork

### Thursday 28th November

Mayor's concert at Waterside (school choir)

### Friday 29th November

Flu Immunisations

### Monday 2nd December

Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas video goes live

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church

### Tuesday 3rd December

Reception and Year 1 Christmas concerts - am

### Wednesday 4th December

Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas concerts - am

### Thursday 5th December

Training Day - non pupil day

### Friday 6th December

Training Day - non pupil day

### Monday 9th December

Christmas Post Box opens

Christmas Raffle tickets go on sale

### Tuesday 10th December

Parent Consultations - Reception, 12M and 23DH

Height, weight and vision checks - Reception

### Wednesday 11th December

Parent Consultations - 3R, 4W, 5DH and 6CA

### Thursday 12th December

Xmas Jumper Day - 50p voluntary contribution

Santa Run - Reception to Year 6

### Tuesday 17th December

Christmas dinner

### Wednesday 18th December

Christmas parties

### Thursday 19th December

Carol Concert at St Nicholas Church

### Friday 20th December

Christmas Raffle draw

School finishes at 2pm for Christmas

(Friday afternoon club open 2:00pm - 3:15pm)

### Monday 6th January 2025

Spring term begins - Children back to school

### Canvey Island School Uniform Bank

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

Every item is free.

