



**Message from Mrs. Gravely**

I would like to start today's newsletter by congratulating the children who sang so beautifully last night at the Mayor's Christmas Concert at Waterside. It was a lovely way to start the festive season and I am extremely proud of the way the children sang and behaved. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the performance. Miss Hartley is already talking about next year!

On Monday, year 5 enjoyed their Viking Day. They engaged in all the creative activities including making clay Rune stones, weaving and brooches. They enjoyed dressing up in chain mail.

We invited Reverend Marian into school on Tuesday and she brought Mary, Joseph and the donkey. She told the Christmas story and the children promised to look after the figurines. Later that day, we delivered them to Leigh Beck Infants.

The children in years 3, 4 and 5 have completed their assessments this week. Well done for your hard work, we are very proud of you.

The girls football team played against Northwick Park yesterday afternoon. It was a great match and Mr Spence was impressed with the improvements shown throughout the game. Well done girls.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Headteacher Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

- RG Ivy
- 12M Ernie
- 23DH Oakley
- 3R Matei-Daniel
- 4W Cooper
- 5HD Jayden
- 6CA Luis



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- Nurture Stanley
  - RG Ella D
  - 12M Ernie
  - 23DH Anaiyah
  - 3R Charlie
  - 4W Elsie
  - 5HD Edward H
  - 6CA Logan
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**Maths Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

**Bronze Number Bonds**

- McKenzie - 12M
- Oakley - 23DH
- Aariz - 23DH
- Aaron - 23DH



**Silver Number Bonds**

McKenzie - 12M  
Aaron - 23DH

**Gold Number Bonds**

Aaron - 23DH

**Bronze Times Tables**

Maya - 3R  
Ralphy - 3R  
Mia F - 3R  
Harry C - 3R

**Silver Times Tables**

Ivy - 3R

**Gold Times Tables**

Jude - 3R

**Attendance**

Class attendance for Friday 22nd November to Thursday 28th November 2024 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1/2 12M	Year 2/3 23DH
95.3%	93.8%	97%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5HD	Year 6 6CA
96%	93.6%	92%	93.4%

A big well done to **23DH** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **97%**.

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)

**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.

