



**Message from Mrs. Gravely**

I cannot believe we are at the end of the Autumn term. It has been a long but enjoyable first term at William Read. We have had a busy but fun and exciting week in school with a special visit from Santa on Monday. I would like to thank Canvey Rotary Club for arranging this.

On Tuesday, we had our Christmas dinner which was a huge success with lots of children enjoying their Christmas dinner with crackers, music, laughter and of course some super Christmas jumpers. I would like to thank Mrs Sousa, Mrs Lewis and all the staff who worked so hard to cook and serve a lovely Christmas dinner.

On Wednesday, the children came into school wearing their fancy party clothes and enjoyed dancing and playing games with their friends. The children and staff certainly had a great time.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the Christmas Carol service at St Nicholas yesterday afternoon. The children sang beautifully and year 6 certainly did us proud with their readings.

Today, we have celebrated the children’s achievements in assembly, including timetables, number bonds and attendance. It was fantastic to see so many children receive a certificate for 100% attendance. Well done to those children.

The most exciting event today was the Christmas raffles. Congratulations to all the lucky parents/carers and children who won prizes. We have raised £426.73, which we will spend on playground equipment that the children can enjoy at break times.

I would like to thank all the staff for their continuous hard work and support this term. We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Wright, who is leaving William Read after many years of dedicated service. She has supported so many of our families over this time and has been a valued member of staff. We wish her lots of luck and good wishes for her retirement.

I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.  
See you all on January 6th.



**Headteacher Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

- RG Ella D
- 12M Darcy
- 3R Harry M
- 6CA Scott



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- Nurture Stanley Barrett
- RG Scarlett-Rose
- 12M Zachary
- 3R Sophie G
- 6CA Ryan



**Maths Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

**Bronze Number Bonds**

- Brodie - 12M
- Archie - 12M
- George - 12M

**Silver Number Bonds**

- George - 12M
- Jake - 12M

**Bronze Times Tables**

- Elsie - 4W
- Vir - 5HD



**Silver Times Tables**

Grace - 4W  
Adam - 4W  
Samuel 5HD  
Jamie - 6CA

**Gold Times Tables**

Samuel - 5HD  
Alaya - 5HD

**Platinum Times Tables**

Samuel 5HD

**Attendance**

Class attendance for Friday 13th December 2024 to Thursday 19th December 2024 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1/2 12M	Year 2/3 23DH
90.9%	91.2%%	85.9%%

Year 3 3R	Year 4 4W	Year 5 5HD	Year 6 6CA
90.7%	94.8%	89.5%	98.4%

A big well done to **6CA** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **98.4%**.

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

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 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.

