



**Message from Mrs. Gravely**

It has been lovely to see so many parents and children enjoying our reading cafes this week. It was an opportunity for families to enjoy reading together and the cakes were delicious and enjoyed by everyone.

It is so important to read with your children and promote the love of reading.

We have also held our Reception curriculum meetings this week. This was a chance for our reception parents to learn about their child’s day in school, the curriculum and how we teach reading through Read, Write Inc. It was lovely to meet you all.

The Reception children have stayed for lunch this week and we are so proud of them. They have been superstars.

We have received guidance from Essex regarding children wearing earrings for PE. The latest guidance is that the wearing of earrings is strictly prohibited. If your child is wearing earrings, they will be asked to remove them. If they are unable to do this, they will be unable to participate in the lesson.

Yesterday, the children had a special assembly from the Fire and Rescue Service about keeping themselves safe around water. The children listened well and could share some of the key messages at the end of the assembly.

We have launched our new ‘My Happy Mind’ programme in school this week. It is a programme designed for schools and families who care about developing the mental wellbeing of children. Children will learn about how their brain works and grows, how to look after their brain and how to calm down and feel happy. We will be sending a parent letter home soon to give you information about how to download a parent app with lots of handy tips and breathing exercises for you to use at home. I am sure you will agree ‘My Happy Mind’ is an exciting and valuable programme for our school community.

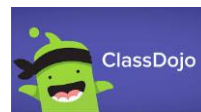
Have a lovely weekend.



**Headteacher Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

- 1W Ronnie
- 23R Zachary
- 34DY May
- 4R Millie
- 5CH Jamie
- 6G Samuel



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- Nurture Isaac
- 1W Ivy-Mae
- 23R Jake
- 34DY Preston
- 4R Sophia
- 5CH Olivia
- 6G Isla

**Attendance**

Class attendance for Friday 12th September 2025 to Thursday 18th September 2025 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1 1W	Year 2/3 23R
95.2%	91.1%	94.2%

Year 3/4 34DY	Year 4 4R	Year 5 5CH	Year 6 6G
96.6%	92.4%	89.3%	94.6%

A big well done to **34DY** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **96.6%**.



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 medical evidence, if requested, to support the absence.

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### **Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2026**

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Friday, 12 September 2025, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.

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 2026-27 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Reception children full time  
Class 4R & 5CH Forest School

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Football Festival - selected children

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Macmillan fundraising (Green tops)

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Class 1W, 23R & 34DY Disco  
Class 4R & 5CH Forest School

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Girls Football Festival - selected children

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Happy Day 😊

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Class 4R, 5CH & 6G Disco

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Class 6G WW2 Day in school

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Class 6G Shelter Day in school

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

RG Sponsored Bounce  
School photos  
Harvest Festival

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Y1-Y6 Clubs start (for 4 weeks)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Class RG Reading Café

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Class 5CH Egyptian Day



**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Class 23R Big Box Day

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Class 23R Big Box Day

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Class 23R Big Box exhibition 2:00pm and 3:15pm

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Half Term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Children return to school

**Advance Notice - Training Days**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

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Visit your local  
**Pharmacy First**

Our pharmacy can support you with seven common illnesses (see below for details)

**without needing a GP appointment.**

**Ask us for more information about the service.**

This free service is funded by NHS England

**What does the service involve?**

It involves pharmacists providing advice & NHS-funded treatment where appropriate for seven common conditions:

1. Sinusitis
2. Sore throat
3. Ear infection in children
4. Infested insect bite
5. Impetigo
6. Shingles
7. Urinary tract infection in women

**Ask us for more information about eligibility.**

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