



Message from Mrs. Gravely

This week we celebrated our Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church. The children behaved impeccably and enjoyed singing our harvest songs. Our food donations will go to the local food bank.

Year 6 are learning about WW2 and as part of the topic they came to school dressed as evacuees on Wednesday. They learnt about life in these times and got the opportunity to use old money to buy food items. It was an enjoyable day for the children and staff. On Thursday, year 6 used their DT skills to make Anderson shelters. They had the opportunity to design, saw, glue and paint. They thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The reception children had a great time at their sponsored bounce yesterday. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers supporting them and raising money for their new outside area.

Today, 1W and 23R had the opportunity to learn about looking after their teeth and the importance of visiting the dentist. Next week they will be bringing home some useful resources to support teeth brushing in the home.

Next week, we are looking forward to launching our clubs for this term. I am sure the children will enjoy the opportunity to learn new skills and socialise with their friends. Remember they can collect hours for Children's University.

Have a lovely weekend.



Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

- RG Olivia
- 1W Ella D
- 23R Lara
- 34DY Aaron
- 4R Calli-Grace
- 5CH Jesse
- 6G Harry A



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- Nurture Florence
- RG Akolade
- 1W Florence
- 23R Lara
- 34DY Millie
- 4R Daisy
- 5CH Millie
- 6G Samanta



Happiness Hero Awards

- 1W Adrian K
- 23R Ronnie
- 34DY Aariz
- 4R Julius
- 5CH Olivia
- 6G Edward H



Maths Awards

Our award winners this week are:

Silver Number Bonds

- May - 34DY
- Eva-Rose - 34DY

Gold Times Tables

- Freddie - 4R



TT Rock Stars most improved studio speed -

1st - Sophia-Anne 4R

2nd - Freddie 4R

3rd - Harry C - 4R

Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 3rd October 2025 to Thursday 9th October 2025 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1 1W	Year 2/3 23R
88.8%	98.2%	90.4%

Year 3/4 34DY	Year 4 4R	Year 5 5CH	Year 6 6G
89.2%	97.9%	97.9%	91.9%

A big well done to **1W** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **98.2%**.

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

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.

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. 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.

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

Monday 13th October

Y1-Y6 Clubs start (for 4 weeks)

Wednesday 15th October

Class RG Reading Café - 2.30pm

Monday 20th October

Class 5CH Egyptian Day
Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 22nd October

Class 23R Big Box Day

Thursday 23rd October

Class 23R Big Box Day

Friday 24th October

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



Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

Half Term

Monday 3rd November

Children return to school

Advance Notice - Training Days

Thursday 4th December

Friday 5th December



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.
