



**Message from Mrs. Gravely**

Happy half term everyone. We have come to the end of a very long and busy half term. The children and staff deserve a well earned rest next week ready for the most exciting half term leading up to Christmas.

Today it was lovely to see so many Reception and year 1 parents looking around our new classrooms. It is a very exciting time and we are so proud to be able to share the new rooms with you. It is clear to see how much hard work and dedication has gone into setting up these new rooms. Well done to Mrs Westbrook and Miss Gillbe's teams.

Mrs Rogers' class enjoyed their big box days this week. I have been impressed with the children's team work, designing and creating skills and their London landmarks are magnificent.

Year 5 enjoyed their Egyptian day and immersed themselves into the experience.

We have been celebrating the children's attendance in school today and I would like to congratulate all the children who have achieved 100% attendance this half term. Each child was presented with a certificate and a sweet treat.

I wish everyone a lovely half term and I hope you enjoy spending time with family and friends.



**Headteacher Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

RG	Freddie
1W	Ivy-Mae
23R	Albie
34DY	Preston
4R	Lennon
5CH	Cooper
6G	Samanta



**Our Dojo Champions this week are:**

Nurture	All children
RG	Luna
1W	Devon
3R	Ella-Louise
34DY	Sophia
4R	Bobby
5CH	Olivia
6G	Noah



**Happiness Hero Awards**

1W	Sophia
23R	McKenzie
34DY	Chloe
4R	Mia L
5CH	Jesse
6G	Harry A



**Maths Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

**Bronze Times Tables**

Samanta - 6G
Mollie-Mae - 6G
Ellen - 4R

**Silver Times Tables**

Alfie - 4R
Lennon - 4R
Ralphy - 4R
Harry M - 4R



**Gold Times Tables**

Ralphy - 4R  
Maya - 4R  
Harry C - 4R

**Platinum Times Tables**

Bobby - 4R

**TT Rock Stars**

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**Attendance**

Class attendance for Friday 17th October 2025 to Thursday 23rd October 2025 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1 1W	Year 2/3 23R
95.4%	92.9%	97.5%

Year 3/4 34DY	Year 4 4R	Year 5 5CH	Year 6 6G
97.7%	92.4%	95.9%	91.9%

A big well done to **34DY** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **97.7%**.

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.

**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.

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

**Monday 27th - Friday 31st October**

Half Term

**Monday 3rd November**

Children return to school

Flu Immunisation 2nd session 12:30 - 3:00pm

**Tuesday 4th November**

Yr 5 Relationship RSE - Parent Zoom 9:15am & 5:00pm

Reception Height and Weight checks

**Wednesday 5th November**

Tours for new Reception Sept 26 starters - 9:30am



**Thursday 6th November**

Yr 4 Brazilian Day

Tours for new Reception Sept 26 starters - 11:00am

**Friday 7th November**

Yr 1 Heroes Day

**Monday 10th November**

Anti Bullying Week

Odd Sock Day

Tours for new Reception Sept 26 starter - 9:30am

**Thursday 13th November**

Clubs finish

**Friday 14th November**

Children in Need

**Advance Notice - Training Days**

**Thursday 4th December**

**Friday 5th December**

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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.**

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**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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