



Message from Mrs. Gravely

Year 1 enjoyed a WOW moment this week when they had a visit from Florence Nightingale. She told the children about looking after the sick and how she was known as 'The lady with the lamp' because she would carry a lamp to check on her patients at night. The children enjoyed making their own lamps.

The children enjoyed an assembly on Tuesday about 'Superkind' and how we can make a positive difference to a person, community and nature. They came up with lots of exciting ideas to earn social actions both in school and at home.

Our Young Carers also enjoyed a special time together on Tuesday and enjoyed icing biscuits for themselves and their families. At William Read, we are very proud of our young carers and the support they give to family members.

We have also enjoyed a week of sporting events at William Read. The netball team played against Northwick Park on Tuesday. It was a great game and the girls narrowly lost 6-5. Well done girls. On Wednesday, our tag rugby team played in a competition at Canvey Rugby Club. Although it was a bitterly cold and very wet day, the team played well and enjoyed the experience. Well done everyone.

William Read is taking part in the St Nicholas Christmas Tree Festival which runs from today until Sunday afternoon. Please pop along and support our school as there is a prize for the best tree.

Lastly, I would like to say well done to year 6 as they have come to the end of their assessment week. You have all worked so hard and I am very proud of your effort and attitude to your learning. Keep up the hard work.

I wish everyone a happy and relaxing weekend.



Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

- RG Florence O
- 1W Ethan
- 23R Brodie
- 34DY Jacob
- 4R Freddie
- 5CH Sophie
- 6G Ryder



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- Nurture Florence
- RG Izabela
- 1W Jayda
- 23R McKenzie
- 34DY Tommy
- 4R Matei
- 5CH Nicole
- 6G Mollie-Mae



Happiness Hero Awards

- 1W Harry C
- 23R Amima
- 34DY Nova
- 4R Mia F
- 5CH Maisie Ann
- 6G Noah



Maths Awards

Our award winners this week are:

Bronze Times Tables

- Sulieman - 23R
- Max - 4R
- Jude - 4R

Silver Times Tables

- Calli-Grace - 4R

Gold Times Tables

- Matei - 4R

Platinum Times Tables

- Harry C - 4R

Bronze Number Bonds

- Nova - 34DY

Silver Number Bonds

- Lara B - 23R
- Oliver M - 23R

Gold Number Bonds

- Mason - 34DY

TT Rock Stars

- 1st - Jude 4R
- 2nd - Mollie-Mae 6G
- 3rd - Calli-Grace 4R

Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 14th November 2025 to Thursday 20th November 2025 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1 1W	Year 2/3 23R
90.8%	93.6%	95.8%

Year 3/4 34DY	Year 4 4R	Year 5 5CH	Year 6 6G
93.1%	96.9%	99.3%	96.7%

A big well done to **5CH** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **99.3%**.

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.

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 10 November 2025**, 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 2026**.

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.



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The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2026-27 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

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

Friday 21st - Sun 23rd Nov

Christmas Tree Festival at St. Nicholas Church

Tuesday 25th November

Netball match as home against Thundersley Primary

Wednesday 26th November

23R at Deanes for Winter Games

Girls football match at Lubbins

Thursday 27th November

Boys football match at Northwick Park

Friday 28th November

Tour for new Reception Sept 26 starters - 9.30am

Monday 1st December

Years 4 - 6 Christmas videos live on website

34DY Christmas Concert at 2.00pm

RG Christmas Concert at 2.30pm

Tuesday 2nd December

23R Christmas Concert at 2.00pm

1W Christmas Concert at 2.30pm

Wednesday 3rd December

Tour for new Reception Sept 26 starters - 2.00pm

Thursday 4th December

Training Day - School closed

Friday 5th December

Training Day - school closed

Monday 8th December

Christmas Post Box opens

Christmas Raffle tickets go on sale

Christmas Carol Concert at St. Nicholas Church

Tuesday 9th December

1W and 23R Parent Consultations

Wednesday 10th December

Santa Run and Forest School experience

Christingle at St Nicholas Church for 1W and 23R

Thursday 11th December

Choir singing at CISCA House

34DY, 4R, 5CH and 6G Parent Consultations

Butterfly Room Parent Christmas Crafts

Choir singing at Mayor's Christmas Concert (evening show)

Friday 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 15th December

Christmas dinner

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas parties for RG, 1W and 23R

Thursday 18th December

Christmas parties for 34DY, 4R, 5CH and 6G

Friday 19th December

Christmas Raffle being drawn

School finishes for the Christmas Holiday

Monday 5th January

Children return to school



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without needing a GP appointment.

Ask us for more information about the service.

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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.
