



**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 Thursday. I would like to thank Canvey Rotary Club for arranging this.

On Monday, we had our Christmas dinner which was a huge success with lots of children enjoying their Christmas dinner with crackers, music and lots of laughter. 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.

The children enjoyed dancing and playing games with their friends at the Christmas parties this week. It was wonderful to see everyone having lots of fun.

The most exciting event today was the Christmas raffles. Congratulations to all the lucky parents/carers and children who won prizes. The money we have raised will be spent on playground equipment that the children can enjoy on the playground.

It has been lovely to see so many parents and carers at our Christmas events over the past two weeks. The children sang beautifully and once again their behaviour was impeccable.

I would like to thank all the staff for their continuous hard work and support this term.

I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

See you all on January 5th.



**Maths Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

**Bronze Times Tables**

- Millie - 4R
- Daisy - 4R

**Silver Times Tables**

- Umay - 4R

**Gold Times Tables**

- Umar - 4R

**Platinum Times Tables**

- Harry A - 6G

**Bronze Number Bonds**

- Sophia D - 1W
- Austin - 5CH

**Silver Number Bonds**

- Ella D -1W
- Sophia D - 1W

**Gold Number Bonds**

- Oakley - 34DY

**Attendance**

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

Year R RG	Year 1 1W	Year 2/3 23R
90%	82.4%	89.2%



# WILLIAM READ PRIMARY ACADEMY

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## Newsletter

19th  
December  
2025

Achievement

Respect

Responsibility

Teamwork

Year 3/4 34DY	Year 4 4R	Year 5 5CH	Year 6 6G
77.4%	88.6%	92.8%	94.7%

A big well done to **6G** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **94.7%**.

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.

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](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 [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://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)

#### Monday 5th January

Children return to school

8.15am early morning multiplication club start

#### Tuesday 6th January

Boys after school football club starts

#### Wednesday 7th January

Dodgeball competition for selected children

After school girls football club starts

#### Thursday 8th January

3:15pm Boys table tennis starts for selected children

After school dance club starts

#### Monday 12th Jan

Bikeability for year 6

Reception and 1W reading cafe 2.45pm

#### Tuesday 13th January

23R and 34DY Reading Cafe 2.45pm

#### Wednesday 14th January

4R, 5CH and 6G Reading Cafe 2.45pm

#### Thursday 15th January

Happy New Year special menu day

#### Monday 19th January

Bikeability year 6

4R and 5CH Forest School

#### Tuesday 20th January

2.15pm Yr 6 maths workshop



**Thursday 22nd January**

Dance Festival at Palace Theatre

**Monday 26 - Friday 30th January**

Attendance and punctuality week

**Monday 26th January**

Bikeability year 6

4R and 5CH Forest school

**Wednesday 28th January**

ACL Parent Course - Setting Boundaries with your Children

**Thursday 29th January**

2.45pm Dance Festival to parents

3.15pm Girls Table Tennis starts

**Monday 2nd February**

Bikeability year 6

**Thursday 5th February**

2.30pm 23R Australia Day to parents

Monday 9th February

1W, 23R and 34Dy Forest School

**Monday 9th to Friday 13th February**

Children's Mental Health week

**Tuesday 10th February**

Safer Internet day

**Wednesday 11th February**

Year 6 SATS meeting on Zoom 9.15am and 6.00pm

**Thursday 12th February**

Sponsored Pancake Tossing

**Friday 13th February**

Dress to Express day

Last day of half term



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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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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

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