



Message from Mrs. Gravely

Welcome back everyone.

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We have certainly come back to some extremely cold weather this week.

The children have settled back into school really well and are enjoying their new topics.

Our Reception children have enjoyed using the new outside learning area this week. They were so excited to explore, play and learn in this lovely new area.

Well done to our dodgeball team who represented the school so well at Deanes this week. They played several games against other local primary schools and displayed great sportsmanship.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone next week at our reading cafes.

Monday 12th RG and 1W

Tuesday 13th 23R and 34DY

Wednesday 14th 4R, 5CH and 6G

2.45pm in the school hall.

Have a lovely weekend.



Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

- RG Ronnie
- 1W Oliver
- 23R Amelia
- 34DY Oakley
- 4R Jude
- 5CH Isabel
- 6G Ellie-Harper



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- RG Andrew
- 1W Florence
- 23R George
- 34DY Anaiyah
- 4R Mia F
- 5CH Eliana
- 6G Millie J



Happiness Hero Awards

- 1W Ronnie
- 23R Darcy-Rae
- 34DY Safreena
- 4R Sophie
- 5CH Grace
- 6G Samuel



Maths Awards

Our award winners this week are:

Bronze Times Tables

- Evie C - 4R
- Mia L - 4R

Silver Times Tables

- Eva-Maria - 34DY
- Josie - 4R
- Lily-Mae - 6G

Platinum Times Tables

- Harry A - 6G



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Newsletter

9th
January
2026

Achievement

Respect

Responsibility

Teamwork

Attendance

Class attendance for Monday 5th January 2026 to Thursday 8th January 2026 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1 1W	Year 2/3 23R
96.9%	93.3%	94.8%

Year 3/4 34DY	Year 4 4R	Year 5 5CH	Year 6 6G
97.2%	97.4%	95.7%	95.7%

A big well done to **4R** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **97.4%**.

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.

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)

Monday 12th Jan

Bikeability for year 6

Reception and 1W reading cafe 2.45pm

Tuesday 13th January

Tour for new Reception Sept 26 starters - 9:00am

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

Wednesday 21st January

Football match at home against Lubbins Park

Thursday 22nd January

Dance Festival at Palace Theatre

Friday 23rd January

1W Penguin Day



23R Australia Day

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

Year 6 Height and weight checks

Thursday 12th February

Sponsored Pancake Tossing

Friday 13th February

Dress to Express day

Last day of half term



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.
