



Message from Mrs. Gravely

This week has flown by as we really settle back into the spring term.

We have enjoyed our reading cafes this week. It really is wonderful to see parents and carers sharing the enjoyment of reading with their children and the delicious cakes are an extra bonus.

We encourage the children to read at least 3x a week at home. We celebrate the reading achievements in Friday's assembly and the class with the most reads earns rewards for the class. Reading at home with your children has a substantial impact on their long-term cognitive, emotional and academic development.

Year 5 started their ukulele lessons this week. They enjoyed the first session and are already demonstrating great potential as budding musicians.

Just a reminder that our next ACL parent course is on Wednesday 28th January and the course title is 'Setting Boundaries'. Everyone is welcome. Please sign up using the QR code which can be found on Dojo.

Have a lovely weekend.



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

- RG Noah
- 1W Hugo
- 23R Brodie
- 34DY Aariz
- 4R Mia L
- 5CH Bella
- 6G Mia



Happiness Hero Awards

- 1W Devon
- 23R Zachary
- 34DY Archie
- 4R Finley
- 5CH Henry
- 6G Raife



Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

- RG Teddy
- 1W Darius
- 23R Amima
- 34DY Preston
- 4R Bobby
- 5CH Oliver C
- 6G Samanta



Maths Awards

Our award winners this week are:

Bronze Times Tables

- Macey - 34DY
- Zachary - 23R

Bronze Number Bonds

- Jack - 1W
- Macey - 34DY

Silver Number Bonds

- Jack - 1W
- Macey - 34DY



Gold Number Bonds

Macey - 34DY

TT Rock Stars

1st - Eva-Maria 34DY

2nd - Daisy 4R

3rd Charlie 4R

Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 9th January 2026 to Thursday 15th January 2026 as follows:

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|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Year R RG | Year 1 1W | Year 2/3 23R |
| 95% | 93.7% | 95% |

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| Year 3/4 34DY | Year 4 4R | Year 5 5CH | Year 6 6G |
| 89.3% | 94.5% | 92.8% | 91.9% |

A big well done to **RG and 23R** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **95%**.

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 or via Dojo.

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.

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

Monday 19th January

4R and 5CH Forest School

Tuesday 20th January

2.15pm 6G 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

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

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



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5. Impetigo
6. Shingles
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