



**Message from Mrs. Gravely**

Good afternoon everyone.

On Monday, RG enjoyed learning about Winnie the Pooh. They had a great time making teddy bear puppets and having Pooh stick races. The children brought their teddies into school and enjoyed a special teddy bears picnic with lots of delicious treats.

On Tuesday, year 6 invited their parents into school for 'Maths Mania'. The children taught their parents how to add fractions, round numbers and solve long division questions. It was lovely to see so many parents attend and the year 6 pupils were great teachers. Well done year 6.

On Thursday our dancers performed at the Palace Theatre in Westcliff in front of a large audience. They performed brilliantly and their behaviour was excellent. Well done to everyone involved and a big thank you to Mrs Young and Miss Riches for their choreography skills. We are looking forward to seeing the performance for their parents and carers in school on Thursday 29th January at 2.45pm.

Today has been a particularly exciting and busy day at William Read. Year 1 had penguin day. They made masks, made their own penguin and also a penguin cake. Year 2 had Australia day. They learnt about Aboriginal art and then used these new skills to design and create their own boomerang. They made rainmakers and learnt some Australian songs and dances which they will share with parents and carers at their Australia Day assembly on Thursday 5th February at 2.45pm. 34DY had their Paleontology day. They were digging for dinosaur bones, creating their own dinosaur fossils and learnt about Stone Age weaving. I am sure the children will enjoy sharing their new learning with you at home.

Have a lovely weekend.

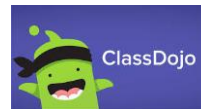
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**Headteacher Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

- RG Izabela
- 1W Sophia
- 23R Archie
- 34DY May
- 4R Maya
- 5CH Grace
- 6G Teddy



**Our Dojo Champions this week are:**

- RG Milo
- 1W Adrian P
- 23R Oliver
- 34DY Eva-Rose
- 4R Harry C
- 5CH Eliana
- 6G Millie J



**Happiness Hero Awards**

- 1W Scarlett-Rose
- 23R Elena
- 34DY Adina
- 4R Ellen
- 5CH Theo
- 6G Mia



# WILLIAM READ PRIMARY ACADEMY

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## Newsletter

23rd  
January  
2026

Achievement

Respect

Responsibility

Teamwork



### Maths Awards

Our award winners this week are:

#### Silver Times Tables

Sophia-Anne - 4R  
Dollie - 6G

#### Gold Times Tables

Calli-Grace - 4R

#### Platinum Times Tables

Harry M - 4R

#### Bronze Number Bonds

Nellie - 1W  
Preston - 34DY

#### Gold Number Bonds

Harrison - 34DY

#### TT Rock Stars

1st - Adina 34DY  
2nd - Ivy 4R  
3rd - Raife 6G

### Attendance

Class attendance for Friday 16th January 2026 to Thursday 22nd January 2026 as follows:

Year R RG	Year 1 1W	Year 2/3 23R
91.7%	97.3%	94.6%

Year 3/4 34DY	Year 4 4R	Year 5 5CH	Year 6 6G
95.5%	94.5%	95.5%	93.5%

A big well done to **1W** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **97.3%**.

**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) 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 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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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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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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