



Friday 4 October 2024

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

This week we welcomed Reverend Julie as we shared a Harvest Assembly together. It was an enjoyable celebration aimed at teaching students about the significance of harvest time and fostering a spirit of gratitude. We want to extend our thanks for your kind donations that we can now provide to our local food bank. Your support highlights the spirit of togetherness and generosity that makes our community so special.

A Senior Attendance Specialist for Essex came into school this week, during their visit, they engaged with some of our children to discuss the importance of regular school attendance and its impact on learning and personal development. They highlighted the importance of community support in promoting attendance and encouraged everyone to work together to ensure all students feel motivated and excited about coming to school. I want to take this opportunity to remind you why regular attendance is fundamental to a child's academic growth and social development. Each school day is packed with valuable lessons, collaborative projects, and opportunities to engage with peers and teachers. When students miss school, they miss out on these crucial experiences, which can hinder their learning and understanding of the material. Studies consistently show that children that attend school regularly tend to achieve higher grades. Each lesson builds on the last and missing even a few days can create gaps in knowledge that are hard to fill. School is not just about academics; it's also a place where children learn to interact with others. Regular attendance helps children develop friendships and learn important social skills that are essential for their future. Consistent attendance helps children develop a routine, which is important for their overall well-being. Establishing a habit of going to school every day sets a positive tone for responsibility and commitment. Good attendance in school is often linked to future success. Pupils that develop a strong work ethic early on are more likely to pursue higher education and have successful careers. We understand that there are times when children may need to stay home due to illness or other circumstances. However, we encourage you to prioritise school attendance whenever possible and to communicate with us if you have concerns about your child's attendance. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a positive learning environment for our children. Together, we can help ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive. Wishing you all a very happy and safe weekend.



Diary Dates

October – Black History Month

Thursday 10 October – Forest School starts in Year 3 & Year 4

Wednesday 23 - Parent Consultations 15:30 – 18:00

Thursday 24 October – Parent Consultations 17:30 – 19:30

Friday 25 October – PTA Halloween dress up day & tuck shop

We break up for two-week half term.

Monday 11 November – Back to school.

Friday 15 November – Children in Need



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Weekly Attendance

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Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	97.5%	99.17%	89.47%	94.33%	94.09%	97.14%	97.5%	95.52%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 2	Reception & Year 6	97.14%



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	99.22%	98.44%	92.93%	93.33%	94.4%	94.37%	94.9%	95.1%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 1	Year 6



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Wren	Eleanor	Isla	Charlotte	Frankie	Brody	James



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Congratulations to Sonny M in Year 4 for always offering a helping hand and consistently showing that kindness matters, setting a positive example to peers. Well done.



Reminders

If your child is absent, please ensure you leave a reason as to why they are absent. If you are unsure if your child should be at school please check the guidance from the [NHS](#).

Please be mindful of our children's safety and consider our neighbours when we park.

Please make sure the children are wearing the correct uniform, the website outlines what they children should be wearing if you are unsure if you missed last week's News and Views.



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Reading at Home

Class	This table shows the number of children and percentages of children that have read this week.						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	Number of times children have read this week						
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception			4 (25%)	1 (6%)	3 (19%)	8 (50%)	69%
Year 1		1 (4%)	6 (26%)	7 (30%)	2 (8%)	7 (30%)	38%
Year 2	1 (5%)	5 (26%)				13 (68%)	68%
Year 3	2(7%)	3(10%)	4(13%)	1(3%)	2(7%)	18(60%)	67%
Year 4	1(4.5%)	2(9.1%)	1(4.5%)	2(9.1%)	3 (13.6%)	13 (59.1%)	72.7%
Year 5	5 (18%)	2 (7%)	4 (14%)	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	13 (47%)	54%
Year 6					8 (42%)	11 (58%)	100%
Total	62% last week						66%



As we celebrate this Harvest Festival, we are reminded of the importance of sharing the beautiful gifts of our land. This time of year is not just about gathering food but also about coming together as a community to support each other. This week we saw this in action with the water disruption. Our school team demonstrated a united front and the support of our families was appreciated.

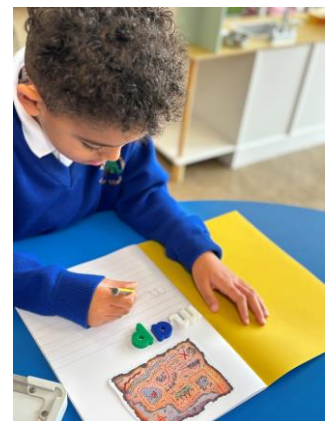
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GOOD TIMEKEEPING

What to do the night before:

- Get everything you need for school ready
- Set your alarm allowing plenty of time
- Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school
- Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime
- Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!

Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time



Reception have been applying the graphemes S A T P I N M D in their writing today.



Year 5 have learnt about the solar system. These children went home and made their own version of the solar system and shared them with us today.



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