



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher Comment:

I often talk in News and Views about all the amazing things the children get to experience here at school, many of which enrich the curriculum and provide additional opportunities. For example, this week we had a tag rugby tournament where our team came second in their group, winning 2 games, drawing one and losing one. The way they played and the spirit they showed was excellent.

It isn't just the experiences that children get here that are important, it is the learning. This week we had an excellent staff meeting looking at how we teach art, but also looking at the amazing work the children produce as they explore their topics and answer a 'big' enquiry question. I also looked at some of the fantastic work being completed in history, geography and science, some examples of which are below.

Of course, if children aren't in school, they will miss out on these opportunities. Although our attendance is currently above national average, it is lower than last year. We have been looking at what we can do to improve this and I met with Matt Lewis from the Trust on Monday about this. I will talk about what we are going to be doing next week.

Looking forward, we are about to enter December which is a very exciting time in school. Today after school is the LPPA Christmas Market which I'm sure will be very successful. This year it is bigger and better than ever and I look forward to picking the winner from the Headteacher for a day so I can have a 'day off'! We also have the nativities and the sing-a-longs coming up, timings are in diary dates and more details will be coming out next week.

Starting on Monday, Miss Beard (our English subject leader) has organised a new event - 12 days of reading. Each day children will get to sing the traditional 12 days of Christmas song but with lyrics relating to reading. Monday will be 'one act of reading kindness' and children will be sharing books with reading buddies across the school. It should be a fun filled few weeks of reading.

### Lost Property

We have an ever-increasing number of lost jumpers and cardigans appearing by the office. All of these jumpers have lost their owner and none have their owners name in them. If your child has lost their jumper, come and have a look by the school office and pick one up. **Please, please, please put your child's name in all their clothing items.**



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## Reception Places September 2025

If you have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2025, applications need to be completed by 15 January 2025 via the Essex school admissions page which can be accessed [here](#). If you or anyone you know wishes to have a tour of the school, please call the school office. We have added a couple more dates as tours have once again proved very popular.

### Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Globe	Identical	Edit	Imply	Culture	Presume	Hence



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Eleanor in 5L for demonstrating the value of responsibility.



## Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Callie	Chloe	Timothy	Florence	Mabel	Indie	Ezra
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Kian	Ethan	Zachery	Amelia-Lily	Ralphie	Amber	Tamana



## Reading at Home

Well done to the 3 classes where everyone read – 5 minutes extra play for you and the trophy to 4B.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 25 November to Friday 29 November			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	1 (4%)	6 (22%)	20 (74%)	26 (96%)
RT	4 (15%)	6 (22%)	17 (63%)	23 (85%)
1B	4 (15%)	8 (31%)	14 (54%)	22 (85%)
1G	6 (21%)	3 (10%)	23 (69%)	26 (79%)
2P	2 (7%)	7 (23%)	21 (70%)	28 (93%)
2W	3 (10%)	5 (17%)	21 (73%)	26 (90%)
3C	3 (10%)	8 (28%)	18 (62%)	26 (90%)
3M	2 (6%)	0 (0%)	29 (94%)	29 (94%)
4B	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	30 (100%)
4T	0 (0%)	7 (25%)	21 (75%)	28 (100%)
5L	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	23 (86%)	25 (93%)
5P	0 (0%)	7 (25%)	21 (75%)	28 (100%)
6H	1 (3%)	6 (21%)	22 (76%)	28 (97%)
6R	1 (3%)	9 (30%)	20 (67%)	29 (97%)
Total				93%



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## Diary Dates

Below are some of the of the important dates coming up next half term, including the Christmas events!

Wednesday 4 December	Year 5 / 6 football match vs Hogarth
Tuesday 10 December	Reception Nativity 14:00
Wednesday 11 December	Reception Nativity 14:00
Thursday 12 December	Year 1 sing-a-long 14:00
Friday 13 December	Junior Governing Board trip to Parliament
Friday 13 December	Year 3 and 4 to attend concert at Brentwood Centre
Monday 16 December	Christmas sing-a-long 2P, 3C, 4B, 5L, 6H (14.30)
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas sing-a-long 2W, 3M, 4T, 5P, 6R (14.30)
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 December	LPPA Christmas discos
Thursday 19 December	End of term reports sent home
Thursday 19 December	Don Rae in with Year 5
Friday 20 December	Break up
Monday 6 January	Pupils return to school



## Weekly Attendance

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 25 November 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	94.5%	96.2%	90%	100%	97.6%	97.8%	92.6%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	97.7%	96.1%	94.1%	98.2%	96.6%	95.1%	96.2%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1G	5L	



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.5%	96.2%	93.6%	97.8%	97.6%	97.8%	94.7%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	96.7%	96.5%	96.1%	98.2%	95.2%	95.1%	96.4%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5L	1G & 2P	2W



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