



6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

This week, all the children visited Winter Gardens Baptist church to learn and celebrate harvest time. Reverend Fiona taught the children about harvest and it was a time to remember and reflect on how fortunate we are. The children listened beautifully, took part in some games and sang and danced! Thank you to all the families who joined us at the church and who gave their children some tins to take over to the church to support the local food banks.

This year, we have started paired reading and every Tuesday afternoon for about twenty minutes different year groups we pair up and the older children read with some of the younger children or they listen to the younger children read to them! The teamwork, kindness, confidence and love that the children have shown during this time is wonderful to see.

On Wednesday, some girls in Key Stage 2, took part in a girl's football tournament at Waterside. Before, during and after, these girls set an incredible standard for commitment, attitude and focus to the club and event. Attending after school club and lunchtime practices to prepare regardless of the results of the matches they embodied our trust values. They never gave up, they worked together, they gave it their best go and kept learning along the journey. Also, while at the event they represented the school, following our school rules the entire time. Mr Macdonald and Mr Morson thoroughly enjoyed working with this group of girls and taking them to represent the school as they did such a great job doing so. Well done Sienna on your goal! And well-done girls.

From today, the children will not be able to use the infant playground, as the prep work is starting for the work to begin on the infant building. Although this does mean that the playground is out of use and we have had to section the playground into year groups for the next few weeks, this does mean we are getting closer to the infant building being re-opened again! The current plan was for the building work to begin at the start of October half term, however, great news we are ahead of schedule and starting early!

After 40 years of serving at Winter Gardens, sadly Mrs Fogg will be leaving us at the end of this half term as she has (finally!) made the decision to retire. After many many years, it is definitely time for Mrs Fogg to go and enjoy life away from school! She is a very valued member of the team and the care, passion and love she has shown to the school throughout her time is something that she will always be recognised and remembered for. The positive impact she has had on so many children and so many members of staff over the years is commendable. She is always so busy caring for everyone else and now it is her time to care for herself. She will be greatly missed and I know she will keep us updated on what she gets up to! Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend.

Katie Herbert





# Reading

Every Tuesday the children across the school take part in some shared reading with different year groups. A great opportunity to get to know others around the school, practice our reading and to share our favourite books. The children absolutely love this time of the week and are always so excited to visit other classes!



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to your child who received a celebration certificate this week



Jack & Sia-Rose (N. Ireland)  
Stanley & Clara (Wales)  
Harry & Rory (Italy)  
Sienna B & Sienna K (India)  
Finn & Kimberley (Kenya)  
Freddie G & Charlotte (Brazil)  
Khalid & Katie (Egypt)  
Lexi & Elise (USA)  
Ellie & Riley (Mexico)  
Callum & Sienna (Greece)  
Erika & Noah (China)







Whole School Attendance for  
last week

90.95%

## ATTENDANCE WEEK

China 95.31%

RECEPTION/KEY STAGE 1

This is to certify that class  
**N IRELAND**  
are Attendance Heroes  
for achieving 95.38% Attendance  
in School last week



Mrs Flaherty is a



**WELL DONE**

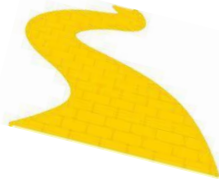
keep up the good work!!



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE HEROES

Well Done for achieving  
100% last week

Freddie (England)  
Laila (Wales)  
Hallie (Kenya)  
Joe (Mexico)  
Teddy (China)



KEY STAGE 2

This is to certify that class  
**INDIA**  
are Attendance Heroes  
for achieving 95.52% Attendance  
in School last week



Miss Hammersley is a



**WELL DONE**



Great news...South Essex Academy Trust is now on social media!

If you are happy to, please follow us and like/comment on and share our posts. It will help to promote the trust/schools and share with you and the school communities what we are getting up to!



[https://www.instagram.com/south\\_essex\\_academy\\_trust?utm\\_source=qr](https://www.instagram.com/south_essex_academy_trust?utm_source=qr)

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088042883442>



**Please remember that we are a nut free school. This includes Nutella and Kinder products.**



**The Dinner Menu for w/c 9th October 2023 will be Week 3 from the menu. Cold packed lunches are required to be ordered in advance.**

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

**PENN UK**

**15 Kent's Hill Road, Benfleet,**

**SS7 5PN. Tel: 01268 751724**

<https://pennuk.com/>



### PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The new a primary (reception) school place starting September 2024 can be made between 6 November 2023 and 15 January 2024.

#### Before you apply

You should:

check you live in the [Essex administrative area](#)

read the [primary school admissions booklet](#).

You may want to check [the priority admission catchment area schools](#).

You can also watch our video on applying for a primary school place.

#### Contact the School Admissions Team

Telephone: 0345 603 2200

Email: [admissions@essex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@essex.gov.uk)

### SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION ROUND

The new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.



**DRINK YOUR WAY TO BETTER HEALTH. DRINK WATER, STAY HYDRATED  
REMEMBER YOUR WATER BOTTLE!**





## CALENDAR

<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9:00 – Y5, 10:00 – Y6</b>	<b>Harvest Festival at Winter Gardens Baptist Church</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Y5 Astronomy Roadshow Planetarium at Cornelius Vermuyden</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9:00</b>	<b>Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>FoWG Non-Uniform Day</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School Reopens</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Flu Immunisations YF to Y6</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 9:00</b>	<b>Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 13:00 to 16:00</b>	<b>Nursery Parent Consultations</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 13:30 to 19:30</b>	<b>YF to Y6 Parent Consultations</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9:00</b>	<b>Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Basketball Y5 &amp; 6 event at Deanes (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Tag Rugby event KS2 (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>FoWG Christmas Fete</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Travelling Book Fair in LVH</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 9:00</b>	<b>Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9:00</b>	<b>Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 13:30</b>	<b>Nursery Christmas Party</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December to Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>Christmas and New Year holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>School Reopens</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 9:00</b>	<b>Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>Young Voices O2 Trip</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Athletics Hall event Y5 &amp; 6 at Deanes (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>YEP Photography in for individual child's photos</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Badminton event Y5 &amp; 6 at Deanes (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>February Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School reopens</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Football event Y2 at Waterside (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School Reopens</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Mini tennis event Y5 &amp; 6 (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Y4 Swimming Lessons start</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Y6 SATS</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Rounders event Y6 at Deanes (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>School Reopens</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Quad Kids event Y3, 4, 5 &amp; 6 (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Induction days - King John, The Deanes and the Appleton School</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y6 Residential Trip to Bradwell Outdoor Centre</b>

