



8th December 2023

## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Firstly, I wanted to start by saying a really big thank you to all families for your really kind words over the last week, congratulating me on becoming the Headteacher of Winter Gardens Academy. I am absolutely thrilled! I am so excited to continue to move the school forward, ensuring the best outcomes and opportunities for all children and continue to work closely with all families and within the community. I am very open to any ideas from parents/carers about what they would like to see in school so please do share with me so we can take these into account.

This week has been so special and memorable! The children in reception, year 1 and year 2 moved back to their classrooms and the smiles on the children's faces and staff has been so wonderful to see. They have been so resilient over the last term and it is not until we have had all the space and classrooms back that you really realise what we have been missing. Next week, we are looking forward to all children visiting the library and sharing books.



Today, we had another special moment in school as it was the first celebration assembly this term due to not having the hall space due to RAAC. It was wonderful to have the whole school together, looking bright and festive in their Christmas jumper. We had so much celebrating to do – reading badges for those children who have read 50 times at home, pen licences in Year 5, out of school achievements and celebrating those children who became our child leaders this year. Take a look at a social media post on Monday to see which champions we have in school after being elected by their peers. We will share with you their responsibilities they have this year.



Year 6 had a fantastic day celebrating all of their learning about World War One and Two. They took part in a range of fun activities throughout the day which included baking some traditional war time recipes, painting pictures of the Blitz and learning Morse Code to share secret messages. They even experienced an evacuation and had to leave their classrooms to find 'safe' areas in other parts of the school. Luckily, they were all wearing their evacuee labels so they managed to find their way back! They looked amazing in their outfits!

We had a magical time at our first ever Christmas Cinema!

The children came back to school in their pyjamas and brought a blanket and their favourite teddy to curl up with, to watch a brilliant Christmas film with their friends. They had the best time - they even clapped and cheered when the film finished. We all made some great Christmas memories. Thank you to Movie Starr for providing popcorn; Burner & Boiler Spares for donating biscuits, juice and crisps; Simply You by Yvette for donating sweets; and Morrisons Canvey Island and Morrisons Link Road for donating sweets. We really do appreciate your support. And thank you to you, parents and carers, for supporting us. We have raised an incredible £840 for Friends of Winter Gardens!! This money will go straight to the children, providing them with the best education possible at Winter Gardens Academy. Lastly, a big thank you especially to Miss Knowles, Laura and Caroline for all their organisation to make this event happen!

If you think that you could help at a future event, or have any fundraising ideas, please contact Miss Herbert or Miss Knowles on Class Dojo.

Next week is the start of our Christmas singing concerts with Year 6 being the first on Monday. Please check the Christmas letter sent out a few weeks ago with all the dates and times. We can't wait to see you there.

Katie Herbert



# Reading



The children loved receiving their bronze badges in assembly today! Remember to keep reading and signing your diaries to get your badges!

Quote:

"Teach a child to read, and keep them reading, and you will change everything. And I mean everything." Jeanette Winterson



## BRONZE READING BADGE

Well done to the children who have read 50 times

Amelia, Ivy (Scotland)

Maddox (N Ireland)

Zack (India)

Joshua (Kenya)

Florrie (Brazil)

Aliya (Egypt)

Joe (Mexico)

Jessica (USA)

Dara (China)



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

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

Olivia, Harley and Oliver (N. Ireland)

Destiny and Henry (Wales)

Bentley and Savannah (Italy)

Darcie and Zach (India)

Mia P and Jake (Kenya)

Archie and Isla (Brazil)

Miller and Amelia (Egypt)

Riley and Freddie (USA)

Olivia-Mae and Izzy (Mexico)

Kaya and Rocco (Greece)

Charlie and William (China)






Whole School  
Attendance for  
last week  
**90.43%**

## ATTENDANCE WEEK

Classes above 95%  
**NO CLASSES**

This is to certify that class  
**SCOTLAND**   
are Attendance Heroes  
for achieving 95.00% Attendance  
in School last week

**WELL DONE**  
keep up the good work!!

Miss Edmunds is a



### FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE HEROES

Well Done for achieving  
100% last week

**Max** (England)  
**Jude** (N Ireland)  
**Ronnie** (Italy)  
**Kimberley** (Mexico)  
**Sydney** (Greece)



KEY STAGE 2

Unfortunately, no KS2 class had  
attendance of above 95%  
in school last week







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>

## PIANO LESSONS

If your child is interested in piano lessons please speak to the office. The lessons take place in school time.

The cost is £85.50 for 10 lessons.



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

## GET IN TOUCH

Penn Sports Ltd T/A PENN UK  
15-17 Kents Hill Road,  
South Benfleet, Essex  
SS7 5PN

Tel: 01268 751724  
Email: [sales@pennuk.com](mailto:sales@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](#).

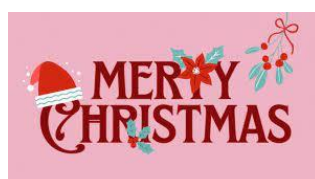
You may want to check [the priority admission catchment area schools](#).

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)



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REMEMBER YOUR WATER BOTTLE!**



## CALENDAR

<b>Monday 11th December 14:15</b>	<b>Y6 Christmas Carols/songs playground</b>
<b>Tuesday 12th December 14:15</b>	<b>Y4 Christmas Carols/songs playground</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th December</b>	<b>School Christmas Dinner</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th December 14:15</b>	<b>Year 1 Christmas Carols/songs playground</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10:30</b>	<b>Nursery Christmas Carols/songs</b>
<b>Thursday 14th December 14:15</b>	<b>Y5 Christmas Carols/songs in the garden</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Father Christmas visiting in the playground</b>
<b>Monday 18th December 14:15</b>	<b>Y2 &amp; Y2/3 Christmas Carols/songs playground</b>
<b>Tuesday 19th December 14:15</b>	<b>Reception Christmas Carols/songs playground</b>
<b>Wednesday 20th 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 15th January 2024</b>	<b>Young Voices O2 Trip</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Nursery/Reception/Year 1 Parent Maths Workshop</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Y5/6 parent Maths Workshop</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Scotland RWI Parent/Carer Workshop</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>England RWI Parent/Carer Workshop</b>
<b>Wednesday 7th 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>Tuesday 13th February</b>	<b>Y4 Spirit of the Wild</b>
<b>Wednesday 14th 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>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>YF Height, Weight and Vision Checks</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y6 Height and Weight Checks</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th 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 22nd April</b>	<b>Mini tennis event Y5 &amp; 6 (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Tuesday 23rd April</b>	<b>Y4 Swimming Lessons start</b>
<b>Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May</b>	<b>Y6 SATS</b>
<b>Wednesday 22nd 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 26th 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>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y5 Creativity Day at Cornelius Vermuyden</b>
<b>Monday 1st to Thursday 4th July</b>	<b>Y6 Residential Trip to Bradwell Outdoor Centre</b>

