



13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

How are we already at the end of our first half term! This half term has presented us with some challenges due to RAAC, but I am so proud and grateful of how all of the staff have worked together to create welcoming learning environments for our children! The children have been absolute superstars in adapting to the changes and have been so resilient!

Year 5 have taken a trip around the universe this week! They explored stars, other planets and the

moon 🌙 They learned the names of constellations and how the stars can be used to navigate. They also

looked to the future of space exploration and studied the possibility of living on Mars! 🚀🪐👨🚀 A huge thank you to Cornelius Vermuyden for loaning us their sports hall



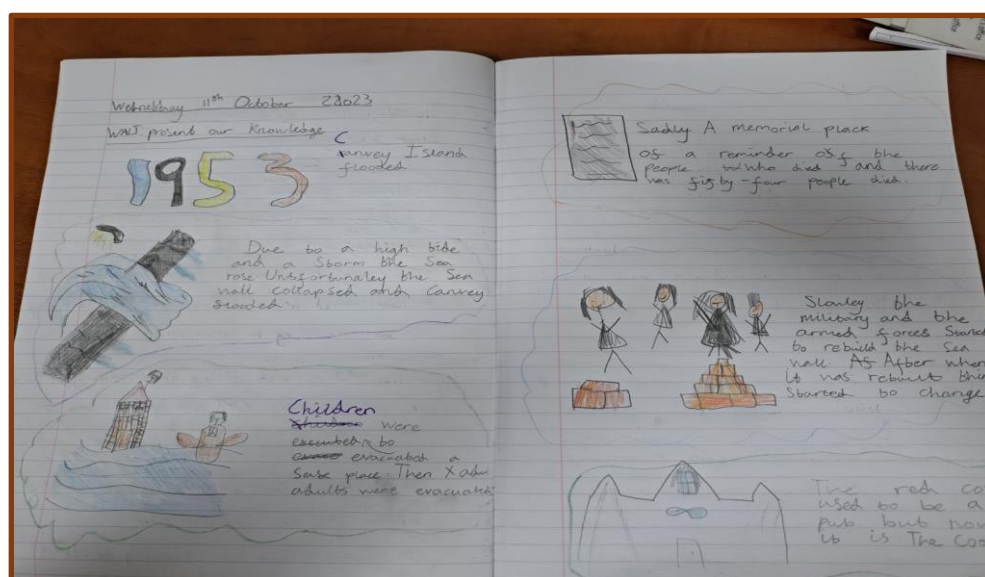
On Wednesday, some year 5/6 boys represented the school at a football tournament at Waterside. These boys showed commitment, great attitude and focus to the club and event. Attending after school club and lunchtime practices to prepare. In Mr Morson's opinion, they were one of the best sides there and deserved more than what they came away with. Their performances were really encouraging for the season ahead!

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. Mrs Fogg and Mr Morson thoroughly enjoyed working with this group of boys and taking them to represent the school as they did such a great job doing so.





Year 2/3 have been working hard all term to learn about the Canvey flood. They have learnt about how the flood started, how it affected the people of Canvey and what changes were made as a consequence. To showcase their learning, they have worked really hard to present their knowledge in a double page spread. Take a look at some of the key knowledge they remember!



Please see below the uniform expectations including PE kit. To order uniform you can do this via the website: <https://pennuk.com/product-category/schools/schools-winter-gardens-academy/page/2/>.

### Uniform for Physical Education

<b>EYFS and KS1:</b>	A white T-shirt and black shorts are suitable. Black jogging bottoms/tracksuit Elasticated plimsolls are easier to put on.
<b>KS2:</b>	Black shorts White T-shirt. White socks, plimsolls for indoor work, trainers or plimsolls for outdoor work. Black jogging bottoms/tracksuit

### Uniform

Children are required to wear the school uniform in the colours of the school. These are as follows:

#### Main uniform:

- Plain white shirt, blouse or polo shirt (long or short sleeved)
- Grey trousers/grey skirt/grey pinafore/grey shorts/green and white striped or checked summer dress
- Bottle green jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt
- Bottle green fleece can be worn at playtimes only, not in class
- Tie is optional
- Black/Grey tights/white or grey socks
- SMALL plain stud earrings are allowed (a good example is the first pair of earrings when ears are pierced)
- SMALL green hair accessories are allowed
- Flat black shoes or black trainers
- NO earrings on PE days
- NO hoops or large studs
- NO other jewellery - bracelets, necklaces, wristbands
- NO temporary tattoos
- NO oversized hair accessories
- NO leggings or jogging bottoms
- NO black trousers or black shorts
- NO multi-coloured trainers or shoes
- NO boots
- NO heels
- NO nail varnish or artificial nails
- NO makeup
- NO Jo Jo Bows
- Hair must be tied up

Just a reminder that on Thursday 3rd November school will finish at 1:15pm for years foundation to year 6 parent consultations. The nursery will be closing at 12:30 for their parents' consultations. We look forward to seeing all parents join us for an appointment with their child's class teacher. If you are yet to book an appointment, you can do this via Parentmail for years foundation to year 6. Nursery parents can book appointments directly with them.





# GOOD LUCK!

## MRS FOGG

Today, we all came together in celebration assembly to say our goodbyes to a Winter Gardens legend, Mrs Fogg. Mrs Fogg joined the school in 1979 and throughout her time, her priorities have always been to care for our wonderful children. The passion and commitment she has shown over the years, shows how much love she has for the children of Winter Gardens. Mrs Fogg started at Winter Gardens as a helper, then a cleaner, midday, LSA and HLTA but not forgetting the enthusiasm she has shown to sport! The amount of competitions, extra sporting opportunities that she has taken the children on and the number of years 6 residentials she has been on are some of the things that highlight how much she cares about the children she has taught over the years.

In assembly today, many Year 6 children wrote a special message that they read to Mrs Fogg and we hope that she knows how special she is; Mrs Fogg you will always be remembered. Not only has she supported the children over the years but staff too and she will be really missed! However, it is definitely her time to care about herself and so from everyone at Winter Gardens, we wish her the happiest of retirements and look forward to hearing all of her adventures.





# Reading

This half term the children have been working in their RWI groups, following the RWI programme. This involves their RWI teacher teaching them a speed sound, reading, writing and handwriting. All activities within these sessions are linked to their take home book which are changed every 3 or 5 days (depending on which group they are in). Please do practice reading their RWI Book Bag book and sound books if you can as it will really support their literacy development. The children have been really positive about their RWI lessons and we are proud of what they have achieved so far!



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

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



Stanley & Amber (N. Ireland)  
Cooper & Leo (Wales)  
Theo C & Amelia (Italy)  
Amelia & Oliver (India)  
Robyn & Molly (Kenya)  
Ava & Isla (Brazil)  
Thomas & Luna (Egypt)  
Gracie & Emilia (USA)  
Archie & Gwen (Mexico)  
Ethan & Tia (Greece)  
Millie & Teddy (China)







Whole School Attendance for  
last week

**94.80%**

## ATTENDANCE WEEK

INDIA	98.62%
ITALY	97.24%
CHINA	95.94%
USA	95.52%
N IRELAND	95.38%
SCOTLAND	95.27%

RECEPTION/KEY STAGE 1

This is to certify that class  
**England**  
are Attendance Heroes  
for achieving 97.90% Attendance  
in School last week



Miss Allison & Mrs  
Parker is a



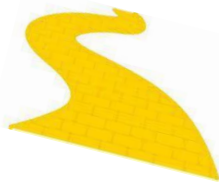
**WELL DONE**

**keep up the good work!!**

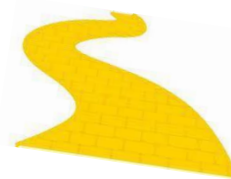


### FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE HEROES

Well Done for achieving  
100% last week



Ray (N Ireland)  
Charlie (Italy)  
Zachary (Brazil)  
Ronnie (USA)  
Teddy (China)



KEY STAGE 2

This is to certify that class  
**MEXICO**  
are Attendance Heroes  
for achieving 98.85% Attendance  
in School last week



Miss Knowles is a



**WELL DONE**

**keep up the good work!!**



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 30th October 2023 will be Week 1 from the new 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>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>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Y3 Essex Fire Services in class</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>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Y6 Essex Police Anti-social behaviour talk</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>

