

15th December 2023

## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

We have had such a wonderful week in school, full of festive cheer! The week began with Year 6 starting the Christmas singing concerts. They were superb – they even sang Silent Night in German after they have been learning about World War 1 and 2 this term. We have also seen year 4, year 1, year 5 and Nursery perform and can't wait to watch the rest next week. After watching the concerts this week, it is true to say that we really do have some children that love performing and I am excited to continue to see them shine in coming performances!

On Wednesday, many children enjoyed their delicious roast dinner cooked by the talented staff in the kitchen. The food was delicious!

Miss Vickers and I enjoyed serving the children their dinner and what impressed us mostly was their polite manners saying please and thank you.



On Thursday, Reception and Year 1 had a special visit from Reverend Marion and some ex Winter Gardens pupils who looked very grown up! Reverend Marion read and explained The Christmas Story. The children from Castle View delivered Mary, Joseph and the Donkey and our children agreed to accept them to stay at our school overnight ready to visit another school today on their travels.

This is the final newsletter of the term and I want to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy 2024, and thank you for all of your support and kind words over this term. It has been so appreciated. I am looking forward to seeing everything your child/children achieve in the coming year and celebrating their successes alongside yourselves. Have a wonderful time!

Katie Herbert





# Reading

The children are loving being able to use the library again now that our infant building has reopened! Promoting a love of reading through exploring different books and sharing with their friends.



## BRONZE READING BADGE

Well done to the children who have read 50 times

Laila, Gracie, Rory, Thomas (Wales)  
Jude (England)

Willow, Elsie, Poppy (Scotland)  
Darcy Q, Marley, Darcy L (India)  
Poppy (Kenya)  
Ruby (Brazil)  
Aiva (Egypt)  
Zack G (Greece)  
Tony D, Erika (China)

## SILVER READING BADGE

Well done to the children who have read 50 times

Laila (Wales)  
Alfie (India)  
Freddie C (Greece)  
Tommy PH, Alysia (China)



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

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

Henry & Maddox (N. Ireland)  
Hallie-Mae & Jonny (Wales)  
Charlie & Ella (Italy)  
Isabella & Alice (India)  
Ivy & George (Kenya)  
Elsie & Jessica (Brazil)  
Ethan & Annie-May (Egypt)  
Jesse & Billy (USA)  
Kimberley & Amelia (Mexico)  
Harvey & Riley (Greece)  
Bradley & Selby (China)





Whole School  
Attendance for  
last week  
**91.68%**

## ATTENDANCE WEEK

Classes above 95%  
**BRAZIL 96%**

RECEPTION/KEY STAGE 1

Unfortunately, there were no  
Reception/Key Stage 1 classes that  
achieved above 95%



### FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE HEROES

Well Done for achieving  
100% last week

Joshua (England)  
Sienna (N Ireland)  
Alice (India)  
Amelia (Egypt)  
Freddie (Greece)



KEY STAGE 2

This is to certify that class

# EGYPT



are Attendance Heroes  
for achieving 96.79% Attendance  
in School last week

Mrs Ince is a





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](#).

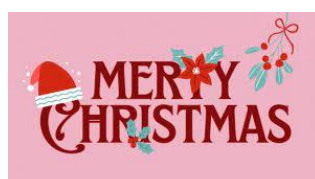
You may want to check [the priority admission catchment area schools](#).

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)



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



## CALENDAR

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Father Christmas visiting in the playground</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 14:15</b>	<b>Y2 &amp; Y2/3 Christmas Carols/songs playground</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 14:15</b>	<b>Reception Christmas Carols/songs playground</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>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Y2/3 &amp; 4 Parents Maths Workshop</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 6 Cyber Safety Workshops</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Athletics Hall event Y5 &amp; 6 at Deanes (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Anti-Bullying Drama Workshop</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>YEP Photography in for individual child's photos</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y2 to Colchester Castle</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y4 Spirit of the Wild</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>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 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Football event Y2 at Waterside (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Infant Music Festival</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 16<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>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y5 Creativity Day at Cornelius Vermuyden</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y6 Residential Trip to Bradwell Outdoor Centre</b>

