





29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

On Tuesday, China Class (year 6) walked to Canvey library to enjoy all of their books and to see what else they have to offer. They were praised for their positive attitude to learning, how respectful and polite they were and were told that it was a pleasure to have them. If you are interested in your child or yourself getting a library card, it is completely free to join. Click on the link: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital-content/join-the-library>. 

Year 5 took part in a road safety workshop this week. They watched a presentation then were taken out in small groups outside of the school to learn how to spot hazards, know where is safest to cross, and how to cross safely. Every child now knows the Green Cross Code. They were also given a very bright, reflective bag to wear to ensure that they can be seen by drivers when they are out and about.

This half term, the year three children have been fortunate to have the opportunity to learn a new musical instrument, the recorder. Amy, their teacher, has been very impressed with how quickly they have learnt to play! What a great growth mindset the children have had! Keep an eye out on our Facebook and Instagram next week to hear some tunes! 

The children looked wonderful today dressed in the colours of the rainbow  spreading joy and happiness around the school, just as Mia would have liked. Mia was visually impaired and learnt to read and write through Braille. Sadly, on the 10th August 2020 Mia passed away with a long-term illness. Today we marked the occasion of Mia turning 18 on Wednesday, by children in key stage two taking part in a guided sight race and the younger children playing some parachute games which Mia would have loved. She loved laughter, fun and friends!  Thank you to all families who donated to The Indie Rose Trust, a fantastic charity who support brave children like Mia to have the happiest of days during the toughest of times.

As we are starting to approach the time of year when coughs and colds are spreading, please can I remind you that if your child has a cold or cough they are fine to be in school. If they feel unwell throughout the day, we will ring home. Learning is progressive and children being absent from school for one or two sessions has a great impact on their learning the following day/s. Families whose child/children's attendance that falls below 95% will be invited in for a meeting to see if we can support any further. Please report absences by the phone absence line by 8:45am. Please avoid trying to speak to the office as this prevents emergency calls early in the morning. We no longer subscribe to Study bugs so please use the absence phone line (option 1) on 01268 699305.

Have a wonderful week and thank you for your ongoing support.

Katie Herbert



# Reading

These children have been reading lots at home and spent some time at our Reading Hangout! Well done everyone!



Year 5 Road Safety Workshop





Whole School Attendance for  
last week

94.60 %

## ATTENDANCE WEEK

KENYA	98.28%
MEXICO	95.77%
ITALY	95.67%
INDIA	95.17%

RECEPTION/KEY STAGE 1

This is to certify that class  
**SCOTLAND**  
are Attendance Heroes  
for achieving 99.27% Attendance  
in School last week



Miss Edmunds is a



**WELL DONE**

keep up the good work!!

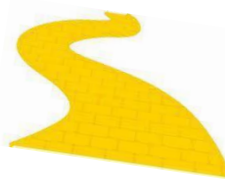


### FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE HEROES

Well Done for achieving  
100% last week



Vinnie (India)  
Darcie (India)  
Luke-David (Egypt)  
Harriet (USA)  
Amaya (Greece)



KEY STAGE 2

This is to certify that class  
**CHINA**  
are Attendance Heroes  
for achieving 100% Attendance  
in School last week



Miss Virgo is a



**WELL DONE**



Important  
Information



### RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOURS

Please can we kindly ask you to respect our neighbour's property by not hanging items on their walls/gates or trespassing on their property, parking considerately and keeping the noise to a minimum.

Thank you



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

**The Dinner Menu for  
w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 will be  
Week 2 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

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 9:00 – Y3, 13:15 – Y1, 14:05 – Y4	Harvest Festival at Winter Gardens Baptist Church
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 9:00	Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 13:10 – YF, 14:00 – Y2	Harvest Festival at Winter Gardens Baptist Church
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 9:00 – Y5, 10:00 – Y6	Harvest Festival at Winter Gardens Baptist Church
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 Astronomy Roadshow Planetarium at Cornelius Vermuyden
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 9:00	Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	FoWG Non-Uniform Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School Reopens
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisations YF to Y6
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 9:00	Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 13:00 to 16:00	Nursery Parent Consultations
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 13:30 to 19:30	YF to Y6 Parent Consultations
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 9:00	Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Basketball Y5 & 6 event at Deanes (selected pupils)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Tag Rugby event KS2 (selected pupils)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	FoWG Christmas Fete
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Travelling Book Fair in LVH
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 9:00	Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 9:00	Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 13:30	Nursery Christmas Party
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	Christmas and New Year holiday
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School Reopens
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 9:00	Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Young Voices O2 Trip
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Athletics Hall event Y5 & 6 at Deanes (selected pupils)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	YEP Photography in for individual child's photos
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Badminton event Y5 & 6 at Deanes (selected pupils)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	February Half Term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Football event Y2 at Waterside (selected pupils)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Half Term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School Reopens
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Mini tennis event Y5 & 6 (selected pupils)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y4 Swimming Lessons start
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Rounders event Y6 at Deanes (selected pupils)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Reopens
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Quad Kids event Y3, 4, 5 & 6 (selected pupils)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction days - King John, The Deanes and the Appleton School
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Residential Trip to Bradwell Outdoor Centre

