



# NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



## Headteacher's Comment:

This week, we started with a fantastic Rocksteady assembly, followed by a series of engaging workshops organised by Mrs Whannell. The children thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity, and it was wonderful to see so many of them inspired by music. Rocksteady Music School offer in-school band lessons where children learn to play instruments, work together as a group, and build confidence through performance. At the end of each term, they perform to a live audience, an experience that not only develops musical skills but also nurtures teamwork, resilience and self-belief. We hope many of you consider signing up, as music lessons play such an important role in children's development, supporting creativity, discipline and emotional expression.

Year 3 enjoyed their Family Feast this week, and it was lovely to hear how much this continues to be valued by our families. We invite parents and carers into school to share lunchtime with their children because these moments help strengthen the partnership between home and school. It allows families to experience part of the school day, supports children in feeling proud of their environment and reinforces the importance of routines and social interaction during mealtimes. These shared experiences are something we truly value as a school community.

This week, I also had the pleasure of hearing about Mrs Neale-Chambers and her incredible achievement in completing the London Marathon. Lenny was so proud to share in his mum's achievement, which made it even more special for us to celebrate together in school. It is always wonderful to recognise these moments, so please do continue to share opportunities and achievements from outside of school with us. A huge congratulations to Mrs Neale-Chambers and to everyone who took part in the marathon, what a fantastic accomplishment.

This week, we also took time in assembly to learn about Sir David Attenborough as he celebrates his birthday. The children were fascinated to hear about his life's work and the way he has helped people across the world to understand and care for our planet. Learning about influential figures like Sir David Attenborough is so important, as it helps children to develop an awareness of the wider world, understand the importance of protecting the environment and feel inspired that one person can make a meaningful difference.

I strongly believe that primary school provides children with the foundations for their future, not only academically but in learning how to follow rules, value good attendance, develop resilience and approach tests with confidence. These early experiences help prepare children for the expectations of later life. Next week, our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs. We are incredibly proud of how hard they have worked and how well they have prepared. We will be hosting a SATs breakfast for the Year 6 children each morning, giving them a calm and positive start to the day, time to settle and the reassurance of being together before their tests begin. I am sure you will join me in wishing all of our children the very best of luck, not only to those taking their SATs, but also to those who have started their GCSEs and any other examinations. A sincere thank you to our dedicated teaching teams, who work tirelessly to support and prepare our children for these important milestones in their education.

I would like to wish you all a very happy weekend. I hope you are able to take some time to relax and let us hope the sun continues to shine.



## Diary Dates

**Monday 11 May** – Years 6 SATS week & breakfast

**Tuesday 19 May** – School Council trip to Parliament

**Thursday 21 May** – Year 4 Family Feast

**Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May** – HALF TERM

**Tuesday 2 June** – Year 2 trip to Mountfitchet Castle

**Wednesday 3 June** – Year 1 trip to Chelmsford Museum

**Thursday 4 June** – Year 5 Family Feast

**Tuesday 9 June** – 100% attendance party

**Please note that some dates unavoidably may change.**



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## Weekly Attendance

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Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	98.8%	100%	100%	95.3%	89.3%	86.9%	96.2%	94.6%

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Years 1 & 2	Reception	Year 6



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 1 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	98.2%	96.8%	98.1%	95%	89.2%	92.8%	95.2%	94.6%

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Reception	Year 2	Year 1



## Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lilly	Frankie	Azura	Cameron	Wanipa	Poppy	Maddie



## Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Everyone in Year 2 has been selected for the Headteacher's Award for showing great kindness and friendship towards each other. They are good roles models to each other and the rest of the school.



## Important reminders

If you move house, or update your email address or phone number, please ensure you inform the school office so we have the correct contact details for you and you receive all communication from us.

Please try and ensure medical appointments, including the dentist and opticians, are made as far as possible, outside of school hours. If you do need to take your child to an appointment during school hours, please provide proof of the appointment to the office.



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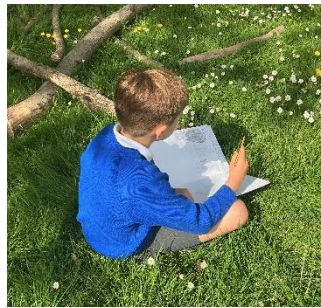
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# Reading at Home

Class	This table shows the number of children and percentages of children that have read this week.						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	Number of times children have read this week						
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception	1 (8%)	1 (8%)	2 (17%)	5 (42%)		3 (25%)	3 (25%)
Year 1	1 (6%)	2 (12%)	1 (6%)	3 (19%)	2 (12%)	6 (38%)	8 (50%)
Year 2	2 (8%)	2 (8%)	1 (5%)		2 (8%)	15 (71%)	17 (79%)
Year 3	3 (12%)	2 (8%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	5 (20%)	12 (52%)	17 (72%)
Year 4	2 (7%)	2 (7%)		1 (4%)	5 (19%)	17 (63%)	22 (82%)
Year 5	5 (25%)	1 (5%)	2 (10%)		3 (15%)	9 (45%)	12 (60%)
Year 6	1 (3.5%)	1 (3.5%)			18 (62%)	9 (31%)	27 (93%)

Well done to Year 6, where over 90% of their pupils read four times or more this week.



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# Where does your child sit on the attendance mountain?

