



NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

This week has been a very important one for our Year 6 children, as they completed their SATs. We are incredibly proud of the children and the maturity, resilience and determination they have shown throughout the week. They approached each test with a positive attitude and real focus, demonstrating not only what they have learned but also the confidence they have built over time. These assessments are just one part of their journey, but they have truly shown what it means to persevere and do their very best.

Each morning, the Year 6 children enjoyed a SATs breakfast together before beginning their tests. This was a lovely opportunity for them to come together, settle any nerves and start the day calmly. Sharing breakfast helped to create a relaxed and supportive atmosphere, ensuring the children felt ready and confident. It was wonderful to see them chatting, smiling and supporting one another.

This week, all children also took part in the Brentwood Art Trail. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to express their creativity and feel part of a wider community project. The children were very proud to share their artwork, and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm and individuality shine through. Experiences like this are so important in primary school, as they help to build confidence, creativity and a sense of belonging.

Today, all children took part in an exciting rugby workshop organised by Mrs Whannell. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and embraced the opportunity to try something new. Rugby is a fantastic sport for primary-aged children, as it helps to develop teamwork, communication and respect, alongside physical skills such as coordination, agility and strength. It was wonderful to see the children encouraging one another and working together so positively.

We continue to value our work with Kids Inspire, which provides such an important service for our children. Through this support, children are given a safe space to talk, develop emotional awareness and build strategies to manage their feelings. This plays a vital role in ensuring our children feel safe, happy and ready to learn.

Next week, I am very much looking forward to taking our School Council children to the Houses of Parliament. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to learn more about how our country is run and to develop their understanding of democracy and pupil voice. Experiences like this help children to see how they can make a difference and have their voices heard.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a very happy and restful weekend.



Diary Dates

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

Thursday 11 June – Year 6 Family Feast

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	91.8%	95.8%	96%	91.3%	89%	91.8%	98.5%	93.5%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 6	Year 2	Year 1



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%	96.8%	98%	94.9%	89.2%	92.8%	95.3%	94.6%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception & Year 2	Year 1	Year 6



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Maggie	Noah	Oscar	Elsie	Amelia-Rae	Lois	All of Year 6



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Aidan in Reception has been selected for the Headteacher's Award for showing kindness to his peers and adults. Well done!



Important reminders

Please make sure all clothing, particularly jumpers & cardigans, are named. Please also label water bottles and lunchboxes which are brought into school.

There is still time to sign up for Rocksteady Music School. Children can take part in weekly rock & pop lessons including keyboard, drums, guitar or bass during the school day. At the end of each term, they will perform a concert which parents are invited to attend. You can visit www.rocksteadymusicschool.com to sign up. The first lessons will be Tuesday 2 June.



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Reading at Home

Class	Number of times children have read this week						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception	2 (18%)	1 (9%)	1 (9%)	4 (36%)	1 (9%)	2 (18%)	3 (27%)
Year 1	1 (6%)	1 (6%)	1 (6%)	4 (25%)	1 (6%)	8 (50%)	9 (56%)
Year 2		1 (5%)	1 (5%)		2 (10%)	18 (80%)	20 (90%)
Year 3	6 (26%)	1 (5%)		1 (5%)	3 (14%)	11 (50%)	14 (64%)
Year 4	2 (7%)	1 (4%)		2 (7%)	8 (30%)	14 (52%)	22 (82%)
Year 5	5 (25%)				5 (25%)	10 (50%)	15 (75%)
Year 6	5 (17%)	1 (3%)			10 (33%)	14 (47%)	24 (80%)

Well done to Year 2, where 90% of their pupils read four times or more this week.



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What to do

Advice on childhood illnesses



Go to school; if needed, get treatment as required



Some restrictions for school attendance



Don't go to school and see the GP

What it's called?	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Asthma flare up	Worsening of usual symptoms	➤	Follow your care plan	Stay off school if feeling too unwell
Chicken pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters		Pharmacy	Back to school five days after on-set of the rash, or when all lesions are crusted over
Common cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	➤➤	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	➤➤	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading*
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache, body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat		Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene*
German measles/ Rubella	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards	●	GP	Back to school four days after the rash has started, if feeling well enough. Please let the school know, as pregnant members of staff may be affected.
Glandular fever	High temperature, swollen glands, sore throat; usually more painful than any before	➤➤	GP	*
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	➤➤	GP	Attend school while monitoring symptoms
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	➤➤	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	GP	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, watery inflamed eyes, rash	●	GP	Back to school four days from on-set of rash, and if feeling well enough
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy, rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	➤➤	Pharmacy	
Scabies	Itching rash, commonly between fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	➤➤	GP	Back to school after first treatment
Scarlet fever	Fever, unwell, red tongue, sandpaper rash	●	GP	Exclusion period during first 24 hours of antibiotics*
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash		GP	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea		Pharmacy	Contact GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	➤➤	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis/ Strep throat	Intense sore throat for more than 1 day	➤➤	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow. Only need to stay off school if feeling too unwell
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, with a 'whoop'	●	GP	Exclusion period during first five days of antibiotics
Covid				Visit www.nhs.uk for latest guidance

*Attend school while monitoring symptoms.

This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals. If you are unsure about your child's wellbeing, we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check.

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Should my child go to school/nursery today?

Hertfordshire and West Essex Healthier Together for further information
<https://www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parents/carers>



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