



NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

This week, I had the pleasure of taking our School Council to visit the Houses of Parliament. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about democracy and learn more about how decisions are made that affect our country. The children were an absolute credit to our school and their behaviour was exemplary, they were fully engaged throughout, and they embraced every part of the experience with enthusiasm.

A particular moment that stood out for me was on the train journey. I felt incredibly proud and genuinely touched by the kindness shown by members of the public, who offered their seats to our children. It was such a lovely gesture and a reminder of how our children are viewed by others as polite, respectful and deserving. They truly represented our school values of being safe, happy and learning.

This week, our Year 6 children also took part in their transition session, *It's Your Move*, delivered by Brentwood Christian Worker's Trust. This was a really valuable session, helping to prepare them for the move to secondary school. It gave them the chance to ask questions, explore what to expect, and begin to feel more confident about the next stage of their education. Opportunities like this are so important in supporting a smooth and positive transition.

You may also have seen the information we shared this week around group chats and online safety. The key messages for both parents and children are simple but important: group chats can sometimes lead to unkind behaviour, exclusion or the sharing of inappropriate content. It is important that children understand how to communicate respectfully, know when to step away, and feel confident to speak to a trusted adult if something does not feel right. For parents, regularly checking devices, encouraging open conversations, and supporting children to make sensible choices online are all key in keeping them safe.

Attendance this week has dipped and I would like to take this opportunity to offer a gentle reminder that attendance is closely monitored. Good attendance is vital for children's progress, wellbeing and sense of belonging. If you are considering taking a holiday during term time, please be reminded, as per government guidance, holidays during term time are not authorised and may result in a fine. **Please continue to ensure you liaise with the office if your children are off from school, so that the reasons for absence can be accurately recorded.**

Finally, it looks set to be a lovely week weather-wise next week. I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe half term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1 June. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Diary Dates

Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May – HALF TERM

Monday 1 June – PTA Smarties challenge deadline

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

Friday 12 June – Reception start Forest School

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	84.5%	90.4%	73.5%	93.1%	83.7%	85.3%	93.8%	86.6%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 6	Year 3	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	97.7%	96.6%	97.3%	94.8%	89.1%	92.6%	95.3%	94.4%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 2	Year 1



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Dolly	Freddy	Alfie	Terry	Oliver	Sonny	Brody



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Tommy in Year 4 has been selected for the Headteacher's Award for demonstrating our school values.
Well done!



Important reminders

After-school clubs are open to pupils of all ages, genders, and abilities. Taking part in sports is a fantastic way for children to build teamwork, confidence, and resilience. We hope that as many pupils as possible will take the opportunity to get involved and participate.

Monday – Basketball | Tuesday – KS2 football | Wednesday – Gymnastics | Thursday – Musical Theatre

Friday – KS1 football. Please contact the office for booking links for just one session or the whole half term.



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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	5 (43%)		2 (16%)	3 (25%)		2 (16%)	2 (16%)
Year 1	3 (18%)	2 (12%)		3 (18%)		7 (44%)	7 (44%)
Year 2	6 (28%)		3 (12%)		3 (12%)	10 (48%)	13 (61%)
Year 3	6 (25%)			1 (4%)	6 (25%)	11 (46%)	17 (71%)
Year 4		1 (4%)	2 (7%)	5 (19%)	3 (11%)	16 (59%)	19 (70%)
Year 5	5 (25%)		2 (10%)		5 (25%)	8 (40%)	13 (65%)
Year 6	2 (7%)				18 (64%)	10 (36%)	28 (93%)

Well done to Year 6, where 93% of their pupils read four times or more this week.



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Be a superhero

and come to school every day!

If you miss school, you miss out.

HERO



Here, every day, ready and on time



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