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Parent/Carer,

Thank you so much to the PTA for organising the Camp Out event - I know a great time was had by all! This is just one of the many events that the PTA organises which raises much needed funds for our school and also gives children a great experience. You are worth your weight in gold ladies and gents.

Many of our Year 6 children visited their Secondary School last week and I am delighted that they came back buzzing about their experience. Now it's full steam ahead for their end of year production at The Deanes - as well as the Swimming Gala, Quad Kids County Finals and the District Sports! It is hard to keep up!

To reiterate my email, whilst the weather is hot this week, the children can wear PE kit, if that makes them more comfortable. Please do make sure that they bring a hat, water bottle and wear sunscreen.

Have a super week - and stay cool!

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 27th June 2025 there were eight classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Fireflies who achieved 98.7%.

We have a number of children who have medical conditions which mean that they have to have time off school for appointments and therefore their data is not included in these figures.

Congratulations to this week's winners

FIREFLIES

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2024 - 2025 is:

97%

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	96.1%
Dragonflies	93.8%
Butterflies	98.0%
Rabbits	92.3%
Ladybirds	98.0%
Robins	96.3%
Fireflies	98.7%
Owls	97.0%
Bears	98.1%
Sparrows	98.6%
Ants	92.7%
Kestrels	97.0%
Badgers	95.0%
Otters	94.5%
Squirrels	98.0%
Whole School	96.3%
Target	97.0%

Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 27th June 2025:-

This week:-



Word Count

1st Kestrels - 1,955,173
2nd Bears - 1,679,945
3rd Ants - 1,529,077

Quizzes

1st Robins - 69
2nd Bears - 67
3rd Ladybirds - 56

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Bears - 20,464,020
2nd Sparrows - 12,957,313
3rd Kestrels - 13,194,275

Quizzes

1st Bears - 1,617
2nd Owls - 988
3rd Fireflies - 874

We would like to congratulate the following children who have become millionaire readers:-

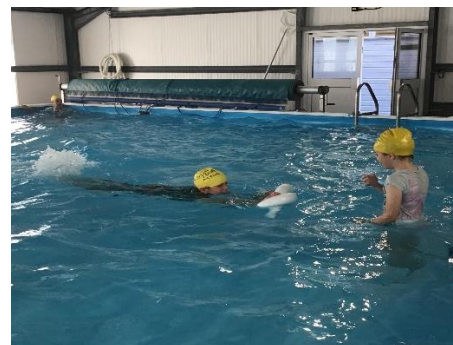
Oliver Browning (Owls) - 1 million

We would like to congratulate the following children who have become multi-millionaire readers:-

Leo Jackson (Bears) - 3 million

Well done to you all!

Lifesaving Swimming Lessons



Mrs. Allen, one of our swimming teachers, has been teaching the Years 4 and 5 children some lifesaving skills as part of their weekly lessons recently. The children had to bring in a pair of pyjamas to wear during the lessons and Olivia Oswald tells of her experience below:-

"We had to do lengths to soak all the water into our pyjamas so they were heavier and then we learned how to take the pyjamas off in the water in case we





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ever got swept out to sea and we could then swim with less weight. Then we had to swim out and shout help so someone came to help us. Then we had to float on our backs without sinking. We had to do a full turn in the water so that if we were face down we could turn ourselves upright. Then we had to go into a ball and float without sinking. We had to swim breast stroke with one hand up to call for help. Then we had to take our pyjamas off how we had learned to do it. I thought it was my favourite swimming lesson out of all of them because I learned so much on how to not drown."



Year 5 Bread Making



The Year 5 children made bread rolls last week which they thoroughly enjoyed doing as part of their DT lesson. Stanley

Evers (Kestrels) gives details of his bread making session below:-

"First of all we had to measure all the ingredients and put them in a bowl. Next we had to mix it up really well so it was nice and smooth. Then we kneaded it so it didn't come apart easily. Then we put olive oil on the bottom of the bowl and let it prove for about 2 hours. Once we were done we cut it into chunks of either 5 or 6 and then we put in our fillings. I put in chocolate chips and cinnamon. Then we left it for another hour and then Mr. Jetten baked it and we took it home to eat. I thought it was very nice. We made the bread for DT and I thought it was

quite hard work as I didn't realise how hard it was to make bread. It was really fun though."

Year 5 visit to the Essex Schools Food & Farming Day



'The Essex Schools Food & Farming Day is an annual event organised by the Essex Agricultural Society giving about 3,000 Essex School children aged 8 to 11 the opportunity to find out how their food is produced, the role played by farmers in Essex and the many related jobs within the industry. The day is an outside event and takes you on a journey through our 6 zones: Food, Crops, Machinery, Livestock, Countryside & Environment and Rural Safety & STEM. Each zone has several exhibitors each with an interactive display for the children to watch, listen to or more often get involved with. The aim of the day is to give children a better understanding of where their food comes from, and the role agriculture plays in shaping the Essex countryside.'

Trisha Patel (Kestrels), Darcey Rowland and Phoebe Barron (Ants) give their respective accounts of the day below:-

"When we got there we went into a tent to put our bags in there. Then we went into another tent and we saw all these plants which we learned about them. Then we had some chocolate or vanilla milk. I had chocolate milk which was really cold and nice. Then we went to another tent and we saw lots of seeds and we got to touch them and learn about them. There were sunflower seeds. To make them grow they need oxygen, sun and lots of water. We went to another tent and there were different stalls there. There we potatoes and onions and we learned about them. We could take some home if we wanted to. We had our lunch and then went onto a field where a man and lady showed us some tractors and told us what they did. Then we went for a little walk to where our bags were and walked to the coach. I liked

learning about the seeds the best because when we touched them they felt really nice and we learned a lot about them. I really enjoyed going there as I had lots of fun." (Trisha Patel)

"We got into school and then did the register and then got on the coach. When we got there we went to put our bags under the lunch tent. Then we went to see some animals and we were allowed to pet them. We saw some pigs, cows and baby turkeys. We liked petting the pigs the best. We went to a tent where there were lots of vegetables and fruit which we learned about and we were able to take a potato and onion home with us. They also showed us the machinery like tractors. We ate our lunch on the field and there was a sheep show. They bought all the sheep up onto the platforms and they told us their names and everyone clapped. They also milked one of the sheep. We also went to the nature tent. We could make book marks by putting a leaf under the paper and then rubbed a crayon over the top of it. We went to see the telescope and I saw a plastic bird on a stick named Dave. We went to feel some seeds and see how flowers are made and taste some onions. We liked eating the food and looking at the vegetables and how they are grown. There were a bunch of different schools and they made a scarecrow and we saw which one won. The day was very good and it was exciting." (Darcey Rowland and Phoebe Barron)

KS1 Summer Games Festival

On Wednesday, the children in Rabbits' class visited The Deanes School to participate in the KS1 Summer Games Festival together with other local schools. The children had a lovely time doing lots of different activities and Ronnie Toogood gives his account of the event below:-

"We walked quite far and then we had a drink. We did passing with the balls. Then we went on the parachute with the balls. We did throwing. We threw bean bags into a hoop. I liked passing the balls the best because it was fun."





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Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Beau Lewis,
Ivy Cook and Sonny
Grover



Year 5:- Eleanor Henry and Willow Leer

Year 4:- Ollie Smith and Snow Peacock

Year 3:- Archie Whitaker and Mia
England-Cowen

Year 2:- Freddie Wilkes and Jack Muir

Year 1:- Rebecca Major and Elijah Hyet

EYFS:- Amelia Gallagher and Amelia-
Jean Wheeler

Playground Stars of the Week

Rosie-Belle Horsman, Thomas Harvey,
Olivia Hindley, Isobel Hawkins, Cooper
Kenrick, Tyler Lynch, Mia Birch, Archie
Whitaker, Ava Rothon, Amelia Buckland,
Amelia Buckingham, Beau Taylor, Aurora
Clark

House Point Scores

The House Point scores for the week are:-

Red Arrows	3248
Green Dragons	3228
Blue Dolphins	2448
Golden Eagles	2218



Well done Red again Arrows!

Numbots Certificates

Well done to all
children in
EYFS and Year



1 that have used NumBots to help support
their fluency in Maths. Certificates were
given during Celebration
Assembly. Please note that Year 2 no
longer participate in NumBots as they are

doing Rockstars. The following children
were our NumBot superstars this week.

EYFS - Finley Ashwell (Chipmunks)

Year 1 - Jake Godfrey (Butterflies)

Well done to you both!

Honesty is the best policy!

We would like to congratulate the following
for handing in money they found recently.

Isla Reeves (Ants)

Olivia Oswald (Ants)

Well done - you should be very proud of
yourselves!

Thunks

This week's Thunk is:-



**Who would you take
with you on a spaceship to the moon?**

eSchools App

We kindly ask
that you to
download the
eSchools and eSchools Lite apps (free of
charge), in order that any messages we
send you are not charged to the school and
you will be able to access the calendar,
newsletter and website easily.



Twitter

Please keep checking our Twitter feed for
various updates/messages:-

@Thundersley_P_S

Early Birds Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club



We offer a Breakfast Club
(7.45am to the start of
school) and an After
School Club called
Treetops (3.15pm to

6.00pm) each day.

If you are interested in
a place for your child
and would like more
information, please
speak to Mrs. Hayward
in the main School
Office.



Treetops this week:-

The summer weather is continuing and the
children are loving making use of our
fantastic school field. In addition to this
we will have activities relating to American
Independence Day (4/7) and some to
celebrate the NHS- 77 years old (5/7).

Uniform Shops

We would like to advise that we now have
two uniform shops as follows:-

Penn UK,
15-17 Kents Hill Road,
South Benfleet,
Essex, SS7 5PN.

Telephone:- 01268 751724

www.pennuk.com

Danielle's Uniform,
Claydons Lane,
Rayleigh,
Essex, SS6 7UP.

Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellesshop.co.uk

PTA News

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting is on Monday, 8th
September 2025 in the White Hart at
7pm. Everyone is welcome!

Community News

Wild West Academy Summer Holiday Club

Please find attached a flyer in respect of
the above.





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Girls 4 Football

24/11/25

23/02/26

20/07/26

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Barracudas - Summer 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Island Girls FC

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Kidz Camp Summer 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Arriva Academic Year 2025/2026

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

School Calendar - Dates

<https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/home/86964>

or eSchools app Lite

Future Term Dates

18/07/25 - Last day of Term

01/09/25 - Start of the Autumn Term

27/10/25 to 31/10/25 - Half Term

22/12/25 to 02/01/26 - Christmas Break

05/01/26 - Start of the Spring Term

16/02/26 to 20/02/26 - Half Term

30/03/26 to 10/04/26 - Easter Break

13/04/26 - Start of the Summer Term

04/05/26 - Bank Holiday

25/05/26 to 29/05/26 - Half Term

17/07/26 - Last Day of the Summer Term
(due to non-pupil day on 20/07/26)

*****NON PUPIL DAYS*****

21/07/25

22/07/25

01/09/25

24/10/25

