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Dear Parent/Carer,

In our Celebration assembly on Friday, many of the children who were awarded certificates - for Lexia, Rockstars, Stars of the Week - achieved these due their resilience and perseverance. At school, we know that children learn best when they keep at it, even when things feel tricky. Research shows that those who reach their full potential are those who show *grit*—the determination to keep going, learn from mistakes, and try again. We encourage our pupils to see challenges as part of the learning journey, and we celebrate their efforts as much as their successes. If you can help us at home with this too, we'd be most grateful.

We now have our House Captains who we hope will lead their House Teams to 'be the best they can be' and become the winning team each week.



Red Arrows - Lily Crawford and Oscar Wooden



Blue Dolphins - Ella Abbott and Cooper Kendrick



Green Dragons - Jude White and Teddy Thompson



Golden Eagles - Scarlett-Grace Cater and Skylar Angerstein

I am sure they will do a super job.

Now that we are in the fourth week of term, if you have any concerns about how your child is getting on, please do contact their class teacher to have a discussion. We will have parent consultations after the half term break, but if you need to speak to us before then, please do so.

Have a super week - and we look forward to seeing Year 2 parents/carers on Thursday for their Parental Involvement afternoon.

**Miss E. Dawson**  
**Headteacher**

## Secondary School Admissions

Please note that if your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to apply online for a Secondary School place (applications open from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025) by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. To register your choice please visit:-

[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

## Attendance

For the week ended 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025 there were six classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Butterflies who achieved 99.7%.

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.

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	99.3%
Dragonflies	92.4%
Butterflies	99.7%
Rabbits	99.0%
Ladybirds	94.3%
Robins	96.7%
Fireflies	94.5%
Owls	97.7%
Bears	96.1%
Sparrows	86.2%
Ants	98.6%
Kestrels	99.4%
Badgers	95.5%
Squirrels	93.2%
Whole School	95.8%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

**BUTTERFLIES**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2025 - 2026 is:

**97%**

## Polite Reminder

## Earrings

The rule for PE lessons is that jewellery, including earrings and retainers, must be removed due to injury risks for the wearer and others. Taping earrings is not recommended as it does not provide sufficient safety and can be ineffective. If a child cannot remove an earring, they may be excluded from the practical aspect of the lesson. Parents are responsible for removing earrings on PE days, and for newly pierced ears, there is often a six-week period during which earrings cannot be removed, leading to potential exclusion from practical PE activities.

## Table Tennis Competition





Competitive school sport got underway last week as Thundersley took a team of Year 6 children to a Table Tennis competition, at Grove Wood Primary School. The children had been practising hard with Mr Yorston and then again in their break times and lunch times, so were excited to play against the 8 other schools in a series of matches. Over the course of the day, every single child made incredible progress, especially with their consistency and tactical awareness and Thundersley were winning lots of matches as they played each school. After all the scores were in, the boys did brilliantly, finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place. The girls also finished 4<sup>th</sup> - missing out on a bronze medal by a single point! Well done to all the children involved and thanks also to the parents and carers that gave the children extra practise at home - it clearly paid off! Joshua Sandford (Badgers) and Cattleya Tsvetkoska (Squirrels) give their joint account of the event below:-

"First off we got in there and we went to find our first spot for the tournament. We went in and we all did very well. A couple of us won and a couple of us lost but it was all good. I won my first game. It was very challenging but I got there in the end. Unfortunately I lost my second game but there were lots of hard shots. We were the better team but they got lucky. Then we had our third game which I won. It was against Grove Wood which were the main team. We had 7 games in all and I won 5. Overall I really enjoyed it and for the boys we came 4<sup>th</sup>. We were so close to getting 3<sup>rd</sup> place but it was very challenging." (Joshua Sandford)

"When we arrived we were greeted by the staff from Grove School and we waited five or ten minutes and then we started the games. Overall I played 7 games and I won 4. On the second game, I didn't win but one of the other girls won. We came 4<sup>th</sup> overall but we were only 1 point off of getting 3<sup>rd</sup> place. I haven't played table tennis before but I did really well and I really enjoyed it." (Cattleya Tsvetkoska)



#### **Boys' Football matches vs. Harris Mayflower and Benyon (away)**



Last week we had two highly competitive games against two strong schools in the Essex Cup. Sadly, both games ended up in heavy defeats, but the boys showed great resilience and never gave up. On Wednesday the boys travelled to Chafford Hundred to play against Harris Mayflower. The boys started off the game strongly with the game being really close, until Harris Mayflower started a scoring spree of wonderful goals.

On Friday they were straight back into cup action by playing against Benyon in another tough game. A much improved performance from the boys, saw them lose against another strong side in the competition. A lot of credit has to go to the boys for battling for the whole game and never giving up. Harley Punt (Badgers) and George Oswald (Squirrels) give their respective accounts of the games below:-

"It was a tough game between the two schools. I think we played well but we could have tried a bit harder. I played striker for most of the game and I nearly scored some goals but I just couldn't get them in. I enjoyed the game a lot. Even if we lose or win I enjoy it because it is good representing the school." (Harley Punt)

"It was a tough game but we did quite well and just lost. I played left wing and centre mid. I prefer centre mid the best because I feel more comfortable. We played quite well as a team but we could have improved a bit more. The match was very good because it is nice playing for the school.

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I'm looking forward to the next match."  
(George Oswald)

#### **Year 6 Parent/Carer Involvement Session**

On Wednesday, Year 6 parents/carers visited their children to take part in activities around their topic of South America. Isla Reeves (Squirrels) and Jacob Nevill (Badgers) give details of the session below:-

"We had a giant piece of paper and I had to choose an animal and I chose a Jaguar because I really like the patterns on it. I had to write the word Jaguar and draw the animal in the letters. Then we had to make a fact sheet about the Jaguar. My mum helped with the drawing and I did the writing. One fact is - Jaguar cubs are blind from 1 to 4 months old. I liked my mum coming in as it really helped with the drawing as I'm not that good and my mum is good at drawing." (Isla Reeves)



"My dad came in to help me and we did a calligram and we did a sloth. We had to write facts all about it, like its diet and behaviour.

One fun fact is that they grow algae on them as they are so slow and it helps them to blend into trees. I liked my dad coming in as it was helpful as if I had done it on my own it would have been hard." (Jacob Nevill)

#### **Year 4 Parent/Carer Involvement Session**

On Thursday, Year 4 parents/carers visited their children to participate in a Geography session. Eva Mandizha (Sparrows) and Alion Pjetra (Bears) tell of their exciting afternoon below:-

"My dad came in and we had a sheet where we had to go around the school and complete the sheet. We had pictures on the sheet and we had to look around the school and then we had to write where we found them in the boxes. I really liked my dad coming in to help me as it was really





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exciting. It was fun and my dad said he had a lovely time." (Eva Mandizha)

"We had a sheet of paper and we had to answer questions. At first, we had to go North, South, West or East and go to that place and answer the question. It was a little bit hard and a little bit easy to find the answers. I enjoyed it a lot especially as I was with my friend." (Alion Pjetra)

## Year 3 Parent/Carer Involvement Session

On Friday, it was the turn of the Year 3 parents/carers to visit to participate in a Stone Age activity as part of the children's topic this term. Stanley Hamilton (Owls) and Aiden White (Fireflies) give their respective accounts of the session below:-

"My mum came in to help me. We went out into the field to find berries, sticks, feathers and acorns to make a Stone Age cave painting. We managed to find some berries, some sticks, some feathers and some acorns. We came back in and then there was charcoal and glue on the table and we used the charcoal to draw and then we stuck all the stuff on to make a cave painting picture. Then my mum took it home. I really enjoyed the parent involvement. It was really fun and I can't wait until the next time it happens." (Stanley Hamilton)

"My dad came in to help me. We had to collect sticks, acorns and berries and make Stone Age paintings. I drew my two dogs. My dad helped me to stick all the things on there and gave me ideas. It was fun with dad." (Aiden White)

## Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Snow Peacock (Kestrels) who performed at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025. Snow has been attending Theatre Train, Leigh on Sea for two years and they performed alongside all the Theatre Train groups from across the country in one huge performance.

Snow sang and danced in a two hour sell out show and said it was the best day of her life! Snow has been practicing for the show every Saturday morning with Theatre Train for the past nine months and they put on an amazing performance. Well done Snow, what a great show to be involved in!



## Honesty is the best policy!

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

Ava Macdonald - Sparrows  
Eva Mandizha - Sparrows

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

## Stars of the Week

**Year 6:-** Millie Smith and Louie Hulton  
**Year 5:-** Emily Duggan and Evelyn Deal  
**Year 4:-** Perla Puckey and Layla-Star Wright-Martin  
**Year 3:-** Harley Rush and Jake Sewell  
**Year 2:-** Alissia South and Thalia Churchman  
**Year 1:-** Eli Waiwaiku and Lizzie Hamilton  
**EYFS:-** Margaux Parker and Jude Hume



## Playground Stars of the Week

Jude White, Penny Lawrence, Alex Muir, Kitty McCombe, Rey Higgs, Henry Wise Bell, Aiden White, Jack Bush, Lenny Little, Benas Pavedaika, Mason Hiller, George Grigson, Brianna Shearcroft and Phoebe Davison

## House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Red Arrows	3925
Blue Dolphins	3759
Green Dragons	2725
Golden Eagles	2610



Well done again Red Arrows!

## 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 either speak to Mrs. Hayward in the main School Office or email her directly on:-







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[Katie.Hayward@tps.robusmat.co.uk](mailto:Katie.Hayward@tps.robusmat.co.uk)

### **Treetops:-**

At Treetops, we are still getting outside as often as possible to enjoy our fabulous outside space and this week we will also be thinking about World Animal Day which is this weekend.

### **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](http://www.pennuk.com)

Danielle's Uniform,  
Claydons Lane,  
Rayleigh,  
Essex, SS6 7UP.  
Telephone 01268 967542

[www.danielllesshop.co.uk](http://www.danielllesshop.co.uk)

### **PTA**

### **Next Meeting**

The next PTA meeting (AGM) is on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in the White Hart at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the PTA and making a real difference to our school, please just pop along! Everyone is welcome.

### **Community News**

### **BTSA - Recruitment Events**

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### **The Deanes School Holiday Camps - Half Term 2025**

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### **This is The Church - The Beacon Festival 2025 Event Guide**

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

### **Kids Adventure - Casting**

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### **Kidz Camp**

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### **School Calendar - Dates**

eSchools or eSchools app Lite

### **Future Term Dates**

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\*\*\*\***

24/10/25  
24/11/25  
23/02/26  
20/07/26

