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Dear Parent/Carer,

A chilly start to the week - but children are all set to go!

Ambassadors

Our Year 6 children are a delight! I always say that the Year 6 group set the tone for the rest of the school - and this cohort are already doing a great job! As I said to the children in assembly, our school is like a beehive and our Year 6 children are the older, wiser bees who show the younger bees the way. They are thoroughly enjoying being in the special Year 6 classrooms and acting as super role models to the rest of the school. This is a busy time for Year 6 who are at present choosing their Senior Schools. At the weekend, a number of them sat the 11+ test for entry to Grammar School and I know in the coming weeks, many may be participating in aptitude tests in Sports, Languages or the Performing Arts and verbal reasoning tests for a number of schools.

It is also busy in school. Year 6 children take on Ambassador roles across the school, and today in assembly I announced those who will be fulfilling the following roles:-

- Assembly Ambassador
- Library Ambassador
- Office Ambassador
- Lunchtime Play
- Lunchtime Organisation
- Computing Ambassador
- Sports Ambassador

These are key roles and really help us with the smooth running of the school - we were blown away by the number of children who applied to take on the extra responsibilities.

Head Team

Each year, the Year 6 children are given the opportunity to apply to be in our Head Team. They complete an application form, which is seen by all staff, and present to their peers before everyone votes. I can

now tell you that our fantastic Head Team for this year is Poppy Ferdinando-Hemmings, Lola Tucker, Ethan Fitzmaurice and Joshua Sandford. I know they will do a great job and represent the school brilliantly. Next week, we hope to announce our House Captains.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at Parental Involvement sessions. This week it is the turn of Year 6 at 1.30pm on Wednesday and Year 4 at 1.30pm on Thursday.

Have a super week.

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 12th September 2025) by 31st October 2025. To register your choice please visit:-

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Attendance

For the week ended 19th September 2025 there were six classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Squirrels 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:-

Congratulations to this week's winners

SQUIRRELS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2025 - 2026 is:

97%

Class	Week
Chipmunks	99.3%
Dragonflies	96.0%
Butterflies	88.7%
Rabbits	98.3%
Ladybirds	96.2%
Robins	95.0%
Fireflies	98.9%
Owls	97.3%
Bears	96.8%
Sparrows	85.0%
Ants	97.6%
Kestrels	95.5%
Badgers	95.8%
Squirrels	99.7%
Whole School	95.6%
Target	97.0%

Year 1 Parent/Carer Involvement Session

On Tuesday, the Year 1 children were visited by



their parents/carers for their first involvement session of the year. The children and parents/carers initially did a Phonics Hunt on the field and then went into the hall to play phonics games. Adam Sethi (Butterflies) and Aurora Clark (Rabbits) give respective details of their special afternoon below:-

"I was having fun. We had to look for pictures around the field and write what they were on our clipboard. When I went back inside I played some games. I liked playing the games inside the best. Mummy helped me to write the words. I liked mummy coming in to help me a lot." (Adam Sethi)





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"Mr. Jetten said to find our grown-ups and go. I found my daddy. We did a game with snakes and ladders and I did a tricky game all by myself. We went onto the field and we had to find some pictures and wrote the words. I thought that daddy coming in was good." (Aurora Clark)

Year 5 Parent/Carer Involvement Session



On Wednesday, it was the turn of the Year 5 parents/carers to visit to take part in an

involvement session about their topic work on Anglo Saxons. Harry Burns (Ants) and Teddy Richards (Kestrels) give their respective accounts of the session below:-

'My mum came in to help and we were making slides on a PowerPoint about the Anglo Saxons and we chose the topic we wanted to do. I chose the Houses and Villages which was about what they used and how they built their houses and villages and what the farmers did which was their main job. We could also make a flap poster with a bunch of 'Did you know?' questions. We went onto a website about the Anglo Saxons and on the PowerPoint, my mum taught me how to copy and paste the information. I could also read it off the website as well. We technically learnt a bit more from the website about the Anglo Saxons. I enjoyed mum coming in to help because she works on a computer at work and I found it really useful that she knew what she was doing." (Harry Burns)

"My mum came in to say 'Hi' but she couldn't stay because unfortunately she had a call for work so I sat with my friends and their mums and did my work with them. I did some slides on the Chromebook about Anglo Saxons. I liked doing some of the slides because I found out lots of different information. I enjoyed learning about the Anglo Saxons on the Chromebook. (Teddy Richards)

Forest Schools – Butterflies' Class

Last week, Butterflies' Class participated in Forest Schools which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Below are some photos of the children's activities.



Football Match vs. Giffards Primary School (away)



On Friday, our Year 5/6 Girls' Football Team headed to Giffards Primary School for their first game in the Essex Cup.

The game started off with a brilliant start from the girls, as they stormed into a four-goal lead before half-time. Some brilliant football was played from both sides, which saw the game turn really competitive in the later stages, with goals flying in from both teams! Overall, the girls managed to get their first win of the season, by winning 6-3! The girls will progress to the next round where they will face Wyburns Primary School. A special mention to Saskia Lawledge-Scott who managed to score a hat trick, well done Saskia! Emily Duggan (Kestrels) gives her account of the match below:-

"We played against Giffards, I was really excited but also nervous. It was my first time playing with the Year 6s which made me even more nervous, but I had so much fun! I started off on the side line and came on to help defend our goal. We won the game 6-3, thanks to our teamwork and our team spirit. I'm really looking forward to playing again with the girls."

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Oscar Wooden (Badgers)
Tommy Pellett (Bears)
Henry Wise Bell (Bears)
Ella Abbott (Badgers)
George Oswald (Squirrels)
Edward Payne (Squirrels)
Reggie Collins (Kestrels)

Well done – you should be very proud of yourselves!





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Stars of the Week



Year 6:- Melis Balci and Jenson Main

Year 5:- Harry Molloy and Ibrahim Sethi

Year 4:- Teddy Jared and Poppy Steyne

Year 3:- Rae Law and Lilly Hawker

Year 2:- Evie Crompton and Hudson Barber

Year 1:- Ava Anderson and Maisie Wheeler

EYFS:- Albert Dickinson and Charlotte Potter

Playground Stars of the Week

Phoebe Barron, Florence Rawles, Albie Clark, Norman Wheeler, Ruby Trew, Rae Law, Frank Mataj, Louis Clapton, Hallie Hawkins, Finley Ashwell, Edie Crust, Yasin Efe Biyiklioglu

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Red Arrows	2945
Golden Eagles	2419
Blue Dolphins	1713
Green Dragons	1409



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:-



Katie.Hayward@tps.robusmat.co.uk

Treetops:-

This week we will be teaching the children some sign language as it is International Sign Language Day this week.

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.daniellessshop.co.uk

PTA

Next Meeting

Date to be confirmed.

Community News

Mala Dance

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Benfleet Community Music Centre

We still have a few places left for any budding **rock band players** (Years 3 to 6) who play drums, guitar, and particularly those who play keyboard or sing?!

- Benfleet Community Music Centre is looking for students (Years 3 to 6) to join our Junior Rock Band this month!
- We meet on Saturday mornings at Thundersley Primary School, Hart Lane, Benfleet SS7 3PT

We also still have some places left on a **Junior Music Programme** (Years 3 to 6) which might be of interest to non-rock band students, or those who would benefit from further musical enrichment and development:

- They will learn to play instruments and sing in a group, as well as making new musical friends!
- The programme is 90 minutes long and runs for 10 weeks per term at Benfleet Community Music Centre starting this month!

For further details and to register for either programme, please click on the following link:

[Benfleet Community Music Centre - Essex Music Service](#)

School Calendar - Dates

eSchools or eSchools app Lite





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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

