



Newsletter No. 12

1st December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! Christmas carols and lines from the nativity are ringing out across the school and I think I spotted a donkey in Chipmunks on Thursday!

I know that it can be a busy time for families, but it is a magical time of year in school and we are delighted that many of you will share in our events.

We were delighted to be joined on Thursday by members of our Governing Body who visited classes and talked to children and staff. We are very lucky to have such committed governors who care so deeply about our school and are keen to help us to be the best we can be. Thank you all.

Lost property - Today in the KS2 assembly, we calculated that £320 worth of lost property had been left around the school in the last week. I think the children were shocked! Much of this lost property will sadly end up in the recycling bank, where it will certainly not gain £320 for our school funds. I talked to the children about taking responsibility for their belongings and putting names on everything - they may get their biros out tonight! A plea to everyone - please put names on all clothing. It is so much easier to get lost items back to the correct person if they are labelled.

I hope you have a peaceful week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

EYFS/Reception Admissions for September 2026

Please note that the Primary School admissions for EYFS/Reception places for September 2026 are now open. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions and the closing date is 15th January 2026. Please note that even if your child has a sibling at your chosen school, you still need to apply online by the above deadline.



Attendance

For the week ended 28th November 2025 there were three classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Butterflies who achieved 98.4%. 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:-

	Week
Chipmunks	92.4%
Dragonflies	86.6%
Butterflies	98.4%
Rabbits	86.2%
Ladybirds	95.0%
Robins	93.8%
Fireflies	87.1%
Owls	93.3%
Bears	92.3%
Sparrows	93.8%
Ants	92.7%
Kestrels	94.4%
Badgers	98.0%
Squirrels	97.3%
Whole School	93.0%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

BUTTERFLIES

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

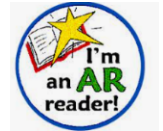
2025 - 2026 is:

97%

Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 28th November 2025:-

This week:-



Word Count

1st Kestrels - 975,506
2nd Owls - 394,641
3rd Ants - 251,487

Quizzes

1st Owls - 36
2nd Fireflies - 20
3rd Kestrels - 19

We would like to congratulate Oliver Browning (Sparrows) and Isobel Hawkins (Badgers) on becoming word millionaires. Well done to you both!

Christmas Card Posting Boxes

The Christmas card posting boxes are open from today as follows:-

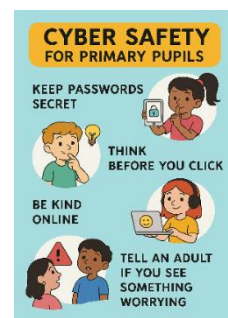


EYFS/KS1 - in the corridor near Mr. Mackay's office

KS2 - in the corridor opposite the Library

If your child would like to send a Christmas card to someone in school, they **must** write the person's full name and class clearly on the envelope. **Please note that members of staff are unable to give out class lists.** Thank you.

Cyber Safety





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Parent Practical Tips:-

Keep devices updated.

Use parental controls.

Encourage open conversations about online experiences. Conversation starters:-

What games do you play online?

Have you ever seen something that made you uncomfortable?

How do you choose your passwords?

Recommended Resources:-

CyberSprinters (NCSC)

Google Interland

Common Sense Education

KS1 Winter Games

On Wednesday, Robins' class participated in the KS1 Winter Games, together with other local schools, at The Deanes School. The children enjoyed a wide range of physical literacy and sporting activities, with the hope that this will inspire some of our younger students. The children had an amazing time and came back to school beaming.



Singing Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Nellie Gaskin (Kestrels) who recently performed at the Southend Performing Arts Festival and won the singing section! Every year, since Year 1, Nellie has entered the festival with her dance school Junior Masters Performing Arts. Her Principle, Miss Wendy, asked her to perform the

song The Ugly Duckling and this was the song she won the trophy and gold medal with. Nellie said "I have entered the festival many times and I was so happy to win my section this year. I sang the song The Ugly Duckling and it was a really fun song to sing. I really enjoyed the festival as lots of my friends from dancing were there too." As you can imagine, Nellie's mum and family were super proud of her.

Well done Nellie, what a fantastic achievement! You should be very proud of yourself too!



Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Toby Sutherland, Henry Hogsden, Darcey Rowland and Eleanor Henry

Year 5:- Evie Betts, Kitty McCombe, Mason Major and Aiden Clarke

Year 4:- Jack Weeden and Tommy Pellett

Year 3:- Samuel Grover, Ethan Gillett, Jaxson-Jai Winter and Ava Moorcraft

Year 2:- Susie Pellett

Year 1:- Eloise Bennett and Mason Evans-Dani

EYFS:- Ella-Rae Cox, Lila Dixon, Rosie Jenkinson-Flynn and Elijah Dove



Playground Stars of the Week

Emily Harvey, Lily Crawford, Nellie Gaskin, Isabelle Hawkins, Perla Puckey, Archie Whitaker, Maddox McKinlay, Jake Sewell, Albert Evers, Theodore Frimley, Henry Walters, Ella Abbott, Harry South, George Elliott, Sophia Jarvis, Annie Vine, Alois Pjetra, Emily Parmenter and Evie Crompton

Treetops Star of the Week

Albert Dickson and Jack Bush

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Jacob Crompton - Sparrows
Zach Jackson - Dragonflies

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Green Dragons	3613
Golden Eagles	3283
Red Arrows	3028
Blue Dolphins	2187



Well done Green Dragons!

THUNK



If I break a stick into three, do I still have a stick?





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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:-

With the arrival of December, lots of our activities will be based around Christmas. It's already looking a little festive as the paper chains the children have been busy making have now been used to decorate the hall. I'm sure there will be plenty more to add too!

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 - AGM

The PTA will be holding their AGM on Monday, 12th January 2025 at 7pm in the White Hart. If you would like to join the PTA, they would love to see you there. Everyone will be welcomed!

Community News

The Beacon - Peter Pan 20th December 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

ACL Courses December 2025

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

PFA Soccer Schools

Please find attached a flyers in respect of the above.

School Calendar - Dates

eSchools or eSchools app Lite

Future Term Dates

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****

23/02/26

20/07/26

