



Dear Parent/Carer,

I trust you had a relaxing holiday and enjoyed the lovely weather.

The children have come back raring to go, happy to see their friends and have all quickly settled down to their learning. In assemblies today they were buzzing about the Artemis expedition.

Prior to the holiday, I had the absolute privilege of being one of the team who accompanied the Year 4 children to Danbury for their residential trip. What a wonderful trip it was. The site is set amongst the beautiful countryside about 40 minutes on the coach and we had fantastic weather. The food was good, the activities were super and the accommodation was basic, but lovely and clean and perfect for our needs. We have booked again for the Year 4 children next year. Our children were, as you would expect, an absolute credit. They showed great courage, team work and resilience during all the activities and seemed to enjoy singing 'Kumbaya' and 'You Cannae push your Granny off the bus' around the camp fire! We cannot possibly replicate in school what they learn during these trips and I am so grateful to our staff who are always willing to give our children these opportunities. Many thanks to everyone involved.

A busy six weeks ahead, so do keep an eye on the eSchools calendar, which you can access through the eSchools app.

Don't forget that on Friday this week, the children can come dressed inspired by a STEM career - perhaps a sound engineer, zoologist, conservationist, welder, electrician, neuroscientist or pharmacist - within STEM, the possibilities really are endless!

I know for some children daily reading may have slipped over the Easter holidays and for some children, I imagine they had their head in a book much of the time. Please make sure that you are reading with your child each day. I cannot stress

enough what a difference it makes to the progress they make.

Have an enjoyable week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 27th March 2026 there was one class who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Owls who achieved 97.3%.

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	82.1%
Dragonflies	86.1%
Butterflies	96.5%
Rabbits	90.7%
Ladybirds	96.6%
Robins	95.9%
Fireflies	93.3%
Owls	97.3%
Bears	96.3%
Sparrows	93.8%
Ants	96.9%
Kestrels	95.3%
Badgers	96.8%
Squirrels	92.9%
Whole School	93.6%
Target	97.0%

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for
2025 - 2026 is:
97%

Year 4 Residential to Danbury



Congratulations to this week's winners
OWLS

Just before the Easter break, some of the Year 4 children visited Danbury for an overnight residential. The children had the most fabulous time and participated in lots of different activities during their stay. Felicity Bowman (Bears) shares her exciting account of the trip below:-





"The first activity we did was 'Bush Craft' where we had to make a fire. We tried to with the flint and steel and we all managed to get some sparks but couldn't actually light the fire. We made one big fire and we toasted marshmallows and had a hot chocolate. It was really good. After that we did the high ropes. There were two levels and I did the highest one. It felt really fun but weird as I could let go but it would still hold me as I had a harness on. In the evening we had dinner which was really nice. It was spaghetti bolognese and after that we went out for a bonfire. We had to collect sticks for the bonfire and we sang songs. We went to bed about 9.30pm and I slept nicely as the bed was really comfortable. The next day we had breakfast. We were able to choose - we could have cereal, yoghurt, fruit or a hot breakfast. I chose the bacon and the hash brown and some fruit. After that we went to the zip wire which was really fun as it felt like I was flying. Then we did an obstacle course where we had to climb through a tube whilst it was moving or climb up a tube with a rope. That was really fun. After that we packed our stuff and we had a little play outside. For lunch we had beef or cheese burgers and we could have some fruit and the drinks were really nice too. We could have lemonade, blackcurrant or orange. After that we had another little play and then had to get on the coach. My favourite was the high ropes because they were super fun because I got to go through different obstacles in the air."



Polite Reminder

We would like to remind you that the children are not allowed to bring medicated sweets into school - thank you.

Treetops Star of the Week



Patrick Boswell

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Ethan Fitzmaurice (Squirrels)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

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.robustmat.co.uk

Treetops this week:-

The weather is definitely on the up so much more of our time can be spent outside which the children absolutely love.

This week we welcome Mrs. Harding to the Treetops team as she is taking over from Mrs. Barnett on a Wednesday.

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.danielleshop.co.uk

PTA

Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

Spring Festival

Thank you to those who supported our Spring Festival. We made **£899.59** profit for school funds.

Break the Rules Day

Thank you to those who supported our Break the Rules Day. We made **£544.62** profit for school funds.





Newsletter No. 25

13th April 2026

Community News

Essex Fire Museum - 26th April 2026

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above. Please note that you must book in advance for this event.

You can also arrange a free home visit if you do not have a working fire alarm by emailing:-

museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Bramu Dance

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Wilderness Foundation UK - Bio Blitz

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

School Calendar - Dates

eSchools or eSchools app Lite

Future Term Dates

Academic Year 2025-2026

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)

Academic Year 2026-2027

01/09/26 - Start of the Autumn Term
26/10/26 to 30/10/26 - Half Term
21/12/2026 to 01/01/27 - Christmas
Break
04/01/27 - Start of the Spring Term
15/02/27 to 19/02/27 - Half Term
26/03/27 to 09/04/27 - Easter Break
12/04/27 - Start of the Summer Term
03/05/27 - Bank Holiday
31/05/27 to 04/06/27 - Half Term
21/07/27 - Last Day of Summer Term

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

20/07/26

01/09/26
02/09/26
22/10/26
23/10/26
22/02/27

