



Dear Parent/Carer,

It was wonderful to see our Year 6 last week approaching their SATs with such maturity and positivity. We were incredibly proud of how calm, cool and collected they were throughout the week. They showed great resilience, determination and confidence, and most importantly, they gave of their very best – which is all we could ever ask for. The atmosphere each morning was purposeful but relaxed, and the children should feel extremely proud of themselves for the way they conducted themselves. SATs are just one small part of their journey, but the way they approached the challenge says a great deal about the young people they are becoming. They are also looking very cool in their leavers' hoodies!

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone at our May Day celebrations on Thursday which will begin at 10am. Gates will be open at 9.45am as long as the children are all set up. The weather looks set to be warm later in the week, so please ensure children bring a hat and have sun cream applied before school where necessary.

Finally, please remember our PTA Bouncy Castle Event which is taking place on Thursday after school. I know they are looking for lots of parents to assist on the inflatables. The weather is going to behave itself and the children will love it!

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

### Attendance

For the week ended 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026 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:-

	Week
Chipmunks	94.8%
Dragonflies	83.2%
Butterflies	97.4%
Rabbits	94.5%
Ladybirds	96.1%
Robins	97.0%
Fireflies	99.0%
Owls	94.3%
Bears	97.7%
Sparrows	92.4%
Ants	95.2%
Kestrels	94.5%
Badgers	99.4%
Squirrels	99.7%
Whole School	95.3%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners  
**SQUIRRELS**

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

### Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026:-

#### Quizzes

Fireflies & Owls 25  
Ants 22  
Bears 15



#### Word Count

Kestrels 381,900  
Bears 348,280  
Ants 292,230

### Year 1 visit to Belfairs

The children in Year 1 visited Belfairs Nature Discovery Centre to take part in an outdoor learning day around the topic of 'Plant Power'. This allowed the children to follow plants from seed to flower and back. Activities for the day included:-

- Plant and tree identification
- Parts of a plant
- Plants and seeds needs
- Bug hunting in the meadow
- The pollination game

Lily Roberts (Butterflies) and Eli Waiwaiku (Rabbits) give their respective accounts of the day below:-



"We went on a school trip and we went to Belfairs and at Belfairs we went into the woodland part and we looked at all different types of leaves. We did some tree rubbings on the bark. We also had some lunch and then we played a game called 'Bees' and we had to collect nectar and pollen. When we were playing it started to rain so we went inside. We found leaves and then we had to cross our arms to say 'no' and put our thumbs up to say 'yes'. We also did a bug hunt. I found some centipedes and I also found some woodlice, some snails and three caterpillars. We also caught some frog hoppers and when we touched their wings they flew away. My favourite part was bug hunting as I love looking after nature. I loved the day." (Lily Roberts)

"We went bug hunting and we played a game that we had to pretend we were bees and run to some cones and open them up and grab some balls. The balls were supposed to be nectar. We walked around the woods and we had a sheet with some leaves on and we had to find them. We found the one we were meant to find. I enjoyed it so much and the best bit was when we went to get the balls because it was fun." (Eli Waiwaiku)





## KS2 Finals Day



On Friday, the clouds parted and the sun shone which was perfect for a morning of sprinting and distance running. The

children from KS2 lined the track and were in excellent voice to cheer on their class mates across a series of sprint races. As always the races were incredibly close and the children competed with great courage and determination. Following the heats it was time for the sprint finals with medals being handed to those finishing in the top three. This led us on to the main event of the morning which was the open distance races and there were so many willing participants which was brilliant to see. Whilst we are always impressed by the speed of those winning the medals, the largest cheers of the day are always reserved for those who finish towards the back of the races and have really dug deep to complete the course. A huge congratulations to all those who took part! This is another fantastic example of the children 'being the best they can be'. Harry Burns (Ants) tells of his experience below:-

"Finals Day is an athletics competition with two events - long distance and sprinting. With the sprinting I had to do fast running in my class PE lesson to have a chance at the sprinting final and if I won the final I could win a medal. At the start I was a bit nervous but when I started running it was all alright. I qualified for the final and in the final I came 6<sup>th</sup>. In the long distance anyone can do it and I didn't have to qualify and for the Years 5 & 6 it was 600m and for the Years 3 & 4s it was 400m. I felt nervous but alright at the same time as I had won two medals before and I came 2<sup>nd</sup> this time so won another medal. I enjoy running because it helps me get fit and it challenges me. I love running and love running around my estate."

## My Future Programme - Inspiring Ambitions at Our School

Last week, our children took part in the *My Future* programme—an exciting initiative designed to raise aspirations and open young minds to the many career possibilities that await them. The project aims to broaden children's understanding of the working world and inspire them to think about the skills they already have and how these might shape their futures. As part of the programme, pupils enjoyed a virtual visit from a range of professionals whose careers linked to the clue "*Life from Earth.*" These visitors represented a wide variety of fields and shared insights into what they do, why they enjoy their work, and how their roles make a difference.

The children were enthusiastic and curious, asking thoughtful questions and discovering new ideas about what a future career might look like.

### Follow-Up Activities at Home

To keep the inspiration going, we encourage families to continue the conversation at home. Here are some prompts and ideas you might explore together:

Which job did you like best?

Who was your favourite professional and why?

How many different jobs can you think of that involve catching of some sort?

What skills would you need for the jobs you learned about?

Do you already use some of those skills at home or in school?

What do you love doing that could be part of your future career?

You might create a fact file, design a simple PowerPoint, draw pictures, or simply enjoy a conversation. The goal is to keep

children curious, confident, and excited about the future.

We look forward to seeing how their dreams grow!

### Honesty is the best policy!

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

Mabel Evers - Sparrows

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

### Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Badgers and Squirrels' classes

Year 5:- Eva-Mei Redmond

Year 4:- Xander Weedon and Oliver Weedon

Year 3:- Olivia-Grace Nevill and Jake Sewell

Year 2:- Sienna Lowe

Year 1:- Luci Gardiner and Isabelle Cable

EYFS:- George Crawford and Holly Rolls



### Playground Stars of the Week

Cattleya Tsvetkovska, Harley Punt, Albie Clark, Evelyn Deal, Aiyan Miah, Alois Pjetra, Ronnie Hartman, Nancy Walters, Avery-Bleu Dolan, Amelia-Jean Wheeler, Arthur Ainsworth, Edie Crust and Elsie-Grace Jenkins



### Treetops Stars of the Week



Max Potter

### Thunk



If the sun shines but it is still cold, is it a sunny day?





### House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Golden Eagles	7106
Blue Dolphins	5850
Red Arrows	4868
Green Dragons	3947



Well done again Golden Eagles!

### Karate Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Harley Rush and Sienna Dixon (both in Fireflies) who competed at the TSKUK National Championship competition yesterday. They both entered the Individual Kata competition for Under 11s and in the girls' section, Sienna competed in two rounds to come 2<sup>nd</sup> overall taking the silver medal. In the boys' section, Harley competed in three rounds as the scores were tied. It was a very close competition and he took 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the bronze medal overall.

Well done Sienna and Harley, you should both be very proud of yourselves on your amazing achievements!



### eSchools App

We kindly ask that you to download the eSchools app (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](mailto:Katie.Hayward@tps.robusmat.co.uk)

### Treetops this week:-

One more week until the half-term break and the weather looks like its improving so the children will be running around outside again making use of our wonderful outside space.

### 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.daniellesshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellesshop.co.uk)

### PTA

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7pm in the White Hart. If you would like to join the PTA, why not pop along, we would love to see you.

### Community News

### SEN/D Roadshow

Please see the link below to the SEND Local Offer Roadshow which takes place on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026 9am-12 noon at The Mill Arts & Events Centre, Rayleigh, SS6 7ED.

[Local Offer Roadshow, South Essex | Essex Local Offer](#)

### Girls 4 Football - 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### CSC Gymnastics Club

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Scooty Wooty's Pony Riding

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Future Term Dates

### Academic Year 2025-2026

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





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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

