



Dear Parent/Carer,

Last week was certainly one to remember! Despite the exceptionally hot weather, our children and staff coped brilliantly, adapting activities where needed and making the most of the week with smiles, resilience and plenty of fun. From our Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher for the Day to children taking on special responsibilities around the school, there was a fantastic atmosphere throughout and lots of memories made.

We are all very pleased that the temperatures have cooled a little this week, especially as Year 4 headed off to St Peter's Church for their visit.

Tomorrow is our Class Swap afternoon, when children will spend time with their new teacher and class ahead of September. Each child will bring home a letter detailing the staff who will be working in their year group from September. Please collect your child as usual from their current classroom or door at the end of the day.

It promises to be another busy week, with our Cricket team and Quad Kids team both competing in their County Finals, as well as our Swimming Gala. We know all of our children will represent the school brilliantly and, as always, be the very best they can be.

We are also looking forward to welcoming parents/carers into school for our consultation meetings. If you have not yet booked a parent/carers consultation or your structured conversation meeting, please do so as soon as possible. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you.

Miss E. Dawson,
Headteacher

Essex Childcare Survey

Essex County Council is asking parents and carers to complete its annual childcare

survey. Your feedback will help shape future childcare provision across Essex, including before and after school clubs, holiday childcare and funded Early Years places.

Please see the attached flyer for further information and details of how to take part.

Attendance

For the week ended 26th June 2026, there was one class who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Owls who achieved 97.7%.

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	91.8%
Dragonflies	91.0%
Butterflies	95.8%
Rabbits	89.0%
Ladybirds	94.5%
Robins	89.7%
Fireflies	90.0%
Owls	97.7%
Bears	95.0%
Sparrows	89.7%
Ants	96.3%
Kestrels	93.5%
Badgers	93.9%
Squirrels	93.2%
Whole School	92.9%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

OWLS

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

Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 26th June 2026:-

Quizzes

Sparrows 36
Owls 27
Bears 21



Word Count

Sparrows 1,013,115
Owls 358,499
Bears 338,180

Year 5 visit to the Essex Food & Farming Show



On Tuesday, the Year 5 children had a fabulous day at the Essex Schools Food and Farming Day which is a yearly event organised by the Essex Agricultural

Society giving 3,000 Essex school children aged 8 to 11 (Years 4, 5 & 6) the opportunity to visit ARU Writtle and find out how their food is produced, the role played by farmers in Essex and the many related jobs within the industry. The day saw the children journey through 6 zones: Food, Crops, Machinery, Livestock, Countryside & Environment and Rural Safety & STEM. Each zone had several exhibitors with an interactive display for the children to watch, listen to or more



often get involved with. The aim of the day was to give children a better understanding of where their food comes from, and the role agriculture plays in shaping the Essex countryside.

Mia Birch (Kestrels) & Ibrahim Sethi (Ants) give their respective accounts of the exciting day below:-



"First when we went in we went into different tents. There were parts where we could pet animals and find out about them. Then we could find out about where different foods like bacon are from. We went into another tent where we could test out some food like milkshakes and jam and we could find out how they are made. We also went to the sheep show where the sheep were getting shaved. Then we went to somewhere where we could see how different things grow and how different light makes them grow. Then we went to a field and saw some different machines like tractors and harvesters and we learned how crops were harvested. My favourite part was the taste testing as it was quite fun to find out about the different foods. I enjoyed the trip as it was really interesting finding out all the different things about food and farming. (Mia Birch)

"First of all we had to take our register and get on the coach. Then we had to wear red wristbands and we had a long walk to get to the activity place and then we got an activity book and we got stickers and found out how to be safe. We also found out fun facts like when reindeer fight with their horns, they come off and then they grow smaller ones. We also had food tasting that came from the reindeer. It did look good but I didn't eat it. We also had a chocolate milkshake which was kind of good. After that we used hand sanitizer and went in to pet the animals and feed them. We also milked a

pretend cow. I liked petting all the animals. We were also given a jar of the world's best jam which I ate at home! Then we went to a sheep show and ate our lunch. We also saw tractors and then went to the shops. I liked getting all the stickers about how to grow vegetables and seeds. I also got some seeds and I will plant them in my garden." (Ibrahim Sethi)

We received a lovely email from one of the stewards on the day which read:-

"It was truly a delight to meet your pupils and colleagues. Your students were an absolute credit to the school - so, polite, friendly and considerate throughout the day, even in the heat. They conducted themselves brilliantly and were a real pleasure to be around. It was lovely to see how engaged they were with the different exhibits, asking thoughtful questions and showing genuine enthusiasm for learning. Watching them interact with one another and with the activities on offer really was a joy."



Year 2 Parent/Carer Involvement session

On Thursday, the parents/carers of the Year 2 children visited to participate in an orienteering exercise and have a little picnic on the field with their child. Charlotte Morris (Robins) tells of her session below:-

"My mum came to help me. First we got a map and it had questions on the back that we had to answer. We had to look around the field and the playground for the answers to the questions. We managed to get all the answers. It was really fun. At the end we had a picnic with our parents on the big field. I was excited for mummy to come and help me but also a bit nervous because I didn't know if I would find the

answers. It was fun and I had a really good time."

Staff-Student Swap Day



On Friday, the school was taken over by pupils during our Staff-Student Swap Day in order to raise funds for the school. The children had to initially apply for a position and wait to see if they had secured the 'job'. Children became Teachers, where they planned the curriculum and taught, Office Staff where they answered the phones, spoke with parents who visited the office and generally helped out with messages etc., the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher where they greeted parents/carers/children at the gate, visited classrooms, spoke to children regarding their school experience and saw the children out at the gate at the end of the day. Luna Thomas (Bears) and Eleanor Henry (Badgers) were Headteacher and Deputy for the day and jointly tell of their experience below:-

"We went around for the day together. We were on the gate first thing and said "Good morning" to everyone. When the parents had all gone in, we waited for them to come back out and then shut the gate. Then we came back into the office and collected our folder and stickers and headed out to all the classes. We asked the teachers to give five names who had been excellent throughout the morning and we gave them all stickers. Then we went out to break and took out friendship





stickers and whoever we saw playing nicely together or being friendly, we gave them a sticker. Then we marked some books and put some stickers in them. After we marked some books I (Eleanor) went with Mr. Smith and did some Lego as we both enjoy doing Lego. Then we went to lunch. After lunch we came back and did a pupil survey. We asked them what they like about school and what could be improved. They said we could make the library bigger, have a treehouse and a zip line, a giant swimming pool, the size of the playground and they all said they enjoy being at school and spending time with their friends. Then we did an assembly. (Eleanor did KS2 and Luna did KS1). Then we had a little chat with Miss Dawson and Mr. Smith and received our certificates. Then we had Golden Time and had to do gate duty again. We both thought the day was a great experience to find out what their jobs were like."

As you know, each class had to raise £25 in order for the teacher to do a forfeit. The total amount raised will be given once the PTA has counted the donations. The photos above show Mr. Jetten and Mrs. Sawyer receiving their forfeit!

Junior of the Year - Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Evie Barfoot in Ladybirds who was awarded Junior of the Year at her awards ceremony at the weekend. This was at Razzamataz, Rayleigh which is a well-established theatre school in the local area. Evie was given the award as she has

worked so hard and consistently across, Signing, Dancing and Drama. Evie's family are incredibly proud of her.

Well done Evie, what an amazing achievement!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Poppy Ferdinando-Hemmings & Kody Hearne



Year 5:- Briar Bilkey & Lola Duffield

Year 4:- Oliver Browning & Alion Pjetra

Year 3:- Evelyn Payne, Edward Rowland & Jared Nyama

Year 2:- Robins' Class & Aaron Jenkins

Year 1:- Eli Waiwaiku & Amelia Gallagher

EYFS:- Jude Hume & Mia Fordham



Well done Red Arrows!

Thunk



Is a melted ice-cream still an ice-cream?

Playground Stars of the Week

Stanley Evers, Dior Sellick, Arbie Beswick, Perla Puckey, Teddie Jarrard, Felicity Bowman, Samuel Grover, Frank Mataj, Ava Batley, Mabel Keane, Lily Roberts, Arthur Wilden and Rosie Richards



Treetops Star of the Week



Aiden Clarke

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Ruby Molloy - Owls

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Red Arrows	4037
Green Dragons	3091
Blue Dolphins	3081
Golden Eagles	2526

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:-





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Treetops this week:-

This week at Treetops we will be utilising our lovely school field and will also be continuing the theme of paper and pen activities.

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.daniellesshop.co.uk

PTA

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA is to be advised.

Community News

Bright Boots Football Camp

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Future Term Dates

Academic Year 2025-2026

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

