



Dear Parent/Carer,



In my email on Friday, I said just how touched Denise's family were to have a bench in her memory in our playground. We thought you'd like to see a photo of them at the unveiling. Thank you again to all who contributed.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Green Day on Friday for Tourette's syndrome awareness. Luke was just delighted and did a great job in the KS2 assembly of telling children about the challenges of having Tourette's. I am sure he will have helped other children who are also dealing with this.

If you follow Facebook, you will know that our oak tree in the KS2 field is at risk. If you haven't seen the post, search for Simon Sifocusuk English. Simon English, our Chair of Governors, Steve Mackay and I will be meeting with Cllr. Tom Gibson this week to see if there is anything we can do to save the tree and put a plan together. If you have any expertise in this area, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

This week, our Choir will be performing at the Cliffs Pavilion in the annual SEESMA Festival. We can't wait to see them!

Have a super week.

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

### Attendance

For the week ended 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024, there were 3 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Rabbits who achieved 99.7%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted this week.

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.

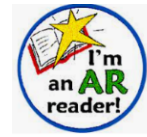
Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	91.3%
Dragonflies	78.0%
Butterflies	91.4%
Rabbits	97.1%
Ladybirds	100%
Robins	90.0%
Fireflies	91.7%
Owls	94.0%
Bears	82.1%
Sparrows	88.8%
Ants	91.5%
Bees	98.3%
Kestrels	97.4%
Badgers	99.1%
Squirrels	83.9%
Whole School	91.6%
Target	97.0%

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

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for  
2023 - 2024 is:  
**97%**

### KS2 Accelerated Reader



Overall:-

**Word Count**

1<sup>st</sup> Kestrels - 13,200,954  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bees - 10,114,540  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ants - 9,985,840

We would like to congratulate Charlie Mcadonald (Kestrels) and Kitty McCombe (Fireflies) who have become millionaire readers. Well done to you both!

We would also like to give a special mention to Alice English (Kestrels) and Henry Walters (Bears) for becoming two million word readers. Well done to you both!

### Finals Day



On Thursday, we had our annual Finals Day event which was for KS2 children. The event consists of sprint heats and finals and then an open long distance race for each year group. The sun came out for the event and the children were excited to get started. The Year 3 children set the tone with some speedy sprinting and this continued throughout all of the heats. After the heats came the sprint finals and my goodness what a set of races we had! The races were met with cheers from all the children and adults in KS2 and there were some incredibly close finishes. As always there was tremendous sporting attitude from all runners congratulating each other regardless of where they finished. Following the sprints came the open long distance event and it was



fantastic to see so many children choosing to take part. As always, the children towards the back of the races received the loudest cheers of the day as their friends and classmates could see the amazing effort they were putting in. This was a really fun morning and it was delightful to see so many children running with courage and determination. Another example of the children being 'the best they can be'. Archie Alsop (Kestrels) gives his account of the event below:-

"In PE lessons we did sprint races to qualify for the Finals Day and I came 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for these. Then a couple of weeks later we found out who was in Finals Day and I was in Finals Day and I was really excited and I felt like a big weight had been lifted off my shoulders as I normally qualify so that was one bit out of the way and now I could win some medals. On the day, I felt really nervous. We sat down and watched the first couple of races and then they called Year 5s. That's when I felt really nervous but also quite calm. We were at the running track and then the whistle went and I just sprinted as fast as I could and I felt like I was floating. At the finish line I came 2<sup>nd</sup> and I was super happy with myself. Then I was congratulating my friends and my friend and I said we couldn't believe we had done it. Then I had the sprinting final and that was really nerve wracking. The whistle went off and I did what I did in the first race. At the finish line I came 3<sup>rd</sup> and finally got some silverware. It is the first medal I have got for sprinting in Finals Day and I felt over the moon and extremely happy. My legs weren't aching and then I went onto the 600m which was really painful. There were about 25-30 kids and the top few didn't change. I enjoyed the race and when I came over the finish line for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time I looked down and had two bronze medals. Even though it was competitive everyone congratulated everyone else on where they came and it was a very nice atmosphere after the race even though we were out of breath, we could feel the happiness."

## Wear Green for Tourette's Awareness Month



On Friday, the children were asked to wear green for Tourettes Awareness Month. Luke Avison gives details of the day below:-

"On Friday, everyone wore green to show awareness of Tourette's. It was really nice seeing loads of green. I gave a talk about Tourette's in assembly. I was very nervous but I was also very proud to share information on Tourette's."



## Year 4 Assembly

On Friday, the Year 4 children showcased their recent work on the Romans in an assembly to their parents/carers. Evie Barber (Sparrows) and Cooper Kenrick (Bears) describe the assembly below:-

"The assembly was about the Romans and what they used to do like build straight roads. They also made mosaics. We had Roman Gods and Goddesses and there was a Queen called Boudicca and she didn't want the Romans taking over. I made a mosaic out of tiny squares of different coloured paper. The Mosaics got to wear coloured clothes. We also did some songs. My favourite song was Boudicca. A few people played instruments. I played a little shaker. We did actions for some of the songs. We had judges and they wore black and the teachers made paper wigs for them to wear. My nan and grandad came to watch and they said it was really good." (Evie Barber)

"There were different people for different jobs. There were army, judges, builders and workers. They each had to dress up in different uniforms. The army had to wear Roman army clothes and bring in swords and shields. The builders and workers had to wear old clothes and cut holes in them and put paint on them so they looked like they were working. The judges had to wear black clothes and capes. I was an army person. There were three songs. There was the Roman numeral song, the Gods and Goddesses song and a





Boudicca song. My favourite song was the Roman numeral song. When it was the end we played the Roman numeral song again and we got the parents and teachers to join in which was good fun. I liked the army action bit the best. My mum and my dad came to watch and they said it was good and they learned something."



Well done Golden Eagles!

### Stars of the Week



**Year 6:-** Ruby Hampson-Long and Freya Longmore

**Year 5:-** Harry Sayer, Amelie Mara, Freddie Troth-Olasebikan and Bailey Paton

**Year 4:-** Ricky Van-Der-Fransen and Henry Grover

**Year 3:-** Isabelle Hawkins and Jack Wigington

**Year 2:-** Teddie Jarrard and Rex Bilkey

**Year 1:-** Olivia-Grace Nevill and Alois Pjetra

**EYFS:-** Blake Turner and Aaron Jenkins

### Numbots Certificates



Well done to all of the EYFS and Year 1 children that have used NumBots to help support their fluency in Maths. Certificates will be given during Celebration Assembly. The following children are our NumBot superstars this week!

Year 1 - Isla Lake (Rabbits) and Archie Stuart (Butterflies)

Well done to you both!

### 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.



### Playground Stars of the Week

Bella Blackshaw, Jacob Sandford, Jasmine Steyne, Lara Pur, Jimmy Hunter, Oscar Wooden, Poppy Ferdinand-Hemmings, Renley Baker, Albert O'Connell, Teddie Jarrard, David Stan, Jake Williams, Rosie Spears, Elliott Harris and Evie Barfoot

### This week's 'Thanks'



When is the best time to read at home?

### House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Golden Eagles	2614
Red Arrows	2508
Blue Dolphins	1471
Green Dragons	1393

### 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 called Early Birds (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 speak to Mrs. Hayward in the main School Office.

### 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)

### Community News

#### Love Parks - 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### Mega Camps Summer 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### Singer Stage School

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

<https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/home/86964>

or eSchools app Lite

### Future Term Dates

19/07/24 - Last day of Term

03/09/24 - Start of the Autumn Term  
28/10/24 to 01/11/24 - Half Term  
21/12/24 to 05/01/25 Christmas Break  
06/01/25 - Start of the Spring Term  
17/02/25 to 21/02/25 - Half Term  
07/04/25 to 21/04/25 - Easter Break  
22/04/25 - Start of the Summer Term





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05/05/25 - Bank Holiday  
26/05/25 to 30/05/25 - Half Term  
22/07/25 - Last day of Term

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

22/07/24  
23/07/24

02/09/24  
25/11/24  
14/02/25  
21/07/25  
22/07/25

