



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are very much missing Rabbits this week, but they have been working very hard at home and really joining in with the Google Meets. Well done Rabbits, we are looking forward to having you back on Tuesday - you will have your rearranged Sports morning on Wednesday.

Yesterday it was wonderful to see small groups of Chipmunks making their Calm Boxes with the parents. It just reminded us of what we have been missing - it will be super to welcome parents back next academic year for our parental involvement activities.

Our virtual Parental Consultations seem to be going well, although each teacher has had a small number of parents who haven't attended. Please check the date and time of your appointment as each year group is different. Of course, this cannot replace meeting in person, but we hope you have found it beneficial to actually talk to the teachers face to face, rather than hearing their voices only.



Year 6 had their very own Euro competition yesterday - a super event! I don't want to jinx things by telling you the result

but suffice to say, a super time was had by all! Even if you are not a football fan, you cannot fail to be caught up in the excitement which has surrounded this England team's journey to the final this Sunday. At Thundersley, we have been learning about Gareth Southgate in assemblies. In our picture news assembly, children learned about the responsibility and pride that Gareth feels to be leading this team. We have also heard about how he learned from what he felt was the negative thoughts he had running through his head when he took that fated penalty in 1996. He knows that he and the team have to believe in themselves, be positive and 'keep the head'. He also wants them to enjoy what they are doing and be a true team - kind to each other, pulling together, not rivals.

Gareth Southgate appears to be a fair, determined leader who wants his team to believe in themselves, learn from mistakes, work hard and never give up so that they can 'Be the best he can be'. It all sounds very familiar - he is a true Thundersley learner!! Go England!!

[Dear England by Gareth Southgate | The Players' Tribune \(theplayerstribune.com\)](https://www.theplayerstribune.com)

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

### Attendance



For the week ended 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 there were ten classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Voles. They will be sharing looking after Attendance Ted next 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	Year to date
Chipmunks	97.3%	97.2%
Dragonflies	95.3%	96.0%
Rabbits	97.8%	98.6%
Frogs	97.3%	98.3%
Dormice	95.3%	96.1%
Ladybirds	95.7%	98.7%
Robins	93.8%	95.8%
Doves	93.8%	96.4%
Owls	98.0%	97.3%
Bears	98.0%	97.2%
Foxes	98.6%	98.1%
Ants	99.2%	97.5%
Sparrows	99.2%	97.2%
Voles	98.0%	96.5%
Badgers	94.5%	98.1%
Kestrels	96.6%	96.8%
Squirrels	99.1%	95.8%
Whole School	96.7%	96.9%

Congratulations to this week's winners  
**ANTS & SPARROWS**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2020 - 2021 is:  
**97%**

### Gold Badge Readers - Ice Cream

On Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 those children who have achieved their Gold Badge for reading 5 times a week over a 30 week period will receive a special reward - an ice-cream!



### Year 6 Science Event



Year 6 took part in a Science event this week where the children had the chance to complete a range of experiments in and out of the classroom. The children created their own density columns by layering different liquids, they made their own lava lamps, they





created their own rainbow using red cabbage and then had the chance to create an exploding film canister. Not only did the children play the role and have the responsibilities of a scientist, they looked great in their lab jackets and goggles too. The children had a great morning experimenting with different resources and using scientific equipment. They are all excited to see what experiments they will be able to take part in at secondary school.



### The One Show



Last night, Isla and Issabella Reeves (Frogs and Bears) appeared on The One Show. The girls both play football for

Rayleigh Boys and Girls. The Founder, Brian Mitchell, was being recognised for 45 years at the club! The girls were shown in a video and were obviously super excited that they were on tv. What a great memory to have girls!



### Equality and Diversity Day

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We managed to raise a huge £512.52



which will be split between Stonewall, Scope and Show Racism the Red Card.

### After School Clubs

Please note that After School Clubs have now finished.

### Uniform

Please note that from September the children are required to wear the winter uniform as detailed below:-

**EYFS:-** White Polo shirt, grey trousers/skirt, grey sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo and trainers which can be washed easily.

**EYFS PE kit:-** Yellow t-shirt with school logo, black shorts and trainers/plimsolls (optional plain coloured tracksuit for outside PE).

**KS1:-** White Polo shirt/white shirt (tie optional), grey trousers/skirt, grey sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo and sturdy black school shoes or black trainers.

**KS2:-** White shirt, tie, grey trousers/skirt, grey sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo and sturdy black school shoes or black trainers.

**KS1/KS2 PE kit:-** Yellow t-shirt with school logo, black shorts and trainers/plimsolls (optional plain coloured tracksuit and trainers for outside PE).

Please note that all clothing should be clearly labelled and long hair must be tied back at all times. Earrings must be removed for P.E. and Swimming (we kindly request that if your child is going to have their ears pierced, they do so at the beginning of the summer break in order that they can participate in P.E. and Swimming on their return to school in September). Thank you.

### COVID Testing



Regular testing remains a vital part of the approach to managing the virus, whether an individual has symptoms or not (asymptomatic). It is

vital that anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19 self-isolates immediately, along with other members of their household and organises a PCR test. It is not appropriate to use rapid lateral flow tests when individuals have symptoms of Covid-19. The symptoms of Covid-19 remain the same - cough, high temperature and loss of sense of taste or smell can be found here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms in children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms-in-children/).

We also continue to strongly encourage staff, students and their households to take part in regular testing if they are not showing symptoms. This will help to reduce the risk of the virus unknowingly entering the school community. School staff and students of secondary age have access to twice-weekly asymptomatic Covid-19 testing through their school or setting. Households of staff, children and young people attending primary schools or settings also have access to twice weekly testing.

You can access a free LFT in a number of ways, including at the local LFT site in your district, by collecting a home LFT kit from a test site, or by ordering a home test kit online. More information about these options can be found here: [Regular Rapid Lateral Flow Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) Tests](https://www.essex.gov.uk/support-if-you-are-self-isolating).

Schools and settings remain responsible for contact tracing following a positive case. Any individual identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 has a legal obligation to self-isolate if advised to. There is help available, including financial support, if you are required to self-isolate and are unable to go out to work or work from home - <https://www.essex.gov.uk/support-if-you-are-self-isolating>





## Stars of the Week

**Year 6:-** Toby Wade and Evie Mai Wood

**Year 5:-** Ruby Blair, Bear Norton and Jack Allen

**Year 4:-** Daniel Sanders and Faye Chan

**Year 3:-** Bella Littler and Oliver Cambridge

**Year 2:-** Jimmy Hunter, Jasmine Steyne and Lois Oke

**Year 1:-** Griffin Gibson, Oscar Wooden and Jenson Main

**EYFS:-** Logan MacKenzie



## Playground Stars of the Week

Kitty Gaskin, Evie Mai Wood, Jessica Libby, Phoebe Horne, Jasmine Oakley, Sophie Aldridge-Wilkins, Maisy Quinn, Poppy Abbott, Belle Benny, Sam Beasley, Henry Frost, Theo Preston, Cara Sanders, Kyle Barter, Harley Punt, Darcey Gayler, Eva-Mei Redmond, Toby Warner and Teddy Richards.

## House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> with 1,842 points - Red Arrows
- 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1,677 points - Green Dragons
- 3<sup>rd</sup> with 1,617 points - Blue Dolphins
- 4<sup>th</sup> with 1,415 points - Golden Eagles



Well done again Red Arrows!

Please note that Stars of the Week, Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores run a week in arrears.

## PTA News

### Break the Rules Day - Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Our wonderful PTA have suggested a fun way of raising some funds for the school - a "Break the Rules Day".

The idea is that children pay to break a number of rules - 50p per rule or £3 maximum to break every rule. These are the rules that children can break:-

Crazy hair

Oversized hair bows

Non-school uniform

Any footwear

Nail varnish

Temporary tattoos

Make up or face paints

Odd socks or crazy tights

Heroic capes

Clothes back to front

Wearing pjs

We cannot wait to see what children decide to do - I wonder what rule Mr Mackay will break!

### 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 speak to Mrs. Bezdell in the Green Building 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

### Southend United Football Academy for Years 5 & 6

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Museum of Power - Summer Workshops

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Future Term Dates

- 21/07/21 - Last day of Term
- 02/09/21 - Start of the Autumn Term
- 25/10/21 to 29/10/21 - Half Term
- 20/12/21 to 03/01/22 - Christmas Break
- 04/01/22 - Start of the Spring Term
- 14/02/22 to 18/02/22 - Half Term
- 04/04/22 to 18/04/22 - Easter Break
- 19/04/22 - Start of the Summer Term
- 02/05/22 - Bank Holiday
- 30/05/22 to 03/06/22 - Whitsun Break
- 22/07/22 - Last day of Term

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

- 01/09/21
- 01/11/21
- 21/02/22
- 06/06/22
- 07/06/22

