



NEWS & VIEWS

Explore Discover Learn

Headteacher: Mr R Watson



Headteacher's Comment:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start this week's communication on a positive note and express my gratitude to the parents and carers who responded positively to my recent email regarding punctuality. On Tuesday, we had 41 children (15%) arriving after 8:45 AM, but I am pleased to report that this number has significantly reduced since then, with an average of only six children arriving late. It is vital that our pupils benefit from arriving as soon as the gates open, allowing them to engage with our outstanding staff the moment they enter the building. I encourage everyone to maintain this improved timekeeping; it truly makes a difference to our children's experiences at school.

Regrettably, I must address the concerning issue of our attendance figures this week, which have reached their lowest point to date. Our school community has put in considerable effort over the past year to raise attendance, with improvements of nearly 4%. As a parent of two boys of school age myself, I understand that illness can occasionally impact attendance. However, it is essential to strive to ensure that children attend school whenever possible. Missing days can severely affect their learning, both academically and socially.

This week, I will be inviting families in for attendance meetings to discuss cases where attendance has fallen below 90%, a threshold that is considered persistent absenteeism. To put this into perspective, if a child's attendance is below 90%, it equates to missing half a day of school each week. Some of the reasons cited for absence this week are inadequate and will not be authorised. This could potentially lead to fines and prosecution under the new attendance strategy shared with you earlier this year. We want to see all children in school every day, as our school and children thrive when attendance is high.

Recently, we have observed that a number of children are not being collected on time, resulting in them waiting in the school office for an extended period. This situation can be distressing for the children, as uncertainty about their collection may lead to feelings of anxiety and discomfort. To ensure the welfare of our pupils, please be advised that if children are not collected promptly at the end of the school day, we will be required to take them to the after-school club. While we understand that unforeseen circumstances can occasionally arise, please note that this may incur additional charges, which will be added to your Parent Pay account.

On a lighter note, I would like to extend my congratulations to our football team, who played a thrilling match against Larchwood on Wednesday evening. Our boys emerged victorious with a score of 2-1 in a closely contested game. Both the players and parents from both schools represented our trust with great pride, and we look forward to the return fixture. Special recognition goes to Sam, Antoine, George, Olamide, Niles, Charlie, Maleek, Eduart, and our Man of the Match, George S, who made an incredible triple save at the end, securing the win for our team.

As we approach the end of the Autumn term and look forward to the festive season, please ensure you check the diary dates for the next two weeks. We have numerous events planned, and it is important that you, as parents and carers, are well prepared and that the children are ready to participate fully.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Stars of the Week

| | | | | |
|--------|----------|--------|----------|---------|
| RKH | RB | 1A | 1C | 2Y |
| Annlin | Scarlett | Roansi | Penelope | Simran |
| 3S | 4C | 5OD | 6C | 6H |
| Olivia | Alfie | Jayna | Molly | Antonie |



Mr Watson's Superstar Award –

Oliver 2Y – for a really positive attitude towards school life. Applying himself in lessons and producing some pleasing work.



Reading at Home –

| Class | Table shows actual number and rounded percentages of children reading at home | | | | | | % 3 and more | % 4 & 5 | % not reading |
|-------|---|---|---|---|---|----|--------------|---------|---------------|
| | Times Read | | | | | | | | |
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | |
| RB | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 65% | 56% | 22% |
| RKH | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 50% | 39% | 31% |
| 1A | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 62% | 52% | 10% |
| 1C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 76% | 76% | 12% |
| 2Y | 0 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 89% | 56% | 0% |
| 3S | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 65% | 42% | 12% |
| 4C | 4 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 82% | 61% | 14% |
| 5OD | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 86% | 76% | 7% |
| 6C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 100% | 57% | 0% |
| 6H | 4 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 67% | 24% | 19% |



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Weekly Attendance

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| Class | RKH | RB | 1A | 1C | 2Y | Whole school |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|--------------|
| Attendance | 96.5% | 95.9% | 85.9% | 90% | 87.8% | |
| | | | | | | 92% |
| Class | 3S | 4C | 5OD | 6C | 6H | |
| Attendance | 86.7% | 93.4% | 95.9% | 95% | 96.9% | |

| 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 6H | RKH | 5OD |



Yearly Attendance

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| Class | RKH | RB | 1A | 1C | 2Y | Whole school |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Attendance | 94.4% | 94.5% | 88.6% | 93% | 91.9% | |
| | | | | | | 93.8% |
| Class | 3S | 4C | 5OD | 6C | 6H | |
| Attendance | 93.9% | 94.5% | 95.8% | 95.6% | 96.5% | |

| 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 6H | 5OD | 6C |

| Literacy Word of the Week | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
| purloined | distribution | translucent | remarkable |

| Maths Word of the Week | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
| multiply | product | compare | simplify |



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 10 December - Year 2,3 & 4 parents invited to watch school Carol service - 14.30

Wednesday 11 December – Anne and Darcy – Essex Therapy Dogs – 13.00 – 15.00

Thursday 12 December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12 December - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 12 December – Year 6 walk to Shenfield Common

Thursday 12 December – 13.00 – 15.00 KS2 Parents Maths workshop

Thursday 12 December - Year 5 &6 parents invited to watch school Carol service - 14.30

Friday 13 December – Rock Steady performance 14.30

Monday 16 December – Reception Nativity 14.00

Tuesday 17 December – Ho Ho Hogarth Christmas event 15.30 – 17.30

Wednesday 18 December - Don Rae Pantomime with Year 6

Thursday 19 December – 13.00 – 15.00 KS2 Parents Maths workshop

Thursday 19 December – Year 1 Christmas performance 14.30

Friday 20 December - Last day of term

Monday 6 January – Children return to school



We truly appreciate your generosity towards our staff during this festive season which is not expected nor necessary, however as a gentle reminder, I would like to highlight our trust's gifts and hospitality policy. While your kind gestures are appreciated, we ask that any gifts are in line with trust policy which can be found [DET-Gifts-and-Hospitality-Policy-Final-Approved.pdf](#)



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