



Newsletter

5th June 2026

Diary Dates

June

W/C 8th - Multiplication Tables Check
W/C 8th - Phonics Screening Check
8th - Yr 3-4 football match v Eversley(A) (selected children)
9th - Year 3 trip to Call of the Wild
11th - SEND Coffee Morning for parents - KS2 hall 9-10:30am
15th - Year 2 trip to Hanningfield
16th - Year 4 Roman Workshop (in school)
18th - Trust Netball and Football competition (selected children)
19th - Summer Enterprise * & Inflatable Event 3:30-5pm
22nd - Year 1 trip to Barleylands
22nd - Yr 5-6 football match v Eversley(A) (selected children)
23rd - KSI Music Festival at Lincewood (Selected children)
24th & 25th - Bikeability (selected children)
25th - Pupil Voice @ St Mary's (Head boy & girl)
29th - EYFS & KSI sports Day - AM
30th - KS2 Sports Day - AM

July

1st - Nursery Sports Day
1st - Trust Swimming Gala (selected children)
2nd - Yr 5-6 District Sports (selected children)
3rd - Uniformwise Pop up shop 3-4pm.
3rd - Year 6 HRSE meeting for parents @ 3:30pm
3rd - Year 6 HRSE meeting for parents @ 5:30pm

Welcome back to school after the half-term break. We hope you all enjoyed a restful week with family and friends. We were certainly spoilt by the wonderful weather last week, and it has been lovely to hear about the children's adventures and activities over the holiday.

The children have returned to school full of excitement and enthusiasm for the final half term of the academic year. There is a real sense of anticipation across the school as pupils begin to look ahead to moving up to their new year groups in September.

This week, our Year 4 children have been busy taking part in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), which all Year 4 pupils in England complete. The MTC is a short online assessment designed to check children's recall of multiplication facts up to 12×12 . It helps schools identify any pupils who may need additional support with their times tables and celebrates the hard work children have put into developing this important mathematical skill. We are very proud of the effort and determination shown by all of our Year 4 pupils.

Looking ahead to next week, Year 3 will be taking their science learning beyond the classroom with a visit to Call of the Wild Zoo. The children will have the opportunity to get up close to a variety of animals and make links between their classroom learning and real-life examples, bringing their science topics to life in an exciting and memorable way.

We will also be hosting our SEND Coffee Morning for parents and carers next week. Please do come along if you would like information, advice, or the opportunity to speak with Miss Everingham (SENDCo) or Miss Bray (Inclusion Lead). We look forward to welcoming you.

Wishing you all a relaxed and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Wade
Head of School



Talk it Topic

'Talk it' topics are an opportunity for children to discuss an issue or idea throughout the week which is linked to British Values. It encourages children's communication skills as well as debating skills and is fun. We cover a different topic in school each week. It would be fantastic if you could talk about it at home too.

The coming week's topic is:

EYFS - What sea creatures live in the ocean?

KS1/KS2 - How can we protect the oceans?

The topics are linked to one of the following British Values: Individual Liberty, Rule of Law, Democracy or Mutual Respect & Tolerance

Well done to the following children

Certificate of Achievement

Buttercup - Bayan J
Daffodil - River S
Primrose - Mason
Bluebell - Violet B
Rose - Varshik
Tulip - Daniel
Lavender - Finley
Orchid - Maria
Sunflower - Maisie H
Birch - Ramzan R
Hawthorn - Ugne
Pine - Thierry-Jane
Ash - Adebanke A
Beech - James H
Maple - Adebambo A
Olive - Wyatt G
Sycamore - Tiffany L-H
Elder - Oscar H
Oak - Nicole

Reader of the Week

Bluebell - Oscar M-C
Rose - Elsa
Tulip - James
Lavender - Tatiana
Orchid - Lily
Sunflower - Reggie D
Birch - Eleanor A
Hawthorn - Jake K
Pine - Ralph C
Ash - Jacqueline H
Beech - Oscar M
Maple - Leo B
Olive - Daria P
Sycamore - Alana H
Elder - Lily M
Elm - Ellie C
Oak - Jacob



Whitmore SEND coffee and cake morning!

Thursday 11th June

9am

- An opportunity to talk to other SEND parents.
- Build a SEND community at Whitmore.
- Speak to professionals from outside organisations.
- Gather further support from other parents, information leaflets.





Organisations Attending:

- MYOTAS
- SNAP
- Essex Child & Family well-being service

Essex Child and Family well-being service Parent drop in

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8:30-9:00

Come to the main school office no
appointment needed.

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- **1:1 drop ins with Anita to discuss support and advice.**
- **Anything SEND, Mental health, behaviour and family support.**

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Reading Corner

Next week, we will be reading....

Nursery - Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell

Reception - The Tiny Seed

Year 1 - Little Red

Year 2 - The Day the Crayons Quit

Year 3 - The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Year 4 - Tamarind and the Star of Ishta

Year 5 - King Kong

Year 6 - Darwin's On The Origin of Species

Oracy Corner



Let's Talk



Why is it important to listen to others?



Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.

Start by saying:

- Building on X's idea...
- I agree and would like to add...
- X's idea made me think...

Build



Challenge

Disagree or present an alternative argument

Start by saying:

- I disagree because...
- To challenge you X, I think...
- I understand your point of view, but have you thought about...?

Challenge



Phonics

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Please scan the QR code or click the link to take you to the Little Wandle Parents page where you will find how we teach a new sound, how we teach children to read decodable words and tricky words. You will also find how to pronounce all GPCS your children learn.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



Reception	Our focus in phonics this week has been reviewing phase 4 CVCC words with short vowels. We have been reviewing phase 4 tricky words.
Year 1	Phonics- we have been revising the split vowel diagraphs of a-e/e-o/e-u-e/i-e
Year 2	Our focus this week - Why does 'c' make the sound /s/ in some words? How can I spell the sound /zh/? Please practise the new, weekly spellings. The children shall be tested on these on Friday 12th June. Thank you for your continued support. Year 2 team.

KS2 Class of the week - Hawthorn Class - 52%

- Player of the week—
Lavender— Ziya
Orchid — Sonia
Sunflower— Iremide O
Birch— Jensen J
Hawthorn - Ollie N
Pine— Ava M
Ash— Lily K
Beech— Lamia M-A
Maple— Temi A
Olive - Ella M
Sycamore - Apshara S
Elder— Vivien M
Oak - Evie



KS1 Class of the week - Bluebell Class - 10%

- Player of the week—
Bluebell— Ace Y
Rose— William
Tulip— Dennis



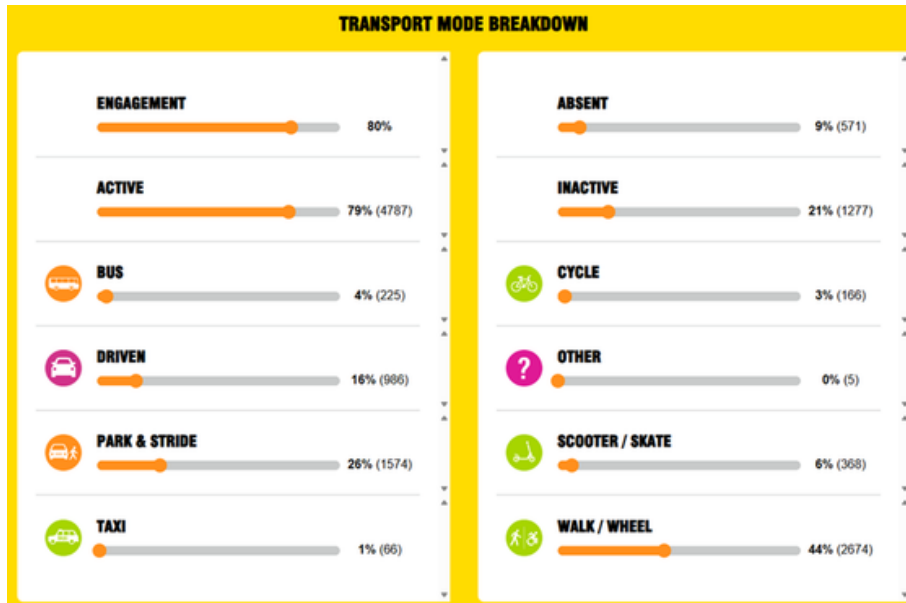
Let's Walk to School Campaign

Our school are proud to be a part of the 'Let's walk to school campaign' to encourage children to take active journeys to school. Teachers have been recording how children travel to school each day and children are rewarded with a badge at the end of the month if they have had at least one active journey to school each week. Active journeys are: walking, biking, scooting or park and stride (if the car is parked 10 mins walk away).

Here are the results for the month of May.



It's fantastic to see 527 children earning badges last month, but for the month of June we would like to see all children earning badges. Please support your child to achieve this if possible.



Berlesduna Vacancies



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

- BERLESDUNA – COMPLEX NEEDS & SEND TEACHER closing date 11th June
- MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 15th June
- MERRYLANDS – NURSERY LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 15th June
- WHITMORE – FULLTIME/PARTIME EYFS TEACHER closing date 19th June
- WILLOWS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 5th June

For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies - Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

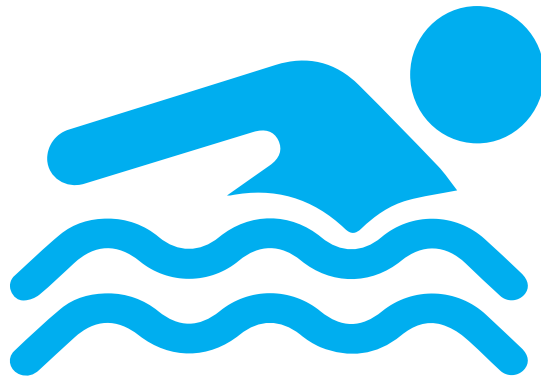


Year 3 Egyptian Day

Walking through the year 3 classes this week, you might have thought you'd stepped into the Valley of the Kings! The pupils in year 3 traded their school uniforms for some truly spectacular costumes to celebrate our Egyptian Day. The children were buzzing with excitement as their history topic this half term came to life through a variety of hands-on activities from playing an ancient game of senet, played by the Pharaohs themselves, to becoming architects to build their very own pyramids! It was a thoroughly wonderful day of learning and fun!

A huge thank you to parents and carers for providing fantastic costumes!





100 FREE WATER SAFETY LESSONS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN ☀️

With summer approaching and more children spending time around water, Aqua Aims is offering 100 FREE Water Safety Lessons for local children aged 8+.

These sessions are designed to teach life-saving skills and help children stay safer around water during the school holidays.

Lee Chapel, Basildon

FREE 30-minute session

Suitable for children aged 8+

Taught by a qualified swimming teacher

Children will learn:

What to do if they unexpectedly enter the water

How to stay calm in an emergency

Basic self-rescue skills

How to help others safely

Essential water safety advice for summer

Aqua Aims swimmers already receive water safety lessons as part of their swimming programme, so these free sessions are being offered to other local children in the community.

Spaces are limited to 100 children and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Click below to book your child's FREE place:

<https://aquaaims.com/index.php/water-safety-lessons/>

Aqua Aims Swim School

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aquaaims.com

Swim England Swim School of the Year award winners