



As we complete another busy week, I wanted to share some key updates and reminders with you all.

Our Reception children have completed their very first full week, and we're so proud of how quickly they've settled in. They've shown incredible confidence, curiosity, and kindness all through the week - well done to all our new starters and their families for supporting such a smooth transition.

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers: listening to your child read or reading to them at home is one of the most valuable ways you can support their learning. Just 10 minutes a day makes a real difference to their progress & confidence and is one of the biggest predictors of future academic success. Please look out for sessions that we will be delivering in school to support parents with how they can best support their children at home with reading.

We're looking forward to welcoming you to our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings, starting next week. These sessions are a great opportunity to hear important information about the year ahead, ask questions, and get to know your child's teacher. Please make every effort to attend - we know you'll find it beneficial.

Our Year 6 children are gearing up for their exciting residential visit to Mersea Island on Monday! It's a fantastic opportunity for them to develop teamwork, perseverance, independence and new skills - all while having lots of fun. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures.

Finally, please remember not to park on the yellow zigzag or double yellow lines at the front of the school. Parking in these areas creates significant risks for our children. Parking enforcement officers will be attending over the coming weeks and will issue penalty notices if the markings are not observed. Thank you for to all of those who are helping keep our children safe by not parking in these areas.

Wishing you all a relaxed and restful weekend. We look forward to seeing you next week!

Mr Wade
Head of School

Diary Dates:
September

- 12th—Year 6 meet the teacher parent meeting KS1 hall 3:30pm
- 15th—Year 3 meet the teacher parent meeting KS1 hall 3:30pm
- 16th—Year 1 meet the teacher parent meeting KS1 hall 3:30pm
- 17th—Reception meet the teacher parent meeting KS1 hall 3:30pm
- 19th—Year 5 meet the teacher parent meeting KS1 hall 3:30pm
- 22nd—Year 2 meet the teacher parent meeting KS1 hall 3:30pm

October

- 1st—KS2 School Council trip to UK Parliament
- 3rd—Year 3 trip to Thorndon Country Park
- 9th—Year 3/4 Dodgeball Competition (selected children)

- 14th—Flu Immunisations
- 21st—Individual photos

Inset Dates—3rd November 2025, 20th, 21st & 22nd May 2026

Year 6—Secondary School applications

If your child is in year 6, the admissions process for secondary schools opens on 12th September 2025 and closes on 31st October 2025. Many schools will run open days and evenings where you and your child can tour the schools and find out more about them. You can find out more about each school's open events by contacting them directly. You can apply for a secondary school place for your child at this website: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places> , or by scanning this QR code.



Happy Days Creative

Happy Days Creative are the school photographers, they offer a monthly payment scheme which entitles you to all the photos they take of your child over the 3 visits that they do throughout the school year. Further information can be found on the school website.

PLEASE REGISTER HERE: www.happydays.photos No later than Sunday 21 st September 2025 When registering please use your school code of: WHISS14 Do you already have a subscription but need to add another child? If you have an existing subscription and want to add a new sibling to your account, please use the following: <https://form.jotform.com/232402872195355>

'Talk it' topics and British Values

'Talk it' topics are an opportunity for children to discuss an issue or idea throughout the week which is linked to the 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. This week's topic will be—

Early Years—Why do we vote? This links to the British Value —Democracy.

KS1 & KS2—Why do we vote? This links to the British Value —Democracy.

Certificate of Achievement

Week of 8th September 2025



Daffodil Class— Edward C
Buttercup Class— Joshua P
Primrose Class— Kenza
Bluebell Class— Stefan C
Rose Class— Olivia R
Tulip Class— Daniel
Lavender Class— Nisla G
Orchid Class— Mila
Sunflower Class— Jamie C
Birch Class— Phoebe B
Hawthorn Class— Blake J
Pine Class— Luna O
Ash Class— Oliver M-C
Beech Class— Adebajni A
Maple Class— Louie
Olive Class— Charlie G
Sycamore Class— Imogen L
Willow Class— Ernie
Elder— Lily M
Elm— Asher O
Oak— Tate



Year Group	Next week, we will be reading....
Nursery	
Reception	Where the wild things are by Maurice Sendak
Year 1	Supertato by Sue Hendra
Year 2	The bear under the stairs by Helen Cooper
Year 3	The boy who grew dragons by Andy Shepherd
Year 4	The Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis
Year 5	The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Rauf
Year 6	Windrush Child by Benjamin Zepaniah

Class	Reader of the week...
Year 1—Bluebell	Freya M-W
Year 1—Rose	Jack C
Year 1 - Tulip	Tiffany
Year 2 - Orchid	Lily
Year 2 - Sunflower	Isobel B
Year 2 - Lavender	Finley D
Year 3 - Birch	Vlad C
Year 3 - Hawthorn	Jessica K
Year 3 - Pine	Zyva A
Year 4 - Maple	Reggie F
Year 4 - Beech	Harry H
Year 4 - Ash	Toby C
Year 5 - Olive	Thomas W
Year 5 - Sycamore	Hallie Q
Year 5 - Willow	Nora
Year 6—Elder	Harriet L
Year 6—Elm	Scarlett F
Year 6—Oak	Evie

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	Reception have started the school's phonics scheme 'Little Wandle' this week. We are beginning by covering the phase 2 sounds. We have looked at the sounds (s, a, t, p) so far. Specifically, we have practiced the pronunciation, the formation of these letters and looking at words that end and begin with these sounds.
Year 1	Revision- words ending in s /s/ Words ending in s /z/ Review words ending -es Longer words Tricky words- put pull full push here little says my by like some come love do
Year 2	Year 2 have been focusing on their graphemes ai/ n/m/ear and the alternative sounds they make ai - eigh/aigh/ey/ea n - kn/gn m - mb ear - ere/eer They have also been using the chunking method to read longer words.



Oracy Corner



Let's Talk



"Books are better than computers." Discuss.



Instigate

Present an idea or open up a new line of enquiry

Start by saying:

- I would like to start by saying...
- I think....
- We haven't yet talked about...

Instigate



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

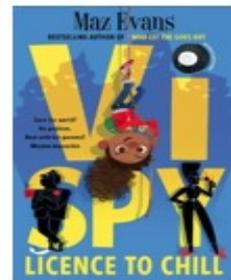
Recommended Reads



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2



Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

TTR class of the week— Hawthorn Class — 72%.

Player of the week—

Lavender— Jessie D
Orchid — Eliza
Sunflower— George H
Birch— Jaskirat K
Hawthorn— Alex C
Pine— Anna-Rose I
Ash— Jacqueline H
Beech— Ryka R
Maple— Temi
Sycamore— Stefan V
Olive - Dilara T
Willow— Alianna
Elder— Bella-Rose E
Elm— Charlie B
Oak— Oumie

Numbots class of the week - Bluebell Class—29%

Player of the week—

Bluebell— Patrick M
Rose— William C
Tulip— Dennis



