



It has been a long eight-week half term to begin the school year, and I want to take this opportunity to recognise how tirelessly both the children and staff have worked. Everyone now has a week to rest and recharge, and I hope you all have the chance to enjoy some quality family time over the next week.

This week, our Year 3 children shared their Harvest assembly with their families, and I must highlight how amazing they all performed. The growth and development they have shown in just eight weeks has been remarkable. During the performance, the children highlighted the generous donations that have been made by our school community. These donations will be passed to Re:Store at Holy Cross church, who provide vital support to local families experiencing hardship. Thank you to everyone who contributed - your generosity will make a real difference to families in our local area.

When we return after half term, our Head Boy/Girl and their Deputies will be selling poppies to support the Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be available for purchase before school and at the end of the school day. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to show their respect and remembrance, and to support this important cause.

I hope you all have an enjoyable week off and make the most of this time together as families. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 4th November**.

Wishing you all a restful and happy half term.

Mr Wade  
**Head of School**



**Diary Dates:**

**October**

24th—Last day of half term

**November**

3rd—Inset Day

**4th—Children return to school**

4th—Year 5 Anglo-Saxon workshop in school

6th—Yr3/4 football match v Eversley (A) (Selected children)

7th—Residential meeting to year 5 parents (KS1 hall @3:20pm)

W/C 10th—Anti-bullying Week

11th—Armistice Day

11th—Yr5/6 Football match v Ghyllgrove (A) (Selected children)

13th—Trust maths challenge (selected children)

14th—Children in Need

W/C 17th—Book Fair in school

17th—Yr5/6 football match v Willows (H) (selected children)

18th—Parent consultations 3:30-6:30pm

20th—Parent consultations 3:30-5:30pm

21st—Yr5/6 Football match v Eversley (H) (Selected children)

24th—Flu immunisations (pm)

27th—Yr5/6 Netball match v Great Berry (H) (Selected children)

**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 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and closes on 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

This [link](#) will take you to a digital magazine that can give you more information about the secondary school application process and some local schools.



Certificate of Achievement

Week of 20th October 2025



- Daffodil Class— Hubert B
- Buttercup Class— Izhaan B
- Primrose Class— Jaxon
- Bluebell Class— Patrick M
- Rose Class— Evie C
- Tulip Class— Elissia
- Lavender Class— Roseanna W
- Orchid Class— Jesse
- Sunflower Class— Olivia B
- Birch Class— Hugo M
- Hawthorn Class— Lenny
- Pine Class— Ochuwa Y
- Ash Class— Lexi B
- Beech Class— Amaree H
- Maple Class— Lillie-Mae
- Olive Class— Harry M
- Sycamore Class— Kirby W
- Willow Class— Sabrina
- Elder Class— Albie C
- Elm Class— Amber M
- Oak Class— Oakley



<b>Year Group</b>	<b>After half term, we will be reading....</b>
Nursery	Peppa's Diwali
Reception	Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain
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

<b>Class</b>	<b>Reader of the week...</b>
Year 1—Bluebell	Beau O
Year 1—Rose	Spencer R-M
Year 1 - Tulip	Vinayak
Year 2 - Orchid	Maria
Year 2 - Sunflower	Cruz F
Year 2 - Lavender	Florence C
Year 3 - Birch	Phoebe B
Year 3 - Hawthorn	Ethan
Year 3 - Pine	Anna-Rose I
Year 4 - Maple	Jaxon
Year 4 - Beech	Oscar M
Year 4 - Ash	Harlie-Rose G
Year 5 - Olive	Ella M
Year 5 - Sycamore	Apshara S
Year 5 - Willow	Ernie
Year 6—Elder	Owen D
Year 6 —Elm	Anni O
Year 6—Oak	Jenny

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	This week in Reception we have been recapping the sounds from our recent assessment the children were least confident in. We will start learning new sounds and tricky words on our first week back.
Year 1	We reviewed longer words such as farmyard, bedroom, airport. We reviewed the new sounds we have learnt, ay/oy/ea/ou and tricky words all are I of one here today.
Year 2	This week in year 2, we have been recapping any areas the recent phonic assessments have shown where the children may need to gain more precision in.

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education

## Oracy Corner



## Let's Talk



"Perseverance is the most important school value." Do you agree?



### 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

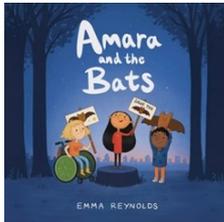
Disagree or present an alternative argument

#### Start by saying:

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

### Challenge

## Recommended Reads



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2

## Times Table Rockstars and Numbots



TTR class of the week— Olive Class — 63%.

### Player of the week—

Lavender— Ziya K  
Orchid — Oakley  
Sunflower— Iremide O  
Birch— Wiktor B  
Hawthorn— Talia  
Pine— Buddy M  
Ash— Oliver M-C  
Beech— Sia P  
Maple— Raphael  
Sycamore— Ziyad B  
Olive - Freya F  
Willow— Ruth  
Elder— Owen D  
Elm— Asher O  
Oak— Darius

Numbots class of the week - Bluebell Class—81%.

### Player of the week—

Bluebell— Teddy F  
Rose— Varshik S  
Tulip— Marnie



### **Berlesduna Academy Trust Vacancies**



#### **BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES**

FELMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
WHITMORE – BREAKFAST CLUB ASSISTANT closing date 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
WHITMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
WILLOWS – FIXED TERM EYFS CLASS TEACHER closing date 14<sup>th</sup> November

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

### **The Gingerbread Man**

This week Year 3 shared their production of “The Gingerbread Man”

There is so much talent across this year group! Beautifully loud singing, confident soloists, hilarious comedy and acting and even country dancing!

We also want to say a big thank you to everybody who bought in donations for St Andrews/Holy Cross Church. We have helped so many in our local community. What a lovely way to celebrate Harvest!

