

Newsletter

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An Exceptional Place to Flourish

Though your beginning was small,
your future will flourish indeed.
Job 8:7



Our school attendance target is:

96%

Actual attendance this academic year:

92.76%

Attendance this week:

Reception	93.66
Year 1	90.00
Year 2	97.50
Year 3	92.57
Year 4	77.14
Year 5	93.68
Year 6	95.00
Whole school	92.23

Winning year groups:

Gold – 1 st	Year 2
Silver – 2 nd	Year 6
Bronze – 3 rd	Year 5



Headteacher's note:

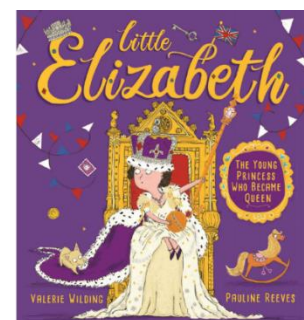
We had a lovely Thursday, with Essex Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Mrs. Rosemary Padfield, to kick off our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations at school.

Lord-Lieutenants are Her Majesty's representative in the county and as such will act to protect the dignity and integrity of the office they hold. Aside from royal duties, Lord-Lieutenants generally promote and encourage voluntary and charitable organisations and take an interest in the business, urban and rural, and social life of the county.

Mrs. Padfield explained to the pupils her role in representing the Queen and wearing the English Rose on such occasions. Men wear military uniform - but this has only recently has been brought in for women.



She read the story of *Little Elizabeth: The Young Princess Who Became Queen*, to our pupils and had a discussion about her majesty's interesting life.



The story goes through the life of The Queen, from being born, growing up in a royal household, changing of role to become a future Queen, her role in the war, marriage, and her coronation.



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Attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and schools should communicate clear and consistent expectations about attendance. We are **really concerned** about the attendance figures at school, especially compared with the previous three years for the same period: **1 September – 20 May**.

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of persistent absence pupils (below 90% attendance)
2018/2019	95.49	3
2019/2020	94.57	7
2020/2021	94.59	13
2021/2022	92.76	17

Big questions of the week:

Value this half-term





Reception	Year 1	Would you want to remember everything if you could?
Year 2		Which is more important, being right or being nice?
Year 3		Is there more happiness or sadness in the world?
Year 4		Is there more future or more past?
Year 5		Can you have a friend that you don't really like?
Year 6		What are your ambitions?



Achievers of the week

	Reader of the week	Writer of the week	Mathematician of the week	Scientist of the week	Star of the week
Reception	Knightley	William	Mikey	Archie	Molly
Year 1	Year 2	Alice	Harrison	Jacob	Charlie
Year 3	Year 4	Diggy	Gabriella	Ralph	Noah
Year 5	Year 6	Charlotte	Riley	Seb	Evie
					Lara

House Points:

				
	Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
Reception	92 + 9	93 + 10	90 + 7	90 + 6
Year 1	Year 2	259 + 43	221 + 40	318 + 50
Year 3	Year 4	539 + 101	497 + 95	492 + 89
Year 5	Year 6	348 + 52	377 + 75	387 + 44
TOTAL	1443	1408	1477	1507



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Farewell and Thank You!

We would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to Ms Val Nicholas (Office Administrator), who is sadly leaving us at the end of half-term. Ms Nicholas has decided to take up her much-deserved retirement.

Ms Nicholas has been at Dr Walker’s C of E for a number of years and has served the community very well – going over and above her duties. As a very valued member of staff, we will miss Ms Nicholas and wish her well for the future (and retirement).

The school has appointed a new, fulltime Office Administrator, to join us in June.



Best Friends of the week

These pupils are the class buddies, helping other pupils in class.



Reception



Years 1 and 2



Years 3 and 4



Years 5 and 6

Mrs Rosemary Padfield visiting the years 5 and 6 class



Rosemary Padfield DL, lives and farms in West Essex. She is a member of the National Farmers Union, Essex Agricultural Society and the Essex Schools Food and Farming Day - a proactive show promoting how food gets from field to plate to 3000 Key Stage Two children. She has been a magistrate since 1994 and works alongside local police and farmers on rural crime issues. She is also a Parish councillor and Churchwarden. Her nine grandchildren fill any spare moments



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Reception
Celebrating too



Red Class has worked very hard to create a beautiful picture for The Queen's Jubilee.



Reception and Orange/Yellow classes both listened very attentively to the storytelling by Deputy Lieutenant, Mrs. Rosemary Padfield.



Congratulations on our mug competition design.

The following pupils were the winners:

- Reception: Brooke
- Years 1 and 2: Jude
- Years 3 and 4: Gabriella
- Years 5 and 6: Jessica



Congratulations to....

We also have some beautiful tea towel designs.






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Upcoming events next week

<p>Monday</p>	<p>Whole day</p>	<p>Star Snappers – pupils are reminded to bring in a PLAIN, BRIGHT coloured t-shirt or jumper - no logos preferably, but we can reverse the tops, if need be.</p> <p>Dr Walker’s CofE Primary School is having digital portrait workshops!</p>  <p>During the one-hour workshop for each class, children photograph each other using a professional digital camera in a full photographic studio built in our school.</p>  <p>A team of two conduct the workshops: a professional photographer and an actor and delivered in an educational and entertaining way.</p> <p>The workshops incorporate different aspects of the school curriculum, from portraiture and self-portraiture to Digital media and art. The children will learn about the dynamic angle in portraiture and the equipment used in a professional studio.</p> <p>On this day, please send your child into school with a PLAIN bright coloured t-shirt / jumper. This will add an extra splash of colour!</p> <p>You will be able to purchase the photographs – should you wish to – when the proofs are received.</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>09.00-12.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports event – Mini tennis; Years 3-6 at Ongar Tennis Club
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>13.15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church visit to St Nicholas church to celebrate Pentecost. • Parents and Governors are welcome to join us. 



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Fun activities planned to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Friday


The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Celebration	
	
Whole day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-uniform day - Children to come to school dressed up like a Queen, Princess, King, or Prince OR in red, blue and white. (50p donation to be made). • Pupils to wear their self-made crowns. • Pupils might even have the opportunity for a photo with the Queen and a Grenadier guard!
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils to have a "street party" afternoon tea picnic lunch with treats <div style="text-align: center;">  <h3>Afternoon Tea Menu</h3> <h4>27th May 2022</h4> <p>A choice of the following Sandwich</p> <p>Cheddar Cheese Gammon Ham Tuna Mayonnaise</p> <p>Served with</p> <p>Pork Sausage Roll or Quorn Sausage Roll Cheese & Tomato Pizza Fingers</p> <p>Victoria Sponge & Mini Scones</p>   </div>
14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governors, Parents and staff are invited for scones and tea/lemonade respectively on sale for £1 and 50p. 
14.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents to stay for merit assembly.
15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils to go home with a goodie bag!



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Money matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 leavers activity to Lambourne End is on Friday, 10th June. • Please make the £20 voluntary contribution via School Money by Friday, 3rd June. • The fee has been heavily subsidised with about 50% of the total cost. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The voluntary £20 contributions for all children can now be made via School Money for the planned educational activities in school this term. • We kindly ask that this is paid by 4th June 2022. • Please also be sure to tick the consent box to allow your child to take part in these wonderful learning opportunities. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have any difficulty in making payments please contact us in confidence. 	




RSHE lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSHE is a school curriculum subject through which pupils develop the knowledge, skills, and attributes they need to keep themselves healthy, safe, and prepared for life and work. • The majority of PSHE education became compulsory in all schools in September 2020 with the introduction of statutory Relationships Education at key stages 1 and 2, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) in key stages 3 and 4, and Health Education at from key stage 1 to 4. • Personal, Social and Health Educations (PSHE) helps to give children and young people the knowledge, skills and understanding that they need to lead confident, healthy, and independent lives. • It aims to help children understand how they are developing personally and socially, tackling many of the moral, social and cultural issues that are part of growing up • We recognise that parents/carers are key partners in our delivery of a comprehensive PSHE / RSHE programme for pupils at the school. • The school is committed to working with parents and believes that it is important to have the support of parents. • The PSHE / RSHE we deliver is designed to support the important role of parents in this area.
	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are therefore inviting you to an information evening on Wednesday, 29 June after school to go over the content to be covered. • Lessons will be taught following this meeting. • We will be using the <i>Christopher Winter Project Scheme</i> alongside the Church of England's <i>Goodness and Mercy</i>. • <i>Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from all, or part of the RSE curriculum, as teachers will not be teaching RSE that is outside of the science curriculum.</i> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>



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<p>Love your Library Day and Essex Book Festival</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love Your Library Day Jubilee Special • On Saturday 28 May, parents/carers and their children are royally invited to Essex Library Services Love Your Library Day Jubilee Special. • There will be jubilee-themed activities for children and adults, including a trail, storytime, arts and crafts, ancestry and much more! • Please keep an eye on events listings for Love Your Library Day. • Essex Book Festival • Essex Library Services will be hosting an Essex Book Festival: Family Fun Day on Saturday 18 June, 9am-5pm at Chelmsford Library. • Throughout the day, there will be a drop-in Ozobot workshop, pop-up storytelling armchair and arts and crafts. • Please also check event listings for other Essex Book Festival events. 	 
<p>Playground</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfortunately another element of the outdoor play equipment has deteriorated and as such has been taped off to ensure our pupil's safety. • Please help us by ensuring your child does not try to play on this, or any other equipment during the afternoon pick up. • We are planning a new adventure trail and are currently looking at designs with the supplier. 	
<p>Lost property</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lost property bin is overflowing, in particular with a black PE uniform, although there are also jumpers and ties. While the weather is fine we will have these laid out in the playground on a Friday for you to look through. • Please do make sure your child's clothing is labelled as we will always check for a name before putting in lost property. • Anything not claimed by half term will either be donated to charity or our second-hand uniform stock. 	
<p>Requests for holidays</p>	<p>Please be advised that the school cannot authorise requests for holidays during term time. Please refer to the ECC and School Policy regarding attendance.</p> <p>I acknowledge that many families could not have proper holidays throughout the pandemic, however, schools do have 13 weeks of holiday in the academic year. Penalty charge notices might be issued of £120 per pupil in the event of unauthorised leave due to holidays.</p> <p>Staff can also not request holidays in term time – if they could, your child will not have a teacher in class to teach them.</p> <p>Please consider this carefully and support the school in improving the school's overall attendance percentages.</p> <p>Many thanks.</p>	



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