

Update from Headteacher



We had a busy week with fun activities, World Book Day and years 5 and 6 participating in the Sportshall Athletics' final.

Value this half-term



Big Question of the week

Who is the Trinity?

The Tiger Who Came to Tea



Judith Kerr

We had a wonderful World Book Day on Thursday, 2nd March.

The pupils looked amazing – all dressed up as book characters.

Dr Lawson was dressed up as: The Tiger who came for Tea.





Thanks to Mrs Dean for arranging this.





Upcoming dates for the diary

07.03.23	Epping & Ongar District Cross Country Competition at Ongar Primary – Arrangements TBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5&6 Boys – 9.45am Year 5&6 Girls – 10.05am Year 3&4 Boys – 10.25am Year 3&4 Girls – 10.45am
10.03.23	Reception and Year 1 assembly for parents and carers (Red/Orange)
13.03.23	Bird Man to visit the school (like last year)
17.03.23	Red Nose Day / Mother's Day Gift buying
20.03.23	Circus – <i>see attached letter</i>
21.03.23	Year 6 TOA Transition Event at Ongar Academy. Time 09.15-12.15
24.03.23	Years 5 and 6 assembly for parents and carers (Indigo/Violet)
28.03.23	Parent Consultation evening 15.30-18.00
29.03.23	Parent Consultation evening 15.30-18.00
30.03.23	Easter Bonnet Parade / Easter Egg Hunt / Raffle / Easter service at St Nicholas Church

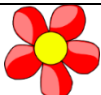
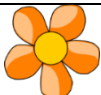










Whole School House Points

	Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
				
Red-Orange Class	28	17	10	14
Orange-Yellow Class	9	13	5	12
Green-Blue Class	7	7	28	18
Indigo-Violet Class	11	19	18	11
TOTAL	1601	1579	1654	1744

Attendance

	
Our school target	96%
Attendance this week	92%
Attendance this year	93%

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of Persistent Absence pupils (below 90%)
2022/2023	93%	16
2021/2022	93%	16
2020/2021	93%	14
2019/2020	95%	3
2018/2019	95%	5

Red-Orange Class			95%	
Orange-Yellow Class			92%	
Green-Blue Class			91%	
Indigo-Violet Class			92%	

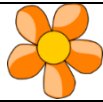
100% attendance this week: 58 pupils out of 79 pupils which is 73%

Amelia-Rae	Scarlett	Ava Maynard	Naomi
John James	Lillie	Harrison Maynard	Maxwell
Kai	Joey	Nellie	Ethan
Archie	Chloe	Mikey	Knightley
Alice Burke	Freya Gallagher	Paul	River
Florence	Rafe	Taila	William
Barney	Dolly	Harrison Mc	Teddie T
Teddy Cator	Freddy	Dotty	Amelia
Alice Curtis	Freya Grant	Maci	Cash
Dylan Curtis	Autumn	Jude M	
Lincoln Cussens	Ava Grist	Sienna M	
Teddy Davis	Finlay	Jett	
Maisey	Lily	Sidney	
George D	Freya J	Amber	
Madison	Eva Laurence	Harrison P	
Teddy Doughty	Evie-May	Sebastian	

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**Red-Orange
Class**

**Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Joanne Hammond**

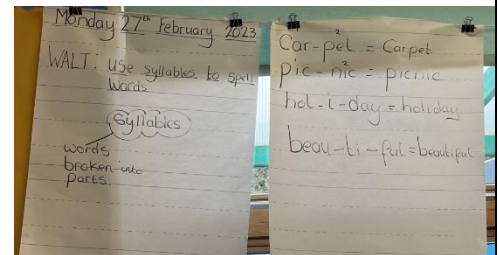
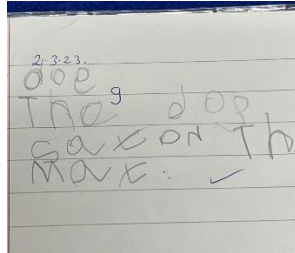
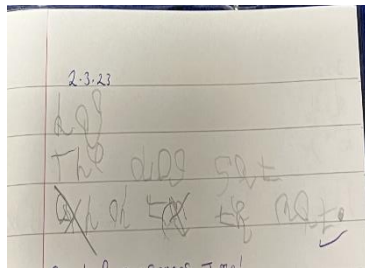
Reception

Year 1

This week in English Reception have been learning how to write a sentence using the skills they have learnt in phonics.

Year 1, have been learning about syllables and how we can use these to break words into parts to make it easier to spell, for example carpet has two syllables, car-pet and discovery has four syllables, dis-cov-er-y.

In Maths, Reception have been learning to count two groups of objects. Year 1 have been working on place value, numbers within 50, learning the value of the tens and ones.



In Geography we have been learning about London Landmarks and their purpose. In Science we are looking at ways to measure the wind using the Beaufort scale.

Well done to everyone yesterday, you looked amazing in your World Book Day costumes. Can you please make sure your child's reading book and reading record is in school every day so we can write in them during our reading sessions.

Have a great weekend!
Thank you once again for your kind support.

Little Wandle books should have now been sent home to all children. Please ensure you read with them and write in their reading records. **Please remember to put reading books in book bags! Otherwise we cannot give out a new reading book. If books are lost or damaged parents will be charged a fee to replace.**

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Mikey
Writer of the week	Freya
Mathematician of the week	Nellie
Scientist of the week	Lincoln
Star of the week	Acer
Pen licence	N/A

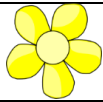
Buddies of the Week



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Orange- Yellow Class

Class Register Teacher: Miss Lauren Seeley

Year 1

Year 2

This week in Science we have been looking at different ways to observe and measure the wind, including using a windsock or anemometer. We have been looking at the Beaufort Scale and filling out an information sheet each day to record the daily weather.

In Art our topic is 'Rain and Sunrays'. Next week we will be making weather motifs like below. Please bring in any items from home that would be suitable for this activity.



Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Kai
Writer of the week	Harrison
Mathematician of the week	Dolly
Scientist of the week	Alice B
Star of the week	Amber
Pen licence	N/A

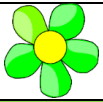
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**Green-Blue
Class**

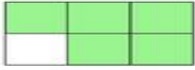
**Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Jenny Dean**

In maths, we have begun to learn about fractions.

Parts of a Fraction

Numerator: The part above the fraction line which tells how many parts are being counted

Denominator: The part below the fraction line which tells how many equal parts are in the whole.



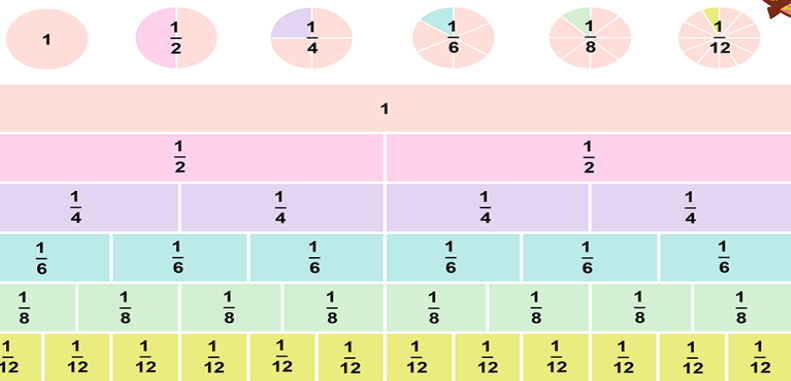
$\frac{5}{6}$ — Numerator
— Denominator



We had some amazing Potato and Spoon Characters for our World Book Day competition and it was really hard to choose the winners from each year group!



Fraction wall



Barney Year 4
PRIZE:
£5.00 Book Fair Voucher



Jude G Year 3
PRIZE:
£5.00 Book Fair Voucher



**This week's
Physical Education
Top Players are:
Ralph, Amelia, Maci, Paul**

Follow the link for the weekly homework.
<https://app.atomlearning.com/>

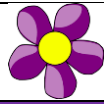
Click [here](#) and [here](#) for the links to daily Times Tables practise

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Maci
Writer of the week	Tilly
Mathematician of the week	Jude
Scientist of the week	Teddy D
Star of the week	Lillie
Pen licence	n/a

Buddies of the Week





Year 5

Year 6

Indigo-Violet Class

Class Register Teacher: Mrs Karin Vorster

In English, we have been writing a portal story. A Portal story (also known as a warning tale) is a story that takes you on a magic journey through something (like a door) somewhere (to a different place or time in history). At the end of the portal story the main character always returns with a souvenir. Please have a look at some of the souvenirs that we brought in to inspire our writing:



Teddy



Magical gems



crystals



katana



rose



hairband



Almond water



Teddy



Chocolate



Teddy



White cup



Dinosaur bone

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Dylan
Writer of the week	Freddy G
Mathematician of the week	Freya J
Scientist of the week	Kezia
Star of the week	Harrison P
Pen licence	n/a

Buddies of the Week



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World Book Day – Thursday 02.03.23



Whole school assembly



Reception and Year 1 – Red-Orange Class

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Year 5 and 6 – Indigo-Violet Class

Competition entries:

Reception and Year 1 – Red-Orange Class



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Year 1 and 2 – Orange-Yellow Class



Year 3 and 4 – Green - Blue Class



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Year 5 and 6 – Indigo-Violet Class



Winners!



Jesse Reception
PRIZE:
Oi Cat!



Dolly Year 1
PRIZE:
Dear Greenpeace



Dotty Year 2
PRIZE:
£5.00 Book Fair Voucher



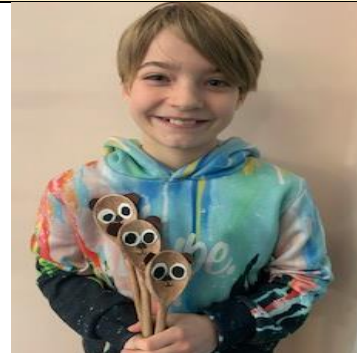
Jude G Year 3
PRIZE:
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Barney Year 4
PRIZE:
£5.00 Book Fair Voucher



Archie Year 5
PRIZE:
£5.00 Book Fair Voucher



Seb Year 6
PRIZE:
£5.00 Book Fair Voucher

World Book Day 2023 book character competition

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Our pupils had a creative day with doing practical activities in support of the *Eat Them to Defeat Them* campaign and Easter activities.

Thanks to Mrs Wallis (Foundation Governor), who came in to school to support us. This is much appreciated, knowing our Governors are helping out.





Industrial
strike action
01.03.23



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<p>Parent Meeting</p>	<p>Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting yesterday, it was a very productive discussion and the minutes will be shared next week for those who couldn't attend. We look forward to continuing the dialogue and working together for the benefit of the children.</p>
<p>The Book Fair is back!</p>	<p>Book Fair to be at Dr Walker's 8th - 15th March 2023.</p> <p>Come and visit ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-order to beat the queues: Complete the Book Fair Wish List, Scan the QR code, make the payment at home and then return the form to your child's class teacher! The books will then be handed to your child to take home! • Pay via an app on the day • Complete the Book Fair Wish List Form after your visit and pay at home. Return the form to your child's class teacher! The books will then be handed to your child to take home! • Deduct £1 for EACH child from your order using their World Book Day Tokens! • Please click here for the Book Fair Wish List. 
<p>EYFS area</p>	<p>The school is working closely with Essex County Council and currently supported by two Early Years Specialists from the Local Authority to further develop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Early Years curriculum and • the indoor and outdoor learning areas. <p>This is a very exciting development, which fits in with the school's overall development over the last two years. The EYFS developments will be phased according to identified priorities. We will make a start with the mud kitchen area.</p> <p>Parents/carers will be asked (where possible) to donate specific items which we will identify, to enhance the outdoor environment. A list of required objects will be put together.</p>
<p>Help needed</p>	 <p>We are making an appeal to parents/volunteers to help us on Saturday, 11th March with clearing some areas in the school, sorting resources, planting of plants, etc. The job list will be shared next week, please let the office know of your availability.</p> <p>This is a wonderful opportunity for getting the school community working together (and seeing the school!).</p> <p>Refreshments will be provided.</p> <p>We are also focusing on revamping the Early Years environment and need to replace the decking bit by the outdoor room. We will be using fundraising funds for this. However if anyone knows of contractors that might be willing to sponsor us with the decking materials, please let the office know.</p>
<p>Notice board</p>	<p>We have moved the notice board to the front entrance for better visibility and communication, so please do have a look as you walk through at the beginning of the school day.</p>

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<p>Reminder</p>	<p>Please do not enter the building when dropping off or collecting your children from school. If you wish to speak with the Class Teacher please arrange this via the school office.</p>
<p>Reception and Year 1 Phonics Lesson Invitation</p>	<p>In order for us to support parents with teaching Phonics at home, and for parents to see how Phonics is taught at Dr Walker's, we would like to invite Reception and Year 1 parents in to watch a reading and Phonics lesson. Please feel free to join us on Friday 3rd March or Friday 17th March at 9a.m. to watch a Phonics and Reading lesson in action. More dates will be available for you to see your child learning during their phonics' session in the Summer term.</p>
<p>Packed Lunches</p>	<p>We are working alongside all other local schools, towards the Healthier Schools Award, Please can you ensure that a healthy packed lunch is provided, without chocolate, crisps and other sugar snacks.</p>
<p>Coronation Coins</p>	<p>We have been given the opportunity to purchase a King Charles III Commemorative Medal marking the accession of our new King.</p>  <p>These are supplied by Tower Mint and are exclusive for schools and councils.</p> <p>The 32mm commemorative medal features a brand-new portrait of His Majesty and is presented in a bespoke regal blue and gold embossed card surround within a protective Perspex case. They are priced at £4 per medal.</p> <p>These have been added as a shop item on School Money and will be available to purchase until Friday 10th March. If you need a reminder of your school money log in details please contact us.</p>
<p>Parent Governor</p>	<p>We have a vacancy for a parent governor and would be grateful for any parents who want to make a positive contribution to school to show an interest to perhaps join the Governing Body.</p> <p>Kindly contact the office for more information.</p>
<p>Essex Fire Museum</p>	<p>It's Essex Fire Museum's 75th Anniversary, please click here for more information!</p>

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Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2023-2024

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School closed: Holidays	School closed: Bank Holiday	School closed: Staff training (INSET)	School days	Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term	Monday, 4 September 2023 – Wednesday, 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i>	73 days
Spring Term	Thursday, 4 January 2024 – Thursday, 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>	56 days
Summer Term	Monday, 15 April 2024 – Tuesday, 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>	66 days
		195 days

You are strongly advised to check with the school before making any holiday or other commitments.

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