

Update from Headteacher



We are so proud of our pupils!
Their behaviour is commendable.

Value this half-term



Big Question of the week

Can someone believe in God and not attend church?

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We have **TWO vacancies** for a parent governor and would be grateful for any parents who want to make a positive contribution to show an interest in perhaps join the Governing Body.





Kindly contact the office for more information.





Upcoming dates for the diary

24.05.23	Mini Tennis 9.30am to 12 Noon for Green – Blue Class (selected pupils)
26.05.23	Parents are invited to Red – Orange Class Assembly – postponed, see class page for details
07.06.23 / 08.06.23	Bikeability for year 6
08.06.23	PSHE/RSHE Parents meeting 15.30-16.00
09.06.23	Parents are invited to Indigo – Violet Class Assembly
14.06.23	Kids Walk Day arranged by the Road Safety Charity Brake
16.06.23	Parents are invited to Green – Blue Class Assembly
17.06.23	Parent volunteers to help out with bits and bobs – SATURDAY???????
23.06.23	Parents are invited to Orange – Yellow Class Assembly
27.06.23	Governors' and Parents' Open Meeting at 15.30pm
30.06.23	Parents are invited to Red- Orange Class Assembly
04.07.23	KS2 (years 3 to 6) Athletics Festival
05.07.23	SUMMER SPORTS DAY
07.07.23	Parents are invited to Indigo – Violet Class Assembly
14.07.23	Reports home to Parents
14.07.23	Non Uniform Day for Year 6 only
19.07.23	Year 6 Leavers' Performance at 1pm followed by Church Service at 2pm
20.07.23	Picnic with Parents and early break-up
21.07.23	Inset Day for Staff – School Closed.






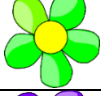
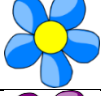




Whole School House Points

	Ants 	Badgers 	Locusts 	Lizards 
Red-Orange Class	24	36	22	12
Orange-Yellow Class	5	20	19	2
Green-Blue Class	3	19	14	22
Indigo-Violet Class	5	4	5	2
TOTAL	2271	2141	2302	2308

Attendance

		Our school target	96%
		Attendance this week	96.40%
		Attendance this year	94.04%

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of Persistent Absence pupils (below 90%)
2022/2023	94.04%	9 😊
2021/2022	92.75%	19
2020/2021	93.42%	20
2019/2020	94.54%	15
2018/2019	95.51%	11

Red-Orange Class			97.14%	
Orange-Yellow Class			94.21%	
Green-Blue Class			96.67%	
Indigo-Violet Class			97.50%	

Attendance this week:
63 pupils out of 75 pupils which is 84%

Acer	Cassidy	Freya Gr	John James	Madison	Sidney
Alice B	Charlotte	Freya J	Jude M	Mason	Sienna
Alice C	Chloe	Freya Ga	Jude G	Maxwell	Talia
Amber	Daisy	Gabriella	Kai	Mikey	Teddie
Amelia	Dolly	George D	Kezia	Naomi	Teddy Do
Amelia-Rae	Dotty	George A	Knightley	Nellie	Teddy Da
Archie	Dylan	Harrison Mc	Lillie	Phoebe	Tilly
Autumn	Emily	Harrison P	Lily	Ralph	William
Barney	Ethan	Jesse	Lincoln	River	
Brooke	Evie-May	Jessica	Loki	Scarlett	
Cash	Freddy	Joey	Maci	Sebastian	

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We would like to welcome Ms Nicholas back, who is covering as Office Administrator in the absence of Mrs Morris.

Open meeting: 16 May 2023 – Discussion notes

We had a very positive meeting on Tuesday. It was attended by 4 parents, 7 governors, the Headteacher and one teacher.

- **Communication:** Parents feel that the communication in the school is positive and would like the weekly newsletter to continue. Parents conveyed that they feel the school looks great and that parents are more involved. This is positive and the general feel is positive. It was also noted that communication on WhatsApp groups is more positive. It was suggested to gauge the interest of using WhatsApp to do quick surveys to get feedback from parents.
- **Mini-report cards and end of year report:** Parents appreciate that progress cards are shared to inform them of their child's progress and attainment. Parents would like this to be shared termly and to be distributed in advance of parent consultation meetings. The school will add context to the mini-reports to help parents with understanding the assessment and attainment criteria and data. Visual faces and colour codes will be removed. There was a discussion about the purpose of the reports, namely to inform parents of their child's progress and whether it should be shared with pupils. The end of year reports will portray the information required by the DfE. There will be an opportunity for parents to give feedback or arrange a meeting with the current class teacher at the end of the Summer term 2, once end of year reports have been sent home. The Headteacher has already liaised with our Partnership schools, to use an End of Year report template, similar to the other schools. Pupil voice will be included in the final reports.
- **Class visits and assemblies:** These are much welcomed and appreciated. Parents acknowledged that the school has much improved and commented that it is lovely to see what is really happening in school. Pupils are happy and safe.
- **Public Relations:** The school provides regular articles for the Ongar News and Fyfield Focus. However, we know that word of mouth is a powerful tool and would urge all parents to spread the positives about the school, as this will also contribute to us drawing prospective pupils to increase pupil numbers.
- **Mini-Summer fete:** To take place on the last day of term (20 July). This will be arranged in liaison with class reps. Rev Sam Brazier-Gibbs and Lesley Wallis will co-ordinate/oversee this. We will have a picnic during lunch with pupils and parents followed by a mini-summer fete with stalls.
- **Strategic calendar:** As there is no PTFA, the Headteacher suggested to parents to arrange a meeting with class representatives at the end of Summer term to plan for specific events for the new academic year. This will allow for fundraising events to be planned well in advance, but also to spread events out across the year. Events will require a full Risk Assessment to be carried out by those who are arranging them, and to be submitted to the Headteacher for approval.
- **Clubs / Teatime club:** Discussion followed on the available clubs due to staffing and also that clubs need to be self-funding to make it viable to be offered. The school would like to offer more clubs to broaden pupils' horizons e.g. music appreciation, cookery, etc. The headteacher to look into guidance on volunteers running clubs.
- **Pre-loved clothes:** It was suggested that if anyone has pre-loved clothes, to donate these to the school as it would be great to offer these to parents and pupils for next year – especially the new reception intake pupils.
- **Parent governor:** The Chair of Governors reminded parents of the two vacancies for parent governors on the Governing Body.

Arrangements for next year:

- Parents will be informed of classes and teaching staff for next year, as soon as we have these confirmed and sorted. This will be shared earlier than last year.
- The new Reception pupils will be invited in to a Teddy bear's picnic too!
- The school will welcome any prospective parents to come and view the school.

SATURDAY 17.06.23 – Is this happening???

- Parents are invited to help out with maintenance and odd jobs in school.
- Please contact the school office if you are available to help.
- We are happy to change the date, as it might not be the best weekend due to being Father's Day on the Sunday.
- If parents/volunteers have time on other dates, please let the school office know and we will see how we can arrange these.
- We would like to have the tyres painted and distributed around the school to be used as planters. It is suggested that each child adopt a tyre and decorate these with their parents. Please let us know your thoughts on this and how we could make this work. A fundraiser has been suggested.



Summer Sports Day – Wednesday, 5th July

- We will be having a Summer Sports day... **HOORAY!**
- SCS will be hosting this event and parents are invited to attend.
- We will also have some help from the West Essex Schools Sports Partnership (WESSP).
- We will definitely have more traditional events this year such as egg and spoon race, etc!
- EYFS and KS1 will be in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon.
- Class representatives to please liaise with school to help setting up the event.
- More information to follow, once arrangements have been finalised.



R.S.E. Parent Meeting



As a part of your child's education at Dr Walker's, we promote personal well-being and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme.

PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

We are writing to let you know that after half term, your child's class will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) aspect of this programme. We will only be teaching the statutory guidance as part of the Science National Curriculum. Sex Education is not taught at KS1. In KS2 puberty and changing bodies are taught in Health Education and Science.

We would like to invite you to attend a parent information meeting on **Thursday 8th**

**PSHE/RSHE
parents
meeting**

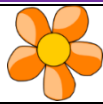
08.06.23

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	<p>June from 3:30 p.m. - 4p.m. to find out more about what your child will learn; view the materials and resources being used in lessons and discover how you can best support your child to discuss these topics at home.</p> <p>As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents. If you would like to find out more, or discuss any concerns, we would urge you to attend the information meeting and look forward to seeing you there.</p>
<p>BRAKE'S KIDS WALK</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Because everyone has the right to walk safely in their community</p> <p>Every year, thousands of primary schoolchildren take part in Brake's Kids Walk to learn important road safety messages and shout out for their right to make safe and healthy journeys.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The next Brake's Kids Walk will take place on Wednesday 14 June 2023</p> <p>What is Brake's Kids Walk? Brake's Kids Walk involves thousands of primary schoolchildren walking at the same time to promote the health and planet-saving benefits of walking and shout out for their right to make safe and healthy journeys.</p> <p>Why is Brake's Kids Walk important? At Brake, we believe that every child has the right to walk in their community without fear of traffic and pollution. Danger from traffic is a big factor in whether families are able to walk safely in the places where they live. It affects their ability to be healthy and socially active.</p> <p>Children of all ages are at risk of being hurt or killed when walking near roads. On average, six children are killed or seriously injured on roads in Britain every day – that's equivalent to a whole class of children every single week.</p> <p>Brake's Kids Walk is a great way to inspire and engage children about the dangers they face, promote the benefits of walking, and raise awareness among parents and the wider community about the need to protect children on roads.</p>
<p>Brentwood School Taster Day</p>	<p>Brentwood School is having a taster day on 14th October 2023, please click here for me details.</p>



**Red-Orange
Class**

**Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Joanne Hammond**

Reception

Year 1

This week in Reception and Year 1, our pupils have been superstars! Mrs Hammond is unfortunately unwell at the moment and our pupils have been amazing towards our supply teachers. Well done to everyone for being welcoming and demonstrating great learning behaviours.

The class will continue to be covered by a supply teacher next week, assisted by Mrs Snow, Mrs Mokawem and Mr Porter, until Mrs Hammond is well enough to return.

Sadly, because of Mrs Hammond not being in school, we will need to postpone the planned Red-Orange class assembly. We understand that this is disappointing. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Our development of the classroom has continued with new resources and learning areas being implemented – thank you to staff for their hard work in this.

Reminders:

Please make sure your child has their reading record in school every day as we write in these during our reading sessions.

Please make sure your child does not bring in any toys from home, as this causes upset and distress if they are misplaced.

Thank you once again for your kind support.

Little Wandle books 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	Lincoln
Writer of the week	Florence
Mathematician of the week	Scarlett
Scientist of the week	Evie-May
Star of the week	William
Pen licence	N/A

Buddies of the Week



Everyone!

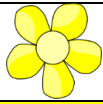
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Year 1



Year 2

Orange-
Yellow Class

Class Register Teacher:
Miss Lauren Seeley



This week in PSHE we learnt about International Day of Families which is a day to honour family diversity, unity, and strength. It is also a day to think about the problems and prospects that families have in today's world. We spoke about the best way to celebrate this is by spending some quality time with your family and enjoying some fun and meaningful activities together. All of the children wrote what they love about their families and shared it in our class assembly, we hope you enjoyed it.



A huge well done to all the Year 2 children who completed the following SATs papers this week:

Monday - SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

Tuesday- Reading Paper 1

Wednesday- Reading Paper 2

Thursday- Maths Paper 1- Arithmetic

Friday- Maths Paper 2- Reasoning.

They all did so well and worked so hard and I am extremely proud of them!

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Teddy
Writer of the week	Madison
Mathematician of the week	Joey
Scientist of the week	Dolly
Star of the week	Eva
Pen licence	N/A

Buddies of the Week

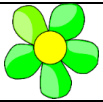


All of Orange/Yellow class!

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Green-Blue Class

**Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Jenny Dean**

Year 3

Year 4

Times Tables Daily Challenge!

The children have been completing the daily challenges for a number of weeks now, and it is pleasing to see the progress they are making and the notable rise in their confidence! Please do this with your children too – they can use the multiplication grid to support them and have 3 minutes to complete the answers!

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Please click the links and sign in to complete the weekly tasks set!

Visit www.spag.com

Visit www.maths.co.uk

Click on the Login button (top right of the page)
Sign in using the username and password provided

**YEAR 4 CHILDREN – PLEASE COMPLETE THIS DAILY –
THE SCORE TO ACHIEVE IS 25!**



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

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Jude
Writer of the week	Gabriella
Mathematician of the week	Maci
Scientist of the week	Amelia
Star of the week	Teddy D
Pen licence	N/A

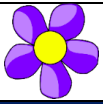
Buddies of the Week



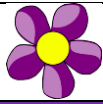
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Year 5



Year 6

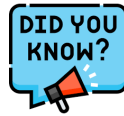
Indigo-Violet Class

Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Karin Vorster

In Maths, we started this week off by working on a maths' investigation. We learnt a life skill through maths. Mrs Vorster gave us 4 different mobile phone contracts and we had to use various maths' skills such as calculating %, making use of the four operations and reasoning skills to decide which deal offered the best value for money.



In PE we are playing cricket.



- The longest recorded cricket match lasted 14 days.
- The first England Cricket World Cup was won by the women's side.
- Cricket is not an Olympic sport.
- 111 is considered to be an unlucky score.

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Lily
Writer of the week	Dylan
Mathematician of the week	Freya J
Scientist of the week	Talia
Stars of the week	Freya G
Pen licence	NA

Buddies of the Week



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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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