

### Update from Headteacher



Please be informed of further Teacher Industrial action planned for both the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. We will keep you updated, as school will be partially open for vulnerable pupils only. The Summer Sports Day will still go ahead.

### Value this half-term



### Big Question of the week

What is your favourite British Value? Why?

### Career information for pupils

As part of our assemblies next year, we would like to gauge if there are any parents who would be willing to come in to school on a Wednesday, as part of our assembly, to talk to our pupils about their jobs, e.g. NHS workers, train drivers, dentists, florists, electricians, bakers, etc.







Please let the office know if you would be willing to come in, so that we can plan dates for the calendar next year.



### Upcoming dates for the diary

27.06.23	Governors' and Parents' Open Meeting at 15.30pm
30.06.23	<del>Parents are invited to Red-Orange Class Assembly</del> – CANCELLED.
04.07.23	KS2 (Years 3 to 6) Athletics Festival
05.07.23	<b>SUMMER SPORTS DAY</b> <b>Planned Industrial Action – Teachers strike day.</b>
07.07.23	<del>Parents are invited to Indigo-Violet Class Assembly</del> – CANCELLED. <b>Planned Industrial Action – Teachers strike day.</b>
13.07.23	Fire Brigade visit with fire engine
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 followed by a mini-Summer fete and early break-up
21.07.23	Inset Day for Staff – School Closed.












## House Points

	Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
				
Red-Orange Class	626	657	719	776
Orange-Yellow Class	628	664	995	691
Green-Blue Class	573	559	484	554
Indigo-Violet Class	714	659	546	582
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2541</b>	<b>2539</b>	<b>2744</b>	<b>2603</b>

## Attendance

 	
Our school target	<b>96%</b>
Attendance this week	<b>92%</b>
Attendance this year	<b>94.00%</b>

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of Persistent Absence pupils (below 90%)
2022/2023	<b>93.94%</b>	<b>10</b>
2021/2022	<b>92.27%</b>	<b>19</b>
2020/2021	<b>94.26%</b>	<b>18</b>
2019/2020	<b>93.15%</b>	<b>22</b>
2018/2019	<b>95.57%</b>	<b>8</b>

Red-Orange Class			<b>90%</b>	
Orange-Yellow Class			<b>90.53%</b>	
Green-Blue Class			<b>88.89%</b>	
Indigo-Violet Class			<b>96.67%</b>	

**100% Attendance this week:  
56 pupils out of 75 pupils which is 74.6%**

Alice B	Cassidy	Finlay	Harrison Mc	Lincoln	Ralph
Alice Cur	Charlotte	Florence	Harrison P	Madison	River
Alice Cus	Chloe	Freddy	Jessica	Mason	Scarlett
Amber	Daisy	Freya Ga	Joey	Maxwell	Sebastian
Amelia	Dolly	Freya Gr	John James	Mikey	Sienna
Amelia-Rae	Dotty	Freya J	Jude G	Naomi	Talia
Archie	Dylan	Gabriella	Jude M	Nellie	Teddie T
Ava	Emily	George	Kai	Paul	Teddy CG
Barney	Ethan	Harrison M	Kezia	Phoebe	William
Brooke	Eva				

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### Merits and Awards Red/Orange Class

Reader of the week	Nellie
Writer of the week	Florence
Mathematician of the week	Evie-May
Scientist of the week	Scarlett
Star of the week	Acer

### Merits and Awards Orange/Yellow Class

Reader of the week	Dolly
Writer of the week	Eva
Mathematician of the week	Joey
Scientist of the week	Harrison
Star of the week	Amber

### Merits and Awards Green/Blue Class

Reader of the week	Teddie T
Writer of the week	Barney
Mathematician of the week	John James
Scientist of the week	Gabby
Star of the week	Cash

### Merits and Awards Indigo/Violet Class

Reader of the week	Freddy G
Writer of the week	Talia
Mathematician of the week	Autumn
Scientist of the week	Jessica
Star of the week	Freya

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## What happened this week...

We are getting ready for Summer Sports Day.



Pupils are enjoying break times.



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## Warm weather

- Pupils are encouraged to drink lots of water to stay hydrated during the warm weather. Please fill water bottles with water – fizzy drinks are not allowed.
- Pupils are allowed to come to school with sandals with a back strap – no flip flops or sliders allowed.
- Pupils do not need to wear ties.
- Pupils are encouraged to wear a hat when outside during break and lunch.
- Sun screen is advised, but needs to be put on before coming to school.

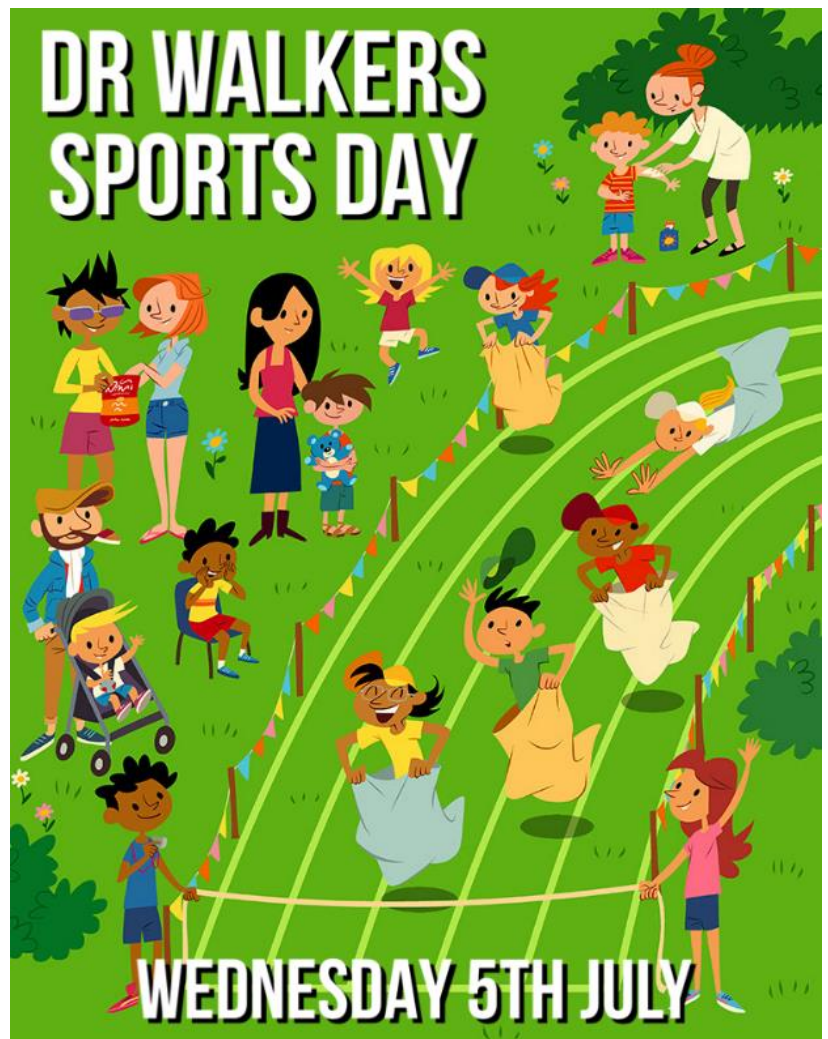
During very warm days, we will minimize pupils' running (or temporarily stop football) during this heat, as pupils don't pace themselves and come in looking puce and wet with sweat. We would not want pupils to be uncomfortable once returned to the classroom after being outside.



## Reminder: Upcoming Summer Sports Day

### Summer Sports Day – Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## School Uniform

School Trends are urging parents to place orders for new uniform by the end of July, please do also bear in mind that we have a large stock of preloved items, particularly smaller jumpers sized 24 and 26 inches and smaller kilts. We will have these for sale on Sports Day.

## Go To School Challenge



**Ready... Steady... Go To School** is a fun challenge full of activities which will help your child to practice skills that they'll need to help them feel confident and be ready to start school in September.

The challenge is running in all Essex libraries from May to July and includes a range of activities within

seven challenge areas. These are:

- Speaking and Listening
- Being Active
- Personal, Social and Emotional Skills
- Early Reading and Writing
- Maths and Numbers
- Understanding the World
- Express Yourself

As your child completes activities, they'll collect stamps in a special booklet, and once they have all seven stamps, they'll get a certificate!

This challenge is a great way for your child to prepare physically and emotionally for starting school and will provide parents and carers with some top tips and useful information too!

**Sign up to the challenge now in any Essex library! Don't forget to tag us in photos of you completing your challenges on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @essexlibraries!**

## Brentwood School Taster Day

Brentwood School is having a taster day on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023, please [click here](#) for more details.

## Community Notice Board

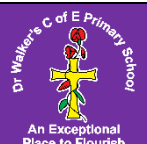
We will be adding new items to the [community notice board](#) on the website in the coming weeks regarding holiday opportunities, please do keep an eye on it for anything of interest.

New this week

- Camp Ongar
- Luv Dance Festival

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## Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School

### Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023								
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March 2024							April 2024							May 2024							
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June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
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	<b>School closed: Holidays</b>		<b>School closed: Bank Holiday</b>		<b>School closed: Staff training (INSET)</b>		<b>School days</b>		<b>Weekend</b>
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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.

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

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

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