

Update from Headteacher



Enjoy the half-term break!

Value this half-term



Big Question of the week

What does it mean to serve?

Class representatives

- Reception - TBC
- Year 1 – Ms Kelsey Gumble (Acer's mum)
- Year 2 – Mrs Emma Laurence (Eva's mum)
- Year 3 - Mrs Cherie Turpin (Teddie's mum)
- Year 4 - Mrs Cherie Turpin (Teddie's mum)
- Year 5 - TBC
- Year 6 – Mrs Nicola Curtis (Dylan & Alice's mum)







Upcoming dates for the diary

06.06.23	KS1 3 Tees Cricket Festival
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 followed by a mini-Summer fete and early break-up
21.07.23	Inset Day for Staff – School Closed.



Whole School House Points

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





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	Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
				
Red-Orange Class	35	12	22	24
Orange-Yellow Class	17	29	46	9
Green-Blue Class	6	24	20	22
Indigo-Violet Class	5	13	5	4
TOTAL				

Attendance

	
Our school target	96%
Attendance this week	93.47%
Attendance this year	94.02%

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of Persistent Absence pupils (below 90%)
2022/2023	94.02%	8
2021/2022	92.81%	21
2020/2021	94.01%	20
2019/2020	94.54%	15
2018/2019	95.50%	11

Red-Orange Class			97.14%	
Orange-Yellow Class			92.11%	
Green-Blue Class			93.33%	
Indigo-Violet Class			92.50%	

**100% Attendance this week:
61 pupils out of 75 pupils which is 81%**

Alice B.	Cash	Finlay	Jett	Lucas	Scarlett
Alice. Cu.	Charlotte	Florence	Joey	Madison	Sebastian
Amber	Chloe	Freddy	John James	Maisey	Sidney
Amelia	Daisy	Freya Gr.	Jude M	Mason	Sienna
Amelia-Rae	Dolly	Freya J.	Jude G	Maxwell	Teddie
Archie	Dotty	Freya Ga	Kai	Mikey	Teddy C-G.
Autumn	Emily	George	Knightley	Naomi	Teddy Do.
Ava M.	Ethan	Harrison M.	Lillie	Nellie	Teddy Da.
Ava G.	Eva	Harrison P.	Lily	Phoebe	Tilly
Barney	Evie-May	Jesse	Lincoln	River	William
Brooke					

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Other News

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 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.

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.

**PSHE/RSHE
parents
meeting**

08.06.23

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Because everyone has the right to walk safely in their community

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.



The next Brake's Kids Walk will take place on Wednesday 14 June 2023

BRAKE'S KIDS WALK

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.

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.

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.

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.

Brentwood School Taster Day

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

Online safety at home:

Parents and Carers

The summer holidays are nearly here and the lighter evenings may encourage longer periods of time spent on devices for our children. It is worth remembering that screen time can disrupt sleep and affect their ability to concentrate, learn or remember. Maybe try using an app that tracks screen time to help set suitable limits.



TOP TIPS:

MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Ofcom's 2022 research into technology use across the UK has shown that nearly all 13 – 15-year-olds (98%) have their own phone. For most of these young people, they were given their phones around the start of secondary school, between the ages of 9 and 11 (91%). If you are considering getting your child their first phone, there are lots of factors to consider. Childnet's 'First Phone Checklist' is a great, easy to understand resource that takes you through the process of choosing the right phone, setting it up and supporting your child.
- Childnet's 'Moving on Up!' videos are a great place to start conversations around new devices, digital wellbeing and online bullying. Please check out

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the link below:

- <https://www.childnet.com/resources/moving-on-up/>

What to do if something goes wrong:

If you are worried that your child has had an upsetting experience online, for example if a nude image has been shared without their consent, it is important that you know where to go for immediate support.

- Contact Childline/IWF Report Remove if an image/video of an under-18 has been shared without their consent. <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/>
- Make a report to National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (NCA CEOP) if you think the image/video has been shared with an adult. <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>
- Visit the NSPCC dedicated helplines website page or call 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk.
- Your child can also call (free) or email Childline themselves: <https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/>
- Speak to your child's school

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!

The library is also running Big School Meet Ups during the May Half Term for children who will be starting school in September. Details will be added to their website as the sessions are confirmed. You can find a session near you [here](#).

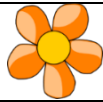
Sign up to the challenge now in any Essex library! Don't forget to tag us in photos of you completing your challenges on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @essexlibraries !

Go To School Challenge

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**Red-Orange
Class**

**Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Joanne Hammond**

Reception

Year 1

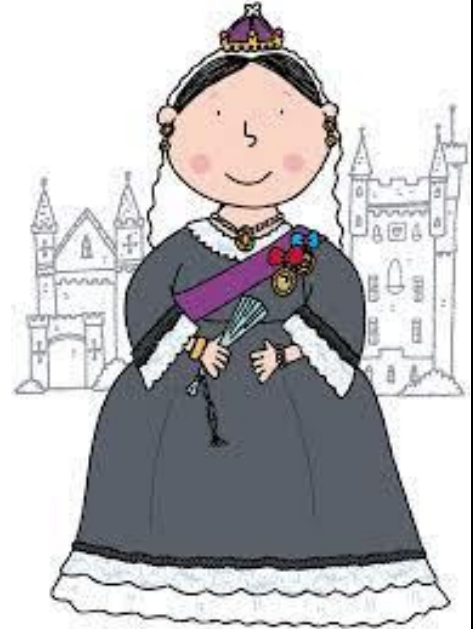
This week in Maths we have been learning about positioning, above and below, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd.



In English we have been learning to describe a character from a story

In History we have been finding out about life in Victorian times.

We hope we all have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 5th June.



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	Jett
Writer of the week	William
Mathematician of the week	Loki
Scientist of the week	Mikey
Star of the week	Jesse
Pen licence	N/A

Buddies of the Week



Everyone!

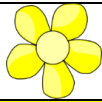
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Year 1



Year 2

Orange-
Yellow Class

Class Register Teacher:
Miss Lauren Seeley

Orange- Yellow class have had a great week. In History, we have started looking at what Victorian schools used to be like and we will continue looking at this era after half term. The children are all finding it fascinating so far.

Just a reminder that emails and letter went out regarding cricket on the Tuesday morning back after half term. Please make sure you have signed and returned your form.

This half term's Top Players are:



Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy, restful half term! Hopefully the sun will be shining! Enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 5th June.



Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Dotty
Writer of the week	Cassidy
Mathematician of the week	Amber
Scientist of the week	Maisey
Star of the week	Lucas
Pen licence	N/A

Buddies of the Week



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Year 3

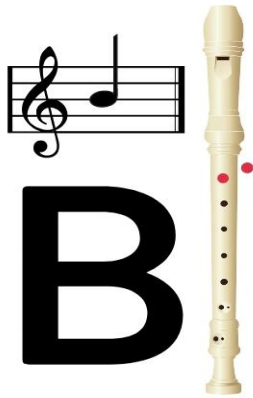


Year 4

Green-Blue Class

Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Jenny Dean

In Music, we have started to learn how to play the recorder. We have been learning the B note and the A note.



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	John-James
Writer of the week	Ralph
Mathematician of the week	Max
Scientist of the week	Phoebe
Star of the week	Maci
Pen licence	Lillie

Buddies of the Week



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Year 5 and 6 working in groups during our RE research.



In Religious Education we have been looking at the creation and science. We are researching various sources to see whether these views are complementary or in conflict with one another. On Wednesday, we looked at three different accounts about science and religion from different religious people – a summary from 13,000 priests and vicars as well as Pope Francis.

After reading these accounts, we came to the conclusion that the texts all show that these religious people think that you can believe in science and religion at the same time. They talk about different truths and that both can be true at the same time. Some of us were surprised that vicars would support science as we would have thought they wanted people just to believe in the Bible and Genesis. We were also a bit puzzled by the idea that people could look for truth in both science and religion.



Painting of the creation, according to Genesis



Big Bang Theory

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Mason
Writer of the week	Freya G
Mathematician of the week	Sebastian
Scientist of the week	Teddy Da
Stars of the week	Freddy G
Pen licence	NA

Buddies of the Week



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Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023						
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December 2023							January 2024							February 2024						
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March 2024							April 2024							May 2024							
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June 2024							July 2024							August 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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