

### Update from Headteacher



Summer has arrived! The sun is definitely out and the temperatures have increased. Pupils had a great time this week covering the playground with chalk drawings.

### Value this half-term



### Big Question of the week

What is the difference between a reverend, priest, pastor or preacher?

### Class representatives

We need volunteers to come forward to help the school in the class representatives' role. Please let the office know if you are interested.

The current confirmed class representatives are:

- Year 1 – Ms Kelsey Gumble (Acer's mum)
- Year 2 – Mrs Emma Laurence (Eva's mum)
- Year 6 – Mrs Nicola Curtis (Dylan & Alice's mum)



### Upcoming dates for the diary

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	<b>SUMMER SPORTS DAY</b>
07.07.23	Parents are invited to Indigo – Violet Class Assembly
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.
<b>UPDATE REGARDING ROAD CLOSURE</b>	We have been notified that the advertised road closure will <b>not</b> take place as planned and instead the works will be done during the school holidays. We are very relieved that we will not face more disruption.

## Outdoor recreation area

We are developing the outdoors area. We now have a brand new table tennis for the pupils to enjoy.



## 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.







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










## House Points

	Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
				
Red-Orange Class	601	597	697	752
Orange-Yellow Class	628	663	985	689
Green-Blue Class	553	523	448	525
Indigo-Violet Class	705	648	539	567
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2487</b>	<b>2431</b>	<b>2669</b>	<b>2533</b>

## Attendance

 	
<b>Our school target</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>Attendance this week</b>	<b>94.27%</b>
<b>Attendance this year</b>	<b>94.00%</b>

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of Persistent Absence pupils (below 90%)
2022/2023	<b>94.00%</b>	<b>10</b>
2021/2022	<b>92.30%</b>	<b>18</b>
2020/2021	<b>94.17%</b>	<b>18</b>
2019/2020	<b>93.71%</b>	<b>18</b>
2018/2019	<b>95.56%</b>	<b>10</b>

Red-Orange Class			<b>98.57%</b>	
Orange-Yellow Class			<b>91.58%</b>	
Green-Blue Class			<b>92.78%</b>	
Indigo-Violet Class			<b>95.00%</b>	

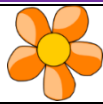
**100% Attendance this week:  
pupils out of 75 pupils which is 60%**

	Chloe	Freya Ga	Joey	Lucas	Scarlett
Alice Cur	Daisy	Freya Gr	John James	Maci	Sebastian
Alice Cus	Dolly	Freya J	Jude G	Madison	Sidney
Amber	Dotty	Gabriella	Jude M	Maisey	Sienna
Amelia-Rae	Dylan	George A	Kezia	Mason	Talia
Archie	Emily	George D	Knightley	Mikey	Teddie
Barney	Ethan	Harrison Mc	Lillie	Naomi	Teddy C-G
Cash	Eva	Harrison P	Lily-May	Paul	Teddy Da
Cassidy	Evie-May	Jesse	Lincoln	Phoebe	Teddy Do
Charlotte	Florence	Jett	Loki	River	William

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**Red-Orange  
Class**

**Class Register Teacher:  
Mrs Joanne Hammond**

**Reception**

**Year 1**

This week has been assessment week so the children have been taking part in maths, reading and writing assessments.

In History we have been looking at different viewpoints from first-hand accounts from Victorian times.

In Science we have been learning about grouping animals based on their characteristics.

In Design and Technology we have been learning how to prepare different kinds of food.



**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**

<b>Reader of the week</b>	Acer
<b>Writer of the week</b>	William
<b>Mathematician of the week</b>	Jesse
<b>Scientist of the week</b>	Mikey
<b>Star of the week</b>	Lincoln
<b>Pen licence</b>	N/A

**Buddies of the Week**



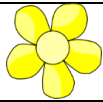
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Year 1



Year 2

Orange-  
Yellow Class

Class Register Teacher:  
Miss Lauren Seeley



Orange- Yellow class had lots of fun in Design and Technology this week. We looked at different ways food could be prepared. We split into 6 groups and all had to prepare the item of food in different ways. This is how the groups prepared the food: 1. Mash a banana, 2. Grate a carrot, 3. Chop some celery, 4. Slice a tomato (very carefully!), 5. Tear the lettuce, 6. Peel the apple.

After preparing the food, the children all had the opportunity to taste it, describing its look, taste and texture!

A big well done to all the children who completed their Phonics Screening Checks this week! You all did an amazing job!



**WELL DONE!**

### Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Maisey
Writer of the week	Jude
Mathematician of the week	Amelia
Scientist of the week	Ethan
Star of the week	Madison
Pen licence	N/A

### Buddies of the Week

All of Orange- Yellow class are buddies this week for doing so well in their Assessment and Phonics Screening Week.



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Year 3



Year 4

Green-Blue Class

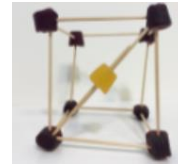
Class Register Teacher:  
Mrs Jenny Dean



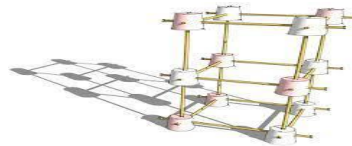
I am super proud of the Year 4 children who completed the statutory MTC tests over the past couple of weeks! They have all worked extremely hard to improve their times tables recall. Well done everyone!

### Design & Technology

We constructed a shell or frame structures using diagonal struts to strengthen them.



Your home challenge – how tall can you build a spaghetti and marshmallow tower that will support a book? Don't forget to send a picture to show your achievement!



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

Visit [www.spag.com](http://www.spag.com)

Visit [www.maths.co.uk](http://www.maths.co.uk)

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



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

### Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Lillie
Writer of the week	Teddy T.
Mathematician of the week	Barney
Scientist of the week	Maci
Star of the week	ALL YEAR 4 CHILDREN
Pen licence	N/A

### Buddies of the Week



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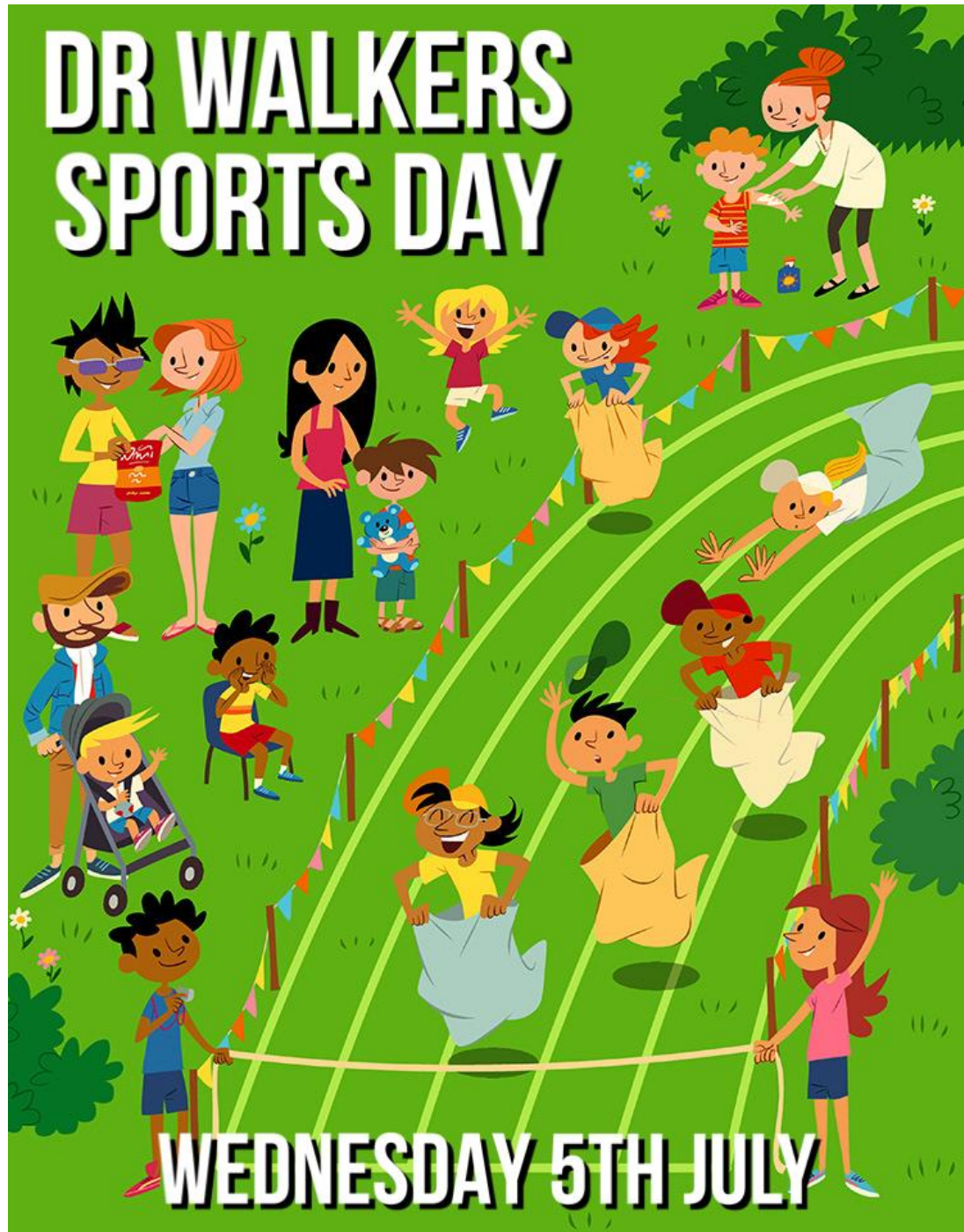




## Reminder: Upcoming Summer Sports Day

### 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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**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

**Go To School Challenge**

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

- Brentwood School Tennis Academy
- Epping Forest District Council Summer Activity Brochure.



**The Essex Fire Museum**  
at Grays

**Essex Fire Museum Open Days**  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
**(10.30am to 4.00pm)**



**The Essex Fire Museum**  
at Grays



Visits must be pre-booked via:  
[museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk)

Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,  
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS

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## Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School

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

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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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