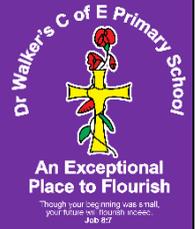


# Newsletter

## Summer Term – 19.07.2024



School Values	This week's news...
<p>Standing with <b>COURAGE</b> for what is right.</p> <p>Using <b>CREATIVITY</b> in problem-solving and making life beautiful.</p> <p>Treating every person and everything with <b>RESPECT</b>.</p> <p>Having <b>COMPASSION</b> for others.</p> <p>Completing every task with <b>PERSEVERANCE</b>.</p> <p>Taking <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> for ourselves.</p> <p>Living with <b>HOPE</b> for a better future.</p>	<p>As we prepare to say Goodbye to our Year 6 children, they had a wonderful day out together at Southend. Thank you for sharing the lovely photographs of your happy day.</p>   

Picture news	Attendance	
	 	
	Our school target	96%
	Attendance this week	93%
	Reception & Year 1	95%
	Years 2 & 3	93%
	Years 4, 5 & 6	92%

House Points			
Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
			
2745	2614	2396	2575

## Rewards



**Belief in self and the development of confidence, respect, and trust for others and an appreciation of spirituality and an understanding of faith in God;**

**Engagement in a love for learning by nurturing curiosity and independence; and**

**Excellence in reaching personal goals by demonstrating resilience and positive behaviour.**

<b>Reception &amp; Year 1</b>	<b>Believe</b>	Poppy	For great focus during lessons!
	<b>Engage</b>	Lucas	For enthusiasm and engagement during phonics and reading!
	<b>Excel</b>	Luna	For taking on board feedback to improve her learning.
	<b>Star of the week</b>	Noah	For being an innovative and creative team builder initiator!
<b>Years 2 &amp; 3</b>	<b>Believe</b>	Loki	For massively improved confidence in all areas of school life. You have found your voice Loki and it is wonderful to see!
	<b>Engage</b>	Hugo	For using fantastic intonation and expression when reading aloud. Good job Hugo!
	<b>Excel</b>	Lucas	For continued effort and focus in all subjects. You never let what is going on around you take your focus. You are fabulous Lucas!
	<b>Star of the week</b>	Eva	For being kind and supportive when another pupil needed help during a writing creative lesson. You are wonderful Eva!
<b>Years 4. 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>Believe</b>	Teddy Dou	For staying focused and producing great quality work.
	<b>Engage</b>	Harley	For taking part in lessons with great enthusiasm and determination.
	<b>Excel</b>	Freya	For achieving to the best of her ability and pushing herself!
	<b>Star of the week</b>	Amelia	For always working hard in class and following the school rules.

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## Class news

### Reception & Year 1

We have had a wonderful academic year and we have spent this week consolidating our learning. We have formed such great friendships and have matured so much that we are more than ready for our next adventures in September 2024.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to teach each and every one of the children in Reception and Year 1, and I am so very proud of them all!



### Years 2 & 3

The classroom was a hive of activity at the beginning of the week as the children created and decorated their castles! The children were all delighted with the end results of all their hard work. Year 2 and 3 have been thinking about transition to new year groups, using a variety of resources, both pictorial and written. They have created free verse poems on the theme of transition and its associated emotions during their English lessons. Line of the day came from Cassidy. "Transition is a stir-fry of emotions!" This has been an exciting and busy week for all, including those with twinkle toes on the dance floor at the disco on Thursday!



Thank you to everyone in Y2 and 3 for making my first term at Dr Walker's such a wonderful experience. You have worked so hard and I am so proud of you. Have a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you in September!

### Years 4, 5 & 6

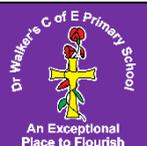
#### Leavers 2024



Goodbye to our amazing Year 6 pupils. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every one of our Year 6 pupils. I am so proud to have been your teacher. Thank you for all the laughs along the way. I know that you all have the ability to achieve great things in your future! I will miss you and good luck on the journey ahead of you!

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**PTA/Friends of Dr Walker's and WhatsApp**

Dr Walkers is considering forming a Parent Teacher Association or 'Friends Of Dr Walkers' group. This type of organisation can provide multiple advantages for the school and its students including:

- Raising money for the school
- Building good relations with the local community
- Providing a forum to consult with parents/carers on school issues and policies

Because we are looking to gain support from the wider community, we may instead form a 'Friends of Dr Walkers' association. The principle difference here is a 'Friends Of' group can have people who aren't current parents and teachers involved in the group. This would mean that supportive parents can remain part of the group as their children age out of the school if they wish, as well as grandparents etc!

With this in mind, we will need to ask the parent cohort for their say. There are already informal class WhatsApp groups, which seem to be the best place to gauge parent opinions using the Poll feature in the app. We would like to utilise these communities to see what appetite there is for the above Association and other new initiatives that the school is considering going forward.

There are a few things to consider here. Firstly we would like to stress that there is no formal requirement for any parent to join the WhatsApp groups - any polls published in this format will also be listed in the newsletter and you can always contact the school to register your preference or seek clarification. We do however feel the app will garner more responses and your opinions are vital in these matters.

Secondly, if an individual or class rep poses a poll to the group on behalf of the school, feel free to discuss in the group, but please remember that any questions you have should be directed to the school and not the class representative. All wording of polls will be clarified by the school to the class representatives in advance to avoid any misinterpretation.

Thirdly, though parent voice is very important to us, some decisions simply have to be made by education professionals and therefore polling opinion will not always be a good practice for every major decision the school faces.

Finally these groups remain yours to enjoy and moderate as you see fit - the school definitely doesn't want to impose on your own need for a forum to talk and ask questions amongst yourselves! However if the proposed system works, as Dr Walker's has mixed year groups, please note that this may necessitate a more formal clarification of class reps at the beginning of each academic year; this can also be polled with you!

So, with this in mind, please feel free to respond to the below questions either in your WhatsApp groups *when the poll launches* OR in an email to the school at [office@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk)

- Are you comfortable with parent WhatsApp groups being used for polling opinions on new initiatives for the school? Please choose one of the following responses:

Yes/No/Unsure

- Do you support the idea of Dr Walkers forming a 'Friends of'/Parent Teacher Association?

Yes/No/Unsure

Any questions on the above, please send them through to [office@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk)

The poll will close at the end of term and if you are looking to respond on WhatsApp you should see the polls appear today. We look forward to hearing your opinions!

## Art club

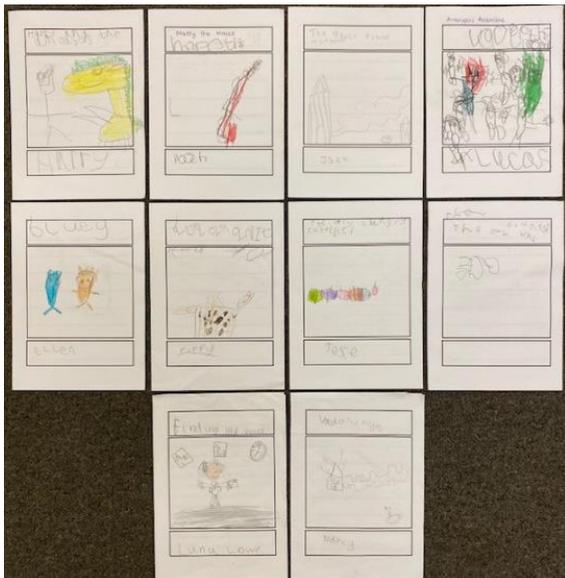


Thank you for all your great effort and enthusiasm in art club. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again after the summer.

Mrs Rider

## Budding Authors

After last week's visit from author, Ray Denyer, Reception and Year 1 children have been inspired to make their own books. First they created books based on their favourite stories, and then wrote their own stories based on an imaginary friend, using 'Bethany in my Pocket' as inspiration!



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### Gardening Club

Gardening Club have had a busy term with some successes and some failures due to pests! However, we have successfully grown courgette and tomato plants and had our first courgette fruit. The French beans suffered from slugs, but the sunflowers are almost there and the cucamelons and tomatoes will appear over the summer. The potatoes are growing well and will soon be ready. We have improved some of the planters with plants and herbs and added plants to the EYFS Mud Kitchen as well. Well done to all the little gardeners whose enthusiasm has made it a pleasure to work with them! Have a great summer and keep planting and growing!



### Our very own gymnast

During Wednesday's assembly, Talia performed a gymnastics routine to the school. She has been doing gymnastics since the age of 4. The children enjoyed it and were inspired for their own gymnastics' lessons for PE.



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## End of Year Disco

Lots of fun was had by all at the End of Year Disco – despite the heat! Many thanks to Mrs Doran, Mrs Cohen and Mrs Burling for organising, along with Mr Laurence, and for staying and persevering – despite the technical glitches experienced! These went unnoticed by the children! A big thank you to Anne Charles too for the scrumptious sausage rolls!



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**Important dates**

<b>23.07.24</b>	Church Service for Year 6 Leavers 10am at St Nicholas Church followed by a Family Picnic on the school field.
<b>23.07.24</b>	End of Term – School finishes for children at 1:00pm
<b>04.09.24</b>	First day back to school.

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