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**Collective Worship Inclusive - Invitational – Inspiring**  
**This term's theme: FRIENDSHIP**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are proud to share that Dr Walker's has achieved a **J1 judgment** in our recent SIAMS inspection. This top rating recognises that our Christian vision is transformative and that our school is a place where every child and adult can flourish. Thank you to our wonderful staff, pupils, and parents for making this possible!

Our Year 6 children were a true credit to the school and their families this week as they undertook their National SATs Assessments. We have been deeply impressed by the resilience and determination they demonstrated throughout the week. They approached every paper with such focus and maturity that we are entirely confident in their ability to flourish as they move forward. Well done Year 6!

**Exciting Site Improvements:**

We are delighted to share some updates regarding new projects across the school:

- **EYFS Outdoor Learning:** After securing a substantial grant, we are currently purchasing new equipment for the EYFS outdoor area. This will significantly enhance our outdoor provision and provide even more engaging ways for our youngest learners to explore.
- **Sensory Enhancements:** To support our children's wellbeing, we have purchased a sensory mood light table for the Sensory Room.
- **The Sensory Shed:** We have also purchased new items for our Sensory Shed. This will offer a dedicated space for re-regulation during play and lunchtimes. We'd like to thank the FODW for their £44 donation, which was raised from the FODW Easter egg design competition as well as a preloved uniform donation. A further thank you to Mr Gibson, who will be installing these items soon!

As you know, we aim to share our school calendar as early as possible in the academic year to help families plan ahead. However, this occasionally means that dates may need to be adjusted as the terms progress. Please note a change in dates for the **USA Day (Maple)** and **Funfair Day (Sycamore)**. Both events are held in school and do not require parents to transport their child to an alternative venue, so we do not foresee these changes impacting on childcare arrangements or parent/carers. Please note that separate letters will provide specific information from by the class teachers.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Melissa Taylor (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

**OUR THEME: FRIENDSHIP**  
**This week we have been looking at:**  
**Learning to listen**

Home school values – explore the value at home.  
Click the link [here](#)

Jesus,  
Keep any other  
voice that isn't yours  
from distracting  
me. Help me focus  
on you. Speak Lord,  
your servant is  
listening.  
Amen

**“Though your beginning was small,  
your future will flourish indeed.”**

**Job 8:7**

**TERM DATES:**

**Upcoming Dates and Events**

**Open the Book – Family Collective Worship**

**10:25am**

1st June - Paul is Shipwrecked  
15th June Tea at Auntie's House  
29th June The Greedy farmer  
13th July Everyone Gets the Same

18<sup>th</sup> May – KS1 SATs Week

**18<sup>th</sup> May – Mid-Essex Has Talent (Ford End)**

20<sup>th</sup> May – NO PENS DAY

**21<sup>st</sup> May – Maple Class USA Day (in school)**

21<sup>st</sup> May – Summer Census

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 6 Bikeability

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Break up for half term

1<sup>st</sup> June - Children return to school

1<sup>st</sup> June – Year 4 MTC

8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 PSC (and Year 2 resits)

8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers'

Service 10 - 11:30am – more info to follow

15 – 21<sup>st</sup> June – Refugee Week

16<sup>th</sup> June – New EYFS Intake – Session 1

16 – 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Nat'l Sports Week – Always Active

15<sup>th</sup> June – Havering Festival of Education

22<sup>nd</sup> June – EYFS Dinosaur Topic Day (in school)

22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 6 Secondary School Transition Week

23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 1 and 2 Seaside Day (at school)

23<sup>rd</sup> June - New EYFS Intake – Session 2

25<sup>th</sup> June – National Writing Day

29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 and 2 Football Tournament (MPS)

**30<sup>th</sup> June – Funfair Day (at school)**

1<sup>st</sup> July – Zoe Bear's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday

7<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 SATs Results released

7<sup>th</sup> July – LIFE Celebration Event

7<sup>th</sup> July – Reports sent home to parents

7<sup>th</sup> July – Meet the New Teacher 9-10am

7<sup>th</sup> July – Teddy Bear's Picnic New EYFS 9-10am





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**National: 95% Our School Target: 96%**

	WC 13.4	WC 20.4	WC 27.4	WC 4.5	WC 11.5	WC 18.5	
Willow	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%		
Sycamore	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%		
Maple	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%		
Whole School	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%		

The effect of of absence on progress					
A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 178 days. That leaves 187 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.					
No absence	9 days absence	11 days absence	18 days absence	27 days absence	36 days absence
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress	



Our brand new **sensory light mood table** has arrived, and it is already a massive hit with the children! The glowing, changing colours have brought a whole new dimension of wonder and focus to our classroom learning.



**TERM DATES:**

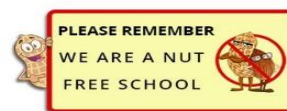
**Upcoming Dates and Events**

- 13<sup>th</sup> July – International Week
- 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers’ Service – St Nicholas’ Church
- 15<sup>th</sup> July – Sports afternoon (from 1pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Memories Assembly for Parents (am)

**Monday 20th July: End of academic year – 1:00pm finish (after registration)**

**Allergens**

Please remember that we are a nut and orange free school. Thank you for keeping members of our school community safe!



May half term clubs with Essex ActivAte are live to book across Essex, with loads of free activity spaces available for school-aged children and young people. Families can choose from local clubs, offering a fantastic mix of fun activities, movement opportunities, and a free, nutritious meal each day. The programme also provides reliable and supportive holiday childcare, helping families maintain routines, balance work, and support children’s wellbeing throughout the school break. No voucher or referral is needed, and you access booking via the [Active Essex](https://www.activeessex.co.uk/) website

**Communications**

To help us respond to your queries as quickly as possible, please continue to use [admin@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk) for all email communications.

From there, messages are distributed to Mrs Dean/Mrs Taylor and our teaching staff accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation in not emailing staffs’ personal accounts directly.

