

Newsletter date: Friday 17th July 2026

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This final week of term has been extremely busy—as well as hot!

Monday began with an emotional Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Nicholas' Church, led by Revd. Julia Baldwin. It was a beautiful opportunity to celebrate all of our children's fantastic successes and look back on their primary school journey. We are all incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Our Head Prefects also had the opportunity to visit Skreens Park alongside other Mid-Essex Head Prefects to celebrate their achievements and commitment to their roles throughout the year. Lots of fun was had by all during the pedal car experience!

On Tuesday, we welcomed our upcoming EYFS children again to meet Mrs Heather Mitchell, who is looking forward to teaching the class in September.

Sports Day was held on Wednesday, with the inspired addition of a Sponge Relay to help the children cool down toward the end of the event! A huge thank you to Miss Charles and Mr Porte for leading the day, and to the wider community of parents, carers, and extended family members who joined us to make it such an enjoyable event.

We also held further Head of School interviews on Wednesday and are very excited to announce that we have appointed a successful candidate and information will follow shortly.

In other Year 6 news, our leavers enjoyed a lovely 'Ladies that Lunch' treat at Ashlyn's Restaurant, after which they each received a pampering goodie bag. This was funded by their Enterprise Event, and the remaining balance has been donated to the World Wildlife Fund. Thank you to Mr Robinson and Ms Burcher for organising this special treat.

We were also delighted to welcome parents and carers to our Musical Concert, which showcased our children's incredible instrumental talents. They worked extremely hard with Ms Kent, and their performance was absolutely phenomenal!

Have a truly amazing weekend. We look forward to celebrating our last day of the academic year with you on Monday 20th July, which will be filled with Year 6 memories, family picnics, and ice cream!

Warm regards,

Mrs Melissa Taylor (Executive Head Teacher)
Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

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

Job 8:7

TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

20th July – Year 6 Memories Assembly for
Year 6 Parents Only (am)

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

Dates for 2026-2027

Tues 1st September – INSET CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Wed 2nd September – INSET CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Thurs 3rd September – INSET CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Fri 4th September – INSET CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Mon 7th Sept – Children back to school

Wed 9th Sept – Parents meet the class teacher
(3:20pm – 3:50pm)

Wed 9th Sept – Parent Homework Forum (2:30pm)

Mon 14th Sept – Homework commences

Thurs 17th Sept – Topic Overviews to parents

Fri 25th Sept – MacMillan Coffee Morning

WC 28th Sept – Individual and sibling photographs

Mon 5th Oct – Year 6 Mock SATs Week

Fri 9th Oct – Hello Yellow Day

Wed 14th Oct – EYFS People Who Help us Day (MPS)

Mon 19th Oct – Harvest Festival (tbc)

Mon 19th Oct – Parents' Evening

26th – 30th Oct – Half Term

Wed 11th Nov – Remembrance Day Service (tbc)

Tues 1st Dec – Christmas Event at Chelmsford
Cathedral

Thurs 3rd Dec – Chelmsford Panto (whole school)

Tues 8th Dec – EYFS/KS1 Nativity

Thurs 10th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Mon 14th Dec – Autumn Report sent to Parents

Fri 16th Dec – Last day of Autumn Term

OUR THEME: RESPECT
This week we have been looking at:
Treating others with respect

Home school values – explore the value at home.

Click the link [here](#)

Dear God,
Thank you for all we have learned,
shared, and become during our time
here. As we take our next steps,
please bless us with courage to face
new challenges and wisdom to make
good choices. Keep us safe, help us
to be kind, and guide us into the
exciting journey ahead.

Amen





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National: 95% Our School Target: 96%

	WC 01.06	WC 08.06	WC 15.06	WC 22.06	WC 29.06	WC 06.07	WC 13.07
Willow	88%	88%	88%	87%	87%	87%	87%
Sycamore	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%
Maple	92%	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%
Whole School	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%

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	

Personal Thank-You from Mrs. Jennifer Dean

It is with extreme fondness that I say farewell, not goodbye, to Dr Walker's. It has been an absolute privilege to teach many of your children and contribute to their successes as individuals. I truly value the relationships I have built with each of them, their families, and the wider Dr Walker's community—extending to our dedicated staff, governors, members of the LIFE Education Trust, and St Nicholas' Church.

I have been overwhelmed by your support during my time both as a teacher and as Head of School. You have fully engaged with my vision, and that of the Trust, to drive our school forward, always keeping your children at the very centre of our decision-making. To be entrusted with your most valuable possession—your child—is at the core of everything we do.

Dr Walker's is a transformed setting, living and breathing its Christian Foundations and carving out enrichment opportunities for your children to flourish today, tomorrow, and beyond – which will continue to go from strength to strength. I am forever thankful for my time here and for the opportunity to be a part of your children's journeys. Thank you, once again, for your immense generosity and wonderful gifts as I depart at the end of this academic year.

Allergens

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



Communications

To help us respond to your queries and individual concerns that you may have as quickly as possible, please continue to use **admin@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk** for all email communications.

- The office team will distribute messages directly to Mrs Dean, Mrs Taylor, and the teaching staff as needed.
- We ask that you do not email staff members on their personal or individual accounts.
- We greatly appreciate your support in using the central admin address to keep communications streamlined.



Summer Activity for all Children

Read to the Beat, Summer Reading Challenge 2026 launches in all Essex libraries on **Saturday 18 July 2026** and runs until **Saturday 5 September 2026**. Children of all ages can join – the challenge is to read six books or do reading-related activities, and they'll collect a sticker for each achievement. Children completing the activity also get a medal and certificate. It's great fun and can also help to prevent a reading dip over the long summer break.

