




WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 12TH JULY 2019

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DIARY DATES

Tennis & Children's Yoga are running next week, all other clubs have finished.

TUE 16TH JULY

EYFS Teddy Bears' Picnic

FRI 19TH JULY, 9.30AM

Y2 Celebration Assembly

FRI 19TH JULY, 4 – 5.30PM

Y2 Leavers Disco

MON 22ND JULY, 3.15PM

Meet the Teacher for children going into Y1 & Y2

TUE 23RD JULY

Y2 trip to Danbury Park

WED 24TH JULY, 3.10PM

School closes for Summer Holidays

SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch will be [Week 2 – click for details.](#)

SHOOTING STARS!

AARON for an amazing deforestation poster!



CHARLIE CR for his creativity & art work!

MASON for a beautiful painting in the style of Aboriginal art!



BILLY for singing beautifully & playing the tambour in time during rehearsals!

MIA for beautiful handwriting!



ASA for using lovely adjectives in his writing!

AUSTEN for working hard on joining his handwriting correctly!



MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

Another very busy week here! Today all children have spent the morning in their new classes and met our new teachers Mrs. Giles, Miss Wilson and Mrs. Scott-Simons. Miss Williams, who will be training as a teacher in Year Two next year, also joined us for the morning. Year Two had a really good morning at the Junior school in their Year 3 classes.

Well done to the Year One children who represented us on Monday at a [Mini Sports event at Baddow Hall Infant School](#). A very lucky few Year Two children had an amazing day at Wimbledon on Tuesday. They watched a ladies' doubles match on Court 2 and saw Serena Williams on Centre Court! Thank you to Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Herring & Mrs. Glennie for accompanying them. [Photos are on our website.](#)



Thanks to WISPA for organising another successful disco for Year One and EYFS on Wednesday. We also had some wonderful news this week - Writtle Library has been saved from closure along with all Essex libraries. Thank you for supporting your local library during the campaign to keep it open. You can continue your support by visiting the library for the Summer Reading Challenge, Space Chase, over the holidays.

We have had some lovely responses to the reports which were sent home on Monday. Thank you for your positive comments. Please continue to send us your feedback, either online or on the Views from Home sheets, by Friday 19th July.

The 2 Johns' e-safety talk on Tuesday was very informative – thanks to everyone who attended and to WISPA for funding the meetings. It was clear that the approach is to encourage children to be honest about their internet use and create an atmosphere where they feel safe about letting parents know their concerns. As they will tell you, our children probably know more about some of the apps than we do! We discussed Roblox, a game which is played a lot at this age. Just be aware of how children can be contacted through it, as a starting point we would recommend [this article on how to deal safely with apps and games.](#)

It was interesting how many of our children reported using devices that their parents do not know about (e.g. old iPods) and also how many said that they play games against unknown individuals. Some children even knew how to override the preventative measures that their parents have set, for example using Whatsapp to continue messaging when parents have disabled chats in a game. The 2 Johns say that the answer is not to get cross or stop access to games that are suitable (though it amazes me how many play Fortnite despite its age limit), but instead to have open discussions with your children so that if a concern comes up, e.g. an unsuitable message, children don't conceal it from their adult for fear that they will not be allowed to play the game in future. For more information, please have a look at [The 2 Johns website](#), [follow them on Facebook](#) or on Twitter [@JohnsThe2](#).

Next week will be very busy with the Foundation Stage trip on Tuesday and the Year 2 celebration assembly and disco on Friday. Clubs have all finished except for Tennis and Children's Yoga. Have a super weekend.

GRETCHEN for her application of problem solving skills in Maths!

AMY for always concentrating & trying her best!

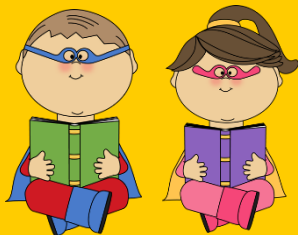


THEO for being so careful & gentle with the ducklings!

ETHAN & LUKE A for working so hard on their handwriting this term!



READERS OF THE WEEK!



BONNIE, GEORGE, PEARL, NATALIA, THEO & RUBY!

COMMUNITY LINKS

THE BOY THAT BUILT A TIME MACHINE, 13 – 14 JULY, 11AM & 2PM, THE TWO BREWERS, CHELMSFORD Mrs. Herring is performing in a brand new play 'The Boy That Built A Time Machine'! A curious boy builds a time machine and, with his best friend, finds out what it's like to travel in time! To buy tickets to this very special family show, [book online](#) using the code BUSYBMAC2019.

WILDFEST is on Saturday 17th August. Details of the children's wildlife festival have been sent home via ParentMail or you can [visit Essex Wildlife Trust's website](#).

YEAR 2 NEWS

We have been very busy with rehearsals for 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World' this week. The children are really looking forward to performing this play to you next Friday. We have been very creative this week as well. Eddie the Penguin visits Australia, so the children have been having a go at making some paintings in the style of Aboriginal art. We have been using the ends of a paintbrush to create dot art using 'Earth colours' as the Aborigines used to crush rocks to create their paint. We have had some wonderful paintings which they will bring home soon. The children have also started learning how to play the recorder in their music lessons. So far, they have learnt the notes B and A. They seem to be enjoying playing the recorder and making lots of noise!

[This week's home learning and spellings can be found on our website.](#)

YEAR 1 NEWS

This week we have been recapping internet safety. The children fully engaged in discussions on Monday with our e-safety experts who came to visit them. In English they wrote a recount of their weekend and played capital letter and full stops games. They also wrote questions that they wanted answered by the Year Two children and their new teachers, which they took to their new class visit. In guided reading they also answered questions about what they had read. In Maths we consolidated telling the time to the half hour and the children thoroughly enjoyed playing time bingo. They also played addition and subtraction games this week. In R.E they listened to and story boarded the Christian creation story and learnt about St. Francis of Assisi. They then worked as teams to answer quiz questions.

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

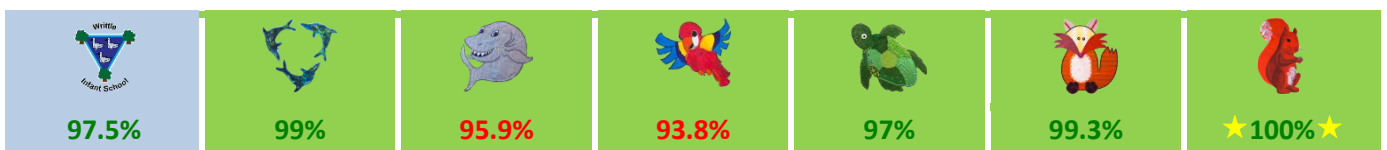
Not long to go now in Foundation Stage! Please don't forget we are going on our wonderful "Teddy Bear's Picnic" trip on Tuesday. We will be sending a reminder out on Monday via ParentMail. We've loved taking care of and observing our visiting little (or not so little now) ducklings this week and enjoyed writing a diary about what they got up to each day. We also really enjoyed listening to The 2 Johns talking about how to be safe on the internet on Monday and answering lots of questions. As the end of term gets nearer we would love any help from our grown ups to come in and do a few jobs in the garden such as bike maintenance and painting sheds! Please let a member of staff know if you can give us any of your time.

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NOTICES

- ★ We would be hugely grateful if you could sign up to the [Easyfundraising app](#), which raises money for the school through your online shopping.
- ★ We are so grateful to one of our parents, Steve Moore, who is undertaking a 100 mile bike ride to further raise money for our hub and the Junior School's learning pod. [All donations would be very gratefully received on his Justgiving page.](#)

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



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