



WRITTLE SCHOOLS NEWS

FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 2026

Dear Parents,

Every Friday, children in the Infant school read with our therapy dog, Willow. She is the gentlest of giants, who announces her presence by resting her chin on the windowsill in reception. The children adore reading to her while she has a snooze on the rug in the library. Thank you so much to Connie and Eden-Rose's nanny, Gill, for bringing such a calming presence to our school. It has been another busy week of learning, so please take a look at the year group news below to find out more! Next week the Junior school choir are singing at the O2, and Year 2 will travel back in time to the Victorian era, in an immersive classroom experience at Braintree Museum. We look forward to telling you all about it.

Enjoy your weekend.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	INFANTS Further dates on our website	JUNIORS Further dates on our website
Mon 19 Jan	Y2 Trip to Braintree Museum	
Thu 22 Jan		WJS Choir - Young Voices at the O2

Please check communications to parents for further details, or contact your school office.

LINKS TO IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HOME LEARNING	INFANTS Reception Year 1 Year 2	JUNIORS <i>All homework is uploaded to Showbie.</i>
CLUBS TIMETABLE	WJS Clubs	WJS Clubs
SCHOOL LUNCH MENU - Please click here for the new school menu, w/c 19th Jan is Week 3* <i>*Please note there is an error on the menu - there are no jacket potatoes on a Wednesday.</i>		
COMMUNITY NEWS - Please click here for local events, resources and charity updates.		
ESSEX CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE DROP-IN - Every Tuesday pm, Writtle Infant School library, sign up here		

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

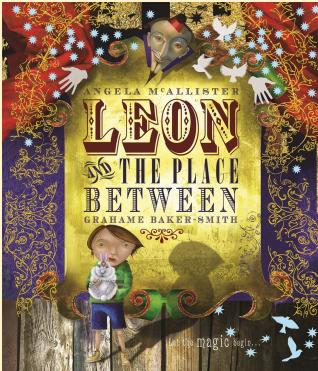
INFANTS	JUNIORS
95.7%	93.24%

CELEBRATIONS!

INFANTS - SUPERSTAR AWARDS!			
SQUIRRELS - Ralph, Brandon		FOXES - Tyler, Freddie	
TURTLES - Dottie, Dominic	PARROTS - Arthur, Alexander	DOLPHINS - Thomas, Declan	SHARKS - Coby, Elsie
PE AWARDS - Bailey (Dolphins), Arthur (Sharks), Otis (Turtles), Mason (Parrots)			
JUNIORS - TEACHERS' MAKE THEIR DAY!			
LS - Lani	RT - Seren	SW - Casey	KH - Charlie
CL - Sophie	HA - Kim	SH - Luca	SL - Zara

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
 <p>This week in reception we have been very busy! In maths we have been learning about the ordinality of numbers and noticing that each time we count 1 more is added. We have been focusing on numbers to five and have been really proud of their wonderful ability to count and subitise. We have continued learning our phonics digraphs and the children are working really hard to form their letters. This week we have also reflected on the past and changes that have occurred in our lives such as getting bigger and</p>	 <p>Oh my goodness, the classes had a visit from one of the characters from our new topic. They trashed the classroom! They made a mess! But they left some footprints and some other clues. The children were great detectives looking for clues to find out the culprit who was responsible! The children made maps and thought up scenarios. They wrote sentences and discussed their findings. We learnt so much and had so much fun. (And how naughty that the culprits</p>	 <p>This week, Year 2 have wrapped up their learning on addition and subtraction using 2-digit numbers in maths. We have also delved deeper into our Spring 1 topic of 'Dragons', where we've explored key themes in our new book, discussed dragon's qualities and even drawn amazing dragons and mountain landscapes in art to accompany our learning! Finally, we've learnt all about what life would've looked like for Victorian children, before</p>

RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	
making new friends from nursery to school.	turned out to be cheeky Mrs Fisk and cheeky Mrs Giles! ssshhhhh!)	we head off to Braintree Museum on Monday to experience this for ourselves, we can't wait! Have a great, restful weekend Year 2!	
YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
 <p>Year 3 have got straight back to working this term. We have started reading our book, <i>Leon and the Place Between</i>, and written some poems based on the first few pages. In maths we have continued to look at multiplication and division. In DT, we have started to examine hats in order to create our own! It's been a busy 2 weeks!</p>	 <p>This week, year 4 have had their engineering heads on. We have started to investigate how electricity travels in a circuit, and started to make circuits, lighting lamps, spinning motors and buzzing buzzers. We have also started to look at pneumatic devices, thinking about how the air in balloons and pumps can be used to move things. In Art, we have learned to stipple and crosshatch to create the effect of a sphere, using charcoal.</p>	 <p>We have been heading on our travels to Egypt this term in Year 5. We now know why the Egyptians were 'AWESOME' and that is only in the first couple of weeks. Our topic work has seen us map the Nile and discuss how it was used for transport, building and for growing crops. We have created our own scarab beetles and decorated them in the style of Egyptian jewellery.</p> <p>In Science our exploration of states of matter and how these states can be changed may help us when we talk about mummification. We have discovered that many changes are reversible but equally changes such as burning are irreversible.</p> <p>Many of us are captivated by our new book - <i>Skellig</i> by David Almond. Michael has found a strange creature in his garage and we have discussed how the mood and tone of the book at the moment is very mysterious and a little sombre. What will happen to the creature and Michael next? Have a look at our scarabs from Max and Leighton.</p>	 <p>Year 6 have taken part in the Chelmsford Sportshall Athletics competition. They showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event and performed superbly across a range of indoor athletic challenges. Competing against 20 schools from across the Chelmsford area, our team finished an impressive 4th place overall — a fantastic achievement. We are extremely proud of their efforts and the way they represented the school.</p>