

FRIDAY 8th MAY 2026



Dear Parents,

Both schools have celebrated the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough today. Annabel in Year 5 looked absolutely amazing as she came to school dressed as the great man himself! Children have produced some incredible artwork and projects completed at home about their favourite animal. We also used the opportunity to explore the history of the last 100 years and David Attenborough's remarkable achievements during this time. He has set children the challenge of being nature explorers to continue his fascination and curiosity about the natural world. We would heartily recommend that all children do this every day, as you never know where it might lead you, or what you might discover!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

NP Taylor

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MON 11 - FRI 15 MAY - Year 6 SATS week
 SUN 17 - WED 20 MAY - Year 6 Residential
 FRI 22 MAY - PTA Inflatables afternoon

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 All homework is uploaded to Showbie .
CLUBS TIMETABLE	WIS Clubs	WIS Clubs
SCHOOL LUNCH MENU - Please click here for the new school menu, w/c 11th May is Week 2		
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		

CELEBRATIONS!

INFANTS			
SQUIRRELS - Sadie, Blake		FOXES - Reya, Clara	
TURTLES - Kayleb, Evie	PARROTS - Hallie, Buddy	DOLPHINS - Madeline, Poppy	SHARKS - Alyrah, Eduard
JUNIORS - TEACHERS' MAKE THEIR DAY!			
LS - Logan	RT - Seren, Nevai, Kiki	SW - Louie	KH - Dorothy
CL - Frankie	HA - Annabelle	SH - Betty	SL - Phoebe
LUNCHTIME CLASSES OF THE WEEK: CL SPECIAL MENTION: Archer (SW), Blake (SL)			

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

RECEPTION



This week the children have been watching the caterpillars pupate and form their cocoons. They are all very excited to see them hatch. We have been learning to order numbers up to 10 using a number track. We have been sharing the fact files created by the children and doing some learning about Sir David Attenborough. The garden is starting to burst into life with all sorts of plants so thank you to everyone who donated compost. The children love helping in the garden.

YEAR 1



We have continued our exploration of our fabulous book, 'The Marvellous Moon Map' and have been learning about being an explorer. In art, we were super proud of the children who were inspired by the artist Julian Opie to create their own self portraits using Sharpies and tracing photos of themselves. Wow - we have some amazing artists in Year One!

In maths we have been practising equations in many ways and have learnt that if you add two to an odd or even number, you will get to the next odd or even number. If you subtract two from an odd or even number, you will get to the previous odd or even number.

In celebration of Sir David's 100th Birthday we went on a wildlife hunt in Forest School and made some wonderful drawings and fact files from our findings.

Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 2



This week, Year 2 has been discussing the King's thoughts and feelings in our book 'Grey Island Red Boat', moving onto 3D shapes in maths and exploring how we can make/fold 2D shapes into 3D. In science, we explored the school grounds to collect data on our bug hunt, ready for a computing lesson on creating and comparing data. We also watched our Writtle B team in their area final for 3 Tee's Cricket, who did such a good job and came 8th out of 42 schools in Chelmsford! We've also been having fun exploring the wall bars, different types of rolls, jumps and balancing in Gymnastics, as well as celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday! What a great week, have a lovely weekend all.

YEAR 3



We've had a very busy and exciting few weeks in Year 3! In Maths, we have completed our topic on money and have now moved on to learning about fractions. We even used sweets to help us understand how to add fractions together — it was great fun as well as a fantastic way to learn!

In English, we have continued reading our class book, Pugs of the Frozen North, and have been writing letters to the Snowfather inspired by the story. After discovering more about the incredible Arctic in English, we linked our learning to Art by creating beautiful Northern Lights pictures using chalk and paint. Take a look at some of our wonderful artwork!

YEAR 4



Year 4 have started their new topic 'Eat Your Greens'. The children have been learning about the digestive system, food groups and healthy eating using an eat well plate. This week we reconstructed a digestive system using tights and passed food through it using bananas, biscuits and orange juice. Let's just say it's not for the squeamish! The children have now read through the play that they will be performing in the summer - 'Dragon Days' and they are doing really well. We are all very impressed with their singing. We can't wait for the play in July!

YEAR 5



Year 5 have been getting very involved in their Viking topic.

Even maths has included Yggdrasil and Thor's hammer. Ask your children what they have been doing with these. We have investigated runes and written our name and a message.

In science, we have continued our journey through puberty and have discussed changes in bodies for both boys and girls. Our big project this week has been creating our own dragon eyes out of clay. We chose an individual eye and built a clay model around it.

It was important that we didn't handle the clay too much as it would dry out but we created scales and spines and had to think about joining them onto the main eye shape with slip. These will be dried and then we can paint them in pearlescent colours. We'll show you a photo now and one when they are painted and completely finished.

A final mention from us is from our last topic, 'DEAR DAVID'. We of course want to wish David Attenborough a very happy 100th birthday today. Year 5 had some visitors from QBE last week who sponsored the Wilderness Foundation's Wild Project. They came to see what our projects were all about. We were able to talk to them about all of our

YEAR 6

This week in Year 6, we have been completing our final revision activities in preparation for SATs next week, and we could not be prouder of how hard the children have worked and the resilience they have shown throughout the year. Over the weekend, please encourage your child to rest, get plenty of sleep, and eat sensibly so they feel refreshed and ready for the week ahead.

A reminder that Breakfast Club will begin at 8:15am each morning next week to help the children settle calmly before the tests; we would appreciate a £1 contribution if possible. Looking ahead, excitement is already building for our upcoming PGL trip. If you have not already done so, please ensure that pocket money, medicines, and indemnity forms are handed in as soon as possible. Finally, we have also started thinking about our Year 6 production, 'Grossbusters', and auditions will take place one afternoon next week.

YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
		<p>projects and we showed them details of our walk to school project where children created a questionnaire and challenged walking to school habits. They also saw the 'Power Downs' response from Downing Street about reducing classroom temperatures by 1degree and how one group visited the Parish Council and shared their posters to put up in the village about building hedgehog highways and making sure we look after the ever reducing wildlife that is in our village.</p>	