



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher's Comment:

Teaching and learning is the main focus of any school. Schools wear many hats and have many responsibilities to fulfil to their pupils and the community, but teaching and learning is right up there at the top. Our job is to prepare children for secondary school and life beyond school. We want our children to do the best they can academically and enjoy school – 'Achievement and Enjoyment'. Last year our school attainment data (how children did in things like phonics, SATs etc) was at or above the national average from Reception to Year 6 in nearly all areas, often significantly so. However, this requires hard work from pupils, staff and parents. That is why we are always checking the teaching and learning that is going on and looking to improve further.

This week, not only have I been into every class to speak to the children as I would normally do, but senior leaders have been going in to watch the teaching in more detail and have looked at the work in books. As you would expect, the level of teaching is excellent and there is huge consistency in what is going on so that all children are all getting the same high-quality education. We don't rest on our laurels though and continue to prioritise improving further to give our children the best chances for the future.

### Larchwood Gardens and Parking

In July I informed you that Essex council were looking at improvements to Larchwood Gardens to slow traffic down and stop the illegal parking. I was hoping that in September things would have moved on, but alas they haven't greatly. However, Cllr Aspinell from Brentwood Council has informed me that they hope to install enforcement cameras in the coming weeks which is positive. We also had a person down last week counting the number of cars and pedestrians with a view to getting a crossing patrol in place. It is also really pleasing to see the number of bikes in the bike sheds, particularly at the top gate where children are coming to school in an active way. We all have a responsibility to make the journey to school as healthy and safe as possible so please make sure you aren't the one causing a potential hazard.

### Lateness

This week Mrs Jaycock and I have been conducting a 'late gate' by the school office as the number of children arriving late for school has been creeping up. School starts at 8:30am and all the gates are open from 8:20am. The gates are closed at 8:40am on the dot. The bottom line is that learning starts at 8:30am when children arrive in class so if your child is not here then, they are missing out. Anyone who arrives after 8:40am has to go through the office and needs to be signed in by an adult. This is disruptive to your child and their learning and can be distressing for them. Please be on time.

### Harvest

Thank you to those of you who have already brought in donations for the Harvest collection for St



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Georges' Church Food Hub. It all helps and donations can continue to come in until next Friday.

## Diary Dates

Please see diary dates below for upcoming events. There are lots of things going on.

## Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
-	Challenge	Individual	Conflict	Manufacture	Labour	Derive



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Agaran in 3C for showing the value of responsibility.



## Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
Hannah	Gabriel	Sadie	Violet	Dilan	Chloe	Daniel
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R
Isobel	Isla	Joshua	Freddie	Anne	Dolly	Lily-Jane



## Reading at Home

Up to 6 classes now reading enough and the overall figure is rising. Well done to the nearly 400 who have read enough – 21 people to go.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	0 (0%)	10 (34%)	19 (66%)	100%
RT	5 (19%)	6 (22%)	16 (39%)	81%
1A	0 (0%)	6 (22%)	21 (78%)	100%
1P	2 (7%)	7 (25%)	19 (68%)	93%
2C	2 (7%)	6 (20%)	22 (73%)	93%
2G	4 (14%)	2 (7%)	23 (79%)	86%
3B	2 (6%)	8 (26%)	21 (68%)	94%
3C	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	24 (86%)	100%
4LC	1 (3%)	8 (27%)	21 (70%)	97%
4T	2 (7%)	4 (14%)	22 (79%)	93%
5L	3 (4%)	5 (17%)	21 (72%)	96%
5P	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	26 (87%)	100%
6C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	30 (100%)	100%
6R	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	28 (97%)	100%
Total				95%



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# Diary Dates

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	LPPA AGM (6:00pm-7:30pm)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Don Rae dance workshop for Reception (parents invited 2:30pm)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual school photos
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Jabs
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations (3:30pm-6:00pm). Booking opens next week.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations (5:30pm-8:00pm). Booking opens next week.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for 2 week half term.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Back to school
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	LPPA Christmas market
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	LPPA pop up Christmas shop
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	LPPA pop up Christmas shop
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 sing-a-long
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas sing-a-long 2C, 3B, 4T, 5L, 6C
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas sing-a-long 2G, 3C, 4LC, 5P, 6R
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up



# Weekly Attendance

## Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	96.7%	92.7%	95.2%	94%	98.7%	96.7%	99.4%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	96.7%
Attendance	97.3%	98%	95.3%	96%	99.3%	99.7%	95.2%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
6C	3B	5P



# Yearly Attendance

## Yearly Attendance – from 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	98.5%	94.9%	95.5%	96.3%	98%	97.4%	96.3%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	96.6%
Attendance	96.8%	97.5%	95.8%	95.3%	97.5%	97.7%	94.9%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RM	2C	6C



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