



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

Despite this week only being four days long, we have had plenty of learning and events going on to provide our children with a rich educational experience. These experiences link closely to our curriculum, ensuring that our children continue to thrive academically while enjoying activities they will remember for a life – fulfilling our mission statement.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Mike Mullen and his BMX Academy into our school, where he taught our Year 5 children important bike skills. Watching the children as they attempted to learn various tricks was a joy; the pride they felt when successfully completing a trick was wonderful. We know that riding a bike is an essential life skill and this is why our Year 2 students have the Bike Club to learn to ride.

At the end of the day, Mike held a whole school assembly on the playground, where he shared his inspiring story. He talked about many of our values, including perseverance, respect, and friendship. His engaging talk really resonated with our students and inspired them to aim for success in all areas of their lives. Mike jumping over 5 teachers lying on the floor was also a highlight!

The other event of this week was our VE Day celebrations. VE Day marks the end of World War II, and it is important to reflect not on victory but on the start of peace. As many of you may have noticed, the front of the school was decorated with bunting for this special day. Yesterday, staff and students came dressed in red, white, and blue, creating a strong sense of unity and pride.

Thanks to Mrs Lambert, we had a special visit from a group who brought along an impressive collection of World War II artefacts, including clothing, ration books, a jeep, and even parachutes. The children enjoyed interacting with these historical items, learning more about their importance. This activity allowed the children to appreciate the significant history behind this important day.

In the afternoon, every class went out onto the field to take part in games, some similar to those played in 1945. Drinks and snacks were provided by the LPPA. As well as a fun filled afternoon the day also connected directly to our history curriculum. Year 4 is currently studying World War II, and the VE Day celebrations provided a timely and meaningful context for their learning, reinforcing what they are exploring in class.

Next week sees Year 6 taking their SATs. All Year 6 children around the country will be taking these. The children have been working hard in preparation for this and it is a time to demonstrate what they have learnt in primary school. All we ask is that they try their best and I'm sure they will. Good luck Year 6 and have a restful weekend.



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## Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Area	Drama	Draft	Foundation	Emerge	Regulate	Indicate



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Jayden in RT for demonstrating perseverance and trying hard with everything.



## Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Freddie H	Charlie Wo	Natalie	Jimmy	Lilly	George	Arnie
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Isabella	Grace G	Betty	Tolunay	Bonnie-Marie	Kayden	Harry G



## Reading at Home

Sadly, not one class had everyone read at least 4 times. Bank holiday weekends still count for reading as normal. Well done to all those who did read at least 4 times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from <b>Tuesday 6 May to Friday 9 May</b>			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	4 (17%)	8 (27%)	17 (56%)	25 (83%)
RT	5 (18%)	12 (41%)	12 (41%)	24 (82%)
1B	5 (17%)	15 (50%)	10 (33%)	25 (83%)
1G	2 (7%)	16 (57%)	10 (36%)	26 (93%)
2P	5 (18%)	9 (33%)	13 (48%)	22 (81%)
2W	2 (7%)	8 (29%)	18 (64%)	26 (93%)
3C	13 (40%)	7 (22%)	12 (38%)	19 (60%)
3M	6 (22%)	22 (78%)	0 (0%)	22 (78%)
4B	7 (25%)	21 (75%)	0 (0%)	21 (75%)
4T	3 (11%)	16 (57%)	9 (32%)	25 (89%)
5L	7 (27%)	7 (27%)	12 (46%)	19 (73%)
5P	2 (8%)	12 (46%)	12 (46%)	24 (92%)
6H	1 (3%)	15 (52%)	13 (45%)	28 (97%)
6R	3 (10%)	15 (50%)	12 (40%)	27 (90%)
Total				84%



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## Diary Dates

Monday 12 May	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday 21 May	Parent workshop – smartphone free childhood meeting
Thursday 22 May	Year 6 parents Mersea meeting (17.00)
Friday 23 May	NSPCC Childhood Day
Friday 23 May	LPPA Ice Cream Sale
Friday 23 May	Break up for half term
Thursday 5 June	Year 5 trip to Colchester Zoo
Monday 16 June	Sports Day – Reception, Year 1 and 2 (10.00)
Wednesday 18 June	Sports Day – Year 3 – 6 (10.00)
Wednesday 25 June	Year 4 trip
Wednesday 2 July	Year 1 trip to Barleylands (10.00)
Friday 4 July	LPPA Colour Run
Tuesday 8 July	Year 2 trip to Thorndon Country Park
Monday 14 July	Year 6 residential to Mersea
Wednesday 16 July	Reception trip to Boydells Farm
Monday 21 July	Celebration Evening
Tuesday 22 July	LPPA Summer Discos
Wednesday 23 July	Break up



## Weekly Attendance

Great attendance this week and 5 classes with a certificate. Well done 2P for 100%.

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Tuesday 6 May 2025

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	96.7%	97.5%	98.8%	93.3%	99.1%	100%	98.4%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	97.1%
Attendance	95.7%	95.2%	97.4%	97.2%	95.5%	99.1%	96.1%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2P	2W	6H



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	94.6%	95.2%	93.8%	96.5%	96.1%	96.4%	94.9%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.5%
Attendance	96.2%	95.7%	96.4%	96.5%	95%	94.8%	95.2%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1G & 5L	2P & 4T	3M



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