

**RESPECT****HONESTY**

Happy Friday everyone!

We have one week remaining of this half-term. Here are the headline messages for the week:]

- Your children's attendance is so important - please make sure they attend regularly and please keep in contact with us on the occasions that they will be absent
- This week a member of the South Essex Parking Partnerships was sent to examine the parking situation in the morning. They were quite appalled at the number of parents parking illegally and dangerously. They will be returning to police this area better. **Do not park on the yellow lines, or the pavement as this forces pedestrians into the road**
- Remember that we have a lending library in the main office - you are welcome to grab a book to take home from there

Remember to log the reads on Learning with Parents - more information is on page 5.

On Monday we had a rugby coach in the school to work with some of our classes. The children learnt how to tackle safely and developed a taste for the sport!



Our children took part in this term's My Future, My Basildon project - which teaches about some of the different careers available to them when they leave school. The theme this time was 'Can we Fix it' - please ask them which guest speakers they had and the weird and wonderful jobs they do.

This week, year 1 have been finding number bonds to 20 in maths and writing their own recounts in English. We have also enjoyed learning all about the game of Rugby in our PE session. In Art, we have been experimenting with colour mixing and in science we tested our sense of smell by guessing what different foods were without looking at them. In our history lessons, we investigated how teddy bears have changed over the last 100 years and in computing we learnt about how to keep safe online!

On Monday, Reception very much enjoyed a visit from Southend rugby club, the children loved playing games and learning how to tackle. This week we have been reading Jasper's Beanstalk and Jack and the Beanstalk and have planted our own beans. We learnt that they will need water and sunlight to grow. In maths, we have been exploring height and discussed ways that we could measure the giant!

Year 2 really enjoyed working with Owen, the rugby coach, this week and loved learning about a new sport. The children showed great enthusiasm as they practised new skills. In English, they have been working hard on using different sentence structures, including exclamations and questions. They have also been developing their writing by using contractions and choosing precise verbs to make their work more interesting and clear

Year 6 have had a fantastic week. In English, they have been writing letters from the perspective of someone living through the Blitz. This has been some of the strongest writing they have produced, as pupils were highly engaged with the topic and wrote with real empathy and detail. In French, the children have been using their knowledge of places and directions to read maps and confidently give instructions.



In Nursery we shared the traditional story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. The children explored the small world story telling tray and acted out key events from the story. The children have shown much enjoyment taking part in creative play-based activities using an assortment of different building materials to create their own bridges. The children have sorted object by size and have been introduced to positional language. Demonstrating their understanding through role play and using large equipment.

This week year 5 have looked at the affects of pollution and climate change that is impacting the environment, we have been completing a big writing piece about this also! We have also had a go at creating our own sundials and going outside to see these effects! We have been practising learning about mixed media in art as well as getting ready to prepare for assessment week next week!

This week in Sunshine Cafe we have finished looking at our story Handa's Surprise. We have loved completing our animal printing scene, exploring our sensory turf trays and we have also started our cognition and communication sessions in smaller groups. This has been a brilliant addition to our daily routine. A big well done to Olivia K and Ava L-M for their fantastic question work in communication.

Year 3 have been developing their resilience and perseverance skills when tackling division in maths. We have been looking more at Shackleton's Antarctic expeditions in more detail and enjoyed plotting his route on the map in Geography.

Year 4 this week have created persuasive brochures to convince people to visit Wonka's Chocolate Factory. Ask them why you should visit! They have also started their still life paintings by making a sketch ready to paint next week. They learnt about proportion in order to draw their items correctly. They have also been working very hard when dividing numbers in maths and continue to use TTRS to practice their times tables. Keep practicing at home!

Have a lovely weekend  
Mr Davie  
Head of School

**KINDNESS**

**AMBITION**

### **Important information - Term time holidays**

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays. We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed straight to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court. If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.



#### **BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST - VACANCIES**

ST NICHOLAS - SEND MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 9<sup>th</sup> February  
WHITMORE - LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 12<sup>th</sup> February  
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For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies - Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

## School Money

Please ensure you keep your School Money account in credit to cover any dinners booked for your child.

If your account accrues arrears of two meals (£4.80) or more your child **WILL NOT** be able to book any further school dinners and you **MUST** provide them with a packed lunch until the arrears are cleared.

### School Dinner Menu - Week Two

9th—13th February

Monday

**Baked Carbonara (ham)**

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**Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo**

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wrap

Angel Delight

Tuesday

**Chicken Quesadilla**

Vegetarian Quesadilla

**Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo**

Cheese or Ham Sandwich

Cinnamon Cake

Wednesday

**Roast Pork**

Quorn Roast

**Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna**

Cheese or Egg Mayo Wrap

Fresh Fruit Salad

Thursday

**Penne Pasta with a Rustic Tomato Sauce**

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**Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo**

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich

School Cake

Friday

**Fish Fingers**

Cheese and Onion Quiche

**Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo**

Cheese or Ham Wrap

Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Icing



## Cherry Tree Weekly Attendance Table

Butterflies	91.7%
Ladybirds	84.5%
Hedgehogs	93.4%
<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>96.9%</b>
Owls	83.8%
Squirrels	93.9%
Year 3 Blue	87.4%
Year 3 Green	93.9%
Year 4 Blue	90.7%
<b>Year 4 Green</b>	<b>99.2%</b>
Year 5 Blue	91.9%
Year 5 Green	94.5%
Year 6 Blue	84.7%
Year 6 Green	95.7%

Well done to Rabbits in Key Stage 1 with an attendance of 96.9% - that is a great percentage, even higher than last week's winners.

In Key Stage 2, Year 4 Green are the highest with another amazing percentage of 99.3%

There were some really good attendances this week again:

Year 4 Green 99.2%

Rabbits 96.9%

Year 6 Green 95.7%

Will anyone get 100% before we break up?



Don't forget there are individual prizes to be won for 100% attendance each week and 1 lucky winner in each key stage at the end of half term.

Draw is next week!

# Shout Out Awards

Hedgehogs	Fatima L	For her exemplary attitude to learning and the effort she puts into completing all tasks to a high standard.
Rabbits	Leyna D	For always trying her best and producing neat and well thought out work!
Owls	Isabelle P	Isabelle has improved her concentration in all lessons, especially foundation lessons which has been great to see.
Squirrels	Louis B	Louis has shown a great improvement in his focus during learning time. He is becoming more confident and is starting to share his ideas with the class more often.
Year 3 Blue	Darius R	Darius always shows a kind and caring attitude to others and is supportive of others in their learning. He takes feedback well and does his best to implement it in his work. Well done Darius!
Year 3 Green	Liam J	For using our features of a narrative effectively.
Year 4 Blue	Isabella M	For trying her best to improve her presentation and working very hard in maths.
Year 4 Green	Lee A	For being ready to learn this week, listening and completing his maths work and writing his persuasive brochure in English.
Year 5 Blue	Amelia K	For improved concentration during learning tasks resulting in some fantastic writing.
Year 5 Green	Lily C	For trying to make sure she is ready in every lesson, with her equipment and resources needed. She has also been applying a lot of effort into her writing this week trying to improve it and use all the features!
Year 6 Blue	Elijah T	Showing ambition to improve. He has worked incredibly hard to improve his writing and maths which is really paying off. Well done!
Year 6 Green	Jackson M	For working hard to include specific features in his writing.

## Dates for your Diary 2026

### Tuesday 10th February

Safer Internet Day

### Friday 13th February

Last Day of term

### Monday 16th—Friday 20th February

Half term

### Monday 23rd February

Return to School

### Wednesday 18th March

Parents' Evening

### Thursday 19th March

Parents' Evening

### Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

### Tuesday 10th March

Happy Days Class Photos

### Tuesday 17th March

Road safety—Reception and Year 5

## School Uniform

You can buy uniform with our logo on from My Clothing online as well as the uniform shop.

The link for Myclothing is:

<https://myclothing.com>

Exclusive Cherry Tree 10% discount until 31.03.2026

**Use the code MYCQ110**



## The digital reading log

### How it works

1.

Click on the link in the email/text from Learning with Parents

Go to site



2.

Read together with your child.

3.

Take and upload a **photo** or record an **audio clip** on Learning with Parents to **show your teacher how it went**.



If you need any support please email [hello@learningwithparents.com](mailto:hello@learningwithparents.com)

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Learning with Parents' digital reading log!

We are a charity working to help families enjoy learning together at home.

On your mobile phone, tablet or computer, you can log your child's reading by leaving comments, photos or audio clips. The class teacher then gets your feedback and photos so they can see how your child is getting on.

How does it work?

1) You will receive an email or text from us every week with a weekly reading target.

2) Click on the link in the email to be taken to your child's reading log - no need for passwords!

3) Leave comments, photos, and audio clips of your child reading for your class teacher.

We hope you enjoy reading together!

Best wishes,

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