



Important Dates:

8th March

Year 5/6 Boys Football match

10th March

4AH Museum of Power

11th March

4TS & 4SR Museum of Power

18th March

Red Nose Day

w/b 21st March

FS Parent Consultations

24th March

Girls Football - **Cancelled**

w/b 28th March

Y1-5 Parent Consultations

4th –18th April

Easter Holidays

19th April

School Re-opens

2nd May

Bank Holiday
(school closed)

30th May-3rd June

Half Term

6th June

INSET Day
(school closed)

World Book Day

We had an amazing day yesterday celebrating World Book Day. Thank you to parents and carers for helping with the creative costumes—there were some very interesting & powerful words! There are lots of photos on our website.

The winners from each year group are: Milo Bumblebees; Erin 1SS; Dinara 2AB; Rowan 3LG; Annie 4SR; Amy 5BK; Asher 6DB

Children enjoyed a special lunch and at the end of the day, each class performed a poem they had been learning.



Promoting Mental Health in Young Children

There are times when you may want your child's teacher to be aware that something has happened over the weekend or evening that could result in your child feeling more delicate than usual, but you might not wish to share the details if they are of a sensitive nature.

If this happens to you, email your child's teacher "Handle With Care" in the subject title. This will alert staff to keep an extra close eye on your child, have greater understanding if they are emotional, give them a little extra attention and open up the lines of communication if they feel they want to talk.

Please also remember that we have a Learning Mentor and a School Counsellor in school who are available to support parents and carers as well as our children. Email the school office to make an appointment.

Thank you to the parent who suggested this idea.

Ukrainian Refugees

We have been overwhelmed by the donations from our local community - thank you all so much. Thank you to Beatrice, Tobias and mum for sorting out the donations and storing them in their house! They have just delivered three van loads of supplies to the team that are heading out to the refugee camps and bomb shelters in Ukraine and the welcoming countries.

Ms Smith says, "Thank you to you all. I'm truly humbled by what I've seen tonight at the collection hub. The community at it's best! If anyone would like to donate in the future, please get in touch (jkarnold27@googlemail.com), as we will continue this in the coming weeks as a family. With thanks, Jessica and Beatrice Smith."



For week ending 25th Feb 2022

FS: Arthur Gregory, Beatrice Crossman

Year 1: Emily Champness, Sienna Barfoot

Year 2: Savannah Hanlon-King

Year 3: Teddy Cornwall

Year 4: Harrison Stoddart, Sophie Matthews, Charlie-Joe Kevany

Year 5: Valeria Potapov, Lulu Braidford

Year 6: Hallie-Mai Hull-Oshin, Ruby Carless, Misiri Mehmet & Sophie Conoley



Outside Achievements

Ethan Jackson 5SB - officially enrolled as a junior sea cadet at Basildon sea cadets.

Mia Bird 3AY - donated 12 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust.

Noah Brown 5SB - swimming 800m, getting the Silver award and moving up to black hat.

Jake Price 5SB - has passed his stage 4 in swimming and 20m badge.



Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who contributed to our forum this week. It was a very constructive meeting and the feedback will help us to drive improvements in school. The main issues discussed were Behaviour and Uniform policies.

Behaviour Policy

Positive rewards (Headteacher's Award and Class Dojos)—ensuring that all children have a fair chance of winning. Possibility of rewarding a bigger group of children each week / month.

Communication—ensuring that parents are kept informed of positive behaviour and work as well as difficulties.

Uniform Policy

No changes were suggested. Parents at the meeting expressed a preference for children to continue attending school in PE kit on their PE days.

These policies will now be discussed with staff and children before being amended and published on our school website.

If you have any comments that you weren't able to make, please [email the school office](#).

Cross Country Finals

Congratulations to the finalists who competed at William de Ferrers school on Wednesday. They were true representatives of our school values.

Stanley Waugh, Sophie Matthews and Vinnie Young have qualified for the next round being held in April—well done!



Goodbye

We said goodbye today to Miss Hughes who has been a midday assistant at lower school for the past few months. We thank her for her hard work and wish her the best of luck in her new job.

Window Replacement Update

Thank you for your continued patience with our window replacement works at upper school. The Y6 windows are being replaced next week.

Comic Relief

Red noses are available to buy for £1.50 each. Please purchase via School Money in **Shop Item**.

Denim for Dementia

Thank you for your kind donations—the total raised was £463.87. Zoe will be writing to the charity and presenting our cheque.



Whole School Attendance

94%

Weekly Winning Class

100% 6ER

(w/e 25/2/22)