



Dear parents and carers,

We have reached the end of another week full of engaging learning experiences. Pupils and staff are delighted to have received an award from Edurio. Achieving national recognition for pupil happiness, ranking among the highest in the country, fills us with immense pride.

Pupils and staff really enjoyed celebrating the NSPCC Number Day today! The children showed off their creativity skills and made Maths posters and shared them in school. These are now being displayed in the classrooms to support children with their Maths learning. During our Maths lessons, we have celebrated Maths by learning about the NSPCC and carrying out activities linked to our Maths learning in the classroom.

Kestrel Class continued to develop their pupil future leaders by attending a Pupil Summit with the Chelmsford Diocese at Chelmsford Cathedral. Pupils and staff experienced a very informative, thought provoking, diverse day. They discovered more about the Windrush generation and heard first hand from Windrush generation speakers - and learnt through storytelling, food tasting, poetry and music, with time for reflection and celebration of Caribbean culture. Pupils will now work with Mrs Hillyer to create lessons for the Summer Term incorporating social justice and diversity and will share their experience with the other pupils.

This week, we were so pleased to take part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025 in association with Here4You supported by Disney. Children took part in a Collective Worship and class-based well-being sessions. The charity used the emotion characters from the film: Inside Out 2. As a school, we have used these characters most successfully, for a number of years to help our children explore, express and process their emotional wellbeing – children were delighted to see them being used to help other children in thousands of schools across the UK. This year's theme: Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. It is so important we understand what makes us who we are: our likes and dislikes, strengths, fears, hopes and dreams. Our emotions play a key role in telling us just that, and being aware of how to listen to and express ourselves is a major part of building self-awareness. It is through knowing ourselves and speaking with others, that we can build resilience, grow and develop. By taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025, we helped to ensure that our children and those across the UK feel listened to, and know that they're not alone.

We were also delighted to announce 6 published authors from Robin Class this week. On Friday 14th February to celebrate Children's Mental Health week we will be having a non-uniform day, no donations necessary. The children are invited to wear something which represents their interests and expresses their personality, this could as simple as wearing their favourite colour.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of your child and the school. Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards
Stella McCarthy
Head of School

"Love to learn; learn to love"

TERM DATES:

Spring Term 1

6th January 2025 to 14th February

Spring Term 2

24th February 2025 to 4th April

NOTICES:

11th February Safer Internet Day

12th February Forest School for Robin Class

14th February Non-Uniform day to celebrate children's mental health week.

CLUBS:

School clubs are all available to book via Parent Pay for the Spring Term

Attendance Award

**Fox Class with
97% attendance this
week!**

Zoe Bear Award

**Jenson for
showing
all of our Core
Values**



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Achievements Assembly

Congratulations to the following pupils for being celebrated in assembly today;

Work of the week

- Fox Class - Elliot- 'For the wonderful effort he has put in this week to being a more independent writer and reader'
- Badger Class - George for his Maths learning on money and being able to answer two step problems independently.
- Robin Class - Rita for her science learning and explanations.
- Kestrel Class - Peter for his explanation of similes, metaphors and personification

Core Value Commendations:

- Fox Class - Louie 'For continuously and always demonstrating our core values in everything that he does'
- Badger Class - Arthur for showing courageous optimism in his Science learning when investigating waterproof materials
- Robin Class - Betsy heartfelt compassion for being so kind inside and outside the classroom.
- Kestrel Class - Leo for showing all of our Core Values and supporting his peers

Our school life in pictures

