



It has been a very positive week here at Whitmore with lots of opportunities for outdoor learning.

Years 3 and 4 have been a credit to you and the school on their walks around Basildon Town Centre and have come back to school full of interesting and exciting information. We are very proud of them

Year 2 have been to the beach and had great fun despite the weather being a bit soggy at certain points in the day. They too demonstrated fantastic behaviour and attitudes to learning during their adventures.

Keep an eye out for reading sessions and activity afternoons over the coming weeks – the children love it when you are able to join us in school and they can show you what and how they learn.

May is looking like a busy month—please see diary dates below.

Thank you to all those parents who attended our parent consultations this week. We will be looking through the parent questionnaires shortly to collate the results.

Have a fantastic weekend and we will see you all on Monday,

Carolyn Hunt (Deputy Head)

**Dates:**

**April**  
30th—KS2 Choir rehearsal at Ghyllgrove School (selected children)

**May**  
1st—Reception animal encounter workshop  
1st—Year 6 SATs meeting with parents (3.15pm in Elder class)  
3rd—Year 3/4 Activity afternoon 2.15pm Parents welcome  
7th—Bank Holiday Monday  
W/C 8th—Year 2 SATs  
W/C 14th —Year 6 SATs  
W/C 21st - Year 2 SATs  
22nd—KS2 choir Music Festival (selected children)  
22nd—Year 6 Bikeability (selected children)  
23rd—Reception & Year 1 Disco, followed by Year 5 & 6 Disco  
24th—Year 2,3 & 4 Disco  
24th—Year 6 Bikeability (selected children)  
24th—Year 1 visit to Leeds Castle  
24th—Last day of half term

**Non pupil dates—25th May 2018**



**Year 3/4**  
Throughout this week year 3/4 have taken a lovely stroll to Basildon town centre where we looked at the artwork around the town like the Towngate Theatre, Bell tower and Town clock and learnt about how much there is to do there and it's history.



**Year 2**  
Despite the rain, year 2 had a brilliant day at the beach playing with their friends, building sandcastles and paddling in the water. I can already tell that the writing that will come from the trip will be brilliant.



**Wall of Achievement**

**Week of 23rd April**



- Buttercup Class—Ameila H
- Daffodil Class—Bentley H
- Bluebell Class—Mackenzie W
- Rose Class—Lara S
- Tulip Class—Child Absent
- Ash Class—Rebekah J
- Birch Class—Whole Class
- Maple Class—Tristan L
- Pine Class—Aimee G
- Sycamore Class—KAde M
- Olive Class—Scarley P/ Amy H
- Elm Class—Lotte E
- Elder Class—Cameron E
- Oak Class—Oliver G



**Reminders**

Afterschool clubs—if your child attends a sports afterschool club please make sure that they bring in the correct clothing and do not use their PE kit as we have a number of children who have forgotten to bring their PE kit back in for lesson.

Dinner money—please make sure that any outstanding dinner money is paid. Letters will be sent out next week for any arrears.

11+ - if your child is currently in year 5 and you would like some information regarding sitting the 11+ exam please pop into the office where we have been provided with a list of dates. Alternatively please log onto [www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk) for further information.

Payment for trips—would we like to remind you that if your child is attending a school trip we do need your consent for them to go and also payment as soon as possible. If you are struggling financially please speak to our finance assistants who will be happy to discuss and see how the school can help.

**Reading Sessions**

Please find details of the next dates for reading sessions with parents. KS1 sessions are 2.40-3pm, KS2 sessions are 2.55-3.15pm. Please enter through your child's class door.

Reception	Thursday 10th May	2.40-3.00
Year 1	Tuesday 22nd May	2.40-3.00
Year 2	Tuesday 15th May	2.40-3.00
Year 3/4	Monday 30th April	2.50-3.15
Year 5	Tuesday 8th May	2.50-3.15
Year 6	Tuesday 1st May	2.50-3.15

**Attendance and Punctuality**

It is vitally important that children arrive to school on time and ready to learn. We would like to bring to your attention that children arriving after 9.20am will be marked down as an unauthorised absence which can result in a referral to Essex County Council and a possible fine. We would really appreciate your help in making sure children attend school on time and we will be contacting parents for persistent lateness.



The winners of the Attendance this week were—KS1 Sunflower class with 99% and KS2 Olive class with 97.6%. The overall school attendance is 94.9%; our target is 96% so would really appreciate your help in achieving this.

We are now running a team point system across the school this weeks results are as follows—

- 1st place—Green
- 2nd place—Blue
- 3rd place—Red
- 4th place—White

