

# NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-  
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



## Edition 17: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

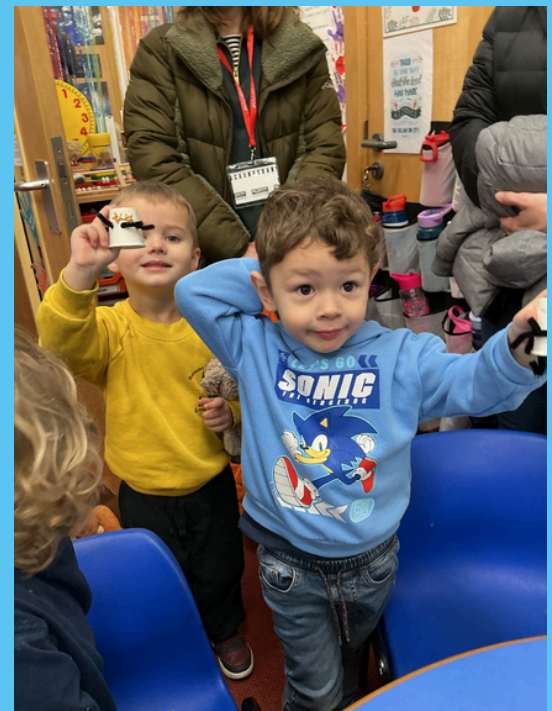
It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Parent Workshops this week. We truly value the partnership between home and school, and your engagement makes a world of difference in your child's learning journey. We hope you found the sessions on the Phonics Screener Check and the Multiplication Check helpful. If you couldn't make it or have follow-up questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the class teacher. CGP books for Year 1 and 4 have been ordered and will be sent home soon. Next week, Mrs Suters will be leading the SATs workshop to the Year 6 parents at 2.30pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January. She will be also be presenting the RSE materials, so please do join us if you can.

We continue to work hard behind the scenes on the plans to redesign our playgrounds and our sensory room. We have also submitted our bid for a grant for £3,000 from Healthy Schools Essex around food and nutrition and how what we eat affects mood and wellbeing. We hope to have some good news to share with you very soon! Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms Walker, Executive Headteacher (NPQEL) & Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher (NPQH)



Here are some of our new EYFS starters for September 2026! We loved having the children in school this week. Thank you to Miss Boyd and the Year 6 boys for putting on such an engaging storytelling session (all about spiders!)



## ATTENDANCE:

Here is the attendance for each class for this week:

Ducklings - 98.2%

**Robins - 99.1%**

Nightingales - 97.4%

Woodpeckers - 97.2%

Kingfishers - 97.5%

Owls - 94.6%

Eagles - 94.8%



**WELL DONE ROBINS**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

19 Jan: Year 6 Parent Information Session in hall, 2.30pm (RSE materials and SATs)

21 Jan: Bowling event (invitation only)

22 Jan: Cross country race 3

27 Jan: Swimming gala at Mayflower School

28 Jan: EYFS & Year 6 height & weight checks

29 Jan: Year 6 Bake Sale

30 Jan EYFS & Year 3 dental checks

4 Feb: Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Museum

4 Feb: Year 5 trip to Southend Planetarium

6 Feb: NSPCC Number Day

10 Feb: Safer Internet Day

10 & 11 Feb: Parents' Evening

12 Feb: Cross country at Mayflower School

12 Feb: Spelling Bee at Fairhouse School

## OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

**EYFS** - Harry T for challenge

**Year 1** - Meadow for challenge

**Year 2** - Louis for courage

**Year 3** - Tallulah for critical thinking

**Year 4** - Sienna for courage

**Year 5** - Jake for courage

**Year 6** - Lyra for consistently showing all of the 5Cs!



## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to Harry O. in Year 2. Harry has a fantastic attitude to learning and has impressed lots of the staff in school this week!



Ramsden Preschool Pamper and shopping night  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at the White Horse 5pm until 10pm

### BEAUTY STALLS

TOT ALLY  
RELAXED  
THE GLOW STUDIO  
HOLLYS HAVEN



PSYCHIC AND ENERGY HEALING

MELENAGIO EC PRACTITIONER  
NATURAL INSIGHT THERAPIES  
CHRISIE KING MEDIUM

Please contact Ramsden preschool if you would like to book a slot at any of the Beauticians or the Psychics you can email [info@ramsdenpreschool.net](mailto:info@ramsdenpreschool.net) or Call 01268711271.

### SHOPPING STALLS

JILLMAKES FOR YOU  
FUSION JEWELLERY  
TILLY TWINKLES  
JEWELLERY  
FLORENCE CAKES AND  
BAKES

## REQUEST FOR HELP!

Our Forest School leaders are in desperate need of some resources to support their learning. Please look on Dojo for a list of the items they require - thank you in advance for your help!