



Friday 19th April 2024

Issue No. 19

## WONDER, AWE, CURIOSITY: HEARTS AND MINDS INSPIRED FOR LEARNING

### Message from Mr Davey

Welcome back! Hope you all had a lovely restful Easter Holiday. It was so nice to see the happy faces on the children as they came into school on Monday. I can tell that they all love coming to school each day.

This week we have had some very exciting new arrival in Year 2 as 9 baby chicks have hatched out of their shells. We have 7 hens and 2 cockerels so far. The children in Year 2 are learning about the lifecycle of a chicken and how to look after and care for them.

Well done those parents that have successfully registered for Arbor. We are now on in incredible 76% which is brilliant for the first 5 days of launch. Please make sure you register and set it up as this will soon become the central hub for school news and events. Please also ensure that push notifications are switched on so that you receive messages from school in the fastest way possible.

### Team points

These points were collected this week, you can find the rolling totals on our school website.



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### Attendance

Reception– 97.14%

Year 1– 96.0%

Year 2– 97.78%

Year 3– 95.11%

Year 4– 96.54%

Year 5– 95.91%

Year 6– 96.0%

### Children who achieved gold this week:

Leo (Rec)

Amelia (Rec)

Finn (Rec)

Jed (Y1)

Chloe (Y1)

Ralph (Y1)

Maddie (Y1)

Oliver (Y2)

Herbie (Y3)

Harrison (Y3)

Reggie (Y3)

James (Y4)

Alfie Mc (Y6)

Issac (Y5)

Aiden (Y5)

Remi (Y5)



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### Dates for your diary

Monday 6th May– Bank Holiday (no school)

Monday 13th–Thursday 16th May– Year 6 SATs week

Friday 24th May– Break up for half term (3:15 finish)

Monday 3rd June– INSET Day (no school)

Tuesday 4th June– children back to school

Thursday 8th June– D-Day 80th anniversary special day

Wednesday 19th–21 June– Year 6 Residential

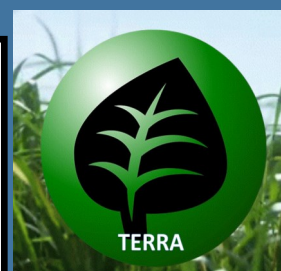
Wednesday 3rd July– Whole School Trip

Tuesday 9th July– Y5/6 Production- (9:15am and 4:30pm)

Wednesday 26th June– Sports Day (reserve Sports Day 10th July)

Friday 12th July– Henham Transition Morning (children with their new teacher)

Friday 19th July– End of Year Reports out to parents



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### PE kit supplier

Apologies for the delay. We are still working with MyClothing to get them to pick up our PE kit as well as our school uniform. We are just in the final stages. We will let you know when this has officially launched. Please bear with us. The Easter Holidays caused a further delay.

### After School Clubs

After school clubs start from next week.

### TTRockstars

Year 3 v Year 6  
Year 2 v Year 4

### Reception 2024

Congratulations and welcome to the family if you are reading this and your child has been offered a place at Henham for a start in September 2024.

There are still a few places available if you have just moved into the area, if you know of any friends who have recently moved to the area or who are not happy with their allocated place please contact the school office for a 1:1 tour.

### Year 4 Timestables

Please be reminded that in June, all Year 4 children will sit a nationwide test on their times tables. They will be tested on any times table up to 12x12. There will be no division facts within the questions. It is really important that the current Year 4 children learn their times tables daily up until June.

Mr Davey will be running an optional TTRockstars club for Year 4 children on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

You may remember that at the beginning of the year I put out a questionnaire to parents to find out your opinions of the school when I first started. Between now and the end of the year what I thought would be good for you to see is how I have addressed the results of that survey.







I will highlight each question one by one

#### Back in October, Our Survey said!

1. My child is happy at this school (0 point)

[More Details](#)

 Insights

 Strongly agree	16
 Agree	20
 Neither agree nor disagree	2
 Disagree	4
 Strongly disagree	2
 Don't know	0

#### The actions we have taken to improve this since October

1. Regular wellbeing movement breaks during the school day
2. Special school events e.g. egg rolling competition, iRock concerts, trips and visits, Shakespeare day
3. Competitive sports events against other schools
4. The relaunch of the daily mile programme.

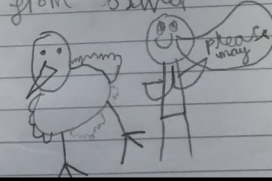
## Class in the spotlight

This week we are focussed on Year 2

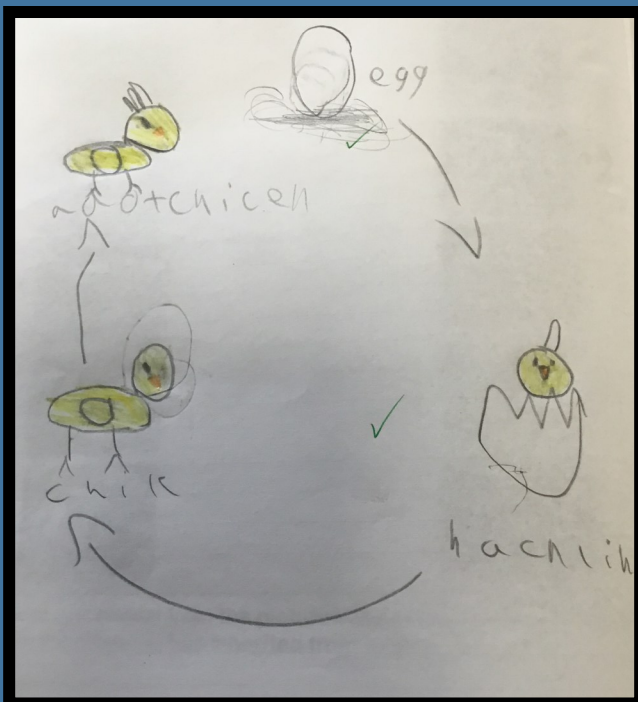
Year 2 have had a busy week but it all started before the Easter holidays! In English we looked at the features of persuasive writing and the children had to write letters to Mr Davey persuading him to let Year 2 have eggs in their classroom that they could watch grow hatch and grow into chicks.

Dear Mr Davey  
I am writing to you to persuade you to let us have chicks. I would like chicks because we are learning animals in science so they could help us to learn about animals. because I will be proud of my handwriting. I will be quiet and I will look after them. Prity please let us have chicks in year 2 thank you  
from Sofia

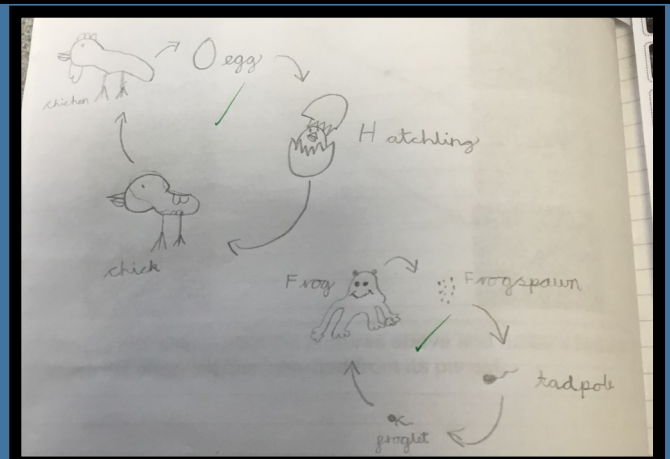
Dear Mr Davey,  
I am writing to persade you to let us have the chicks in year 2 because it will help in science as we are learning about animals. When will we let them go? We promise to look after them and it will help us be quiet. I think it will be interesting.  
please and thank you  
From Frankie - nae.

Dear Mr Davey I am writing to you because we are learning about animals. We think it would be interesting to watch the chicks hatch. The chicks are not going to annoy us. We promise that we look after them.  
from oliver  


Luckily, Mr Davey replied to our letters and said we could get the eggs as long as we promised to look after them. We were so excited and could not wait until after the Easter holidays when the eggs would arrive!



In Science, we have been looking at the life cycles of different animals, including the life cycles of chicks. This was a perfect lead up to what was coming when the eggs arrived as we knew what was happening when they hatched.



On Monday, ten little eggs arrived into the classroom in their incubator! We learnt all about the temperature they had to be kept at and why and when they would hopefully hatch.



Wednesday, the fun began! As the children got to school they saw the first chick peck its way out of the shell and hatch. The chicks look exhausted when they break out of their shells and have to spend 24 hours in the incubator to dry out and fluff their feathers up. By the end of Wednesday we had seen 6 chicks hatch!



The chicks were moved out of their incubator on Thursday and spend the day getting used to the bigger space, learning how to eat their food off of the floor and huddling up warm under the lamp. We also had lots of visits from other classes who were all very excited to meet the chicks.



We have had a great time this week watching the eggs hatch and getting to know the chicks and can't wait to see how much bigger they get next week! Stay tuned for more updates and pictures from Year 2 :)



Term Dates for 2024/2025

## Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2024-2025

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= Schooldays

= School holidays

= Bank holidays


= Weekends

#BeCyberSmart

# TREAT YOUR PASSWORD LIKE YOUR TOOTHBRUSH



## TIPS

- PICK A GOOD STRONG ONE
  - DO NOT SHARE IT WITH ANYONE
  - CHANGE IT REGULARLY
  - DO NOT REUSE AN OLD ONE
  - COMPLEMENT IT WITH FLOSS OR MOUTHWASH (2FA)
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Go ahead and **CHANGE** that 3-year old password **NOW!!!**

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