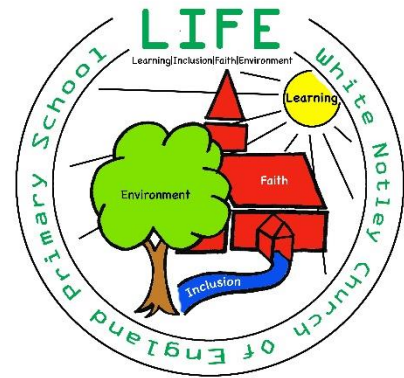


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Our school vision is: LIFE in all its fullness - now and in the future.
John 10.10 Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".

4th October 2024

Dear Parents,

Class Four had a wonderful time at Danbury last week. We were very lucky with the weather and the majority of the rain and hail fell whilst we were either sleeping or eating! The children were brave, independent and supportive of each other in achieving the variety of challenges. Their favourite activities were bushcraft, canoeing and kayaking. I want to say a massive thank you to Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Franklin and Mrs Manning for all your hard work in taking the children away: you were absolutely brilliant!



Class One News

Class One had a wonderful week last week with their topic of superheroes. Last Monday they had a dress as a superhero day, then they had a visit from a real-life superhero, Mrs McCudden.

Class One would like to say thank you to Mrs McCudden for coming in and telling them about her important role as a nurse. The children found out about her special uniform and some of the equipment she uses in her job, such as a syringe, stethoscope, bandages and dressings. She also showed us how she'd bandage someone's hurt arm.



Secondary School Applications for Year 7 in September 2025

The new secondary school admission round is open for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2024. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

Bowling Success

Yesterday, two teams went to Namco to compete in a ten-pin bowling tournament. The children had a wonderful time and came back to school with lots of excitement! One team came first and will go on to compete in the finals next March. Congratulations to Oscar, who achieved the most strikes and spares in the tournament.



Kenyan Visitors

We had wonderful visitors from Kenya on Monday. They run a children's home called New Hope. We learned about the children growing up and going to university and achieving diplomas in many areas. The children at New Hope go to Oakland Primary School and we enjoyed learning about the similarities between their school and ours. Many thanks to those who provided a donation, we were able to gift just over £100 to New Hope Children's Home. We were very excited to find out that our visitors are from Kikuyu tribe!



Braintree Area Foodbank Harvest Shopping List 2024

We are continually overwhelmed by your generosity, especially in these difficult times. Where once a packet of pasta was affordable to give to someone in food poverty, that packet of pasta is needed to feed those at home. Increased demand for our services is outweighing donations we are receiving. This year we need to buy nearly half the food required to meet this demand. This is why every donation we receive is so very welcome.

The cost of living crisis has not gone away and with the winter months, approaching many will be aware that they face hunger or the cold. A donation to our harvest appeal will help someone facing this dilemma.

We are also aware that some may find difficulty this year due to the end of the winter fuel allowance. If anyone needs to check if they are eligible for help please visit <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

Thank you again for your support

Food items

- Cereal (small box)
- UHT Milk or milk alternative
- Tinned Hot Snack (Ravioli, Macaroni Cheese etc.)
- Tinned Hot Meat (Stew, curry etc.)
- Tinned vegetables
- Packet of instant mash
- Tinned rice pudding
- Coffee (small jars)

* **Please note: We ask for small packs**, as larger packs do not fit in our boxes making it difficult for our clients to carry home. In addition, we are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs. We are always pleased to accept monetary donations if you prefer or Supermarket Gift Cards.

Please Note: We follow the standards set by the Food Standards Agency. We can only accept donations of unopened and undamaged goods that are still well within their "use by" date (no less than six months if possible). Items which do not meet these requirements cannot be used and your donation may be wasted.

T: 01376330694

E: info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk

W: www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food

Harvest Festival

Our harvest festival is on October 23rd at 2:30pm in our church. Everyone is invited to come. All the classes will be singing their own harvest song as well as our whole school ones. As part of Harvest Festival, we ask that families donate to the Food Bank.

Please send in donations with your child or drop into the school office. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to Mrs Horsley

Last weekend, Mrs Horsley was ordained as a priest at Great Notley church. We congratulate her on her amazing achievement and wish her all the very best in her new role.



Congratulations to the children who received certificates in Celebration Collective Worship this week



Class One:

Fay - for brilliantly detailed descriptions of stories

Class Two:

Amalia - for your thoughtfully produced and carefully presented work and amazing enquiring mind!

Buddy - for great thinking in geography - making the map of White Notley

Class Three:

Aneira - for writing super descriptive sentences about Pompeii in English

Jack E- for being a wonderful, responsible class mate and for always giving 100% to every lesson

Class Four:

- Elijah - for writing an outstanding Psalm in RE, based on creation and our wonderful world
- Joe - for magnificent effort in all areas of learning and writing a super recount of Danbury

Tribe Points

Congratulations to Kikuyu Tribe, who were the winners of the team points this week. They enjoyed their prize of extra playtime.

Congratulations on your achievements

- Congratulations to Bethanie, for your achievements in swimming
- Congratulations to Iris and Owen for being tennis stars of the week



Diary dates the week beginning 7th October 2024:

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| Monday 7 th October | Multi-skills Club 3:15pm
Mrs Davidson in - music lessons |
| Tuesday 8 th October: | Mindfulness Club 12:30pm
Coding Club 3:15pm
Mr Timms in - music lessons |
| Wednesday 9 th October: | Netball Club 3:15pm
Class 1 visit to the farm |
| Thursday 10 th October: | Board Games Club 3:15pm
Karate 3:15pm |
| Friday 11 th October: | Tennis Club 8:00am
Tennis lessons
Gardening Club 12:30pm
Football Club 3:15pm |

Have a wonderful week

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Patsy Fitzpatrick
Head of School

