



Dear Parents,

The corridors have been filled with singing this week, as the children begin their preparation for their Christmas performances and services. These will be ticketed events due to capacity, so please follow the booking links below to register for these if you have not already done so:

[Nursery/Reception, Key Stage One, Year 3 and 4, Year 5 and 6](#)

We are pleased to say that our nursery children and team have settled into their new location in the former after school club building. Preparations are being finalised for expansion of our nursery provision in January for two year olds. If you are interested in a place, please contact the school office as soon as possible, as these are filling up quickly.

Year 3 and 4 have blown us away in showing the school values of being pioneering, altruistic and ethical. They have managed to collect enough tokens to earn the first pro-social reward of the term! Well done children! Please do chat to your children about how they can demonstrate these values at home too! Have a wonderful weekend.

**Be Pioneering,  
Be Altruistic,  
Be Ethical**

### Communication

We have an open door policy; feel free to chat with your class teachers straight after school or email the school office to arrange.

Dojo is a great way to chat with your class teacher to pass on messages and positive news. Just a note, teacher's will not reply to Dojo communications out of working hours- if something is urgent please contact the school office.

### Attendance

As you will be aware, the Government has updated their statutory guidance for school attendance.

[Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

This week's class winners are:  
**1st Place - Opal & Beryl - 100%**  
**2nd Place - Ladybirds - 99.2%**  
**3rd Place - Emerald - 99%**

A super week for attendance. Well done! Keep it up!

### Updates

- Wake Up Wednesday update - [Fortnite - what parents and educators need to know](#)
- Essex Fire Museum are having an open day on the 24th November. More information [here](#).
- Rayleigh Methodist Church are having a Christmas Bazaar on the 7th December. More details [here](#).
- Hadleigh and Thundersley Cricket Club have a number of sessions suitable for 5 - 11 year olds. Please see more information [here](#).
- Elfridges - Rayleigh Primary School's Christmas shopping event for the children, run by FoRPS is coming up on the 9th and 10th December. More details to follow! They are looking for volunteers to help with this and decorating the school for Christmas while the children are at the panto. If you think you can help, please do [contact](#) them.

### Diary Dates

#### **Upcoming dates:**

20.11.24 - KS2 Tag Rugby at Canvey Rugby Club  
 28.11.24 - [Rayleigh Christmas Lights switch on](#), **RPS Choir at 4.25pm**, Tree Fest begins - Holy Trinity Church.  
 2.12.24 - Pantomime at Towngate Theatre (Y1 - Y6)  
 3.12.24 - KS2 Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church  
 10.12.24 and 11.12.24 - Nursery/Reception/KS1 Christmas Performances (see booking links on the left of the newsletter), Elfridges FoRPS Christmas Shopping event  
 12.12.24 - Christmas lunch EYFS/KS1  
 13.12.24 - Christmas lunch KS2.  
 18. 12. 24 - Christmas Jumper Day.

20.12.24 - Last day of term  
 23.12.24 - 3.1.25 - Christmas Break

### Measles and Flu update

Please be aware that measles is on the rise in Essex. Please see the attached [letter](#) for symptoms to look out for and important advice.

Many children had their flu vaccinations this week. The nursing team told us that there had been lots of problems with the registration forms and they apologise for this. They have advised booking a clinic appointment if you would still like your child to have a flu vaccine. Further details are on the letter [here](#).

The telephone number to call and check if your child is immunised or to book flu or MMR immunisations is 0300 790 0597.