



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr R Watson



## Headteacher's Comment:

**Attendance** - last week was very disappointing. As a school we fell almost 5% below the national average with some classes almost 15% below what is expected and achieved across the country. Having sent out attendance letters to many families before Christmas, I really hoped to see our attendance rise close to 96% in the coming weeks. Just as a reminder that as a school, we will not be authorising holidays during term time and will be checking any long-term absence. For all appointments, our office team will be seeking evidence. This week, I also have the opportunity to meet with the Lead Attendance Officer within Essex Council to find out what more we can do as a school to raise attendance.

As both a parent and teacher, I am acutely aware that this time of year can lead to more coughs, colds and illnesses but also see the direct correlation between absence and attainment. Time off school can also impact upon developing friendships, social development and mental health, not just the academic achievement of your child.

The BBC recently released an article (which can be found [here](#)) offering advice for parents about how and when to keep children off school. If you are in doubt then send your child in to school. If they are unwell, we will call you to collect them.

Please see below a table to indicate the impact that children's attendance has upon their achievement across Reading, Writing and Maths at Hogarth Primary School.

Attendance	Reading at Expected	Writing at Expected	Maths at Expected
100%	71.9%	62.5%	69.2%
95% +	64.2%	57.7%	69%
95% and below	51.1%	39.7%	48.9%
90% and below	39%	26.5%	44.9%
85% and below	30.4%	17.4%	30.4%
80% and below	30.8%	15.4%	30.8%
75% and below	10%	5%	5%

As is evident from the table above, attendance at school does have a direct correlation upon the attainment grades children receive. I am hopeful that attendance improves this term so that we can give our children the greatest chance of success.

**Punctuality** – As you are aware, the school gates open at 8:25am when children can start their day and begin their learning. Over the past week, there were many children arriving late, which impacts on their ability to complete morning tasks, read to an adult, react to marking and start their day alongside their friends. Please ensure the children arrive as close to 8:25am as possible in order for them to start their day in the best possible way. Arriving late will also delay

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24 lates (9%)	10 lates (4%)	12 lates (5%)	12 lates (5%)	10 lates (4%)



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# Stars of the Week

RKH	RB	1/2A	1/2C	1/2P	3S
Ava	Dua	Robyn	Elanur	Frasier	Tor
4C	5OD	5Y	6C	6H	
Lucas	George	Thomas	Bobby B	Chloe	



## Mr Watson's Superstar Award

Ethan Roberts (RKH) - For adapting to life at Hogarth and sharing his personality and confidence with all.



## Reading at Home

Class	Table shows actual number and rounded percentages of children reading at home						% 3 times	% 4 & 5	% not reading
	Times Read								
	0	1	2	3	4	5			
RB	8	0	1	4	2	9	68%	50%	36%
RKH	4	4	3	1	3	5	41%	36%	18%
1/2A	0	1	3	2	3	6	55%	45%	0%
1/2C	2	4	5	4	1	4	45%	25%	10%
1/2P	3	2	3	4	4	5	62%	39%	13%
3S	1	2	2	3	1	11	65%	55%	5%
4C	4	0	0	4	8	14	81%	69%	12%
5OD	2	0	5	3	4	7	67%	52%	11%
5Y	2	5	2	4	2	4	48%	29%	10%
6C	3	0	2	9	3	5	65%	31%	12%
6H	1	0	0	5	10	11	93%	75%	4%



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# Weekly Attendance

## Weekly Attendance – week commencing

Class	RKH	RB	1/2A	1/2C	1/2P	3S	Whole school
Attendance	90%	80%	90%	88%	88%	93%	
Class	4C	5OD	5Y	6C	6H		<b>89%</b>
Attendance	92%	92%	96%	81%	94%		

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5Y	6H	3S



# Yearly Attendance

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Class	RKH	RB	1/2A	1/2C	1/2P	3S	Whole school
Attendance	90%	85%	93%	89%	94%	95%	
Class	4C	5OD	5Y	6C	6H		<b>91%</b>
Attendance	93%	95%	94%	85%	95%		

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
3S / 5OD / 6H	1/2P and 5Y	4C

**CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION  
IN AID OF**



**WRITE A SHORT STORY OR POEM  
INSPIRED BY THE HEART**

**£2 ENTRY FEE**

**ENTRIES EMAILED OR DROPPED  
INTO US BY 29TH FEBRUARY**

ALL ENTRY FEES DONATED TO THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION  
INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE AND CONTACT DETAILS  
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# Diary Dates

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Aspirations week (Timetable of events to follow)

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Chef Ashley Assembly

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Internet Safety Day

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – 9:15am KS2 SATs Parent Meeting in the hall

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – 5:30pm KS2 SATs Parent Meeting in the hall

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – MHST Coffee Morning

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening reports out

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Sponsored Flip

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Year 6 Trip to Colchester Zoo

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Late Parent Evening

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Early Parent Evening

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February – 5Y Class Assembly

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Food Discovery Programme Year 4

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term begins

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Return to School

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Visit from the Maths Hub

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 Cooking with Ashley

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Year 4 Food Discovery session

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Week

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – 4C Class Assembly – Parents invited 2:30pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief – Dress Up Day (Wear Red)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Tag Rugby vs Hutton Manor

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Pizza Express Trip – Class TBC

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Rock Steady Concert 2:30pm (Parents invited)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Don Rae Dancing KS1

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Maths Week to celebrate World Maths Day (24<sup>th</sup> March)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Trip to Barleylands



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