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## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy month we have had, and it looks like we will have a busy last few weeks as well.

I would first like to say how proud we are of **Danni-Rose in Year 2**. When Danni-Rose's Grandmother became unwell, Danni-Rose called the ambulance service to get help for her Grandmother. She remained calm whilst waiting for the paramedics and looked after her sisters. When the paramedics arrived, she let them in. Well Done Danni-Rose!

After 10 weeks of hard work of reading, rehearsing, acting, building confidence, raising self esteem, working as a team, building resilience and lots of practice, our **Year 6 cast of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'** performed at the Dance East Theatre in Ipswich. Mrs Swift was so proud of them and said they did superbly! Not only did they put on a great performance, but they represented White Hall Academy well and showed what great role models they are.

I would like to thank Mrs Swift for all her hard work and guidance she offered the children towards the successful performance. I'd also like to thank the parents and carers for supporting and encouraging your children throughout their journey.

Over the last 5 weeks, all of Key Stage 2 have taken part in Swimming lessons. Swimming is an important part of our curriculum, and we are fortunate that we can host a pool onsite. The benefits are smaller group sizes of 10 with a qualified swimming teacher and lifeguard for every session. These have yet again proved very successful and we hope to do the same next year.

Last week our Year 4 children took part in a Mayan day. During the workshop, they learnt about life in Mayan times and undertook a variety of learning activities that helped bring this history unit to life -please see ClassDojo for photos of the day.

On Friday 17th November, our wear purple/non-uniform day raised £244.09 for World Prematurity Day. We would like to thank you for your kind generosity and support.

On Wednesday 15th November, we held our Termly Learning Conferences, it was lovely to see so many children sharing their learning with Parents and Carers. Our next Termly Learning Conferences are in March and we hope to run a variety of workshops throughout the day.

The staff at White Hall Academy are supporting The Christmas Giving Tree appeal this year. It is co-ordinated by Essex Police and they give presents to children in need in the local area. Staff are always grateful for gifts that pupils give them, however this is a charity close to our school and we would love to support it the best we can; instead of gifting a staff member a present, we would love it if you would consider donating a present to the appeal instead. If you would like to gift a present for a child from newborn to 17 years, please drop them into the school office by Friday 15th December. Thank you for your support.

A reminder that our last day of term is Wednesday 20th December and we return to school on Thursday 4th January 2024.

Mrs Eames  
Headteacher

## Reception Admissions for September 2024

Online applications are now open to apply for a primary (reception) school place for September 2024.

Applications can be via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

Please note that the closing date is **15th January 2024**.

We are pleased to invite you to our open day on **Monday 8th January 2024 at 10:00am**.

Please contact the school office to book your place. We look forward to welcoming you!

### Diary Dates

Thursday 14th December 2023

4W Class Assembly

21st December 2023- 3rd January 2024

Christmas Holidays

Non Pupil Days for the 2023-2024

- **Wednesday 13th March 2024**
- **Friday 7th June 2024**

### School Dinners

Please see our school website for the School Dinner Menu.

**w/c Monday 11th December**

**Week 2**

## BREAKFAST CLUB/LATE CLUB & WRAPAROUND

If you would like to access the Breakfast Club/Wraparound Provision, please book a place, or places at:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rqhnVjY-bkmsUYihtBXsrusqua2htX1OnuzqxmtRHxBUREZZMIRROFpVUEoyVzRUTDRLSUQwTDNGOC4u>

Please also find below the link to book a place, or places for next year,

from Thursday 4th January-Friday 16th February 2024:

<https://forms.office.com/e/s5gwhuknxJ>

Completing a form and making payment will guarantee your child's/children's place within our Wraparound Provision.

Children need to be booked in before 4pm the day before the session in order to secure a space on the day.

If you have already booked a place and you no longer require this, please ensure that you inform Wraparound by emailing [Wraparound@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Wraparound@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk).

Please be aware, if you are late collecting your child from school, the following charges will be applied:

**3:15pm to 3:45pm - £1.50**

**3:45pm to 6:00pm - £8.00**

## ATTENDANCE

Please note that if your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to contact the school by telephoning the office in accordance with our Attendance Policy and Absence Procedures. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**The school gates open at 8:35am and registration takes place at 8:45am.**

Please note that all children are required to be in class for 8.45am ready for registration, after this time your child will need to register at the school office and will be marked as late.



# CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HALL ACADEMY DECEMBER 2023



## Tuesday 12th December

*Reception - A Wiggly Nativity - 2:15pm (Large Hall)*

## Wednesday 13th December

*Reception - A Wiggly Nativity - 9:15am (Large Hall)*

*Christmas Discos*

- Please see ClassDojo for further details.

## Friday 15th December

*Deadline for Christmas cards to be posted in school*

## Monday 18th December

*Christmas Cards distributed*

## Tuesday 19th December

*Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day*

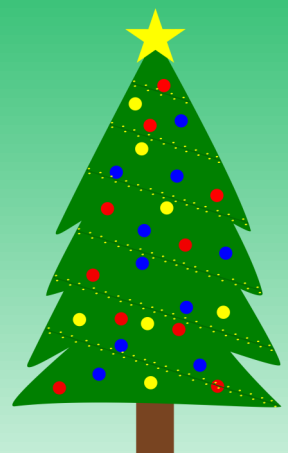
Please complete the form by Thursday 7th December, if you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5QaKDRJCxH>

## Wednesday 20th December

*Film Morning*

*Last Day of Term*





# SPORTS REPORTS



## FOOTBALL

### Boys Football

**White Hall Academy 4 - St Osyth 1**  
**Tuesday 31st October 2023**

*Message from Mr Cooper*

Going 1-0 down is tough, being resilient and bouncing back is even tougher. The boys put in a great performance. I asked them to be positive, play forward and win their individual battles. They did this fantastically. Well done to the boys for their first win of the season.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support.

### Boys Football

**White Hall Academy 2-2 Engaines**  
**Tuesday 14th November 2023**

*Message from Mr Cooper*

A really entertaining game last night. The boys went 1-0 down and kept their heads up, showing great determination and resilience to come back and lead 2-1 at half time with two quick goals from Jake. Unfortunately, we couldn't hold on and let a goal in for a draw. The boys are growing in experience, confidence and ability. Well done Team White Hall.

### Girls Football

**Tuesday 21st November 2023**

*Message from Miss Bines*

On Tuesday, the girls played a very tough Home game against St Osyth leading the result to be 3-3. The girls gave everything they had and put it into the game. The level of intensity the girls showed is incredible. Goal scorer of the game; Eden (hat trick).

Well done White Hall!

### Girls Football

**Thursday 23rd November 2023**

*Message from Miss Bines*

Yesterday, our girls played a football match against St Clares which led them to win 8-3!!! The girls all showed great determination and everyone played in a different position than usual and I couldn't be prouder. Our goal scorers; Summer, Eden and Amieleigh.

Well done White Hall! Keep up the hard work.

### Boys Football

**White Hall 0-0 Cann Hall**  
**Tuesday 28th November 2023**

*Message from Mr Cooper*

A clean sheet and still unbeaten this season! A game that was evenly matched between two strong teams. The boys were a solid unit and gave few chances away but we equally couldn't create too many for our attacking players. Well done again boys for showing a positive attitude and a resilient mindset.



# SPORTS REPORT NETBALL



## NETBALL

The netball match that took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 was brilliant. everyone that took place played fairly and had fun. There were a couple of footwork problems but we looked where we went wrong and started again. Over all everyone played well and fair. The overall total was 12-0 with white hall academy having 12 and Engaines having 0. Even though Engaines did not get many they still played brilliantly. I think what we can improve on next time would be to spread out a bit more and when we pass the ball and we say there name. Well done to everyone that took place. Thank you for are coaches that have helped us learn the tricks we know. Netball participants have done amazing.

WELL  
DONE!!!




# COMMUNITY

## PARENT POWER

### MATHS & COFFEE CLUB


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## HOME START hcrjg

### HUNGRY LITTLE MINDS

0 - 4 years

Stay and Play group.  
Every Monday during term time.  
1:00pm - 2:00pm  
Sydney House Family Hub,  
Maldon Way, Clacton-on-Sea,  
CO16 7PA.



A large room and outdoor garden area with space for children to play safely and engage in activities designed to promote their development, social interactions and play.



For more information and booking Email:  
[hayley.graham@homestartcjc.co.uk](mailto:hayley.graham@homestartcjc.co.uk)


Home-Start Colchester, The Ark, Jack Andrews Drive,  
Highwoods, CO4 9FF  
01206 854625  
Charity Number 1116639

Essex County Council  
Libraries




## Essex Library Service

# Winter Reading Challenge

Saturday 25 November to Saturday 3 February



Travel around the world with Lyra this winter and meet lots of new animal friends!  
Collect your booklet from any Essex library.

  @essexlibraries 

### Clacton Library events for children

**Saturday 3 December - Saturday 3 February**  
Winter Reading Challenge - Join Lyra the Penguin this Winter and meet lots of new animal friends.  
Further information can be found by following the link [Winter Reading Challenge | News | Essex Library Service](#)  
Promotional Video: <https://youtu.be/-kUnNp3aX5>

**Saturday 9 December - Christmas Craft**  
Join us for a FREE Christmas craft session from 10.30 -11.30. Suitable for all ages. No booking required.

**Saturday 16 December - Christmas Stories**  
Join us for our wonderful FREE festive story-time with a colouring session afterwards 10.30 -11.00. Suitable for all ages, no booking required.

**Saturday 16 December - Festive Lego session**  
Join in our Christmas Special from 2.30pm-3.30pm - booking required.  
you can book on Essex libraries website or follow the link <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/events/location/tendring/96>

**Saturday 30 December -Storytime puppet special**  
Come and join Jake, Gloria and friends for this fun filled FREE session. 10.30 -11.00am suitable for all ages, no booking required.





## COMMUNITY



**Girlguiding**  
1st Clacton-on-Sea

**We help all girls  
know they can  
do anything**

 **Join today!** Meetings  
take place every  
Friday evening in  
Clacton town centre.

**Rainbows**

Rainbows welcomes  
all girls to come  
together to laugh,  
learn and have fun  
in a creative,  
safe space.

**for ages 4 to 7**

**Brownies**

Brownies is full of firsts:  
she can explore her  
creative side, get out  
into the great outdoors,  
learn how to look after  
herself, others and the  
world we live in.

**for ages 7 to 10**

\* Meetings take place weekly between January and November except during the Easter holiday. Other local units are available during term-time only. Please go to [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk) for more details and to register your interest.

## ADVANCE TEACHER TRAINING

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We provide teacher training in Primary and Secondary ages, full-time and part-time courses. We have training bases at our Tendring base in Clacton, in Colchester and in Braintree.

If you would like to find out more, drop in to our event to meet with our Programme Director and explore your steps to a career in teaching.

To attend this event, drop in on Monday 11th December between 12-2pm, please email us at [enquiries@advanceteach.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@advanceteach.org.uk) to receive the zoom link.