



WITHAM OAKS ACADEMY

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What a fantastic couple of weeks it has been at Witham Oaks Academy!

KEY DATES

19/05/26	5 Korea Class Lunch
25/05/26-29/05/26	HALF TERM
01/06/26	NON-PUPIL DAY
01/06/26-12/06/26	Year 4 Multiplication Checks
09/06/26	5 Singapore Class Lunch
16/06/26	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
16/06/26	5 Thailand Class Lunch
17/06/26	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day

Firstly, a huge well done to our amazing Year 6 children, who showed such determination, resilience and positivity during SATs week. We are incredibly proud of the way they approached each day with confidence and maturity — they really were superstars!

We are also thrilled to celebrate the success of our football team, who recently took part in Witham Oaks Academy's very first football tournament. The children showed fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship throughout and remained undefeated, finishing the tournament as winners! We couldn't be prouder of them.

On Friday 8th May, our school community celebrated the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough by learning more about his incredible life's work. Children also took part in litter picking around the community and planted wildflowers and vegetables in our outdoor learning area to help care for the environment.

To finish the week, we marked Mental Health Awareness Week by wearing green on Thursday 14th May and joining Joe Wicks for a fun (and very energetic!) live workout. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces taking part.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support — we really do appreciate it!



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This Week's Awards



Stars of the Week

Each week, children will be celebrated for demonstrating one or more of the five key character strengths



Hattie – 6C
Freddie B- 6C
Freddie H – 6C
Olivia - 4K



Kharys – 5K
Kason – 4Z
Peyton – 4Z
Theo R – 3B
Jayden – 6J
Oscar – 3P
Fatma – 5T
Oliver – 4E
Ronnie – 4K
Alfe S – 6I
China Class
Rogue – 3B
Aria - 5S



Millie B – 3A
Elijah - 4E



Singapore Class



Booke - 6I



Week 3
w/b 19/05/2026



Sports Personality of the Week



Parent/Carer Survey

In our bid to both highlight the schools success and continually improve, we would like as many of you as possible to complete the attached survey. These questions are ones which would be provided by Ofsted during an inspection and will inform our school development plan.



As part of Essex County Council's Health and Safety policy, all jewellery must be removed for PE, including earrings. Children must not wear earrings or other jewellery during the school day, unless for religious reasons.

- Sleeper studs must be removed before PE/Games – they can no longer be covered with tape or plasters.**
 - To help, please ensure earrings are removed before school on PE days.**
- Thank you for supporting us to keep children safe.**

In Other News...



Term Dates:

Please see term dates for the remainder of the school year listed below. Ensure any holidays are booked during the period of times highlighted in red:

Autumn 1	2/9/25	23/10/25
Autumn Half Term	27/10/25	31/10/25
Autumn 2	3/11/25	19/12/25
Christmas Holiday	22/12/26	2/1/26
Spring 1	6/1/26	13/2/26
Spring Half Term	16/2/26	20/2/26
Spring 2	23/2/26	27/3/26
Easter Holiday	30/3/26	10/4/26
Summer 1	13/4/26	22/5/26
Summer Half term	25/5/26	29/5/26
Summer 2	2/6/25	17/7/26

Inset Days

1/9/25

24/10/25

5/1/26

1/6/26

20/7/26

Please may we remind you that we do not authorise any holiday during term time.

Celebration Corner



Congratulations to Izaak, Toby, Marshall Reggie, Anaia & Jake whos' team - Witham Town Yellows under 10s won the cup final recently.



Congratulations to Annabelle whos' football team won the league cup at the weekend.

We love to celebrate the amazing things our students accomplish both in and out of school! Please send us photographs and a brief description of their achievement, so we can feature it in here in our **Celebration Corner**. It's a great way to celebrate their hard work and dedication, and to share their success with our school community!

You can email your photos and information to adminwoa@inspiresmat.co.uk

In Other News...



Outdoor Learning

Please can we ask for donations of old wellington boots or old pairs of trainers for outdoor learning. These will be kept on site for children to use if needed. We are committed to supporting learning in all weathers, particularly during the wetter months, and having appropriate footwear helps keep children comfortable and safe when outdoors.



Football Tournament March Report

Witham Oaks Academy recently took part in their first football tournament, heading in with high spirits and great energy with Miss Irvine.

Our opening match against Silver End got off to a strong start, with Oliver converting a penalty to put us ahead. Silver End managed to equalise shortly after, but Daniel secured the win with a confident one-on-one finish against the keeper.

In our second game against Chipping Hill, we dominated from the start, building an impressive 4–0 lead. Goals came from Daniel, Anaia, and Jayden, with Jayden adding a second through a powerful header for our fourth. We could easily have added another five goals with the chances we created with the ball being played from the centre field from Freddie B and Freddie H.

Going into our final match against Templars, we needed a win or a draw to top the table. Rising to the occasion, Daniel once again found the net, and Oliver followed up with a great run from the back line, knowing he could leave Sienna to hold the defensive line and went on to score our second, sealing a fantastic result.

Witham Oaks left with their heads held high and undefeated in the tournament making us **WINNERS!**



A special mention goes to Hattie, who was deservedly nominated Player of the Tournament.

Team: Hattie, Jayden, Sienna, Freddie B, Freddie H, Anaia, Oliver and Daniel



In Other News...



Spring Dates 2025-26

5/1/26	NON-PUPIL DAY
12/1/26	Year 3 Barleylands Trip
13/1/26	4 Kenya Class Lunch
21/1/26	Young Voices at the O2
5/2/26	6 China Class Lunch
6/2/26	Number Day - £1 donation
11/2/26	Valentine Disco
	Years 3 & 4 4-5.30pm
	Years 5 & 6 6-7.30pm
16/2/26 – 20/2/26	- HALF TERM
24/2/26	6 Japan Class Lunch
24/2/26	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
26/2/26	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 7.00pm
3/3/26	India Class Lunch
5/3/26	World Book day
9/3/26	Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting 3.30pm
16/3/26	Class Photographs
17/3/26	Ladies Day Lunch
20/3/26	Red Nose Day
24/3/26	Year 4 Easter Assembly
26/3/26	PTA Easter Trail £2 Entry (3.30pm)
30/3/26 – 10/4/26	- EASTER HOLIDAYS



Summer Dates 2025-26

14/4/26	Non-uniform Day for Cereal
4/5/26	BANK HOLIDAY
11/5/26 – 14/5/26	- Year 6 SATs Week
19/5/26	5 Korea Class Lunch
25/5/26 – 29/5/26	- HALF TERM
1/6/26	NON-PUPIL DAY
1/6/26-12/6/26	- Year 4 Multiplication checks
9/6/26	5 Singapore Class Lunch
16/6/26	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day (AM)
16/6/26	5 Thailand Class Lunch
17/6/26	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day (AM)
18/6/26	Gentleman's Day Lunch
23/6/26	Year 6 Lift Maltings Academy Induction Day
25/6/26	Year 6 Lift New Rickstones Academy Induction Day
25/6/26	Year 2 Transition Visit (all day) & Parent Picnic
25/6/26	Year 2 Parent Meetings 1.30pm & 5pm
3/7/26	Summer Fete 2.30pm
6/7/26-8/7/26	Year 6 Residential
9/7/26	End of Year Disco
	Years 3 & 4 4-5.30pm
	Years 5 & 6 6-7.30pm
10/7/26	Year 6 Play Dress Rehearsal
15/7/26	Annual Progress Reports sent out
15/7/26	Year 6 Performance to Parents 1.30pm & 5.30pm
16/7/26	Year 6 Leaver's Lunch
17/7/26	Year 6 Leaver's Ceremony (details to be confirmed)

Year 2 to 3 admissions

Applications for Year 3 children starting in September 2026 opens on Monday 10th November.

To apply for a place please visit www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

The closing date for applications is

Thursday 15th January 2026.