



**LITTLE WALTHAM**  
C.E.V.A. Primary School

# WEEKLY NEWS

*Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence*

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The colder Autumn mornings have certainly started to become more noticeable this week.

On Thursday, we celebrated Harvest Festival and the pupils led our collective worship as each class explained where their food came from. Thank you to Mrs Baker for organising this special day and to all the parents who attended Harvest Festival.

I was delighted to see so many parents attend the headteacher coffee morning on Wednesday and express their hopes for the school in the year ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

Next Tuesday morning is our 'Early Reading Workshop' for parents of pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and 2. This will take place in the school hall at 9am. We look forward to welcoming parents into school again and refreshments will be provided. For parents unable to make the morning session, we are pleased to offer a future evening session. The date of this session will be confirmed next week.

It was pleasing to spend time this week reading Year 3's non-chronological reports on polar bears. This was their first unit of

writing and a great start to the year! I have included some examples below and I look forward to seeing the standards and progress in the next unit of study.

Hope everyone has a great weekend.

Mr S Saunders

# POLAR BEARS!!

Introduction

Polar bears are amazing animals, they live in the harsh environment of Arctic weather. They also weigh a tonne and can swim much longer in the wild they live for about 25 years but in captivity they can live for about 42 years. They are the largest land predator on earth! Their hunters are COOL!

Hunting

Polar bears are phenomenal hunters, they use their immense intelligence and their massive claws to rip into their struggling prey. Watch out seals! They poke up the ice, dig down and kill it. With their get-smacking nose that can smell a seal from 60 miles away! Cubs play fight to build their hunting skills.

DIET

- Seal
- Fish
- Carrots
- Walrus

Swimming

Polar bears are spectacular swimmers they use their gargantuan paws paddling them through the water. They can dive about 6 metres under and can hold their breath for a minute!

Fighting

Polar bears are get-smacking fighters they stand on their back legs and wrestle. They have ferocious teeth and claws and fight for babies. Females protect their babies and they also fight for food.

Amazing Skills

Polar bears are packed with superpowers their brain makes plans they use their plan to catch their prey.

Last Words

Polar bears habitats are melting due to climate change.  
**SO WE NEED TO SAVE THEM!**

Digby

# POLAR BEARS

Swimming

Polar bears are very good swimmers, they swim to find a big bag of seal blubber. They are very strong and they can swim for a long time. They are also very fast and they can swim very quickly. They are also very smart and they can find their way home.

Hunting

Bears are very good at hunting especially polar bears. They are big and strong and very very fierce. They can also be very deadly if you are on top of the ice. You have to be very careful because polar bears are very smart and they can find their way home. They are also very fast and they can swim very quickly. They are also very smart and they can find their way home.

TOP FACT

Did you know one polar bear lived for 42 years?

Introduction

Polar bears live in the snow, ice, and cold. They are very strong and they can swim very fast. They are also very smart and they can find their way home. They are also very fast and they can swim very quickly. They are also very smart and they can find their way home.

Hunting

Polar bears have very very sharp teeth. They can use their teeth to eat seals and they can use their teeth to eat walrus. They are also very smart and they can find their way home. They are also very fast and they can swim very quickly. They are also very smart and they can find their way home.

Amalie



## This week's value is endurance.



Dear God,

Thank you for always being with us no matter what, through the good times and the times when we feel everything is going wrong. Help us to keep our eyes on you knowing that you are there to keep us going.

Amen

*May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, Colossians 1:11*

## This Week's Big Question

**Is it worse to fail at something or never attempt it in the first place?**

### **Oak**

I think it's better to try because if you lose, you can learn from your mistakes and get back up. It is better to try because you never know how good you are. Samuel

I think it's better to try and fail because maybe next time you try it you will do better. - Anna

It's better to try it and fail because if you don't attempt it you won't learn. - Thomas

It's better to try it because you might get it right. - Amelia

It's worse to never try something because if you try something then you might do really well. - Mattie

### **Sycamore B –**

No because you can learn from your mistakes – Tony

I think it's better to fail than never try because you can be proud that you had a go and you can learn from it and keep going until you succeed. - Effie

It is better to fail so you can learn and improve – Vihaan

It's worse to never attempt something because if you never try you will never succeed. - Libby



### Sycamore W

I think you should try anything because you never know how it will work out! - Dolly-Blu

I think it's good to not worry about failing because you will definitely learn – Kelsey  
It is much worse to never attempt something because you might be really good at it.  
I often get things wrong when they are new but after a little bit, I get better and better –Grace

### Willow

Sometimes it can be better to fail so you learn from it – Harry

You should fail rather than not attempt something because you can learn from your mistake – Isaac

I think it depends what it is, to decide whether you should attempt it – Ethan

No because you will never learn anything and you need opportunities to learn by your mistakes - Connie

	<b>Value</b> <b>Endurance</b>	<b>Super Skill</b> <b>Keep on</b>	<b>Catch me</b> <b>being good</b>	<b>Focus</b> <b>Maths Award</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Ash</b>	Emmie for showing good endurance during literacy this week.	Harry for keeping on going when practicing his scissor skills.	Charlie M for trying hard during maths.	Albert for working confidently and carefully to make repeating patterns.	
<b>Chestnut</b>	Michael for demonstrating endurance during writing tasks.	Freddie B for keeping on going to develop and improve his mouse skills in ICT.	All of Chestnut class for their contributions to the Harvest Festival assembly.	Florence for being able to explain her answers and always working so hard on maths tasks.	Logan for working hard on letter formation and presentation.
<b>Elm</b>	Luke for showing endurance in maths this week	Betty for keeping on going in maths and being able to correct your work	To all the children who participated in the Harvest assembly	Lottie for excellent, independent work flexibly partitioning numbers to 100	Betsie for improving the presentation of her RE book
<b>Maple</b>	Jake B for showing good endurance when problem solving.	Thalis for working really hard in maths this week.	Rosetta for some excellent reading in the Harvest festival.	Rebekah for some excellent addition and subtraction work.	Digby for a beautifully presented non-chronological report.

<b>Oak</b>	Mendel – for making a great link between our worship about endurance and the characters in our English lesson.	Olivia – For keeping on going with story writing.	For all the readers in the Harvest festival – Hugo, Olivia, Henry C, Mattie and Esmie!	Samuel – For a good use of full sentences when sharing Maths answers in discussions.	Anna – For always taking care with handwriting and presentation.
<b>Sycamore B</b>	Iris for showing the value of endurance in her attitude towards her learning.	Luke B for keeping on going with his writing and making great vocab choices to create atmosphere.	Marshall for being a great friend.  Theo and Mattie for great reading in our Harvest worship.	Tony for some great problem solving.	Mattie for great presentation.
<b>Sycamore W</b>	Joseph M for showing endurance and great focus in English this week	Liam M for sharing some wonderful ideas in English and Reading and for keeping on going when he finds new vocabulary tricky	Lolly P for always doing the right thing and working so hard in all lessons. Great attitude to learning!	Dolly-Blu for excellent perseverance with rounding to nearest 10,000 in maths this week	Gracie-Rose for always working hard to maintain neat presentation
<b>Willow</b>	Chrissi for showing endurance when multiplying up to 4-digit numbers by 1 digit.	Madison for keeping on going when she finds a task challenging.	Sienna for always being a good role model to others in the school.	Klay for being determined this week in maths.	Ruby for always working very hard to maintain good presentation

## Headteacher Phone Call Home



For excellent work and demonstrating our values

**Marshall – Year 5**

**Aiden – Year 4**



# Top Attendance – 98%

## Elm Class



Well done Elm Class who were our top attenders this week.

## House Points

1<sup>st</sup> Chignals

2<sup>nd</sup> Easters

3<sup>rd</sup> Rodings

4<sup>th</sup> Leighs

## Oak Class

In Science, we've been investigating whether sound can travel along the string of a paper cup telephone.

This week we have been learning about rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 in Maths, and we've been story writing in English. We've worked so hard with our writing, so we've ended the week by reading our stories to the rest of the class and giving each other positive comments on the things we've done well.



After exploring lots of different positions, angles and locations (and different words and strange sounds), we discovered that the telephones work best when the string is pulled tight and straight.



This is what it looks like when you discover that the paper cup telephones actually work!



We tried crossing over the strings of two different telephones and discovered we can still hear each other!





In Art, we've been sketching natural objects using inks and nature tools such as sticks and feathers.



# Harvest Festival

Year 5



Year 6



# School Clubs

It has been lovely to see so many children at our clubs this week. The clubs below are still available and can be booked on Pay 360.

Tuesday – 08.15 am – 08.45 am  
Times Table Rock Stars – Y3, Y4

Thursday – 08.15 am – 08.45 am  
Early Bird Reading – All Years

Thursday – 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
Choir – Y4, Y5, Y6

Friday 08.15 – 08.45  
Archery – Y1 to Y6  
Running Club – Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6  
Wake Up and Shake Up – R, Y1, Y2

## Vacancy Kitchen Assistant

Duties include:

- Setting up the hall ready for lunch
- Assisting in the daily preparation and serving of pupil meals
- Cleaning of the kitchen and utensils at the end of lunch
- Any other duties as directed by the Catering Manager

5 days a week  
Monday – Friday  
11.45am – 1.15 pm

Previous experience of catering is desirable, although training would be available for the right candidate.

Please apply via Essex School jobs on the

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=79902>

## *Dates for the diary*

### **Non-Pupil Days**

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December 2022

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Bag 2 School Collection
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	09.00 am Early Reading Meeting for KS1 and EYFS parents
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Flu Immunisations
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	09.30 am Open Morning for September 2023 reception intake
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Individual Photos
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents evening
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	09.30 am Open Morning for September 2023 reception intake
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents evening
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half Term
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Year 1 visit to Mountfitchet Toy Museum
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	09.30 am Open Morning for September 2023 reception intake
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Wonderdome Visit
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Year 2 visit to Grays Fire Station
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Non-pupil Day



**20<sup>th</sup> December**

Non-pupil Day

**21 December – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023** Christmas Holidays

**5<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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