



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

# WEEKLY NEWS

*Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence*

Autumn Term – Edition 4 – 29th September 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week here at Little Waltham filled with exciting events and achievements.

Firstly, we would like to thank all the parents who attended the Year 5 and Reception 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. It was great to see so many of you taking the opportunity to come into the school and find out about the events and curriculum your child will be studying this year.

In addition to the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, we also had a successful 'Headteacher Coffee Morning' on Wednesday, where we had the pleasure of sharing our vision for the upcoming year. The turnout was superb, and we were grateful to receive various suggestions from parents about how to continue to move the school forward. We look forward to another amazing year filled with opportunities and purposeful experiences for our pupils.

On Wednesday, our boys' football team represented our school at the Chelmsford Sports Partnership football tournament, held at Great Baddow High School. This was the team's first official match of the academic year, and we are proud of their efforts as the team finished 9th out of 24 schools. With an impressive record of 2 wins, 3 draws, and only 1 loss, the boys showcased their skill and determination. We all wish them the best of luck as they gear up for the Chelmsford school league games in the Autumn and Spring terms.

Yesterday, we celebrated a special Harvest Festival at church. It was fantastic to witness the children speak confidently and eloquently about their learning throughout the week. They explored important topics such as fair trade, food banks, and food miles, deepening their understanding of important global issues. A big thank you to all the parents who joined us at the church and contributed generously to the local food bank. We are also immensely grateful to Mrs. Baker for organising the Harvest service.

As we look ahead to the upcoming week, we would like to remind you about the Reading Workshop for parents of EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils. This informative session will take place on Wednesday 4th October at 9 am where we will share our approach to teaching reading and what you can do to support at home.

We wish all of our families a lovely weekend.

Mr S Saunders

Headteacher



Little Waltham Primary School Football Team

## *Attendance and Punctuality*

We would like to remind everyone that a child's attendance at school has a direct impact on their learning and therefore we take it extremely seriously.

All pupils on roll at our school are expected to arrive via our gate at 8:40, ready for the register to be taken at 8.45 sharp. Children arriving after such time will be marked as late. Children arriving after 9.15am are marked using a 'U' code which marks them as present for safeguarding purposes but is counted as an unauthorised session.

Pupils arriving late to school cause disruption to their learning as well as others, which is unacceptable and can be upsetting for them and their classmates.

Absence due to other family members illness is not acceptable and therefore will be marked as unauthorised.

## The Big Question

'How can we show our Christian values when we are not in school?'

### Chestnut

We can show service by helping other people - Albert  
We can show trust by knowing that your friends will be nice to you – Annabelle  
We can show trust by letting someone help you- Julia  
I can show Koinonia by letting my brother play games with me – Jessica  
I can show creation by making a fairy garden – Emmie  
I can show endurance by keep getting better at playing football – Charlie M

### Elm

Be respectful to your family – show kindness  
Show endurance – do some extra homework  
Respect your friends outside of school  
We showed wisdom by walking sensibly to church on Thursday

### Maple

Be kind to everyone and help others  
Trust to be good friends  
We can teach others about our values and teach them how to be kind  
We can be kind to our siblings and make them feel loved  
You can show service by helping your siblings if they have hurt themselves  
You can play with someone who is lonely and upset and cheer them up  
You can encourage others to be confident in their abilities and push themselves to be even more amazing  
Making a sensible decision and listening to someone when they say no to you  
Helping out my parents around the house  
We can help out our siblings at home and trust our families  
Don't give up and inspire others to do the same

### Oak

You can help your mum or dad with things around the house – Rosetta  
Keep our promises, show respect to others and don't be selfish – Lewis  
We can help our families at home – Eden  
We can show people kindness, do what you can do for people and

### Sycamore

You can show forgiveness by forgiving your siblings if you have an argument – Henry C  
You can show the value of service by being kind and helpful to others – Saba  
You can show the value of Creation by being creative at home – Samuel  
You can show endurance by keeping on going with your homework when it is tricky – Henry F



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



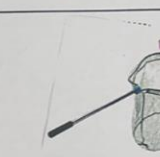









***May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, Colossians 1:11***



# Work of the Week

Ash Class

Can you sort the pictures by their initial sound?


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Work of the Week  
Reception Class  
Willis  
Great effort matching initial sounds.







# Work of the Week

Chestnut

Thursday 28th September 2023

△  ☆ Adjectives

L.O: To use the sentence by sentence approach of think, say, write and check to retell the story of The Little Red Hen.

	The Little Red Hen walked to plant some seeds.	 Not I.	The Little red Hen asked the sleepy cat the cat said not I said the
 Not I.	The Little Red Hen asked the dog the dog said No.		sleepy cat. The Little Red Hen wanted to ask the dog the dog said Not I. said
	The Little Red Hen asked the dog and the dog said	 Not I.	The Little red Hen did ask the noisy duck

Work of the Week  
Chestnut Class  
Myla  
Excellent effort sounding out words and using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

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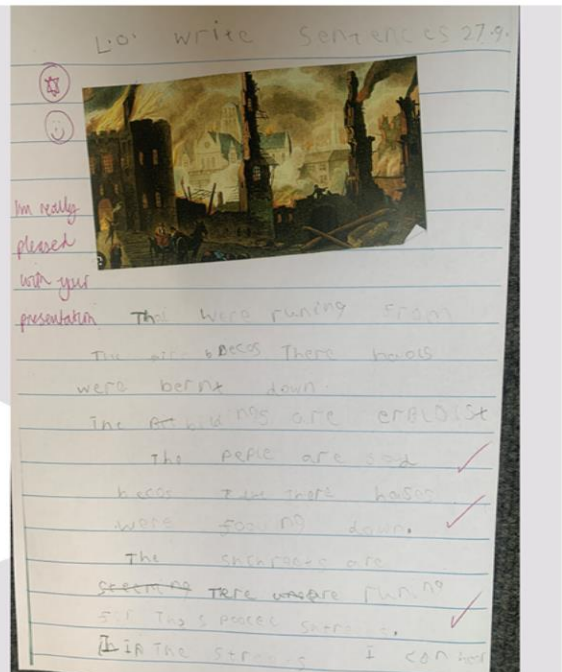
### Elm

Work of the Week

Elm Class

Esmae C

For applying new learning to her writing skills.



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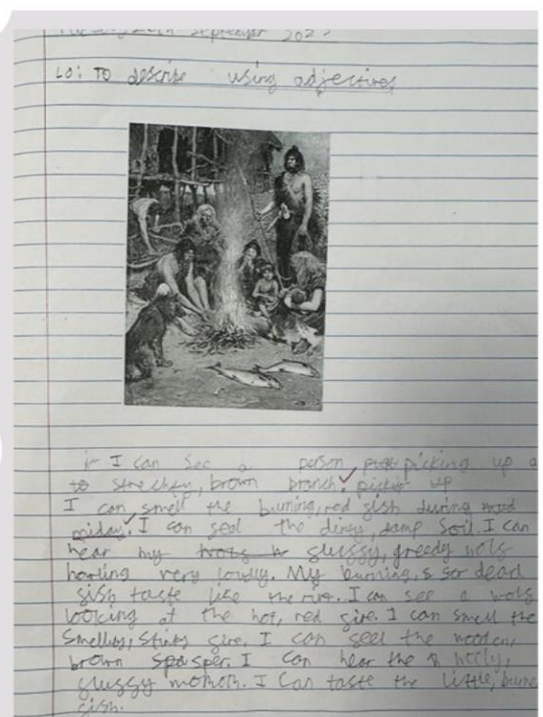
### Maple

Work of the Week

Maple Class

Joshua S

For writing amazing expanded noun phrases and presenting his work beautifully.



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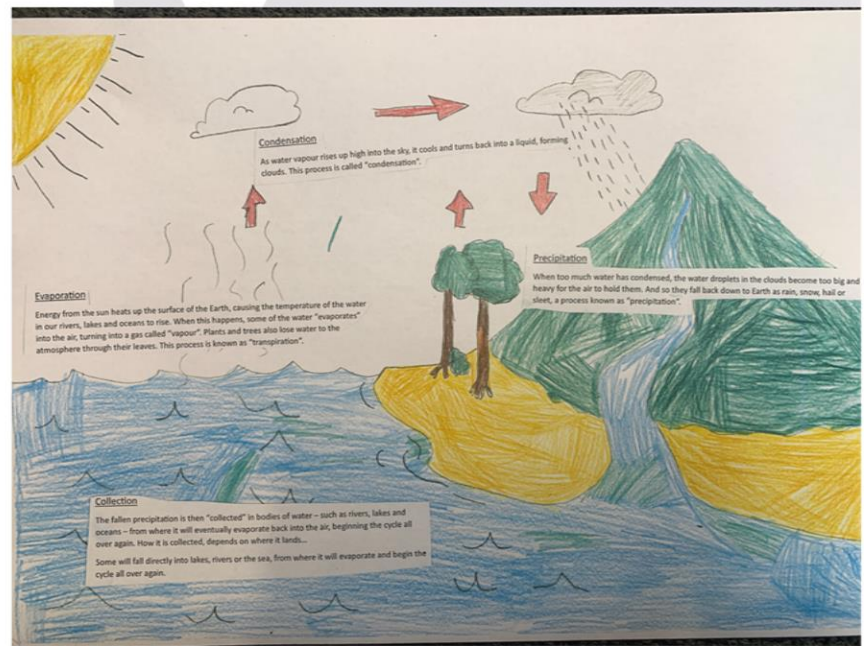
Oak

Work of the Week

Oak Class

Claudia

For confidently recalling and illustrating the steps within the water cycle.



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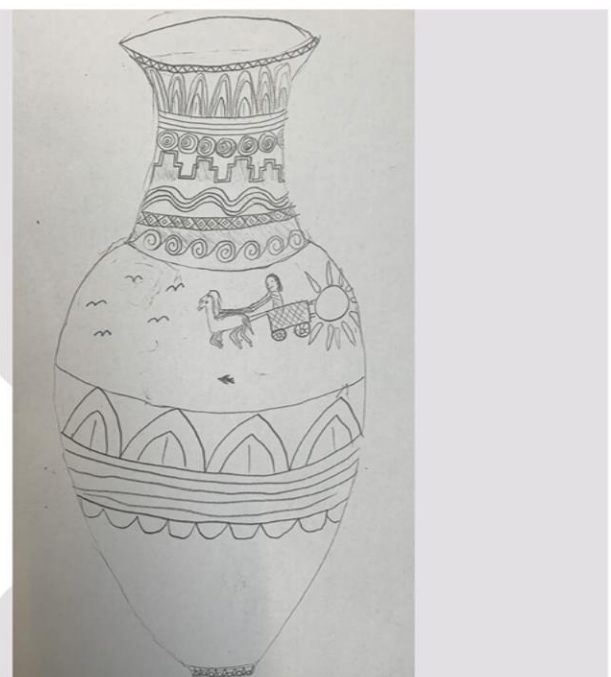
Sycamore

Work of the Week

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Wing-Sum

Superb design ideas in Art to plan and create a Greek Vase.





# Work of the Week

## Willow B

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Liam

For excellent debate and discussion within RE lessons.

Liam D  
Willow B  
RE work

Tuesday 26th September

AO: to discuss what people may say science and religion are in conflict or complementary.

KQ- Are science and religion in conflict or complementary?

- Conflict is when people disagree
- Complementary is when people work well together and share positively.
- It could be both- Conflict could be two different opinions but complementary is when they share their opinions.
- They could be in conflict because religion is about believing and having faith but science is factual.
- They could be complementary because you might have faith in science and science is used to prove different things in religion.
- Science is about testing theories.
- In religion people have more opinions.

Doesn't think religion is the answer to every thing.

Thinks everything natural is from god

Jennifer Wiseman

likes nature

Scientist for NI get still a Christian

American Grow up in a christian family

Thinks science helps us to have knowledge about every thing

Doesn't think science and religion should be in conflict because science describes the stuff God made

Big questions

- Is heaven and hell real?
- Where is God if heaven isn't real?
- Why does God hate the devil if he loves everyone?
- Why doesn't he come let everyone in heaven if he forgave everyone since?

# Work of the Week

## Willow W

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Willow W

Grace

Fantastic descriptive writing based on the 'Highwayman' poem.

Friday 22nd September 2023

AO: to write descriptively and create a sense of atmospheric atmosphere

Language	Me	Teacher
Ambitious expanded noun phrases	✓	✓
A range of different sentence openers	✓	✓
Relative clauses	✓	✓
Subordinating conjunctions	✓	✓
Metaphors/ personification	✓	✓

The eerie bright moon hung over the wide, moonstone landscape. It quivered in the deep, dark night sky. The enormous moon sent out her light to the moors. The walking wind rapidly ~~crossed~~ <sup>circled</sup> round the hills, made the ~~moor~~ <sup>moor</sup> lifeless trees shake and ~~crumble~~ <sup>crumple</sup>. As the ~~sun~~ <sup>sun</sup> shadow of the night came down on the land, the road was like it twisted down the narrow hills and parted anything in its way. The ~~dark~~ <sup>dark</sup> sound of ~~the wind~~ <sup>the wind</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~heard~~ <sup>was heard</sup> ~~hard~~ <sup>was heard</sup> to hear. The ~~purple~~ <sup>purple</sup> moor, the moon was a ~~dark~~ <sup>dark</sup> ~~Galaxy~~ <sup>Galaxy</sup> ~~stranded~~ <sup>stranded</sup> at sea. The night sky that sent a cold, menacing feel, was a piece of dark wool. There was a few small ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~rather~~ <sup>rather</sup> ~~vegetables~~ <sup>vegetables</sup> that failed to grow from the ~~barren~~ <sup>barren</sup> dry fields.

Monday 25th September 2023

AO: to release information from a poem

He'd a French cocked-hat on his forehead, a bunch of lace at his chin.

A coat of dark velvet, and breeches of brown doe skin.

They fitted with never a wrinkle. His boots were up to the thigh.

He rode with a jewelled doublet.

He pulled buttons a doublet.

His rapier hid a doublet.

under the jewelled dog

	Value Award	Super Skill Award	Work of the week
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Service</b> Rowan for always being a helpful member of the class.	<b>Being inquisitive</b> Louie-James for being inquisitive and enjoying all his learning.	Willis – for super work sorting pictures by their initial sound.
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Reverence</b> Jarion for being an example and walking to and from The Harvest festival calmly as well as participating in the service sensibly.	<b>Enthusiastic</b> Darcie – Joan for a dazzling performance of the “Sleepy Cat” in The Little Red Hen this week.	<b>Myla</b> – For exceptional writing using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces!
<b>Elm</b>	Jayden for being such a good role model and choosing to set a good example.	<b>Aim High</b> Ivy for always aiming high with her writing	Esmae for some excellent writing.
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Louis</b> <b>Wisdom</b> – being so focused and on task the entire week and always participating in lessons.	<b>Edward</b> <b>Inquisitive</b> – being really curious about our learning and wanting to ask lots of questions and know more.	
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Eden</b> Reverence – You are always respectful towards all adults and children in class.	<b>Digby</b> Aim High – for using a dictionary at home to gather exciting vocabulary you could use in your story.	<b>Claudia</b> – For fantastic, careful presentation of your water cycle processes.
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Saba</b> Reverence – for always being polite and listening carefully.	<b>Hugo</b> – for being enthusiastic and creating a detailed plan for his own myth.	Wing-Sum for an amazing design for her vase.
<b>Willow W</b>	<b>Kelsey</b> Service- for always being ready to help anyone.	<b>Phoenix</b> Keep on going- for amazing resilience and perseverance all week. Working hard despite being unable to write!	<b>Grace</b> For working really hard to include ambitious and descriptive vocabulary in writing.
<b>Willow B</b>	<b>Lewis</b> Service- for always being helpful in class and working hard.	<b>Harrison</b> For always presenting his work so well in every lesson.	



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

KS1 – Madison in Elm class for always being polite.

KS2 – Ellah in Maple class for being such a good eater and all always appreciating her food.

## Dates for the diary

### Non-Pupil Days

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

<b>October 2023</b>		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9am	Early Reading Meeting with Parents
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8am	Bags4Schools Collection
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	TBC	Author Visit Year 4,5, &6
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:30am/6:30pm	Prospective Parent Visits
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3:40-6pm	Parents Evening
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct		School Photos
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:30am	Prospective Parent Visits
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	5-6pm/6:15-7:15	PTA Glow Disco KS1 & KS2
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3:40-6pm	Parents Evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct		INSET DAY
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct		HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct		Science Day
<b>November 2023</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	9:30am	Prospective Parent Visits
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9am	Early Numbers Workshop
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:45	Reception & Yr6 NHS Health checks
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9am	Remembrance Day Worship
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3pm	Football Match v Great Waltham
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Children in Need <b>TBC</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Faith Day - Festival of Light
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	Year 6 Assembly
<b>December 2023</b>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec		Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec		Save the date – Christmas Bazaar
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Year 6 - WW1 Flight Simulator
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec		KS1 Nativity to School
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:30am	KS1 Nativity to Parents
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Christmas Dinner
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Reports out to Parents
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec		INSET DAY
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> –Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan		CHRISTMAS BREAK
<b>January 2024</b>		
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Take One Picture Exhibition
<b>February 2024</b>		
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	AM	Yr4 Superstars
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9am	Year 2 Assembly
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBC	Parents Evening
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBC	Parents Evening
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb		HALF TERM

March 2024		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	11am-6pm	Yr5 Wicked Trip
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Comic Relief <b>TBC</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Year 4 Assembly
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March		Faith Day – Easter Faith Day
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Speech Festival
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Reports to Parents
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> April		BANK HOLIDAY
April 2024		
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April		HALF TERM
May 2024		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9am	Reception Assembly
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May		BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May		SATS Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May		Faith Day - Pentecost
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May		KS1 SATs Week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9am	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May		BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May		HALF TERM
June 2024		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June		INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Time Table Screening
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	Yr2 Minigames
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	9am	'Sex & Relationship Education' Parent Meeting
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>		Phonics Screening Week
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	9am	Year 1 Assembly
July 2023		
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9:30am	Sports Day and family picnic
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9am	Macbeth Production Year 4
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm & 6pm	Year 6 Production
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Reports to Parents
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	TBC	End of Year Presentations
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	TBC	Leavers Assembly

Class Assemblies		
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	Year 6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9am	Year 2
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Year 4
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9am	Year 3
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9am	Reception
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	9am	Year 1

# GLOW DISCO

**WEDNESDAY 18TH  
OCTOBER 2023**

**KS1 5-6PM**

**KS2 6:15-7:15PM**

**£4.50 - INC HOT DOG & DRINK**

**Tuck shop available - cash only**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO  
PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL APP**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**CHRISTMAS  
BAZAAR**

**FRIDAY  
1ST DECEMBER**

**4-7PM**

**MERRY  
XMAS**