



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

# WEEKLY NEWS

*Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence*

Winter Term – Edition 12 – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023



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Dear Parents,

As we welcome the start of the festive season, we look forward to the wonderful events and celebrations taking place at Little Waltham in the final few weeks of term.

Our Christmas tree dressing assembly was great fun this morning! It was an incredible display of festive spirit, as our pupils and school came together to decorate the tree. The morning was filled with songs, laughter, and different activities. We extend our thanks to all the parents who attended the assembly. Well done to all our pupils who showed great enthusiasm and a special mention to the teachers who took part in the Santa dress-up.

On Tuesday, our Year 2 class visited Layer Marney Tower, to take part in an immersive day all about the Great Fire of London. We couldn't be prouder of how the children conducted themselves, showcasing respect and enthusiasm for their learning. Everyone had a wonderful time.

On Wednesday morning, Year 6 performed a spectacular class assembly all about the Galápagos Islands. It was brilliant to see the children's confidence and enthusiasm as they shared their learning from this half term. Well done Year 6!

As we look ahead, we look forward to our Christmas Bazaar. It promises to be a great afternoon and evening filled with festivities, games, and community spirit. A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA for organising this wonderful event. We hope that all the families attending will have a fantastic time.

As the weekend approaches, we wish each and every one of you a lovely weekend.

With warm regards,

Mr S Saunders  
Headteacher

# Layer Marney

## Elm Class

A lovely day was had by all when Elm class visited the historical Layer Marney Tower.



## *The Big Question*

'Would the world be a fairer place if we all did the same thing?'

### **Chestnut**

It would be boring for everyone, if it was the same- Nancy  
If we all did the same thing, no one would be different – Julia  
We should all celebrate being different – Hugo  
People may not like doing the same thing- Myla  
Nothing would be shared- Zac

### **Sycamore**

If you worked hard and another person didn't it wouldn't be fair but if everyone was doing great things it would make the world a better place. -Henry C  
We would lose our uniqueness – Poppy  
Yes and no, it depends on what everyone is doing.  
No because not everyone likes the same things. - Thomas



**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*



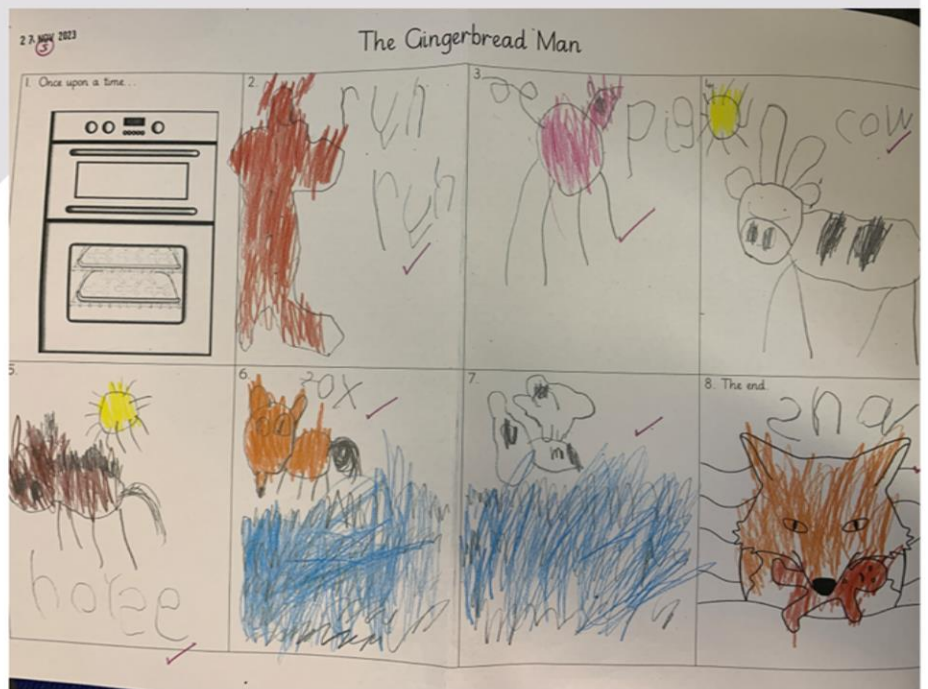


## Work of the Week

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Rowan  
Ash Class

Superb retelling of the  
Gingerbread Man.



Great work from Adnan who has made an impressive start to creating his castle. He even made sure to carefully cut out some windows. Lovely attention to detail, well done Adnan!

Great perseverance shown from Zac this week as we began our creations in DT. He worked hard to learn to control the masking tape. Looking forward to where you take your junk modelling next week. Great work, Zac!



	Value Award	Super Skill Award	Work of the week
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Endurance</b> <i>Robin</i> for always trying his absolute best and never giving up! 😊	<b>Being Enthusiastic</b> <i>Kailen</i> for very enthusiastic singing whilst learning new songs for The Nativity performance.	<b>Rowan</b> for a very detailed story map retelling the story of The Gingerbread Man. Great work Rowan!
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Creation</b> <i>Hugo</i> for really exploring his writer's voice over the last few weeks and creating some extremely interesting writing pieces.	<b>Keep on going</b> <i>Jarion</i> for not giving up when things got tricky whilst making his DT model.	<b>Adnan</b> for an impressive start to creating his castle. You even made sure to carefully cut out some windows! Lovely attention to detail, well done Adnan!  <b>Zac</b> for showing great perseverance this week as we began our creations in DT. He worked hard to learn to control the masking tape. Looking forward to where you take your junk modelling next week. Great work, Zac!
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Respect</b> Elm for superb behaviour on our school trip.	<b>Aiming High</b> Ralph for working hard at his role in the Nativity play.	
<b>Maple</b>	Archie – Koinonia. For making the 2 new children in our class feel so welcome and for showing amazing teamwork.	Frankie – being inquisitive. For getting involved in class discussion during our RE lessons this week and asking lots of question.	
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Reverence</b> <i>River</i> for great effort to be respectful to all adults and children in class.	<b>Being Inquisitive</b> <i>Rebekah</i> for asking some brilliant questions throughout our science investigation this week - and also questioning her peers' ideas too.	
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Reverence</b> – Joe for always showing manners and being polite.	<b>Aiming High</b> – Henry C for working well on his Mathematics this week.	
<b>Willow</b>	<b>Creation-</b> Kelsey For an imaginative and creative story book inspired by the Galapagos Islands	<b>Aiming High-</b> All of Sycamore W for your fantastic performance in this week's class assembly. You all worked hard and should be proud of yourselves!	



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

KS1 – Darcey in Chestnut class for lovely manners.

KS2 – Elsie in Maple for always being very polite.

## *Dates for the diary*

### **Non-Pupil Days**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

<b>December 2023</b>		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Willow B Bike-ability
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm	Christmas Panto
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Willow W Bike-ability
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Yr6 - WW1 Flight Simulator – bagged lunch
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Willow W Bike-ability
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
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Christmas Jumper (or Christmas Accessory) Day
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>		
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Take 1 Picture Project
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2:30pm	Take 1 Picture Exhibition – parents/carers invited
<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
<b>March 2024</b>		
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 12th 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
<b>TBC</b>	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