



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

# WEEKLY NEWS

*Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence*



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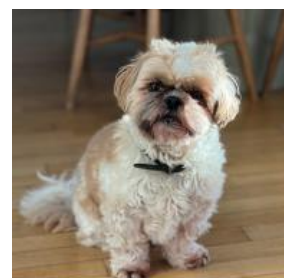
It has been an exciting and eventful week here at Little Waltham.

#### *Author and Illustrator Visit: Sheena Dempsey's Inspiring Session*

On Tuesday, our school hosted the talented author and illustrator, Sheena Dempsey. Sheena captivated the imagination of our youngest pupils as she shared insights into her new book, Pablo and Splash. The children also had the unique opportunity to learn from Sheena herself. Engaging in an interactive session, she taught them the art of illustrating characters and guided them in crafting their own imaginative plots and stories. It was a fantastic experience, fostering creativity and storytelling.

#### *Therapy Dog Visit*

On Wednesday Ash class had a surprise visit in the form of a four-legged friend, George. George certainly had a positive impact on the children with lots of joy and laughter as he greeted everyone and made himself at home. We look forward to welcoming George back next week.



#### *Young Voices Festival*

Wednesday saw our fantastic school choir travel to London for the Young Voices Festival. After months of rehearsals, the choir joined with others from across the South East of England to deliver an amazing performance at the iconic O2 arena. The atmosphere was electric, and our pupils showcased their talents with enthusiasm and skill. It was a night filled with song, dance, and lots of energy. Congratulations to every member of our choir for their outstanding contribution to this incredible event and a special thank you to Mrs Binks and Miss Rich for organising and dedicating time to run our school choir.

#### *Next Week*

Looking ahead to next week, our Year 3 class will be travelling to Colchester Castle on a school trip. This trip is designed to enrich their understanding of the Romans.

As we approach the weekend, thank you for your continued support, and I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Mr S Saunders  
Headteacher

**Author & Illustrator Visit**

Sheena Dempsey





## Little Voices

### The O2 Performance

On Wednesday evening, we had the privilege of going to the O2 arena in London to watch our school choir perform with other choirs from around the East of England in the Young Voices concert 2024. 8708 children produced a staggering performance which left me speechless.

The children were a credit to their schools, to their teachers and families - I cannot put into words how proud I am of each of you for standing in such an enormous venue, aged 8-11, singing your hearts out in front of such a huge audience. It is truly an experience I will never forget, and I'm sure you won't too.

The music from the children was fabulous - a true testament to the hard work and many hours put in by the staff who directed them. I have the upmost respect for the conductor who managed to keep 8708 children singing together!

Performances from MC Grammar, Nandi Bushell and Natalie Williams were also fantastic to see, and were a hit with the children.

Mrs Binks and Miss Rich - thank you. Thank you for your time, energy, patience, expertise and believing that each child was more than capable of doing this. We absolutely couldn't have done it without you.

Louise Smith  
Foundation Governor







## ***The Big Question***

**'How can we be life givers?'**

### **Elm**

Help grow plants – Ralph  
Don't cut down too many trees – Angelica  
Help people if they are hurt or poorly. Jake and Jeorgie  
Be kind to everyone. Emelia  
Make sure we look after the world. Freddie  
Help people when they are lonely. Esmae  
Help as much as you can. Michael  
Get a job which helps people. Seren

### **Sycamore**

We can encourage others and be kind if they are hurt – Thomas  
We can be life givers by being kind and making others smile – Michelle.  
We can help those who are less fortunate – Anna  
We can make friends with others and make them feel loved - Noah

### **Willow W**

Take care of people, even if they are strangers to you. Look after anyone who is hurt or sad – Ava  
Aim to be kind and polite to everyone you meet – Aksanan  
By helping people, you will make the world a better place – Lily



**This week's value is trust.**

Dear God,  
Please help us to know who to trust and help us to be  
truthful and trustworthy ourselves.  
Amen

*I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'*  
**Psalm 91:2**



## Work of the Week

Ash Class

Investigating how to free the gems from the ice



Jacob talked about how he was working to free the gems using great language.

Work of the Week

Ash Class

Jacob

Great use of language on a problem solving exercise.

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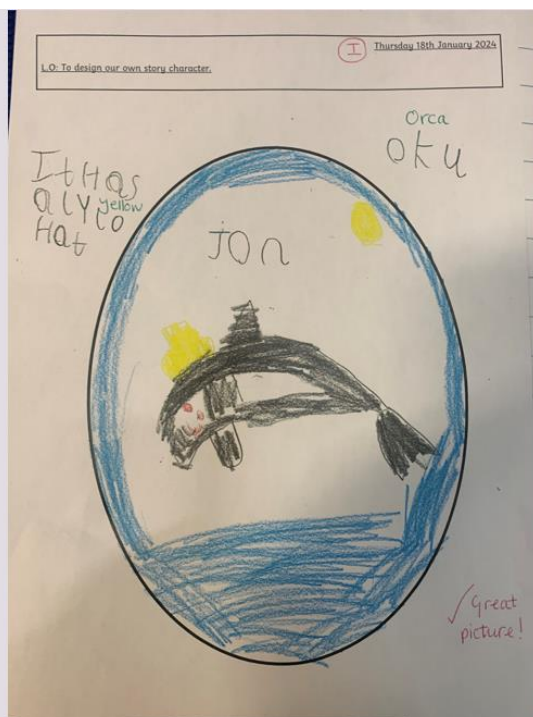
Chestnut Class

Work of the Week

Chestnut Class

Jimmy

For designing his own story character to create an arctic adventure.









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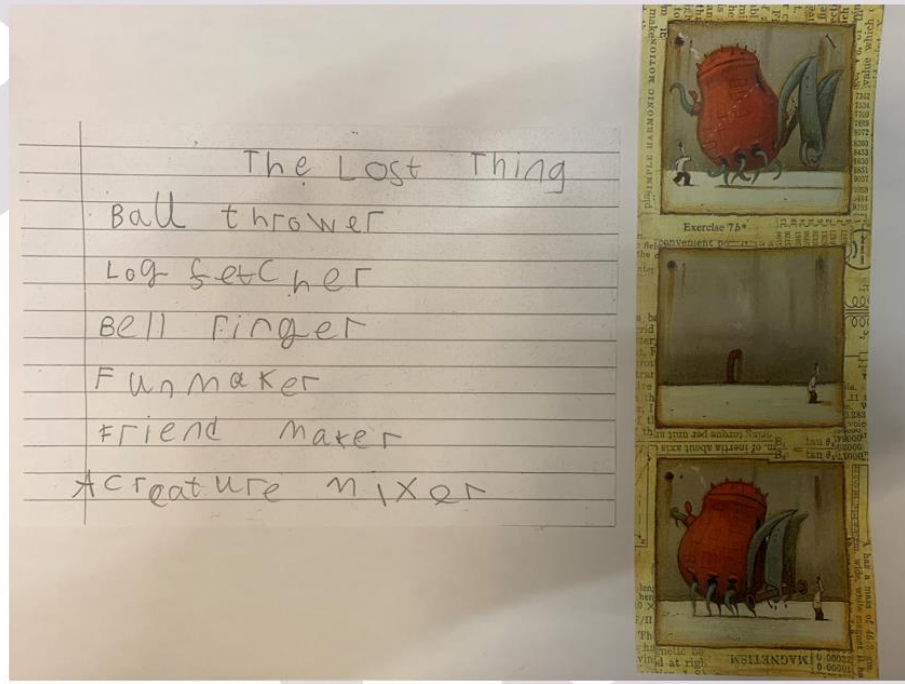
Oak Class

Work of the Week

Oak Class

James

Well done on creating a brilliant kenning poem about 'The Lost Thing' and tried really hard with his handwriting as well.



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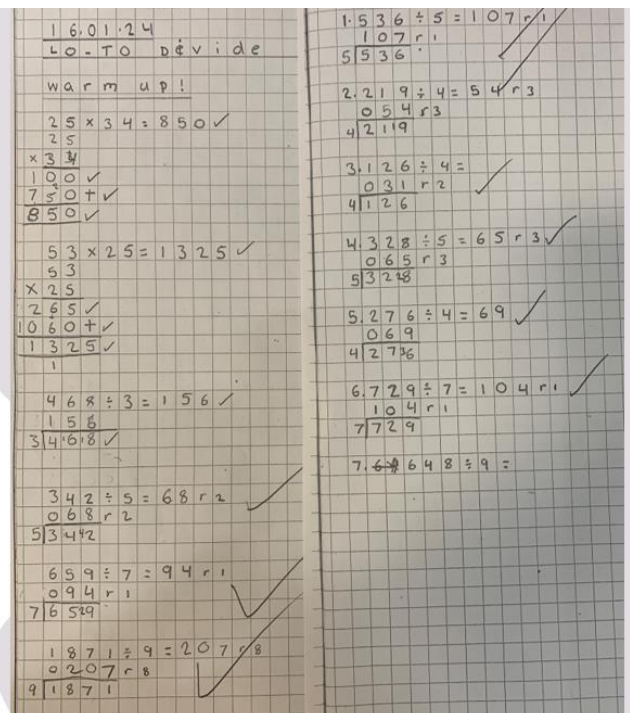
Sycamore Class

Work of the Week

Sycamore Class

Anna

For making great progress with her multiplication and division written methods.



# Work of the Week

Willow W Class



Work of the Week

Willow W

Ava

Superb writing using features of diary writing.

Tuesday 16th January 2024  
 To write a diary entry  
 Monday 15th October 1940  
 Dear Diary,  
 Yesterday, myself and every one from my beloved town all gathered in the ~~beating~~ heart of it, to wish our brave soldiers good luck. It ~~was~~ <sup>looked</sup> so much fun! Every one was ~~so~~ <sup>so</sup> ~~excited~~ <sup>excited</sup>, they were cheering and laughing with a big grin on their faces. As I stepped closer, I looked back at my mum, she was walking slowly a gloomy expression on her face. Why was she upset?  
 Anyway, every thing was loud and proud and I was so happy I didn't miss the wonderful chance to see these soldiers going! I went up to the soldiers and waved a joyful goodbye, ~~and~~ as I did that I saw one smile back, that filled me with even more joy. Every thing was going great, well, until the fat mayor made ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> boring speech. It lasted 15 ~~more~~ minutes. Does he expect us to listen to his voice for that long? I think every one would agree that that speech was boring. ~~What~~  
 When every one said their last goodbyes a marching band started to play! I didn't think it could get any better! People started to dance so I joined in, I never knew I had dance moves like that. We all danced, as the dark green truck drove off into the day. But then ~~there~~ <sup>there</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~horror~~ <sup>horror</sup> struck! I looked at my mum, she had a pale face like she was about to vomit she was sad and worried about some thing my + sm smile started to fade...  
 Her face was like a crushed cloud, ~~about~~ <sup>about</sup> I ~~stare~~ <sup>stare</sup> ~~stared~~ <sup>stared</sup> at her, distraught. Why? Why is she like this? The marching band was playing in my ear, I was no longer elated. Their tunes were content and joyful but I was anxious and afraid. Come on, ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~lets~~ <sup>lets</sup> go. My mum whispered ~~quietly~~ <sup>quietly</sup>. No, please give more minutes! I begged back. She looked at me with a stern expression fine, just more minutes.  
 My happiness returned to my body as I looked back at the celebration as if I almost forgot about my mum's face. I gazed at the marching band every beat of the drum was like a heart beat. But suddenly the dark truck's engine started roaring in joy the mayor's face was as ~~red~~ <sup>red</sup> as ever. I ~~stop~~ <sup>stop</sup> ~~clumped~~ <sup>clumped</sup> up and down watching the tremendous truck. Suddenly every one started to cheer, it was like being at a disco with the music always too loud. The soldiers truck ~~so~~ <sup>so</sup> ~~drove~~ <sup>drove</sup> into the day. I'm sorry diary I've got to go!

Work of the Week

Willow W Class

Theo

Excellent presentation and well done for making mathematical notes and jottings to achieve 100% accuracy.

170 ÷ 124  
 140 ÷ 100 = 1.4  
 To find 1% of 100 = 100 ÷ 100 = 1  
 E.G.  
 1% of 300 = 3  
 1% of 30 = 0.3  
 1% of 3 = 0.03  
 21% of 600 = 126  
 600 ÷ 100 = 6 → 1% of 600  
 600 ÷ 10 = 60 × 2 = 120 → 20% of 600  
 1% = 6 + 20% = 120 = 126  
 37% of 900 = 333  
 900 ÷ 10 = 90 × 3 = 270  
 900 ÷ 100 = 9 × 7 = 63  
 270 + 63 = 333  
 1) 12% of 50 = 6 ✓  
 10% 2%  
 5 + 1 = 6  
 2) 34% of 200 = 68 ✓  
 30% 4%  
 60 + 8 = 68  
 3) 1% of 100 = 1 ✓  
 60% 1%  
 60 + 1 = 61  
 4) 24% of 10 = 2.4 ✓  
 20% 4%  
 2 + 0.4 = 2.4  
 5) 43% of 200 = 86 ✓  
 40% 3%  
 80 + 6 = 86  
 6) 84% of 200 = 168 ✓  
 80% 4%  
 160 + 8 = 168  
 7) 52% of 50 = 26 ✓  
 50% 2%  
 25 + 1 = 26  
 8) 14% of 300 = 42 ✓  
 10% 4%  
 30 + 12 = 42  
 9) 38% of 50 = 19 ✓  
 30% 8%  
 15 + 4 = 19  
 10) 72% of 274 = 197.28 ✓  
 70% 2%  
 191.8 + 5.48 = 197.28  
 11) 56% of 9845 = 5513.2 ✓  
 50% 6%  
 4922.5 + 590.7 = 5513.2

	Value Award	Super Skill Award	Work of the week
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Endurance-</b> Harry for keeping going and not giving up even when things are tricky.	<b>Being Inquisitive-</b> Willis for asking really thoughtful questions when doing an ice investigation.	Jacob for using good vocabulary when describing how he was trying to complete the ice investigation.
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Reverence-</b> Adnan for working extremely hard to sit quietly and be attentive during class and worship. Keep up the good work, Adnan!	<b>Being enthusiastic-</b> Jessica for giving her best effort and working hard on everything this week. Well done, Jessica!	Jimmy for working hard on his story character and adding lots of detail.
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Reverence</b> Jake for being respectful and being a kind member of the class.	<b>Keep on Going</b> JJ for working hard this week and completing his work to a good standard.	Dakota for some great work about life processes.
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Koinonia</b> Betsie for being a kind and helpful member of the class and for going out of her way to help another child with their work this week whenever they have been struggling.	<b>Risk Taker</b> Elsie for working so incredibly hard in every lesson this week and for accepting any challenges that were given to her.	<b>Olivia</b> For an amazing written conversation using inverted commas. Olivia worked hard at remembering all of the rules for this and made sure it was fun and engaging and it linked perfectly to our unit of work.
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Wisdom</b> Rosetta for always making wise choices within the classroom and around school and being a great role model for others.	<b>Being enthusiastic</b> Machau for showing lots of enthusiasm towards our new class book for English.	<b>James</b> for a brilliant kenning poem about 'The Lost Thing' and working really hard on his handwriting.
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Reverence</b> Saba for always being a polite and respectful member of the class.	<b>Being enthusiastic</b> <b>Hugo</b> For being enthusiastic about his reading.	<b>Anna</b> For great progress this week with her long multiplication and short division this week.
<b>Willow W</b>	<b>Reverence</b> Josh for always, always being kind and respectful to others	<b>Keep on Going</b> Mmesoma for having a great attitude to learning in all lessons	<b>Ava</b> For a fantastic diary entry linked to the book Rose Blanche
<b>Willow B</b>	<b>Wisdom</b> Tristan, For making lots of wise choices this week and for an excellent attitude in class and at lunch time.	<b>Keep on going</b> Iris, for keeping on going and being determined to answer challenging percentage problems.	<b>Theo</b> For superb presentation in maths, for taking notes and using working outs to ensure he has 100% accuracy.





This week's lunchtime awards go to:

KS1 – Louie in Ash Class for being very polite.

KS2 – Ellah in Maple for having lovely manners.

## *The Kitchen Team*

### Food Hygiene Rating 5

Well done to our kitchen to for maintaining their level 5 food hygiene rating following a spot check yesterday by Essex County Council.



## Dates for the diary

### Non-Pupil Days

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

January 2024		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan		Maple Class Trip – Colchester Castle
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January		Bags2School – clothing drop off
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9am	Bag2School Collection
February 2024		
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>
Tuesday 19 <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
Tuesday 19 <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