



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

WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents,

It has been an action-packed week at Little Waltham Primary, filled with enriching experiences for our pupils.

On Tuesday, our Year 4 pupils embarked on a fascinating journey to the iconic Tower of London. Immersed in the history of Henry VIII, they explored the grandeur of the White Tower, visited the Crown Jewels, and participated in an engaging workshop delving into the lives of Henry's wives. I'm thrilled to share that our Year 4 pupils exhibited exemplary behaviour and attitudes throughout the trip. Well done, Year 4, for your enthusiasm and respect!

Also on Tuesday, our Year 1 pupils had a wildly exciting experience right here at school with the Maldon Petting Zoo. From rats to meerkats to tarantulas, our young learners were captivated by a diverse array of creatures, fostering curiosity and sparking engaging discussions linked to their Science and Geography topics. It was a fun-filled morning filled with smiles and learning!

Wednesday saw our Year 6 classes stepping back in time to experience life as evacuees on a farm during World War 2. Dressed in authentic attire from the era, our pupils delved into the past, learning about wartime food, rationing, and the realities faced by children of that time. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who contributed to this immersive experience preparing costumes, making it truly unforgettable for our Year 6s.

On Thursday afternoon, our Year 4 class immersed themselves in a special reading event centred around their shared reading book from this half term - Neil Gaiman's book, "Fortunately the Milk." In an afternoon with learning tasks on the book from quizzes to art activities, our pupils showcased their reading skills and shared their insights into the story with our English leader, Mr. Tilsley. It was a fantastic afternoon and it was superb to see the pupils so enthusiastic and engaged with the book.

Today, our Year 2 class is embarking on a special themed day focused on Japan, led by an expert from the Japan Society. From learning traditional kamishibai storytelling to exploring cultural activities, this immersive experience promises to enrich their understanding of their current topic, Japan, in a fun and engaging way.

Next week holds even more excitement as our Year 4 class prepares to showcase their learning about Henry VIII and the Tudors through a class assembly for parents. Additionally, we eagerly anticipate author Mitch Johnson's visit to our school, where he will engage Key Stage 2 pupils in discussions about his new novel, "Toxic." It's sure to be an unforgettable event for all involved!

As we approach the weekend, thank you for your continued support and I wish all of our families and school community a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Mr S Saunders
Headteacher

	Value Award	Super Skill Award	Work of the week
Ash	Forgiveness Rowan for always being able to say sorry and to forgive others when they say sorry to him.	Aiming High Albie for working hard with his phonics both at home and at school.	Willis and Charlie for excellent maths work!
Chestnut	Koinonia <i>Julia</i> for always being a fantastic team player. Julia is always finding ways to quietly help those around her and boost others.	Aiming High <i>Nancy</i> for being an excellent role model in her behaviour and for always working hard even when things get tricky.	Charlie.S for some fantastic independent Maths work where he challenged himself by completing all of the equations available, worked hard on his number formation and kept his numbers in the boxes. Brilliant work Charlie, keep it up!
Elm	Endurance Henry for working hard at his writing and developing his writing stamina.	Aiming High Jayden for planning and delivering his speech to the class.	Michael for some excellent maths work this week.
Maple	Louis - Trust We can always trust him to make sensible decisions and be focused on his work.	Naomi - Enthusiastic For showing lots of enthusiasm in geography and RE this week by making sure she is involved in discussions and asking lots of questions.	
Oak	Reverence To the whole Oak class for showing fantastic, respectful behaviour throughout our trip to the Tower of London – even if we were stuck on the coach for over 3 hours, you were all fab!	Being Inquisitive Digby because you often ask thoughtful questions to deepen your understanding of things and had some great questions on our visit to the tower.	Jake S for a brilliant start to his artwork linked to our book event in class. He really thought about the story and chose images to represent different parts.
Sycamore	Wisdom – Wing-Sum for always making wise choices and staying focussed on er learning.	Aiming high – George for great work in mathematics. He is able to notice patterns and using the correct mathematical language.	Saba for excellent work on multiplying fractions by an integer. Super presentation too!
Willow W	Endurance Liam- for working hard, trying his best in lessons and being determined to succeed.	Aiming High Bertie- for always trying his best and pushing himself to succeed in all lessons.	Tyler For working well as part of a group to write a playscript based on a biblical account of Jesus' resurrection.
Willow B	Reverence Anusha for always showing respect, kindness and for being a great role model	Aiming High Aneeka for being determined to succeed in every lesson.	Liam, Excellent presentation and resilience in maths this week

The Big Question

How can we keep focussed?

Chestnut

We have to concentrate to stay focussed and not give up- Jessica

If you're riding your bike and pedal backwards by mistake and someone makes fun of you, you can just ignore them and stay focussed- Robin

If someone tries to distract you from your work, don't listen to them and carry on- Harry

We can just ignore people- Albert

Remember to don't stop but to keep going- Emmie

We must keep going to stay focused- Myla

Elm

We can listen carefully on the carpet – Emilia

We can follow our rules. Alanna

Sycamore

If someone is distracting you can ignore them – Saba

We can persevere and focus on our work – Wing-Sum

We can stay focused by thinking carefully about what we are doing – Samuel



This week's value is reverence.

Dear Creator God,

Help us to remember always that everyone is your creation and your child. Give us the patience to treat others with the consideration and deep respect that they deserve.

Amen



Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.' Hebrews 12:28

Dates for the diary

Non-Pupil Days

Monday 3rd June

March 2024		
Tuesday 19 th March	9am	Year 4 Assembly
Wednesday 20 th March		KS2 Author Visit 'Toxic'
Tuesday 26 th March		Faith Day – Easter Faith Day
Wednesday 27 th March	2pm	Speech Festival
Wednesday 27 th March		Reports to Parents
Friday 29 th – Mon 1 st April		BANK HOLIDAY
April 2024		
Tuesday 2 nd – Fri 12 th April		HALF TERM
Friday 26 th April		KS1 Author visit 'The Girl and the Mermaid'
May 2024		
Wednesday 1 st May	9am	Reception Assembly
Monday 6 th May		BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 13 th May – Fri 17 th May		SATS Week
Friday 17 th May		Faith Day - Pentecost
Monday 20 th – Fri 24 th May		KS1 SATs Week
Wednesday 22 nd May	9am	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 27 th May		BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 27 th – Fri 31 st May		HALF TERM
June 2024		
Monday 3 rd June		INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 th – 14 th June		Time Table Screening
Monday 10 th – Fri 14 th		Phonics Screening Week
Wednesday 5 th June	AM	Yr2 Minigames
Wednesday 5 th June	All Day	Ash Class – Wilderness Trip
Thursday 6 th June	9am	'Sex & Relationship Education' Parent Meeting
Friday 7 th June	All Day	Chestnut Class - Wilderness Trip
Thursday 13 th June	All Day	Maple Class – Wilderness Trip
Wednesday 19 th June	All Day	Oak Class – Wilderness Trip
Thursday 20 th June	9am	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 21 st June	All Day	Sycamore Class - Wilderness Trip
Monday 24 th – 26 th June		Yr 6 Residential
Friday 28 th June	9am	Beaulieu Yr6 Induction Day
July 2023		
Wednesday 3 rd July	9:30am	Sports Day and family picnic
Friday 5 th July		KS2 Author visit 'Kyan Green'
Saturday 6 th July		Summer Fete
Wednesday 10 th July	All Day	Willow Class – Wilderness Trip

Tuesday 16 th July	9am	Macbeth Production Year 4
Thursday 18 th July	2pm & 6pm	Year 6 Production
Friday 19 th July		PTA Inflatables
Monday 22 nd July		Reports to Parents
Monday 22 nd July	TBC	End of Year Presentations
Tuesday 23 rd July	TBC	Leavers Assembly

Class Assemblies		
Wednesday 29 th November	9am	Year 6
Thursday 8 th Feb	9am	Year 2
Tuesday 19 th March	9am	Year 4
Wednesday 22 nd May	9am	Year 3
Wednesday 1 st May	9am	Reception
Thursday 20 th June	9am	Year 1

