



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

WEEKLY NEWS

Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence

Autumn Term – Edition 4
2nd October 2026



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and enjoyable week at Little Waltham!

Thank you to all the parents and families who joined us for our Harvest Festival and for your generous donations. It was wonderful to see the children speaking so confidently and sharing some of their learning in the lead-up to the festival. A special thank you also goes to Reverend Dan, who led both services. The children really enjoyed coming together as a community at the church and taking part.

On Monday, Mrs Wells led our EYFS Reading Meeting, where she spoke about early reading and how parents can support their children at home as they begin their Little Wandle phonics journey. Families were also given a range of resources and packs to use at home. I hope everyone who attended found the workshop useful and came away with some helpful ideas for supporting reading at home.

Our School Council met for the first time last Friday and have already been busy gathering the views of their classmates. Their first discussions have focused on healthy packed lunches and homework. They will meet again this Friday to share feedback from their classes and begin putting some actions in place. It is fantastic to see our pupils having a voice in school life.

Yesterday, both our boys' and girls' football teams represented the school at the River Chelmer Football Tournament. Both teams played extremely well, finishing fourth and fifth overall. Most importantly, the behaviour and attitudes of all the children were excellent. They demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event, and represented Little Waltham brilliantly.

Looking ahead to next week, we will be holding a Reading Workshop for parents of children in Years 1–3 at 9.00am on Wednesday. We look forward to welcoming parents from those year groups and sharing ways in which you can continue to support reading at home.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
Have a lovely weekend.

Mr S Saunders

Headteacher

Stephen Saunders

Headteacher

Little Waltham CEVA Primary School

Prayer for Forgiveness

Dear God,

Thank You for loving us even when we make mistakes.

Help us to say sorry when we do wrong,
and to forgive others when they hurt us.

Teach us to let go of anger,
to show kindness instead,
and to build peace in our school and our world.

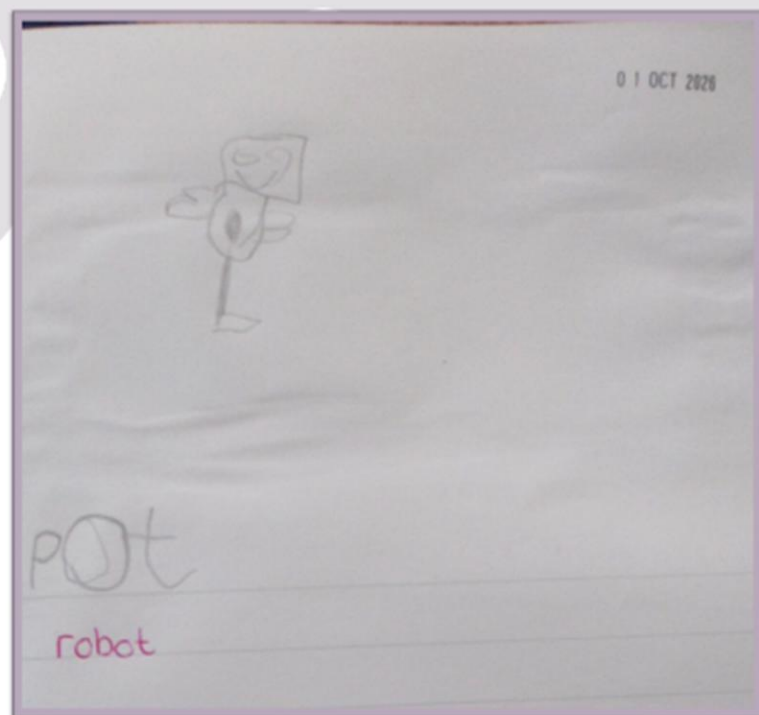
Thank You that Jesus showed us
how powerful forgiveness can be.

Amen.



Work of the Week

Friday 2nd October 2026



Ash Class Work of the Week

Francesco for his fantastic drawing and creativity during drawing club.

Chestnut Class Work of the Week

Amelia for a beautiful painting of Spring in our Science lesson this week.



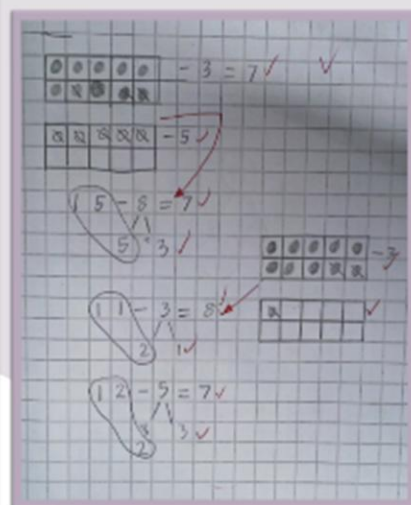
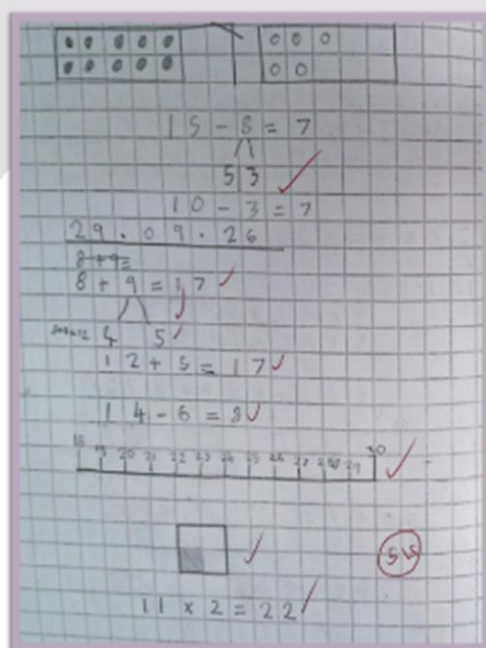
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eyes and eagle shaped ears.
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is a dark black sky and
you can not see anything.
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the & cracked fence.

Elm Class Work of the Week

Lana for some good
descriptive writing.

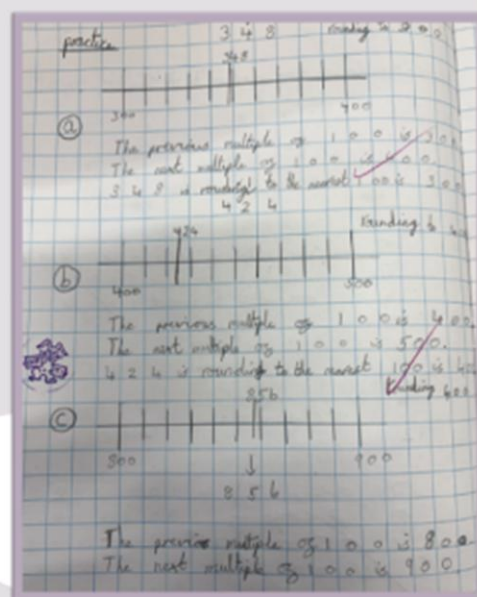
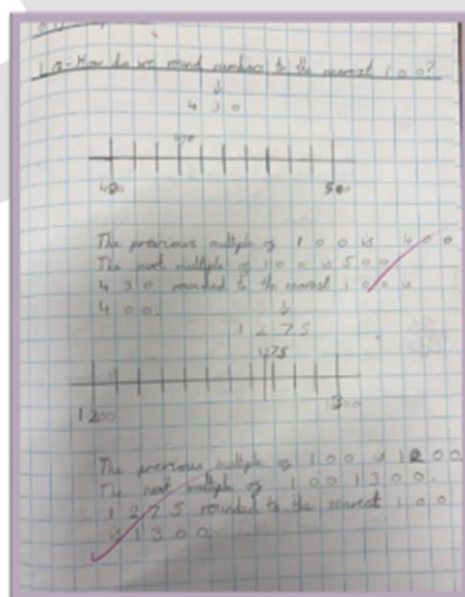
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Oak Class Work of the Week

Luca for excellent work on rounding this week. You worked carefully to draw your number lines and presented your work clearly.

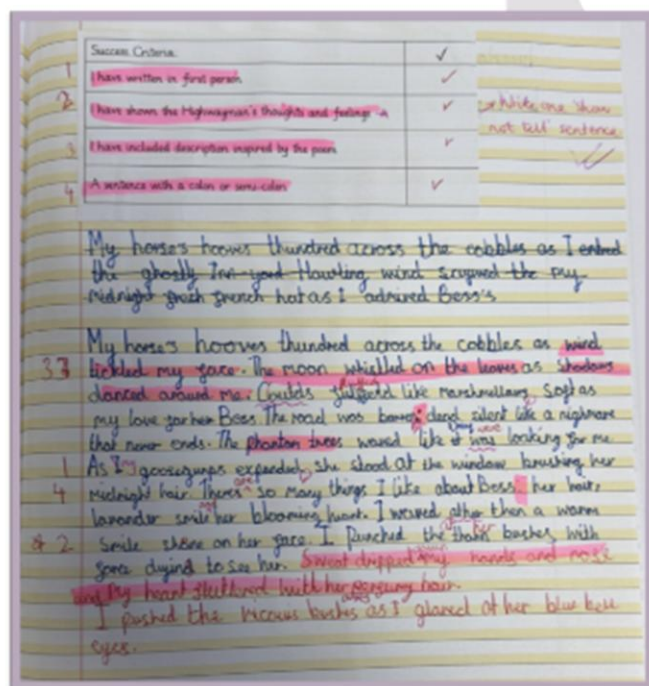
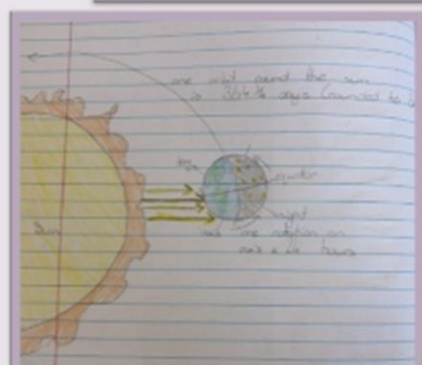
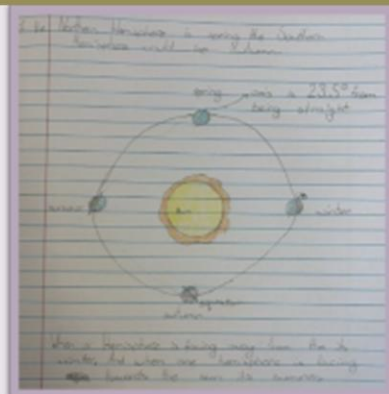
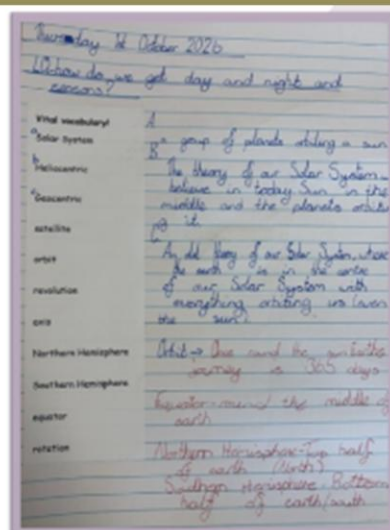


Sycamore Class Work of the Week

Well done **Teddy** for your excellent work in science this week.

Great diagrams exploring why we have night & day and why we experience different seasons.

Really excellent discussion and debate in class, too.



Willow Class Work of the Week

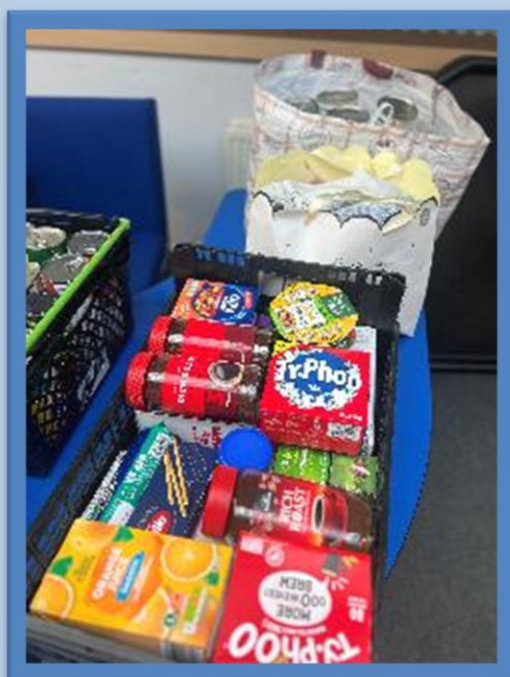
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**THANK YOU ALL
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CONTRIBUTIONS**



AWARDS

	Value Award	Super Skill Award	Work of the week
Ash	Compassion Christian for always being caring towards his friends and understanding of their feelings.	Courage Maddie has been brave all week and has come into school with a smile on her face.	Francesco for his fantastic drawing and creativity during drawing club.
Chestnut	Perseverance Imogen. M for working so hard and being a fantastic example in phonics. Phonics Queen twice!? What a feat! Well done Imogen, you should be very proud of yourself!	Perseverance Rory for not giving up when given suggestions on his writing. Rory, you kept going and produced an excellent piece of writing, keep it up superstar!	Amelia for a beautiful painting of Spring in our Science lesson this week
Elm	Courage Oliver for being brave and taking risks with his writing.	Perseverance Vaeda for working hard and using her teamwork skills.	Lana for an excellent piece of descriptive writing.
Maple	Courage Albie for taking part in class discussions. You have given some really detailed and well considered responses in English this week.	Compassion Arthur for slowing down his race to help another member of the class.	Arthur is a confident mathematician but I was particularly impressed with him using new methods to bridge 10. His presentation is "gold standard" and his book is a joy to mark.
Oak	Perseverance Bernie for working so hard on reducing his letter size and improving his hand writing.	Perseverance Adhvik for excellent work on rounding this week.	Luca for excellent work on rounding this week. You worked carefully to draw your number lines.
Sycamore	Compassion Freddie B for always looking out for your friends and others in the class. Great role model, kind and thoughtful.	Perseverance Harry for having a wonderfully positive attitude in all learning this week. Working hard, trying your best and asking for help when needed.	Teddy for your excellent work in science this week. Fantastic diagrams about night and day and the seasons. Wonderful explanations and discussions in lesson, too.
Willow	Compassion Betsie-Ella for looking out for others in and out of the classroom.	Perseverance Archie for not letting long division beat you! I was really impressed by your attitude.	Maya for a lovely piece of narrative writing as the highwayman. Beautiful description, looked carefully at the success criteria and lots of good editing happening too! 😊



GLOW *Disco*

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2 DISCO
4:45PM - 5:45PM

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 DISCO
6PM - 7PM

£3.50 A TICKET INCLUDES UNLIMITED SQUASH.
TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE FOR CASH PURCHASES.

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON SCHOOL GATEWAY SOON!



Little Waltham
CEVA Primary School

A small school
with a big heart

Compassion • Perseverance • Courage • Forgiveness



OPEN DAYS

for prospective parents
2027 Reception Intake

Come and see what makes our school special
and find out more about our warm, welcoming
family community.



Thursday 8th October
– 9.30am



Tuesday 10th November
– 9.30am and 5.45pm



Thursday 3rd December
– 9.30am



Contact the school office
by phone or email to
book a space.

01245 360246
admin@littlewaltham.essex.sch.uk

Everyone
is welcome!



*Christmas Wreath
Making Evening*

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER
7-9PM

PROSECCO - MULLED WINE - WREATH MAKING
AT LITTLE WALTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Love The PTA xxx



CLASS DOJO CHAMPIONS

02/10/2026



ASH – JAYDEN

CHESTNUT- EFFY & SIENNA

ELM – LANA

MAPLE – EMILY

OAK – MYLA

SYCAMORE – EMELIA

WILLOW – JOSHUA

Dates for the Diary

More dates will be added as the school year progresses, so continue to check our diary dates!

OCTOBER		
Tuesday 6 th October		School Photographs
Wednesday 7 th October	9:00am-10:00am	Parent Reading Workshop for Years 1-3
Thursday 8 th October	9:30am	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Thursday 15 th October 2026	4:45pm & 6:00pm	PTA School Glow Disco
Monday 19 th October		Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 20 th October	3:40pm-6:30pm	Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 22 nd October	3:40pm-6:30pm	Parents Consultation evening
Friday 23 rd October	9:00am	Learning Awards Assembly
Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October		Half Term
NOVEMBER		
Monday 2 nd November		Return to School
Friday 6 th November		ProStrike Football Event
Tuesday 10 th November	9:30am & 5:45pm	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 11 th November	9:00am	Pupil Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday 18 th November	1:30pm-3:00pm	Our Community, Our Careers Event (KS2)
Friday 20 th November		PTA Non-uniform Day & Donation Day
Tuesday 24 th November	9:30am	EYFS & Year 6 Height & Weight National Measurement Programme
Friday 27 th November		PTA Teddy Donation Day
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 1st December	7:00pm-9:00pm	PTA Christmas Wreath Making Evening
Wednesday 2 nd December		Author Visit – Kes Gray
Thursday 3 rd December	9:30am	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Friday 4 th December	9:00am	Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly
Friday 4 th December	4:30pm-6:00pm	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday 9 th December	9:30am	KS1 and EYFS Nativity
Thursday 10 th December	9:30am	KS1 and EYFS Nativity
Monday 14 th December		PTA Elfridges
Wednesday 16 th December		Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17 th December	9:30am	Christmas Service at St Martins Church
Friday 18 th December	9:00am	Learning Awards Assembly
Friday 18 th December		PTA KS1 Father Christmas Visit to school
Friday 18 th December	3:15pm	Christmas Carols by Choir in playground
Monday 21 st December – Monday 4 th January		Christmas Holidays
JANUARY		
Monday 4 th January		Non-pupil Day
Tuesday 5 th January		Return to School
Tuesday 5 th January		Art Enrichment Week
Friday 15 th January		Reports to Parents

FEBRUARY		
Tuesday 9 th February		Safer Internet Day
Friday 12 th February	9:00am	Learning Awards Assembly
Monday 15 th February -19 th February		Half Term
MARCH		
Monday 22 nd February		Return to School
Thursday 4 th March		World Book Day
Tuesday 16 th March	3:40pm-6:30pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 18 th March	3:40pm-6:30pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 24 th March	9:30am (KS1) 10:30am (KS2)	Easter Service at St Martins Church
Friday 26 th March		Bank Holiday
Monday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April		Easter Holidays
Monday 12 th April		Back to School
MAY		
Monday 10 th May – Thursday 13 th May		Year 6 SATS Week
Monday 17 th May		Pentecost day
Tuesday 18 th May	9:30am (KS2) 10:30am (KS1)	Pentecost Service at St Martins Church
Friday 28 th May	9:00am	Learning Awards Assembly
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June		Half Term
JUNE		
Monday 7 th June		Non-pupil Day
Thursday 17 th June	9:30am	Sports Day and Family Picnic
Friday 18 th June		River Chelmer Cricket Competition (Years 5 & 6)
Monday 21 st June – Friday 25 th June		Year 6 Secondary School Transition week
JULY		
Monday 5 th July – Wednesday 7 th July		Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 6 th July		Class Swap – Moving up Day
Thursday 8 th July	9:00am	Year 4 Shakespeare Performance
Monday 12 th July		Reports to Parents
Wednesday 14 th July		Open Evening for Parents
Thursday 15 th July	1:30pm & 6:00pm	Year 6 Production
Friday 16 th July	9:00am	Learning Awards Assembly
Monday 19 th July	9:30am	Bible Service
Tuesday 20 th July	9:00am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 21 st July		Non-pupil Day
Thursday 22 nd July – 31 st August		Summer Holidays
Non-Pupil Days 2026/2027		
Monday 4 th January 2027		Non-pupil Day
Monday 7 th June 2027		Non-pupil Day
Wednesday 21 st July 2027		Non-pupil Day