



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

WEEKLY NEWS

Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence

Autumn Term – Edition 5
9th October 2026



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week at Little Waltham.

Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome prospective new parents to the school. Our prefects did an amazing job talking to our visitors about life at Little Waltham and sharing the things they enjoy most about being part of our school community. They spoke with confidence, enthusiasm and pride and were wonderful ambassadors for the school. Well done to everyone who was involved.

On Wednesday, we hosted a Reading Parent Workshop for parents of children in Years 1–3. Thank you to all the parents who attended; I hope you found the session useful and that it gave you some helpful ideas for supporting reading at home. A particular thank you to Mr Tilsley for organising and delivering the workshop.

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, the children also took part in a live assembly this week, which gave them an opportunity to learn, reflect and think more deeply about Black history, culture and achievements. The assembly encouraged the children to consider the important contributions that Black individuals and communities have made throughout history, while also exploring themes of equality, respect, courage and positive change.

Following the assembly, the children were invited to reflect on what they had learned, what had inspired them and importantly, the messages they wanted to take forward. Their responses were thoughtful, and I wanted to share some of them with you:

- Make sure you stand up for yourself and others if people are unkind. Don't accept racism.
- Anyone from any background, country or nationality can and should follow their dreams.
- Everyone should be valued and included.

- It doesn't matter what you look like on the outside; it's about who you are and how kind you are on the inside.
- We should learn from history and understand how people from different countries and nationalities have helped to build our world.
- Use your voice to stand up for people, not to point out their differences.

It was particularly encouraging to see how clearly the children connected what they had learned with the values we want them to demonstrate in their own lives: showing kindness and respect, valuing others, challenging discrimination and having the courage to use their voices positively.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Stephen Saunders

Headteacher

Little Waltham CEVA Primary School

Prayer for Compassion

Dear God,

Thank You for loving us and showing us kindness every day.

Help us to open our hearts to others, to notice when someone is sad or lonely, and to offer a smile, a kind word, or a helping hand.

Teach us to be gentle and caring, just as Jesus was compassionate to everyone He met.

May our school be a place where love and kindness grow, and where everyone feels valued and cared for.

Amen.



Work of the Week

Friday 9th October 2026



Ash Class Work of the Week

Olivia has worked really hard with her maths learning this week. She was enthusiastic and wanted to extend her learning and understanding of numbers to 10.

Chestnut Class Work of the Week

Arlo for a creative solution to help the mouse escape the Lion; and some super sentences too!



Elm Class Work of the Week

Tino for an excellent still life drawing using pencils and pastels. He included detail and shading.

Sycamore Class Work of the Week

Well done Ben for taking risks, working independently and being creative in your Theseus and the Minotaur newspaper report.

Also, for your fabulous joined handwriting!

Early yesterday morning, the strong and vicious man, Theseus, the warrior, slayed the terrifying minotaur who had been munching up tragic young Athenians for decades.

Monday 5th October 2023
I.O. to write paragraphs for a newspaper report including cohesive devices

Reports suggest that the feared warrior Theseus, was keen to slay the menacing minotaur because over 40 years the poor Athenians feared being eaten by the monstrous minotaur and for every 1 year 2 of these Athenians get sacrificed.

Inside was cold, damp and quiet, as Theseus was venturing through the labyrinth he spotted the enormous, ancient beast.

80 Eyewitnesses suggest that inside the cold, damp and quiet and also they said that Theseus found the enormous ancient beast.

Witnesses claim the creature roared angrily and charged towards him. A fierce battle followed.

Tuesday 6th October 2023

I.O. to edit, improve and redraft a newspaper report

According to witnesses, Theseus stabbed the minotaur in the head and killed him. Theseus ran back using the string to emerge to tell them that he killed the minotaur and everyone was united with happiness.

happiness

Tuesday 6th October 2023

I.O. to write a newspaper report using varied sentence structures

It was said that King Minos and Ariadne and a minotaur gave Theseus a ball of thread and a magic sword. So, the courageous fighter Theseus ventured into the deep dark chamber of the labyrinth.

Willow Class Work of the Week

Elsie

A lovely piece of writing for our writing challenge. You worked so hard to use the different grammar features, independently work on your spellings and your presentation is fantastic!

The wind howled through the the street
In the distance, the sky looked
like fire in flames
In the shadow of the dark
The fox howled low
Flicking flames pined the distance
On the empty streets the fox cycled
The sky is as bright as the
fire

The car crashed and bang in the
old shop and they scared sixty sashings



Each number relates to a different grammar skill. Roll the dice. You must then write a sentence about this image that includes that grammar skill.

1. Expanded noun phrase
2. Subordinate clause
3. Alliteration
4. Fronted adverbial
5. Simile
6. Personification
7. Onomatopoeia
8. Prepositional phrase
9. Modal verb

empty howled empty howled empty howled empty howled empty howled

AWARDS

	Value Award	Super Skill Award	Work of the week
Ash	Perseverance Isabelle for working hard with her writing and phonics.	Compassion Flo is a kind and helpful member of her class who is always polite.	Olivia has worked really hard with her maths learning this week. She was enthusiastic and wanted to extend her learning and understanding of numbers to 10.
Chestnut	Courage Sienna who always chooses the right choice even when it may not seem popular and always working your hardest.	Perseverance Jackson For working hard and putting in lots of effort to all his learning this week.	Arlo for a creative solution to help the mouse escape the Lion; and some super sentences too!
Elm	Courage Violet W for always being respectful and working hard in lessons.	Perseverance Christo for working hard at his mathematics this week and not giving up.	Tino for some excellent still life drawings. 😊
Maple	Forgiveness Gracie for accepting the apology of a friend so readily.	Perseverance Rose as Mrs Caulder tells me she has noticed you digging in this week when things have been tricky.	Isabella for writing a great portal story using Stone Age Boy as inspiration. Some great similes and fantastic vocabulary.
Oak	Perseverance Jimmy for working hard on his writing and taking on board feedback.	Compassion Emmie for being kind and helpful in class this week and offering to do some jobs 😊	Albert for some amazing writing. He is working so hard towards his targets and listens carefully to the feedback he is being given. 😊
Sycamore	Perseverance Lilly for always, always, always working hard, trying her best and having a great attitude!	Courage Elson for always having the courage to try out new ideas, engage in class discussions and debates, and work to move his learning forward.	Ben for taking risks, working independently and being creative in your Theseus and the Minotaur newspaper report. Also- fabulous joined handwriting!
Willow	Courage Stevie for contributing so many of your brilliant ideas to so many of our discussions now – I love seeing how much your confidence has come on!	Perseverance Sanav you are always so determined to challenge yourself and improve.	Elsie for a lovely piece of writing for our writing challenge. You worked so hard to use the different grammar features, independently work on your spellings and your presentation is just fantastic!



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
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Everyone
is welcome!



Social Media:

What are children talking about?



New data from Childline shows the social media platforms most frequently mentioned by children, in the year to **March 2026**.

Here for every childhood

Top 5 social media platforms mentioned by children



Across the top 10 platforms and apps, there were more than **5,500** mentions.



What do the numbers mean?

These figures do not mean there were 1,781 cases of harm caused by TikTok or other platforms.

The numbers come from keyword searches of Childline counsellors' free-text case notes and include a mix of positive, neutral and negative experiences.



Key concerns for children on TikTok



Mental health



Online sexual abuse and exploitation



Wider digital behaviour

These were among the most common concerns raised by children when talking about TikTok.

How to help children stay safe online



Talk openly

Have regular conversations about what they do online.



Use safety settings

Make sure privacy and safety settings are in place.



Encourage balance

Support time offline too.



Be aware

Know which apps they use and understand the risks.



Get support

If they're worried about something online, Childline is there to help.



Read the full NSPCC article
Childline: Top social platforms 2026

www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2026/childline-top-social-platforms/



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Chat online
at childline.org.uk



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation.

1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

4 NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT



- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

*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



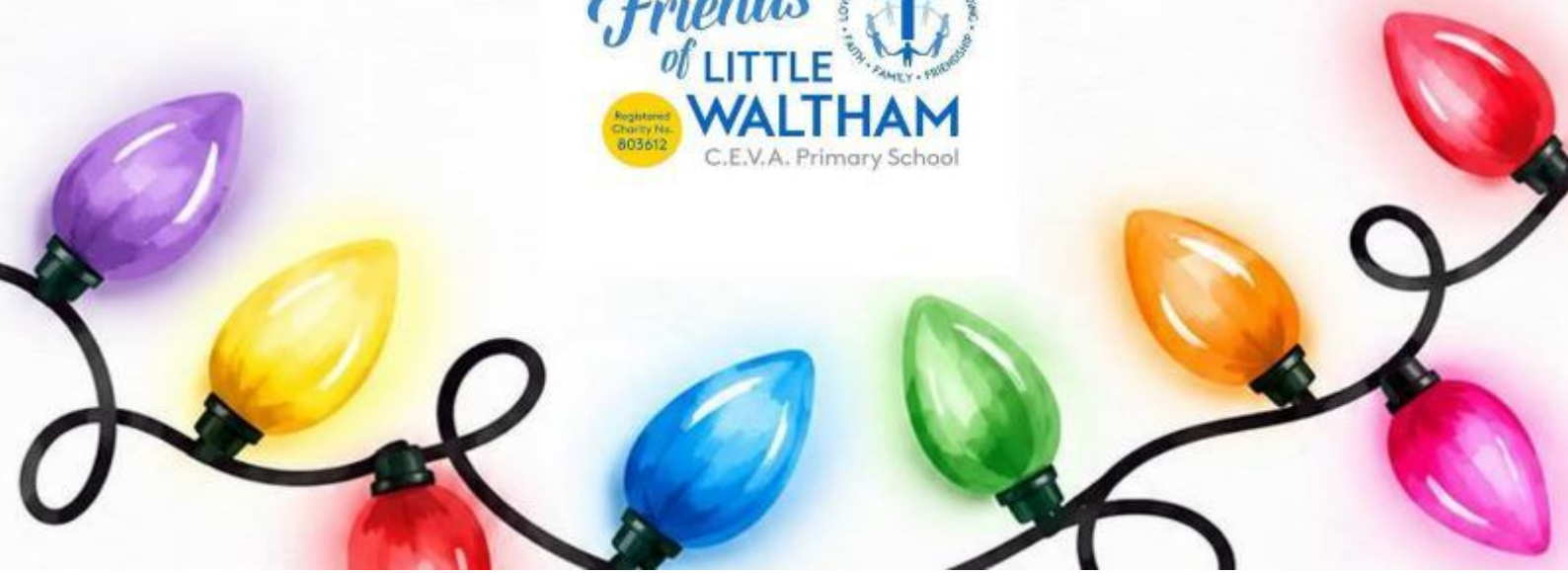
Save the Date!

FOR OUR

Christmas Bazaar

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2026

4.30PM - 6.30PM





CLASS DOJO CHAMPIONS

09/10/2026



ASH – ALFRED

CHESTNUT - EFFY

ELM – NELLIE

MAPLE – MATILDA

OAK – MASON

SYCAMORE – FLORENCE

WILLOW – BENJAMIN

Dates for the Diary

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

OCTOBER		
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
Wednesday 4 th November		Clothing Collection Day
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 1 st 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-6:30pm	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 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