



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

WEEKLY NEWS

Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence

Autumn Term – Edition 1
11th September 2026



@LittleWalthamPS



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful first week back at Little Waltham. The children have settled into their new classes superbly well, and it has been lovely to see them return with such enthusiasm and positivity. We are very proud of how confidently they have started the new academic year.

Next week, we will be welcoming parents into school for our class welcome meetings with your child's new class teacher. These meetings will provide an opportunity to find out more about class routines, expectations and learning for the year ahead. Year 1 will meet on Monday, Year 2 on Tuesday, Year 3 on Wednesday, Year 4 on Thursday and Year 5 on Friday. All meetings will begin at 9.00am and will last approximately 20 minutes. Following each meeting, the presentation and key information will also be uploaded to the relevant class page on the school website for parents who are unable to attend or would like to refer back to it.

This academic year, we are continuing to develop the way we communicate and share learning with families. Each class will use the Class Story section of ClassDojo to share homework, updates from the classroom and information about upcoming school events. We will also be launching our Aspiration and Challenge Homework for pupils who would like to take part. These additional activities are designed to encourage children to extend their learning, explore their interests and challenge themselves beyond their usual homework. Details will be available both on the class page of the school website and through the Class Story on ClassDojo.

Next week, we will also be appointing our new School Council representatives. Pupils from Year 1 to 6 who would like to stand for election will have the opportunity to give a short talk to their class explaining why they would make an excellent School Council representative and how they believe they could make a positive difference to our school. This is always a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their confidence, share their ideas and take an active role in school life, and we are looking forward to hearing their speeches.

Finally, a huge thank you to all our families for supporting today's school fete. The children have been looking forward to it enormously, and events such as this are such an important and enjoyable part of our school community. A very special thank you must also go to our wonderful PTA members, who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to organise the event. We are extremely grateful for the time, energy and commitment they give to supporting our school and our children.

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

Mr S Saunders

Kind Regards

Stephen Saunders

Headteacher

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 11th September 2026



Ash Class Work of the Week

Molly has had a great first week at school and has really tried hard with her self-portrait. She listened well to the instructions. We are very proud of her.

Chestnut Class Work of the Week

Indi for a wonderful picture with lots of detail and a great sentence to match.

Well done Superstar!



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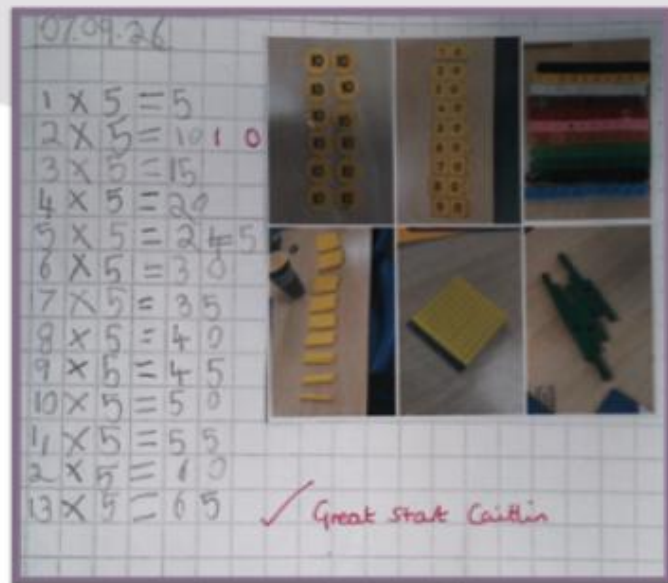
Elm Class Work of the Week

Alexander for working hard at his writing this week. He used some different sentence starters to write sentences about our story.

Well done Alexander!

Maple Class Work of the Week

Caitlin has really impressed us with her presentation and hard work in Mathematics this week. She has had a couple of "wow" moments when she thought she couldn't do it but persevered and did do it!



Oak Class

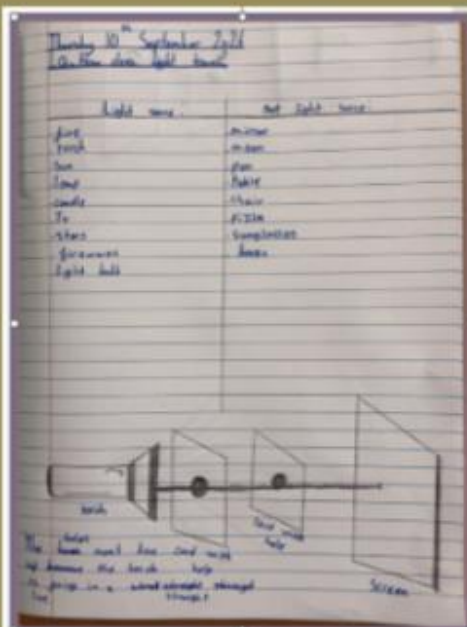
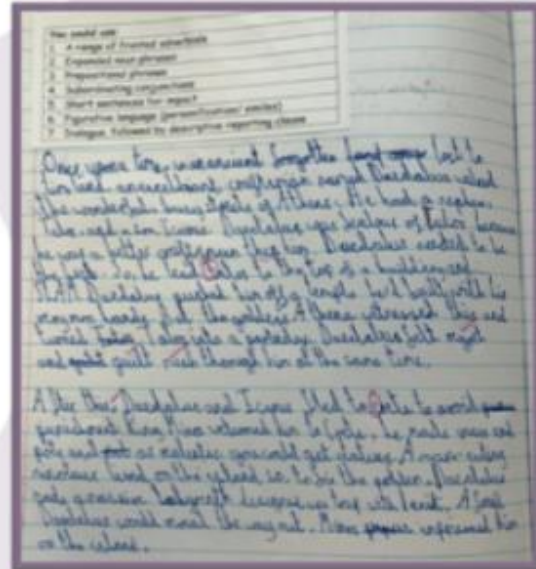
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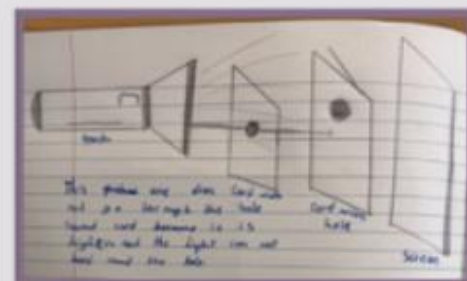
Sycamore Class Work of the Week

Well done **Jake** for your excellent writing throughout the week, particularly your re-telling of the Greek myth of Daedalus and **Icarus**.



Willow Class Work of the Week

Ivy for some fantastic diagrams in science showing how light travels in straight lines.



AWARDS

	Value Award	Super Skill Award	Work of the week
Ash	Compassion All of Ash Class for showing kindness to others during their first week of school.	Courage All of Ash Class for trying new things and having a go. We are very proud of you!	Molly had a great first week at school and really tried hard with her self-portrait. She listened well to the instructions and produced a great piece of work. We are very proud of her.
Chestnut	Compassion Niamh for looking out for her friends and encouraging everyone to be included.	Perseverance Thoma for working hard in everything he does and always trying his best!	Indi for a great picture with lots of detail and a wonderful sentence to match. Well done Superstar!
Elm	Perseverance Henry for working hard in mathematics this week.	Courage Nellie for being brave and attempting lots of tricky work.	Alexander for some excellent English work.
Maple	Compassion Rayan for picking up other people's belongings and keeping our classroom safe and tidy.	Courage Cenk for having the courage to ignore distractions and always doing the right thing.	Caitlin for her hard work and presentation in maths this week, well done!
Oak	Perseverance Albert for having an amazing start to year 4. You are always ready to learn 😊	Perseverance Mason for some excellent work in English. Pushing himself to get lots of work completed. 😊	Annabelle for an excellent diagram in Geography to show the features of a River
Sycamore	Perseverance Ben for having an excellent attitude to Year 5. You are working hard, giving everything a go and doing brilliantly!	Perseverance George for a wonderful, focused start to Year 5. Excellent attitude in class, contributing to our discussions and taking pride in your work.	Jake for a fantastic and engaging re-telling of the Greek myth of Daedalus and Icarus.
Willow	Compassion Prerana for being such an amazingly supportive and helpful member of our school. Such a role model to others!	Perseverance Joshua for beginning Year 6 with such a fantastic attitude and trying your absolute hardest.	Ivy For some fantastic diagrams in science showing how light travels in straight lines.



PRE LOVED UNIFORM SALE & COFFEE MORNING

JOIN US ON FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER
FROM 9:30am ONWARDS

EVERYONE WELCOME,
UNIFORM AVAILABLE FOR ALL SCHOOL AGES.

AT
THE BARN, ST MARTIN'S CHURCH,
BROOK HILL, LITTLE WALTHAM

See you there



JOIN US FOR THE AGM



Wednesday September 23rd, 2026
At 6PM
AT : LITTLE WALTHAM SCHOOL

Everyone Welcome

Please join us to vote for Committee positions
and plans for the year ahead.



CLASS DOJO CHAMPIONS

11/09/2026



ASH – ALL OF ASH

CHESTNUT- JENSON

ELM – OLIVE

MAPLE – BERTIE

OAK – CHARLIE M

SYCAMORE – EMELIA

WILLOW – PRERANA & COLE

Dates for the Diary

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

SEPTEMBER		
Friday 11 th September	3:15pm-6:15pm	Summer Fete & Inflatables
Friday 11 th September	9:00am	Year 6 Welcome and Curriculum Meeting
Monday 14 th September	9:00am	Year 1 Welcome and Curriculum Meeting
Tuesday 15 th September	9:00am	Year 2 Welcome and Curriculum Meeting
Wednesday 16 th September	9:00am	Year 3 Welcome and Curriculum Meeting
Thursday 17 th September	9:00am	Year 4 Welcome and Curriculum Meeting
Friday 18 th September	9:00am	Year 5 Welcome and Curriculum Meeting
Friday 18 th September	9:30am (at The Barn, St Martins Church)	PTA Coffee Morning & Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Wednesday 23 rd September	6:00pm (at LWPS)	PTA Annual General Meeting
Thursday 24 th September	9:00am	Headteacher Coffee Morning with Parents
Monday 28 th September	2:00pm	Reception Welcome Meeting & Phonics Meeting
OCTOBER		
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
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
Tuesday 10 th November	9:30am & 5:45pm	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 11 th November	9:00am	Pupil Remembrance Day Service
DECEMBER		
Thursday 3 rd December	9:30am	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Friday 4 th December	9:00am	Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly
Wednesday 9 th December	9:30am	KS1 and EYFS Nativity
Thursday 10 th December	9:30am	KS1 and EYFS Nativity
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	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