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

WEEKLY NEWS

Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence

Autumn Term – Edition 7 (Half Term)
23rd October 2026

@LittleWalthamPS

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a good final week of the half term at Little Waltham.

Firstly, thank you to all parents and carers who attended our parent consultations on Tuesday or Thursday this week. We hope you found the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher valuable and that it gave you an insight into their progress, achievements and next steps in learning.

At the beginning of the week, our Year 6 pupils took part in two days of Bikeability training. Throughout the sessions, the children developed their cycling skills, learnt how to navigate roads safely and gained a greater understanding of how to be responsible and confident cyclists. It was a fantastic experience for them and we were particularly proud of their positive attitudes, enthusiasm and the progress they made over the two days.

On Thursday morning, our Year 5 and 6 pupils participated in workshops delivered by Essex Police and Fire Service, focusing on protected characteristics, discrimination and hate crime. These sessions provided an important opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of equality, diversity and the importance of treating everyone with dignity and respect. The workshops encouraged pupils to reflect on how their words and actions can affect others and reinforced our values of kindness, inclusion and respect.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the aspiration and challenge homework. All projects should be submitted by Tuesday 3rd November to be part of the exhibition in the hall on Wednesday 4th November.

Finally, on Friday, we celebrated our half-termly Learning Awards, recognising children who have consistently demonstrated an outstanding attitude towards their learning throughout the half term. A huge well done to all pupils who received an award – you should be very proud of your achievements! I hope everyone has a wonderful, restful half-term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd November.

Kind Regards

Stephen Saunders

Headteacher

Prayer for Courage

Dear God,

Thank You for always being with us.
When we feel nervous or afraid,
help us to be brave and strong.



Give us courage to try new things,
to speak up for what is right,
and to keep going even when it's hard.

May we remember that You walk with us
every day,
and that Your love gives us strength.

Amen.

Learning Awards



Ash Class
AMELIA

Chestnut Class
AMBER

Elm Class
HENRY

Maple Class
ALBIE

Oak Class
MASON

Sycamore Class
DAKOTA

Willow Class
MOMORE

ESSEX POLICE & FIRE WORKSHOP







Dear Parents/Carers,

Our ProStrike Football Fundraising Event is next week!

Every pupil will take on the ProStrike Speed Challenge – testing the power of their strike against the inflatable ProStrike goal. Each child will come home with a certificate, and there are brilliant prizes to be won for fundraising efforts.

Please support our school by making a donation online: www.prostrikeevents.co.uk/pay-online (search our school name)

Your support will help us raise valuable funds for resources that benefit every child.

Thank you for helping us make this a day to remember!

Little Waltham
CEVA Primary School

A small school with a big hear

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

Piano Lessons at School

Space available for new pupils!



When?

On a Tuesday
during school time.

How to book?

Bookable through Essex County Council:
https://www.essexmusicservice.org.uk/site/music-information-for-parents/music-lessons-in-school/

or contact the school office for further information.

More information and cost can be found on the link.

Could you be eligible for a discount?

Families on a low income may be able to get a 60% discount on lesson fees, this is something we can check in the school office.

THE LITTLE RECYCLERS

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

The Friends of Little Waltham C.E.V.A. Primary School

Registered Charity No. 803612



CLASS DOJO CHAMPIONS
23/10/2026



ASH – TOBY

CHESTNUT - JACKSON

ELM – CHRISTO

MAPLE – HARRY

OAK – ANNABELLE

SYCAMORE – RALPH & JAKE

WILLOW – MOMORE



CLASS DOJO CHAMPIONS
OVERALL WINNERS FOR AUTUMN HALF-TERM
23/10/2026



ASH – ALFRED

CHESTNUT - SIENNA

ELM – OLIVER

MAPLE – EMILY

OAK – ALBERT

SYCAMORE - EMELIA

WILLOW – COLE

Dates for the Diary

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

OCTOBER		
Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October		Half Term
NOVEMBER		
Monday 2nd November		Return to School
Wednesday 4th November		Fundraising Clothing Collection Day
Wednesday 4th November	3:15pm	Aspiration & Challenge Exhibition
Friday 6th November		ProStrike Football Event at LWPS
Tuesday 10th November	9:30am & 5:45pm	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 11th November	9:00am	Pupil Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday 18th November	1:30pm-3:00pm	Our Community, Our Careers Event (KS2)
Friday 20th November		PTA Non-uniform Day & Donation Day
Tuesday 24th November	9:30am	EYFS & Year 6 Height & Weight National Measurement Programme
Friday 27th November		PTA Teddy Donation Day
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 1st December	7:00pm-9:00pm	PTA Christmas Wreath Making Evening
Wednesday 2nd December		Author Visit – Kes Gray
Thursday 3rd December	9:30am	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Friday 4th December	9:00am	Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly
Friday 4th December	4:30pm-6:30pm	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday 9th December	9:30am	KS1 and EYFS Nativity
Thursday 10th December	9:30am	KS1 and EYFS Nativity
Monday 14th December		PTA Elfridges
Wednesday 16th December		Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17th December	9:30am	Christmas Service at St Martins Church
Friday 18th December	9:00am	Learning Awards Assembly
Friday 18th December		PTA Father Christmas Visit to School
Friday 18th December	3:15pm	Christmas Carols by Choir in playground
Monday 21st December – Monday 4th January		Christmas Holidays
JANUARY		
Monday 4th January		Non-pupil Day
Tuesday 5th January		Return to School
Tuesday 5th January		Art Enrichment Week
Friday 15th January		Reports to Parents
FEBRUARY		
Tuesday 9th February		Safer Internet Day
Friday 12th February	9:00am	Learning Awards Assembly
Monday 15th February -19th February		Half Term
MARCH		
Monday 22nd February		Return to School
Thursday 4th March		World Book Day

Tuesday 16th March	3:40pm-6:30pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 18th March	3:40pm-6:30pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 24th March	9:30am (KS1) 10:30am (KS2)	Easter Service at St Martins Church
Friday 26th March		Bank Holiday
Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April		Easter Holidays
Monday 12th April		Back to School
MAY		
Monday 10th May – Thursday 13th May		Year 6 SATS Week
Friday 14th May		Willow Class Trip – Wilderness Foundation
Monday 17th May		Pentecost day
Tuesday 18th May	9:30am (KS2) 10:30am (KS1)	Pentecost Service at St Martins Church
Friday 21st May		Sycamore Class Trip – Wilderness Foundation
Friday 28th May	9:00am	Learning Awards Assembly
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June		Half Term
JUNE		
Monday 7th June		Non-pupil Day
Friday 11th June		Maple Class Trip – Wilderness Foundation
Thursday 17th June	9:30am	Sports Day and Family Picnic
Friday 18th June		River Chelmer Cricket Competition (Years 5 & 6)
Friday 18th June		Oak Class Wilderness Foundation
Monday 21st June – Friday 25th June		Year 6 Secondary School Transition week
Friday 25th June		Elm Class Trip – Wilderness Foundation
JULY		
Friday 2nd July		Chestnut Class Trip – Wilderness Foundation
Monday 5th July – Wednesday 7th July		Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 6th July		Class Swap – Moving up Day
Thursday 8th July	9:00am	Year 4 Shakespeare Performance
Friday 9th July		Reception Ash Class Trip – Wilderness Foundation
Monday 12th July		Reports to Parents
Wednesday 14th July		Open Evening for Parents
Thursday 15th July	1:30pm & 6:00pm	Year 6 Production
Friday 16th July	9:00am	Learning Awards Assembly
Monday 19th July	9:30am	Bible Service
Tuesday 20th July	9:00am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 21st July		Non-pupil Day
Thursday 22nd July – 31st August		Summer Holidays
Non-Pupil Days 2026/2027		
Monday 4th January 2027		Non-pupil Day
Monday 7th June 2027		Non-pupil Day
Wednesday 21st July 2027		Non-pupil Day