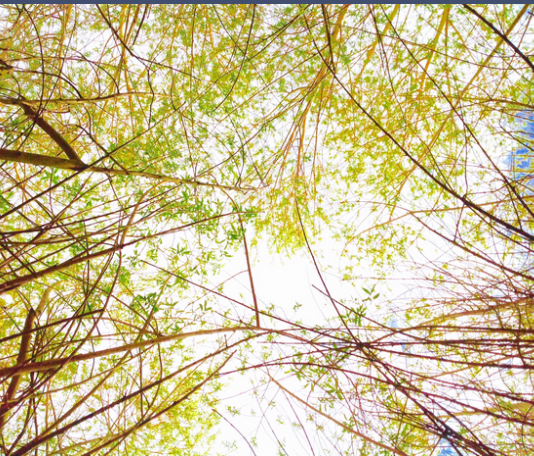


# ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS



THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ST PAUL'S WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS ADSHEAD

We have had a few enquiries from parents this week regarding when pupils will be able to mix again with other classes at breaktime. Unfortunately, the Government has only slightly altered the guidance to schools and for Primary settings there is virtually no change. We like many of you are frustrated that the changes in the wider community does not seem to match what is happening in school. We will keep you updated should the guidance change further.

I would like to remind parents and guardians of our expectations around packed lunches and breaktime snacks. We are a nut free school, we have several children with severe nut allergies. If your child has food that contains nuts it will be removed from their packed lunch and substituted with a school lunch if appropriate. We also request that pupils lunch boxes do not contain chocolate bars or packets of sweets. Pupils in all classes are able to bring in a health snack consisting of a piece of fruit or a vegetable snack. No other snacks are allowed at breaktime.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

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*Remember!*

A PERSON  
WHO NEVER  
MADE A  
MISTAKE,  
NEVER  
TRIED  
ANYTHING  
NEW

Albert Einstein

# LEARNING IN THE WILLOWS

The children in the Willows have been thinking about what makes them happy when they are sad. We would like to share their comments and wonderful art work.



*Touching a dragonfly'. I like this because it tickles my finger.*

*By James*



*This is when I'm building a rocket ship with a red piece of paper and white piece of paper and using sellotape to stick them together. I feel happy because I like how it looks when I've finished it.*

*By Hugo*



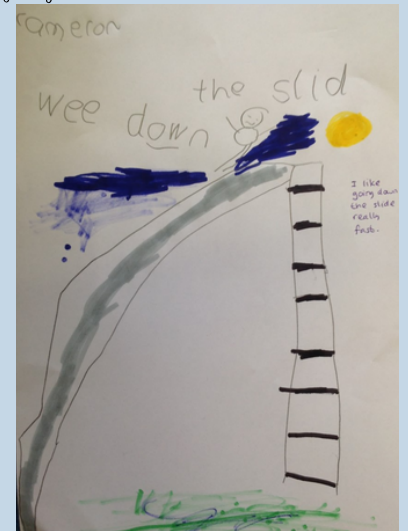
*This is me outside looking up at a rainbow.*

*By Beau*



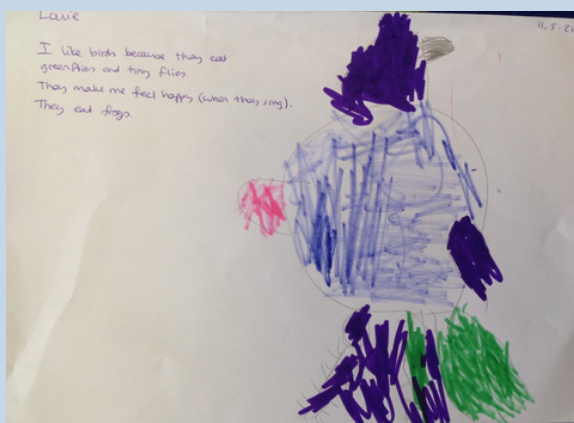
*I like listening to the birds and this is a bird flying and singing. It's a robin*

*By Bella*



*I like going down the slide really fast.*

*By Cameron*



*I like birds because they eat greenflies and tiny flies. They make me feel happy (when they sing).*

*By Louie*



*I like seeing a rainbow because it's really colourful. This is my Daddy, my Mummy and my sisiter is in my Mummy's tummy – I like hugging with them.*

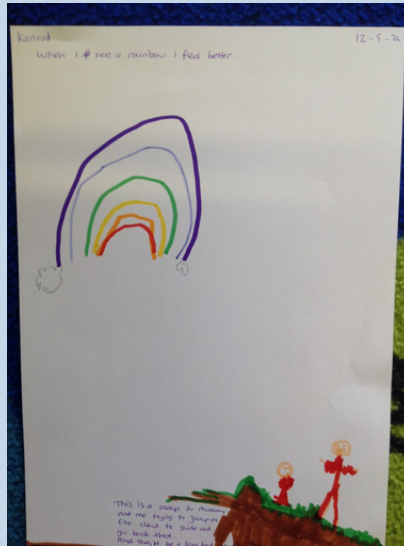
*By Faeleen*



# LEARNING IN THE WILLOWS



Rainbows – they are made out of rain and sun.  
When I see a rainbow I feel happy.  
By Finn



When I see a rainbow, I feel better.  
By Konrad



I feel happy because I like splashing in puddles. I like the wet grass because it feels really wet. I love my path. We've got our cows back in the field and they stay close to the path.

By Lilly



My Mummy is giving me a hug. I feel good.

By Monty



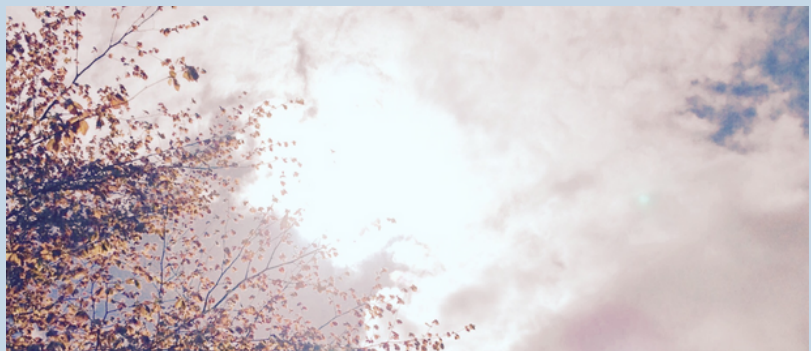
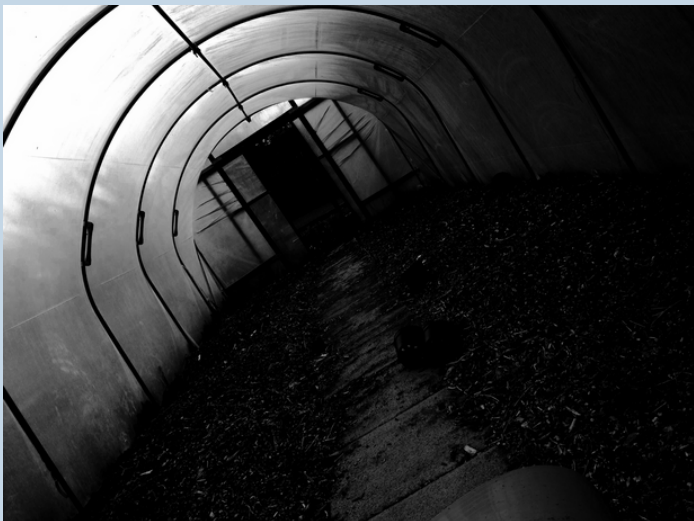
It's on the bench. It's eating the tree. I like this bird because it's quick.

By Lucy



# LEARNING IN THE SILVER BIRCHES

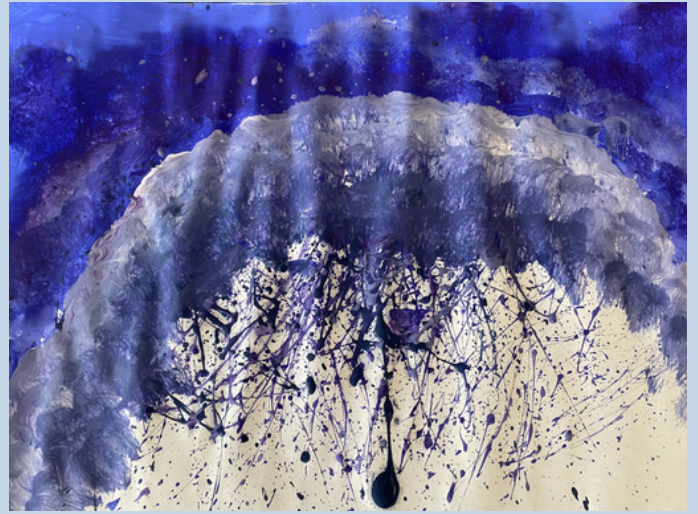
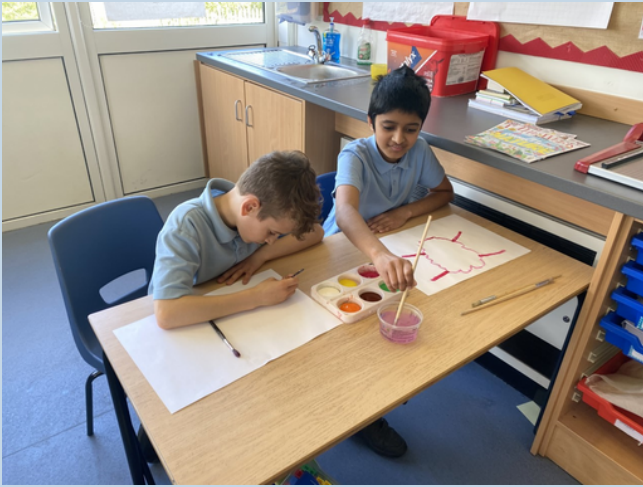
The pupils in Silver Birches have been taking photographs around our grounds. As part of Mental Health Awareness Week the children edited the pictures to create an artistic representation of their chosen emotion. We have been amazed by the work that they have produced. They have used their finished pictures to produce an assembly that they have shared with the school. Take a look on Google Classroom or the website to see all the photograph's.





# LEARNING IN THE OAKS

Oaks used their creative abilities and painted representations of emotions as part of our learning during Mental Health Week. We discussed the connection between our emotions and behaviours and explored strategies to support us in regulating our feelings. Here are some of our completed pieces - can you guess what emotion they represent?



# TERM DATES 2020/2021

## Summer Term 2021

**School starts:** Tuesday 13th April  
**Half Term:** **Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June**  
**Last day of term:** Wednesday 21st July **finishing at 2pm**  
**Inset Days:** Monday 12th April & Thursday 22nd July  
**Bank Holiday:** **Monday 3rd May**

# TERM DATES 2021/2022

## Autumn Term 2021

**School starts:** Thursday 2nd September  
**Half Term:** **Monday 25th to Friday 29th October**  
**Last day of term:** Tuesday 21st December **finishing at 2pm**  
**Occasional Day:** **Monday 22nd November**  
**Inset Days:** Wednesday 1st September & Friday 19th November

## Spring Term 2022

**School starts:** Thursday 6th January  
**Half Term:** **Monday 14th to Friday 18th February**  
**Last day of term:** Friday 1st April **finishing at 2pm**  
**Inset Days:** Wednesday 5th January

## Summer Term 2022

**School starts:** Wednesday 20th April  
**Half Term:** **Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June**  
**Last day of term:** Friday 22nd July **finishing at 2pm**  
**Inset Days:** Tuesday 19th April & Monday 6th June  
**Bank Holiday:** **Monday 2nd May**

# CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

For general enquiries, report of an absence or to inform the school of pupil collection arrangements please contact the school office by email:

[admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk) or telephone on: 01438 871241.

The office is open between the hours of 8:30am and 4pm during term time only.



# FARMVENTION COMPETITION

Farmvention competition Herts Showground have asked schools to share a link to <https://www.farmvention.com/> (where farming meets invention) which is a national STEM competition run by NFU Education and aimed at children aged 5 – 14 (school years 1 - 9) in England and Wales.

This year, the challenge is all about the problems that climate change creates for British farmers and how they are fighting it to become climate superheroes. There is a host of amazing prizes for the winning schools. Winners will present their ideas at a prestigious event at the Houses of Parliament and win £1,000 for their school to spend on STEM or outdoor learning equipment! All entrants will become certified 'farmventors' and receive a reward pack including a certificate and mini prize. Entries for the competition close on **Monday 31st May 2021**.





# Community Wardrobe Junior Uniform



**HITCHIN  
VOLUNTEER  
ARMY**

## Need uniform?

We can provide good quality secondhand uniform to Juniors at Hitchin Schools for free if they meet our criteria. We also have some generic uniforms that may be suitable for schools in the North Herts area in general.

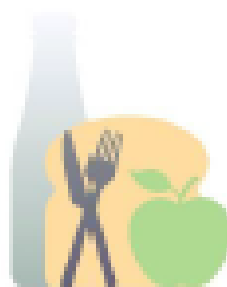
Families who maybe vulnerable and/or in need of financial help can request uniform through our referring agencies. You can find a list of them at our website below or email us.

[www.hitchinvolunteerarmy.org.uk](http://www.hitchinvolunteerarmy.org.uk)

[hitchin\\_vol\\_army@hotmail.com](mailto:hitchin_vol_army@hotmail.com)



# HITCHIN FOOD PROVISION



Hitchin Food Provision continue to support individuals and families with supermarket vouchers.

We have funding thanks to donations and grants to help those impacted financially due to changes in employment status as a direct result of Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions.

It is easy to apply, please check you meet the criteria below and contact us by email. We can call you back if you wish to discuss or you are not able to access the form.

## Criteria

- Anyone who has been impacted by furlough, loss of employment or reduction in hours as a result of Covid-19 restrictions and not in receipt of Universal Credits/benefits.
- Anyone living in Hitchin.
- Anyone who is self-employed and cannot claim from the Governments self-employed income support scheme.

Contact us for an application form:

[foodprovision-hitchin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk](mailto:foodprovision-hitchin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk)

*Please pass this on to anyone you know who may need some extra help.*

# HERTFORDSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE

Registration now open  
for lessons from  
September 2021!



## Instrumental and vocal lessons

Hertfordshire Music Lessons are available during the school day at over 330 schools in Hertfordshire.

We also provide lessons in the evening and on the weekends at our 12 music centres across the county, check where your nearest one is at [hertsmusicservice.org.uk/music-centres](https://hertsmusicservice.org.uk/music-centres).

For lessons in most schools, please enrol directly with HMS at [hertsmusicservice.org.uk/register](https://hertsmusicservice.org.uk/register).

We offer various lesson types and durations, please talk to your school about what they can facilitate.

Remission of Fees is available to pupils receiving certain benefits. Generous financial support is available to help with the cost of lessons.

For full details and to see what fee assistance you could receive, visit [hertsmusicservice.org.uk/remission/](https://hertsmusicservice.org.uk/remission/).



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