

# ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS

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



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS ADSHEAD

The children have been very busy electing School Council members and House Captains .

Well done to Jonty and Ronnie in the Willows, Liv, Hayden, Louie and James in the Rowans, Harry J, Sami, Henry C and Hunter in Silver Birches and Daya, Elana, Charlotte and Melchi in the Oaks Class for being elected as councillors! I look forward to hearing your views and the opinions and thoughts from your class mates.

Congratulations to our House Captains this year who are as follows;

Unicorns - Elana and Nathaniel  
Phoenix - Arthur and Freddie  
Dragons - Sophie and Rosie  
Griffins - Teah and Matthew

As the sunny weather comes to an end and we head towards autumn, please could you ensure that your child brings in a coat so that they can go outside even if it is raining! I would also like to remind parents that pupils are able to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable snack only for breaktime.



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# SCHOOL PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Now that we have all settled back to the new normal, we have returned to the normal start and finish times that were in place pre Covid. Our gates will be open from 8:40am where the pupils can line up on the playground. School staff will be on the playground from 8:45am and we will open the school to the pupils from 8:50am where teachers will take the pupils into the school at this time. Pupils can arrive up until 9.00am before having to enter the school via the school office. I would like to stress how important it is to try to get your children to school as close to 8:50am as possible. This is when classes will start their reading sessions. It also ensures that all pupils are ready for their first whole class lesson that starts promptly at 9.00am.

Due to the curriculum expectations and recommended length of time spent on each subject our pupils need to be learning until 3:15pm. This is what Ofsted will expect to see when they return. It is also important that we maximise learning time, ensuring each child has every opportunity to learn the skills necessary to progress through the curriculum.

I know that some parents will want their children to be out of class before this time however, this is the normal time that our school day ended prior to Covid. We will endeavor to ensure that the children are out as close to 3:15pm as possible but as I am sure you are aware this is not always possible when you have up to 30 pupils all looking for their book bags, coats, water bottles, lunchboxes etc at the same time. We would like to thank you all for your understanding while we are practicing doing this as quickly as we can.

## PUPIL PLANNERS

We would like to thank all the parents and carers who have supported the school by making a voluntary contribution towards the pupil planners. If you have not yet contributed and would like to, please log in to your Arbor account. Thank you for your continued support.

The planners are vital to all pupils across the school and they are a vital link between home and school. The school staff will write in the planner when they read with your child and we would also like you to do the same. This ensures that we are supporting your child in the best way possible. Pupils in Key Stage 2 can write in the planners themselves to record when they read along with a comment about the book. Each pupil will have a target that they are working on and this will change regularly. It is our hope that this will enable you to support your child at home and allow you to see what they are working on.

It is also extremely helpful when pupils complete the section about what they have enjoyed and what they have found hard each week. This is a good way to let the class teacher know and conversations can then be had around these comments and support put in place to ensure pupils are confident with a specific topic.

Teachers will sign the planners each week and we would kindly request that you do the same. Pupils can earn gold cards for using their planners and having them signed by a grown up.

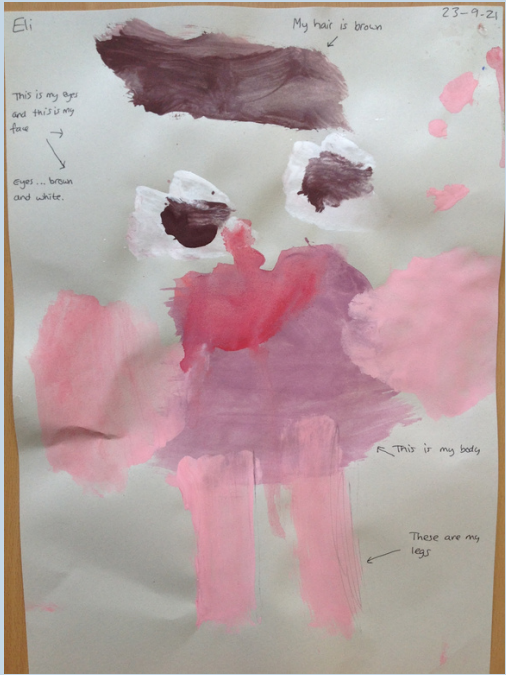
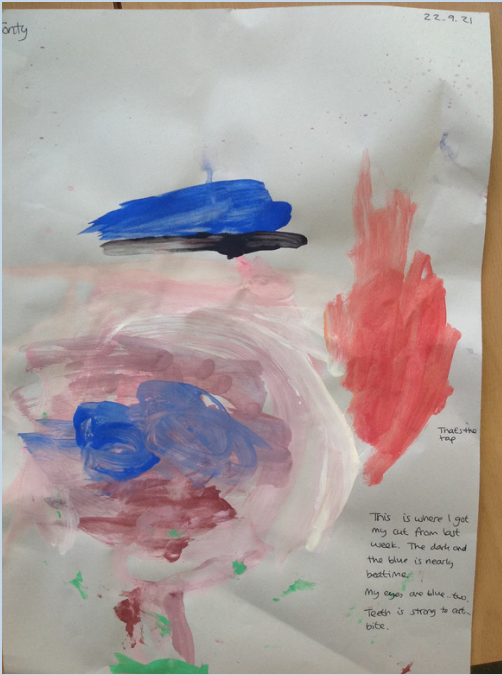
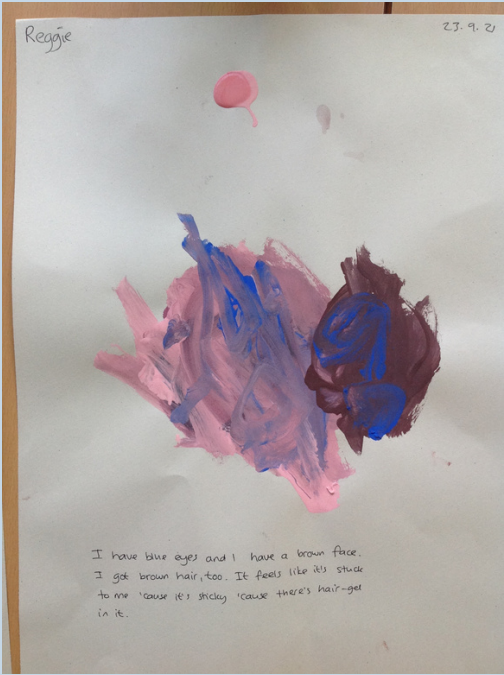
Should you require any further information please speak to the class teachers or the school office who will be able to help you.



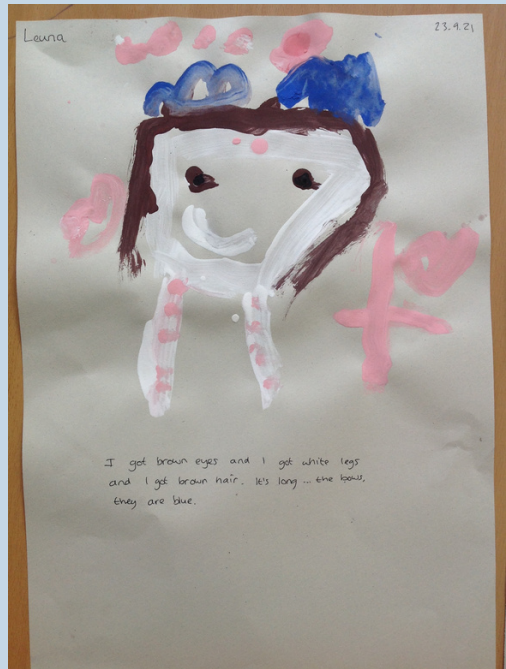
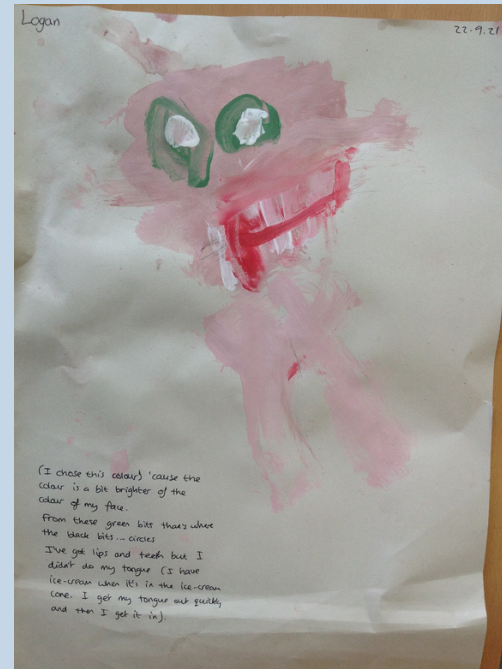
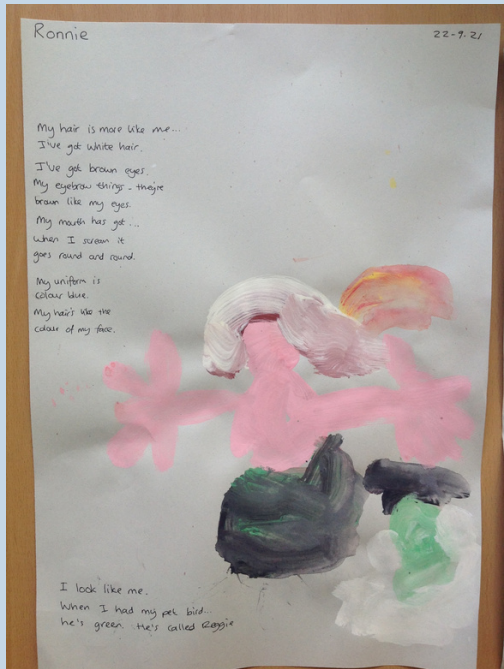


# LEARNING IN THE WILLOWS

In Willows this week, the children have been doing their self portraits, carefully observing their faces in the mirror so that they can think about the appropriate colours of their skin, eyes and hair, and where to position them. They were also able to talk about some of their facial features.



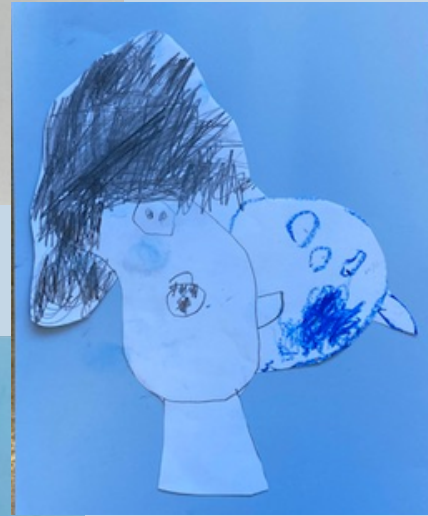
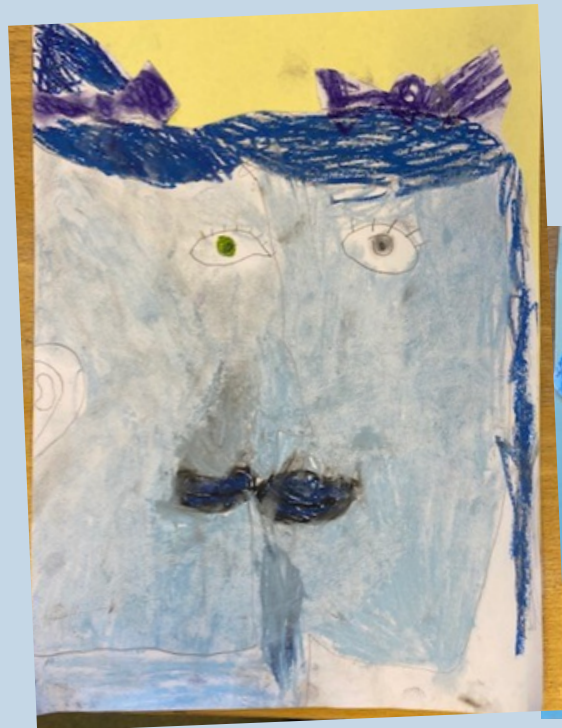
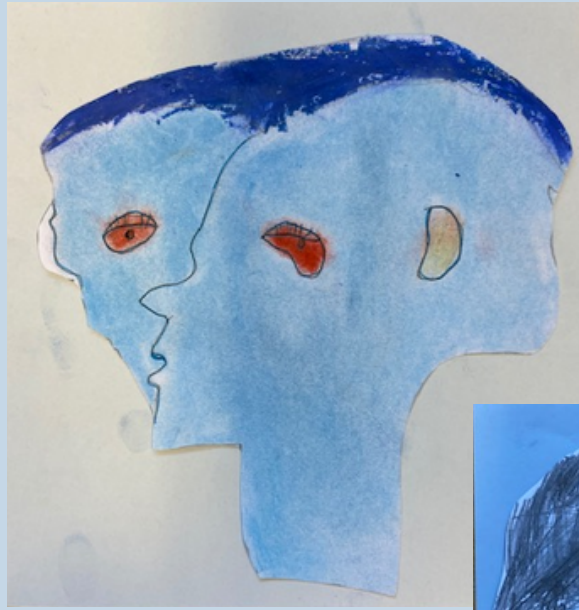
WOW!





# LEARNING IN THE ROWANS

The pupils in the Rowans are looking at Picasso and have created some brilliant portraits copying his style. The pictures are in blue as this week we have been looking at pictures from Picasso's blue period, such as Picasso's Old Guitarist.



## A NOTE FROM MISS COKER



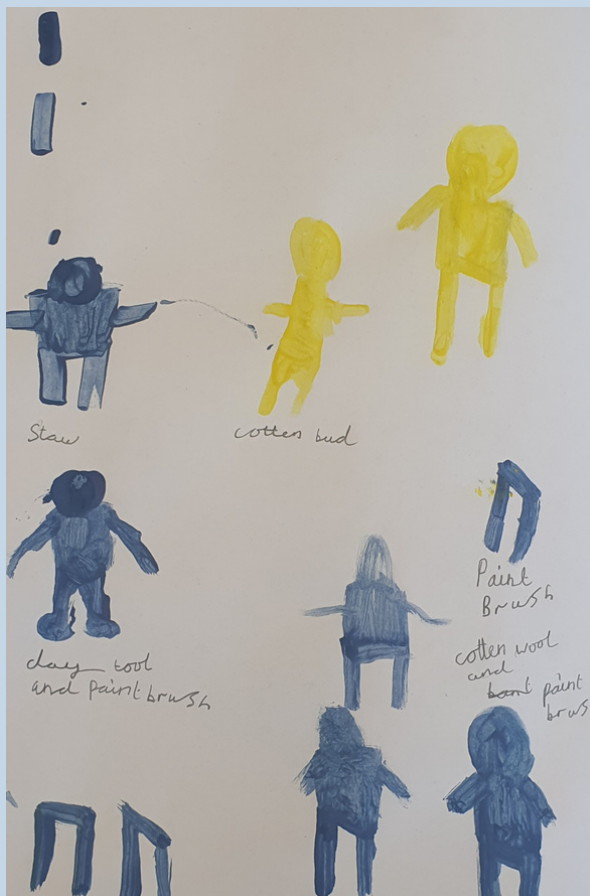
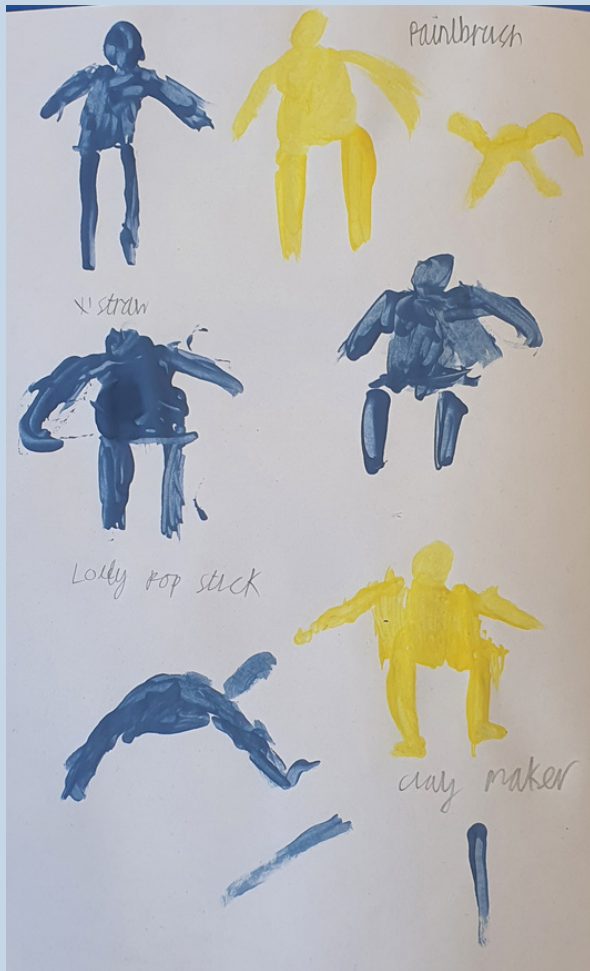
Hi everyone, I'm greatly looking forward to working with you this year. I completed a degree in Primary Education at Birmingham City University and then completed a PGCE with Titan Education. As well as teaching in the UK in Birmingham in a two-form entry inner city school, I have taught in South Korea for the past two years. I am passionate about teaching children a growth mindset to develop resilience and to encourage them to take risks in their learning. I also believe applying learning to real life contexts is vital to children's learning so they can explore the world and community they're in. In my spare time, I enjoy cardio and strength training exercises as well as board games and puzzles.

Miss Coker



# LEARNING IN THE SILVER BIRCHES

In Art, Silver Birches have been exploring LS Lowry. We have looked at a number of his works, exploring the different focuses and his style. This week we were trying to emulate his 'matchstick men' using a variety of different tools. We used paintbrushes, cotton buds, clay tools, glue spatulas and paper straws. We evaluated the different outcomes, enabling us to decide which tool was best for the job.





# LEARNING IN THE OAKS

Oaks have been reading 'Mega Monster' by David Walliams in their Guided Reading sessions. The author uses a range of rich vocabulary to engage the reader; the pupils have enjoyed creating word clouds full of descriptive language. Here are some examples of their work.

Tuesday 21st September 2021  
KQ: How does the author engage the reader?

CLAMOROUS  
BRITISH  
DIEFEMER  
GHASTLINESS  
Glistening DRIFTED  
Jostled  
Horrific  
BATTERED  
LINGERING  
PEERING  
PRODDING  
SHOVED

SACRIFICED THEMEDIOUS CRUELTY  
G Scribbled WHADDY JOSEPHED  
H Rattling PONGO rot  
I SKWARK GRUESOME  
J Drifted Glistening  
K GRUESOME PRODDING  
L CRIME CLAMOROUS  
M Glistening pongo  
N SHOVED Horrific  
O CRUELTY SHOVED  
P DEAFENING  
Q Jostled PEERING  
R DRIFTED HORROR  
S BEASTROUS VIEW pongo

Tuesday 21st September  
KQ: How does the author engage the reader?

prodding  
rotting  
glistening  
gruesome  
battered  
Glistening  
Gastly  
battered  
Skwark

Tuesday 21st September  
KQ: How does the author engage the reader?

CLUSTER  
HORRID  
WITNESS  
CRIME  
CLAMMERED  
PEERING  
Glistening  
MEDDLE  
GRUBBY  
STOMPED  
PONGO  
GASTLINESS  
HORRIBLE  
WOKE  
GLISTEN  
SQUAWKED  
Glistening  
Gestured  
Jostled  
BRUISED  
Deathly  
cruel

Tuesday 21st September  
KQ: How does the author engage the reader?

Retriggered  
mold  
Horrid  
Prodding  
Gruesome  
Glistening  
Jostled  
Pondering  
Dreadful  
Deathly  
Shattering  
Shocking  
Shake  
Shout  
Brutish

Tuesday 21st September  
KQ: How does the author engage the reader?

Crime  
Throng  
Skin  
JOSTLED  
Pondering  
Drifted  
Clamoured  
Peer  
Jostled  
SKWARK

# 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, Thursday 2nd June & Friday 3rd June**  
**Occasional Day:** **Friday 24th June**

## 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.

# IMPORTANT DATES 2021/2022

<b>29th September</b>	Rowans Coffee morning 9:15- 9:45
<b>1st - 31st October</b>	Black History Month
<b>6th October</b>	Oaks Class Assembly parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
<b>18th - 29th October</b>	Outdoor Classroom and trim trail installation
<b>20th October</b>	Harvest Festival - food bank donations welcome.
<b>20th October</b>	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00
<b>3rd November</b>	Silver Birches Coffee morning 9:15- 9:45
<b>6th November</b>	10am till noon The grand opening of the new trim trail and outdoor classroom
<b>8th &amp; 10th November</b>	Parents Evening
<b>14th November</b>	Remembrance Sunday
<b>15th - 19th November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week (One Kind Word)
<b>15th November</b>	Odd Sock Day
<b>17th November</b>	Silver Birches Class Assembly Parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
<b>24th November</b>	Flu Immunisations
<b>24th November</b>	Oaks Coffee morning 9:15- 9:45
<b>10th December</b>	Whole school trip to the Haymarket Theatre
<b>10th December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>14th December</b>	KS1 & Reception Play
<b>15th December</b>	KS2 Christmas Sing Along
<b>16th December</b>	Whole School Christmas Dinner
<b>19th January</b>	Rowans Class Assembly parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
<b>2nd February</b>	Willows Class assembly parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
<b>2nd March</b>	Oaks Class Assembly parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
<b>9th March</b>	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00



# IMPORTANT DATES 2021/2022

<b>16th March</b>	Silver Birches Class Assembly Parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
<b>21st March</b>	Governors Meeting
<b>27th April</b>	Willows Class Assembly Parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
<b>9th - 12th May</b>	KS2 SATs week
<b>15th June</b>	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00
<b>27th &amp; 29th June</b>	Parents Evening
<b>6th July</b>	KS2 performance
<b>7th July</b>	Governors Meeting

# NEW COVID RULES UPDATE

## **We would like to share the following information with you:**

We will still be required to send children home if they have a positive PCR/LFD result or symptoms of Covid-19. They and their households are required to comply with <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

A positive LFD test requires a confirmatory PCR in the usual way and children/young people are expected to isolate pending the result. If negative, they can return to school. If positive they must comply with Stay at Home Guidance as above.

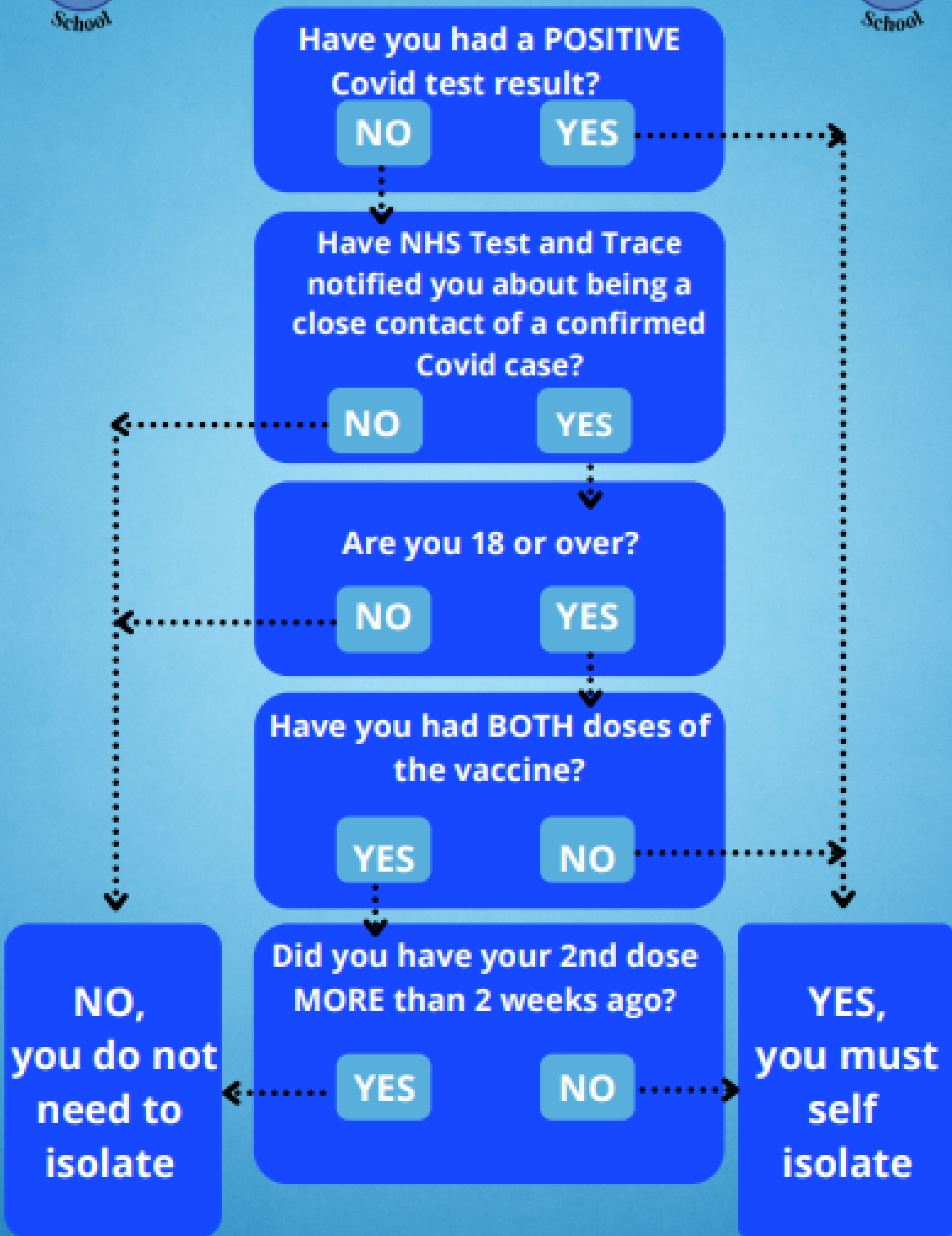
Close contacts and people in support bubbles are required to follow the new guidance. The following link will take you to the when to self isolate guidance above or <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>.

Bubbles are no longer required unless re-imposed because of an outbreak.

Information for parents and carers about the new rules can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>



# Do I need to isolate?



# ST PAUL'S WALDEN CLUBS

We are very pleased that we are able to run a selection of fun and interesting clubs this half term, but we need your help. Many of the clubs are not well attended, we would appreciate your support if you are able, ensuring that we can keep all of the clubs running. Should it be a financial issue that is preventing your child attending, please contact the school office and we may be able to support you and your child.

We would like parents to email the school office with reasons why you attend the clubs or why you do not send your children to the clubs that are available. This will help us improve our clubs and the service we provide.

	Before School Clubs
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<b>Street Dance</b> <b>Who:</b> This club is suitable for all year groups <b>When:</b> Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September - Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Led by:</b> Apex Dance <b>Cost:</b> £77.00 for the term. As this club is run by an external provider, please make your payment direct to Apex Dance. Register and payment at <a href="mailto:abi.bloch@spexdance.co.uk">abi.bloch@spexdance.co.uk</a> Please see attached leaflet from Apex on how to book.
Thursday	
Friday	



	After School clubs
Monday	<p><b>Film Club</b></p> <p><b>Who:</b> This club is suitable for children in years 1,2,3,4,5 &amp; 6</p> <p><b>When:</b> 3.20pm – 4.20pm Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p><b>Led by:</b> North Hertfordshire &amp; Bedfordshire Film club</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> £72.00 for the term. (2 x £36 payments spaced 1 month apart) As this club is run by an external provider, please make your payment direct to <a href="http://www.hertsbedsfilmclub.webstarts.com">www.hertsbedsfilmclub.webstarts.com</a></p> <p>Please see attached leaflet from North Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Film club on how to book.</p>
Tuesday	<p><b>Netball</b></p> <p><b>Who:</b> This club is suitable for children in years 2,3,4,5 &amp; 6</p> <p><b>When:</b> 3.15pm – 4.30pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p><b>Led by:</b> Mrs Pearce and Mrs Jeffs</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> £28.00 for the half term. All administration and payments to be made to the school online via the Arbor App.</p>
Wednesday	<p><b>Choir</b></p> <p><b>Who:</b> This club is suitable for children in years 2,3,4,5 &amp; 6</p> <p><b>When:</b> 3.15pm – 4.00pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p><b>Led by:</b> Mr Street</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> £28.00 for the half term. All administration and payments to be made to the school online via the Arbor App.</p>
Wednesday	<p><b>Tennis</b></p> <p><b>Who:</b> This club is suitable for all year groups</p> <p><b>When:</b> 3.30pm – 4.30pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p><b>Led by:</b> Premier Education</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> £28.00 for the half term. As this club is run by an external provider, please make your payment direct to <a href="https://www.premier-education.com/parents">https://www.premier-education.com/parents</a></p>
Thursday	<p><b>Football</b></p> <p><b>Who:</b> This club is suitable for years 1,2,3,4,5 &amp; 6</p> <p><b>When:</b> 3.30pm – 4.30pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October</p> <p><b>Led by:</b> Kieran Fox</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> £28.00 for the half term. All administration and payments to be made to the school online via the Arbor App.</p>



# ***Grand opening!***

***We would like to invite you to the grand opening of our new trim trail and outdoor classroom.***

***Our school grounds will be open on Saturday 6th November between 10am and 12 noon.***



***It would make our day if you and your children can join us to try the new equipment!***

***should you need more information please contact the school office on 01438871241***



# AN INVITATION TO ROWANS FAMILIES

## TO OUR COFFEE MORNING

9:15 - 9:45 WEDNESDAY 29TH  
SEPTEMBER  
IN THE SCHOOL HALL

A chance to  
catch up and  
keep in touch

Hosted by a  
member of staff  
for the wellbeing  
of our parents

for more information please contact the school office by  
emailing [admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk)