

# ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS

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



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS ADSHEAD

**Change will not come** if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. **We are the change** that we seek.

– Barack Obama



***We would like to invite our school community to take part in this years Harvest Festival celebrations by supporting our local food bank. If you are able to send in a small donation of non-perishable food such as tins, jars or packets of dried food the local community will be very grateful for our support again this year. Children can bring in donations from Monday until the 20th October when we will deliver the food to the Hitchin food bank.***

***Our exciting new play equipment installation is due to start soon so we want to ensure that the surrounding grounds are trimmed and tidied in advance. Therefore, we will be holding a working party morning on Saturday 16th October and we would greatly appreciate your help! Please see the flyer on page 14 for further information.***

***We would like to invite all parents to attend one of our new parent drop in sessions. We will be available to answer any questions or queries that you may have around the school and your child's education.***

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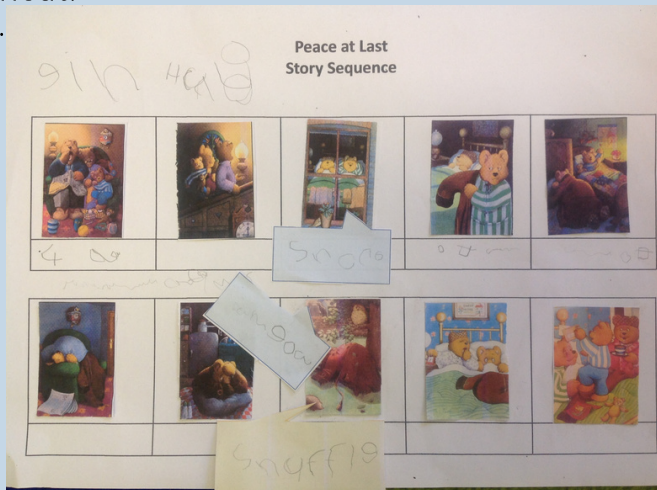




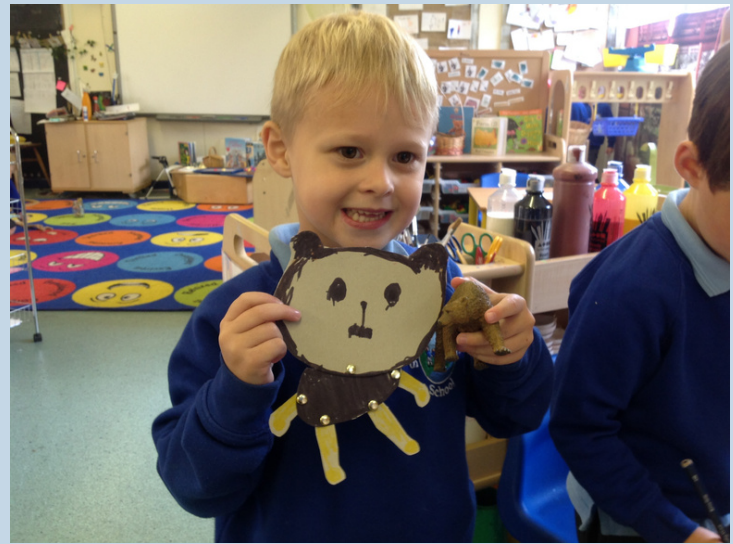
# LEARNING IN THE WILLOWS

The Willows have been reading the book 'Peace at Last' this week and have been busy with a range of related activities. They learnt that the word 'sequence' means to put things in the right order which they did using pictures from the book. They then explored the different sounds from the story (snore, tick tock, cuckoo, meow, snuffle and more) and wrote these down in speech bubbles on their story maps. They also replicated the different sounds using various musical instruments, which led on to some excellent group playing and investigating how to change the volume and speed of the instruments as they were played. Another activity taught them how to use split pins to join pieces of card together, resulting in some very fine-looking bear puppets.

Possibly the most favoured activity was mixing ingredients to create their very own Biscuit Bear (another excellent book which they've enjoyed reading) and seeing how these change after being baked in the oven. A very delicious way to observe how some materials are changed using heat.









# LEARNING IN THE ROWANS

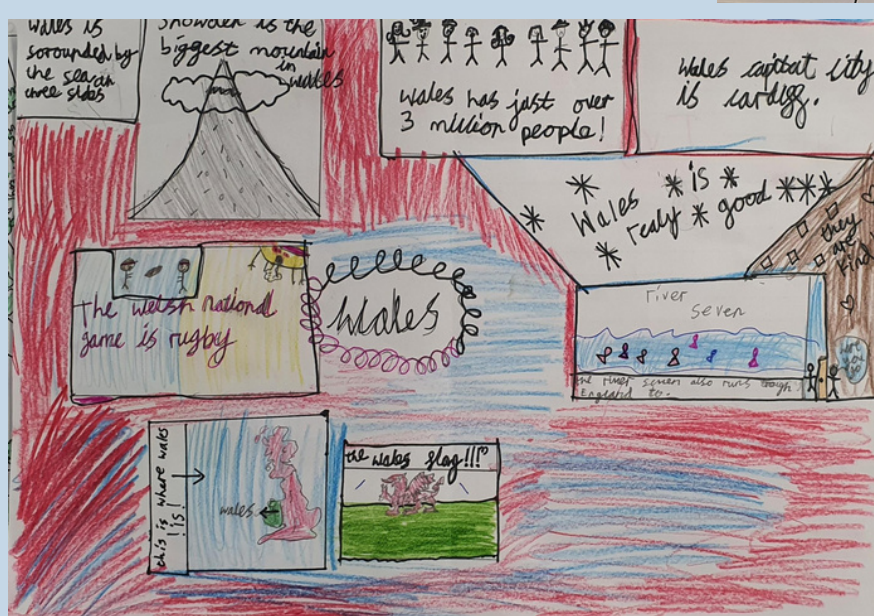
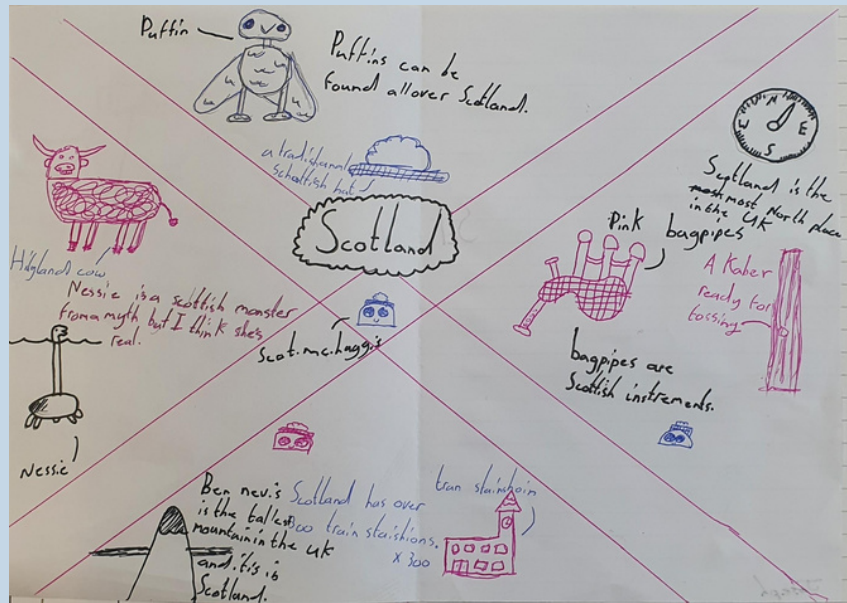
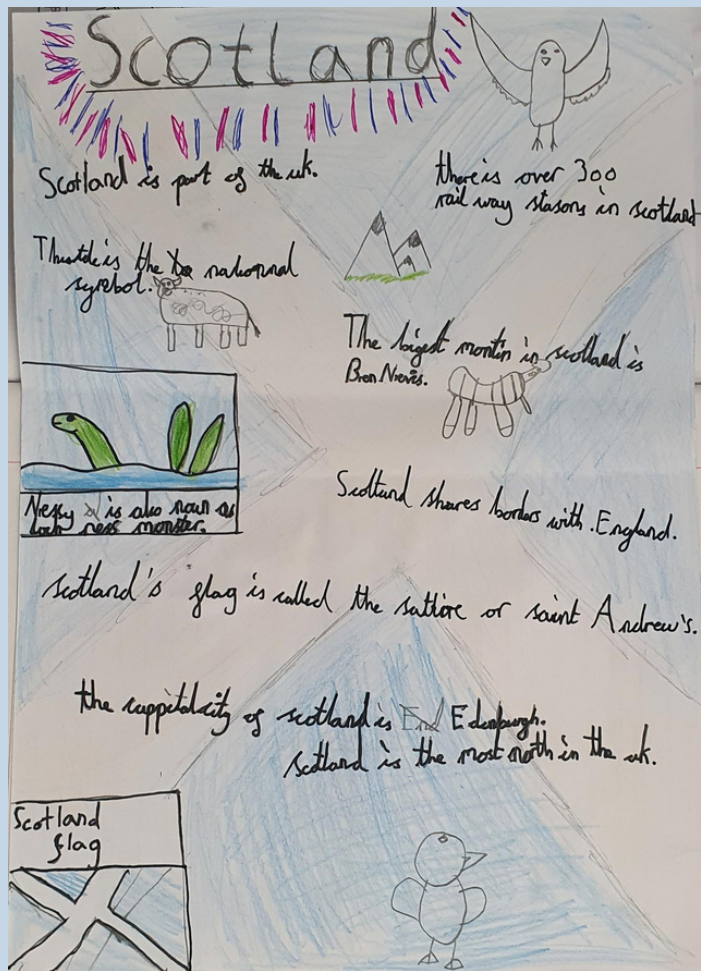
In PSHE we exchanged baby photos. The children were really excited to guess who was who and it generated a really good discussion about how we grow as humans and our different life processes.





# LEARNING IN THE SILVER BIRCHES

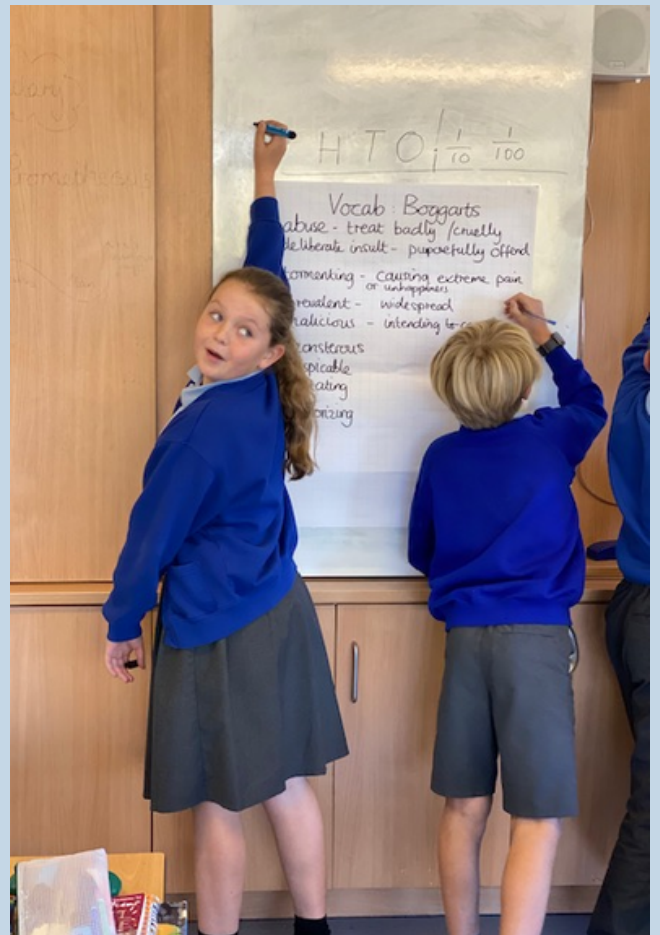
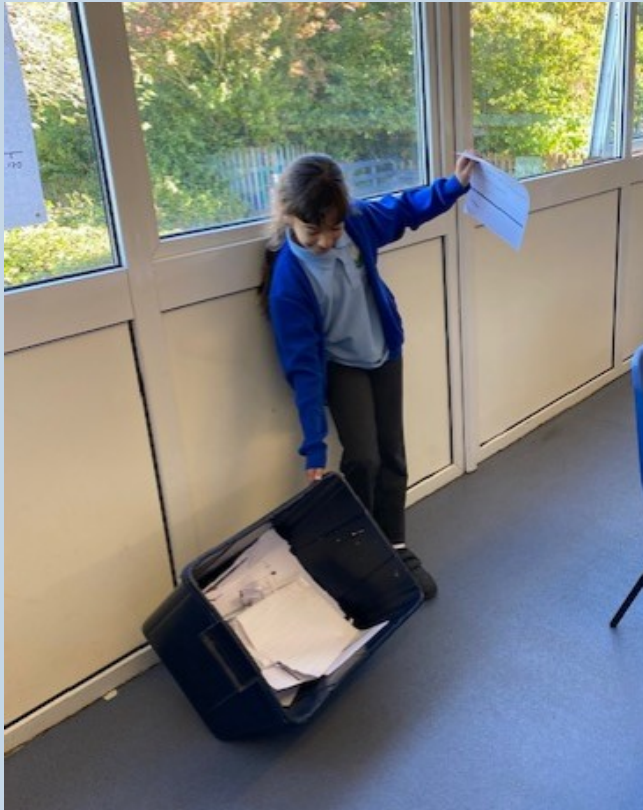
Silver Birches have been researching about the different countries in the United Kingdom. They then applied this new knowledge by creating posters about what they had learnt.





# LEARNING IN THE OAKS

Here are some photos of freeze framing work from English - the children took on the character of the mischievous Boggart (from Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide), and came up with some examples of how they might wreak havoc around the classroom.





# LEARNING IN THE OAKS

Oak Class performed their assembly this week based on the story 'Pandora's Box'. Pupils retold the story in their own words and Sophie, Charlotte and Rosie shared their versions of the story from Pandora's point of view. Well done Oaks! A big well done to Charlotte who has received the first golden ticket across the school this academic year!



My name is Pandora and I was made by <sup>the</sup> gods and given ~~gets~~ the most exquisite gifts. I am married to the kind, loving Epimetheus and bestowed upon me are riches beyond your dreams. I was given a box by the ~~king~~ <sup>king</sup> of gods and told never to open it. ~~Even~~ <sup>Even</sup> though I was too take orders from ~~the king~~ <sup>the king</sup> of gods, my curiosity got the better of me. I tried to think about something else but it drove me ~~mad~~ <sup>insane</sup> not knowing what was in the box.

I keep hearing voices of sorrow coming from the box saying 'Release us from our ceaseless toil'. Then one day, when Epimetheus was out, I ran my ~~hands~~ <sup>toe</sup> over the lid and opened it. A ~~horrible~~ <sup>horrible</sup> screeching sound came out of the box and some creatures came out. I tried to stop them but it was too late. From now on there would be despair, sickness, hunger, death in the world, but there was still <sup>and</sup> hope in the box. As you always need hope in the world, even in the worst of times.

// - new paragraph  
X - wildest

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
QA: How can I write an effective narrative?

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I am (Pandora the most exquisite being I am married to Epimetheus a loving man. Zeus made me a beautiful gold wood box but said Never open it! My mind was bleeding for answers. I was mad and Epimetheus knew it but he all ways said No.

I <sup>I was so angry that</sup> couldn't resist any longer. The Curious was killing me. It started ~~off~~ <sup>like a little</sup> itch but the more I waited the more it itched until I was had had enough. One day (it was a hot summers day) I went upstairs in our house and placed my shaking hands across the wood. <sup>I was</sup> I ~~lifted~~ <sup>lifted</sup> the ~~clasp~~ <sup>clasp</sup>. I took a peek inside. A ~~horrible~~ <sup>horrible</sup> scream unleashed the worlds evils!

lovely vocabulary choice

Greetings. I am a very ~~gorgeous~~ <sup>gorgeous</sup> and gorgeous woman married to a kind and generous man named Epimetheus. I was given a strange and mysterious box from the all powerful god Zeus. Even though I was given orders not to open it, I was determined to find out what secret was hidden in there. It was driving my brain mad! I just needed to know the mysteries of the box!

I couldn't stand it for another minute, so I waited till my dear husband left sight to open that box. As I was peering through the lid, I could hear a sweet harmony. I felt sorry for the singing souls so I opened opened the box, unaware of what was going to happen.

All of a sudden dark, darkness spreaded itself into the air. At the time I didn't know how bad it was but atleast now I know there is still a chance for hope.





# 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>1st - 31st October</b>	Black History Month
<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>8th December</b>	Rowans and Oaks trip to Duxford <b>NEW</b>
<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.

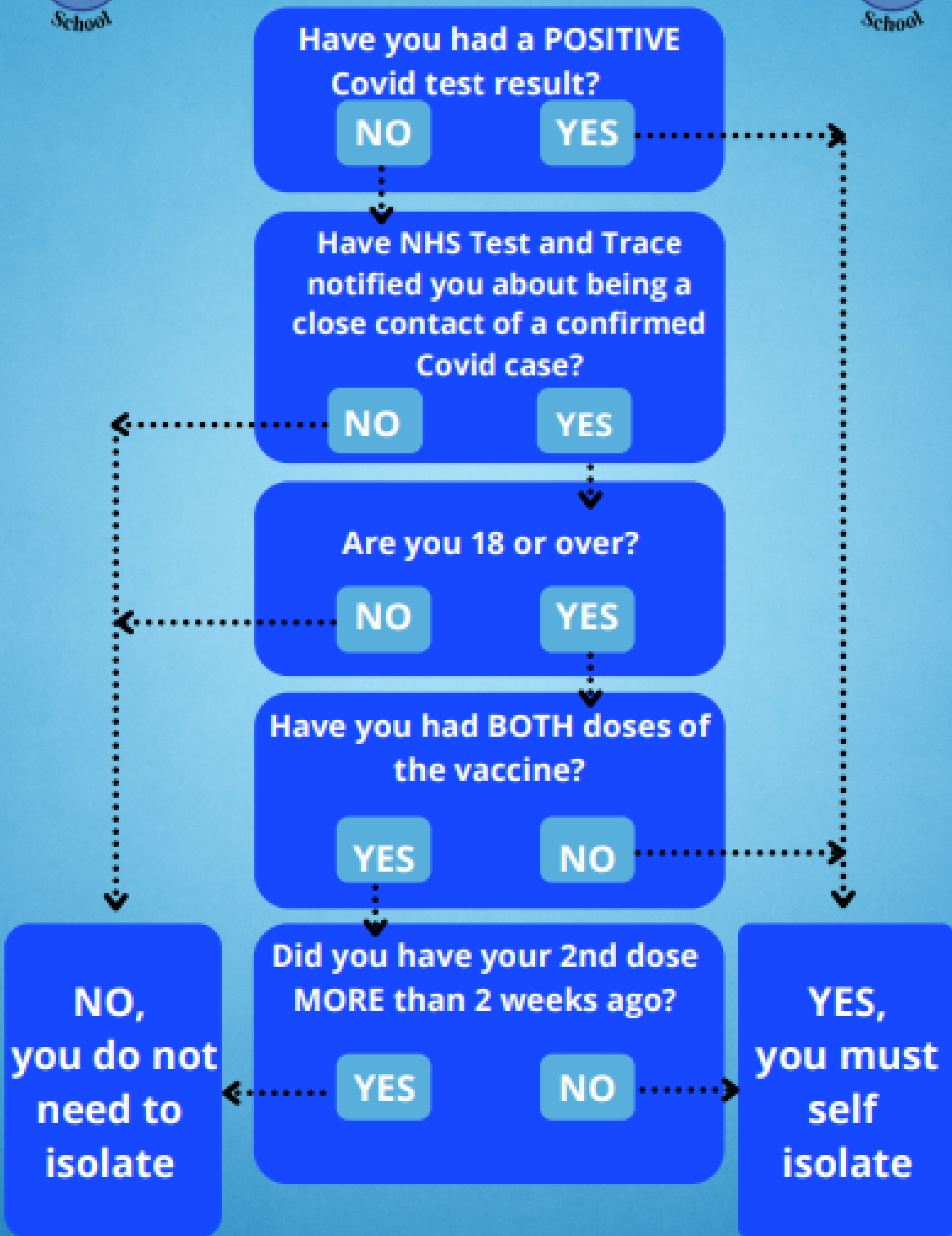
Close contacts and people in support bubbles are required to follow the new guidance. The following link will take you to the when to self isolate guidance above or <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>.

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 School

# WORKING PARTY MORNING



Please come and help  
us tidy up our school  
grounds in  
preparation of our  
exciting new play  
equipment being  
installed!

**SATURDAY 16TH  
OCTOBER 9AM-12PM**

Refreshments and Bacon/Sausage  
rolls for all helpers on the day!  
Childcare will be provided by SPW  
staff in the Willow's classroom.  
Please let us know if you can help via  
[admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk)



# Open

## CLASS EVENT

WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER  
3:15 - 4:00



We would like to invite all parents to come and see what wonderful work your child has been doing in class. The children would like to show you all the work that they are proud of!



# AN INVITATION TO SILVER BIRCH FAMILIES

## TO ATTEND OUR COFFEE MORNING

9:15 - 9:45AM WEDNESDAY 3RD  
NOVEMBER

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)



# ***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 any further information please contact the school office on 01438 871241.***



A watercolor illustration of various plants and flowers. There are dark green leaves, some with lighter green veins, and several blue flowers with white centers. There are also some yellow-green, spiky-looking flowers. The plants are scattered around the text, with some branches extending from the top and bottom edges.

We would like to invite all parents to our

# PARENT DROP IN SESSIONS

1st Thursday of every month.

No appointment needed, feel free to  
drop by between 9:15 and 11:15

Staff will be available to answer any  
questions and queries that you may  
have or just drop in to have a chat.