

# ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS

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



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS ADSHEAD

We would like to thank all the parents who attended our parents evening sessions and we hope that you have found them useful. As always, we are looking to improve and welcome any comments or suggestions that you have around the event. I would also like to thank everyone who has returned the parents evening comments slip. They are a vital part of the process and help us to gather your views. If you have yet to return it, we would be very grateful if you can return them next week.

### Our Website!

Please make sure that you are checking the school website for the latest information. It is updated regularly and contains a wealth of information.

We have recently added a **subject curriculum page** which you may find interesting. **The events page** is regularly updated with things that are happening in school and in the wider community. The **letter home page** has copies of letters that we send out so should you ever misplace one it is a great place to look!

If you have any ideas about what else we could put on the website please let us know!

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Be The Change  
**YOU WISH**  
 to  
 See in the  
**WORLD**





# PTA EVENT

If you would like to find out how you can get involved with this event and help us to make it a great success, please contact the school office and they will pass on your details to the PTA committee. We need as many people as possible to help support the PTA to ensure that the school can complete some of the amazing projects that we have done over the years! Without the PTA we would not have the Kitchen Garden, library, iPads, chrome books, interactive screens in all classrooms, amazing outdoor play equipment, the yearly Easter egg hunt and much more!

Your support and involvement in the PTA is hugely important to us.



**SAVE THE DATE**

## **SPW SCHOOL SUMMER FETE**

**Saturday 9th July  
2-4pm  
At SPW School**

**Stalls**

**Games**

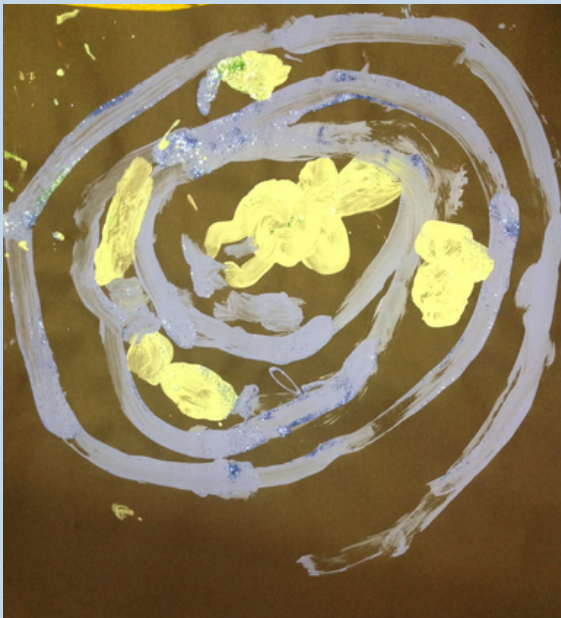
**Cakes**

**Crafts**



# LEARNING IN THE WILLOWS

The Willows class have started learning about the planet Earth and space. They have their own spaceship role-play area which has enabled them to travel across the universe, and they also built their own lunar module outside. They have painted some brilliant pictures of earth, the moon, the sun and other planets which were used in their class assembly this week as they shared some of the information they have learnt. As a group, they made a piece of poetry to describe what it is like on planet Earth.







### What it is like on Planet Earth

By Willows

Dangerous volcanoes  
 Slide on the hill, and climb  
 Climb the mountain, people climb the mountain  
 White fluffy clouds live up high  
 Dry sand goes through your hand  
 Trees have lovely flowers  
 Spiky, very spiky cactus  
 Frogs in a pond can eat flies  
 The moon is a white circle, sometimes this shape: crescent





# LEARNING IN THE ROWANS

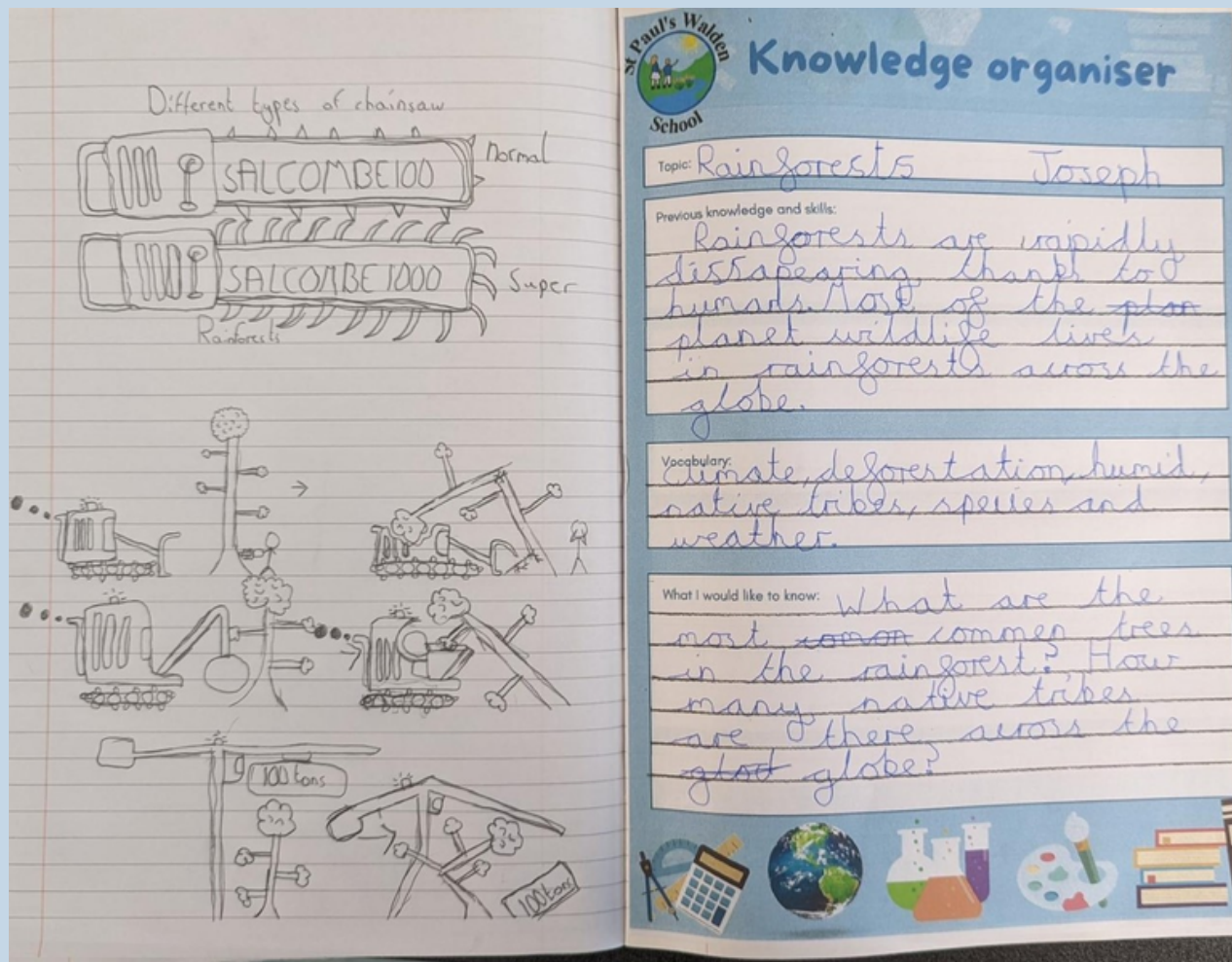
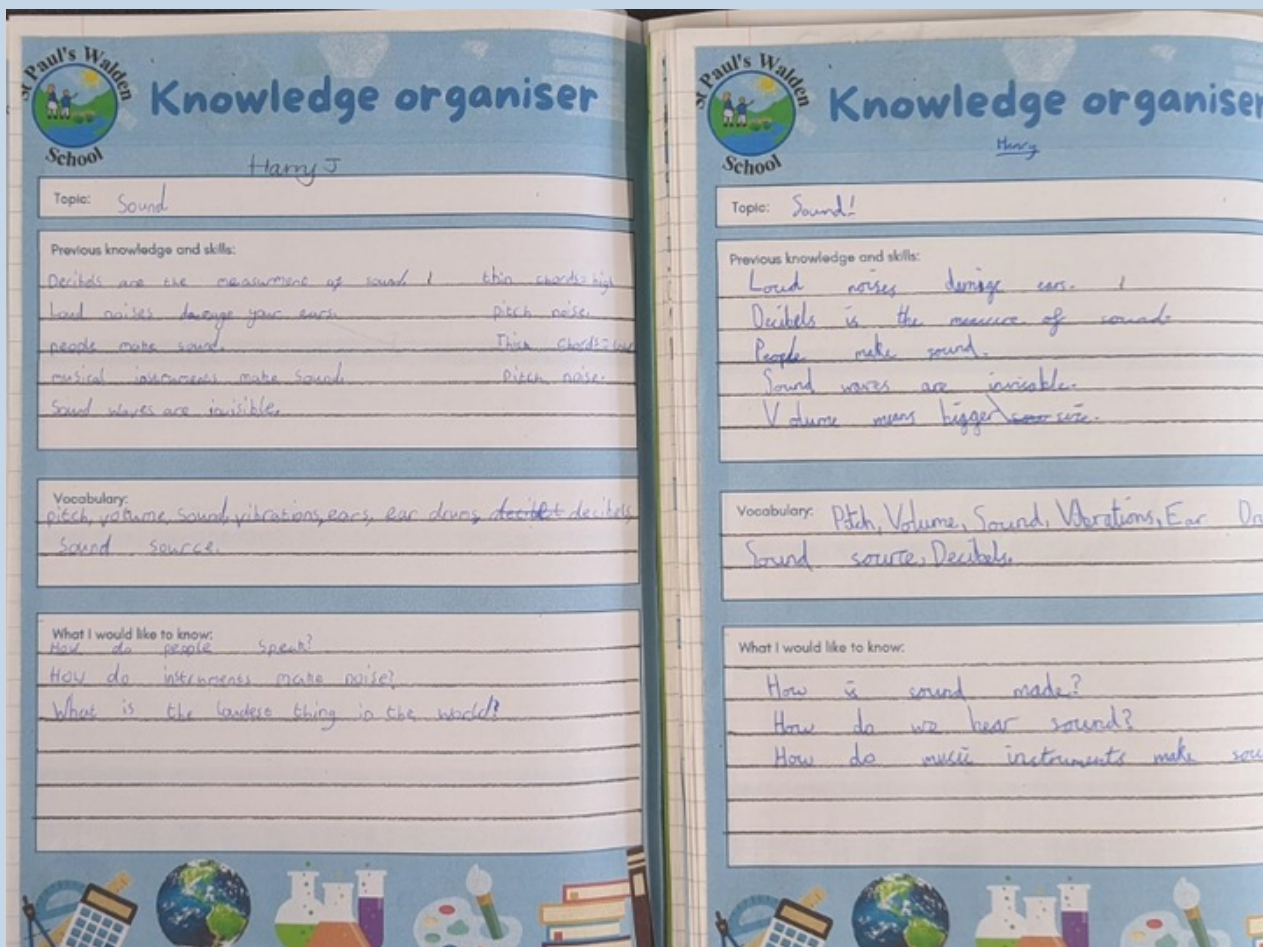
The Rowans have begun a new science topic all about plants and animals where we live. This week we got our scientist hats on and went into the school grounds to see what plants we could find. We spoke about the shape and texture which was very interesting. It was important that we washed our hands afterwards!





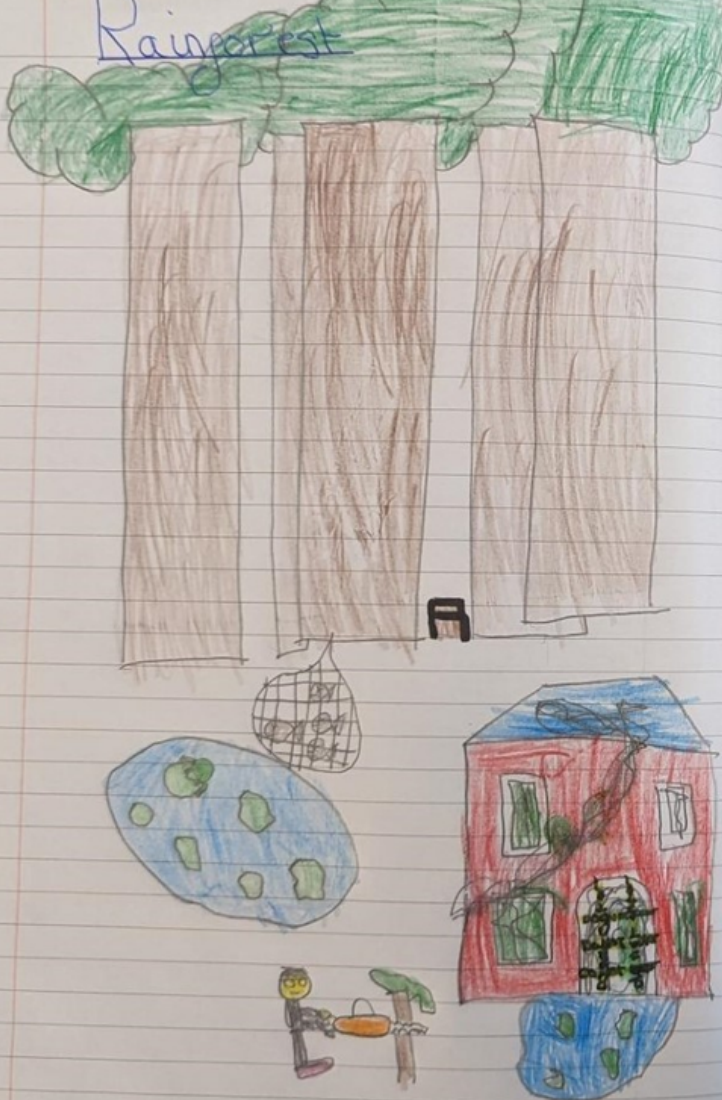
# LEARNING IN THE SILVER BIRCHES

This week, Silver Birches have been creating their topic organisers. We have shared our knowledge and what we want to learn in each topic with the class. Here are some examples of what we already know about sound and what we want to find out; and also what we know and want to find out about rainforests.





# Rainforest



## Knowledge organiser

Albie

Topic: Rainforests

Previous knowledge and skills:

The weather in rainforests is very humid. People chop down lots of trees so they can get to the palm oil trees (valuable trees). Hundreds of Native tribes live in the rainforest.

Vocabulary:

- 1) Native tribes (tribes that live in the rainforest).
- 2) Humid (hot weather).
- 3) Deforestation (people chopping down trees).

What I would like to know:

What does equator mean?  
Why is the rainforest so hot?  
How do snakes swim?  
Why have humans not explored all of the rainforest?



## Knowledge organiser

Hunter

Topic: Rainforests

Previous knowledge and skills:

It is very rainy and humid. Rainforests are known for dangerous animals. Especially the big cats. People are trying to chop down trees and that's making species extinct.

Vocabulary:

Species - type of animal.  
humid - lot of water in the sky

What I would like to know:

Why do people chop down trees?  
Why are rainforests so important?  
How many species are in the rainforest?



## Knowledge organiser

Topic: Sound

Previous knowledge and skills:

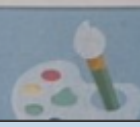
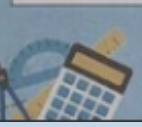
People can make sound. Sound waves are invisible. Loud noises damage your ears. Animals can make sounds and hear sound. Humans can hear sounds. If you are in a big room with walls your voice will go back to you because it would bounce off the walls.

Vocabulary:

Pitch volume sound vibration ear ear drum  
decible sound source

What I would like to know:

How is sound made?  
How do we hear sounds?  
How has who created sound? and why?





# LEARNING IN THE OAKS

Oaks class have been recapping on SPAC this week including word classes. Our main writing has focused on information texts; you can see some good examples of our work here. Well done Oaks!

Tuesday 26th April

QA: What is an explanation text?

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graph TD
    A[How to ride a horse] --- B[Use tin ladder/kial]
    A --- C[check your stirrup length]
    A --- D[gather your reins]
    A --- E[check your seat]
    A --- F[Make sure your horse is listening to you by doing lots of transitions. Make sure you walk around on both reins.]
    A --- G[When trotting check your feet. Heighal]
            
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Wednesday 27th April

QA: Can I write an explanation text?

How to ride a horse

In this text you will learn how to ride a horse correctly. You learn how to ride a horse in just a couple of steps. Hope you enjoy!

Stirrups

First, check your stirrups. This should be done before you mount your horse, but as long as it gets done it does not really matter. You should be able to rise but not super high. If you have a tall horse you might need a mounting block. Reins

Once ~~thought~~ they are done, you can gather up your reins and ask them to walk on. Keep your leg on ~~back~~ they do not need to walk super fast. If you think your horse is not listening to you, then get them to do lots of transitions.

Turns

Now, that they are nice and warmed up on one rein you need to do it on the other. You need to turn your horse down then the centre line (turn down the middle).

Trotting

If you are going to trot, you need to check the length of your reins. If they are glop and taken, washing line you will need to shorten them. Some people work their horses for an hour but that can cause your horse to go lame.

I hope this text helped explain how to ride a horse correctly.

Wednesday 27th April

QA: Can I write an explanation text?

## How To Build Something ON Roblox

You can build on Roblox either by making a game or by ~~joining~~ <sup>building</sup> a game on Roblox that you can build in.

Building

First you can choose to make a game ~~to~~ <sup>to play</sup> or you can join a game that you can build in. When you join a building game find somewhere to build, not once you've found a place to build you can start by making money.

Then once you have earned some money you can start building your base and just proceed to keep on making money and building your base so you become very powerful and strong. You might even ~~become~~ become the best player in the whole game!!

Wednesday 27th April

QA: Can I write an explanation text?

## How to annoy your Siblings

Introduction

Have you ever wondered how to annoy your siblings really good well read on to find out.

we tell how to do it about how to annoy your and you do it siblings

Most annoying	Kinda annoying	Just annoying
<u>The cruly chop</u>	<u>The stretch</u>	<u>The Wake up</u>
it is used with the side of your hand just like a knife to slice your siblings up it will annoy them very much	the stretch is used to annoy the spine you get comfy and stretch while you wait it gets cup of tea and biscuits and enjoy and to make it more annoying while you eat your biscuits open your mouth so crumbs go every where	when the time comes to go to sleep go in their room and scream and put your arms and legs on them and get some out of bed and put it on a plane go to bed roll a and drop it on the head's make sure to put it in their hair

Made by Eloise Summerbee  
Date: Wednesday 27 April 2021/4/22



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

QA: Can I write an explanation text?

## How to annoy your siblings

Do you have a younger or older sibling? Do you HATE them? Well, if you want to annoy them, here are some ideas. HOW!

The Beggars Trick  
This trick will only work if you have a younger sibling.

WARNING!  
So, first go into the youngest sibling's room and run there fast, check and take all their clothes and the hanger on it. Then, tell them to get up. They will be angry. Then, take back through all their things and if they have a diary, take that too. DON'T READ IT!



## TOP TIP

When you use this guide, make sure **EVERY** you do, say, that they started it so you should be able to get away with it.

The Salt Trick

If your sibling has a diary, then once you read it, go with your when you're sitting with you on a full moon. Use a voice changer app and go in the diary and read out one of their secrets. Then run into your room and pretend that you've been there.

Saga S. French  
Bookish!  
When your sibling is just watching TV, whenever you have your siblings around, stretch your whole body across the sofa so your sibling can't sit down.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

"I climbed halfway up the tree, but slipped & fell down."

"I slipped into the hole."

"I sprinted as fast as I could."

"I walked into the shop."

QA: How can we determine word classes?

## Verbs

A verb is a doing word, it represents an action or movement that someone or something is doing.

## Nouns

A noun is a person, place, or thing. For example: a big, oak chair, chair is the noun in this sentence.

## Adjectives

An adjective describes a noun. For example: "The large, wooden chair is not useable because it needs a break." The words large and wooden describe the noun chair.

## Adverbs

example: often, quickly, enthusiastically

## Proper nouns

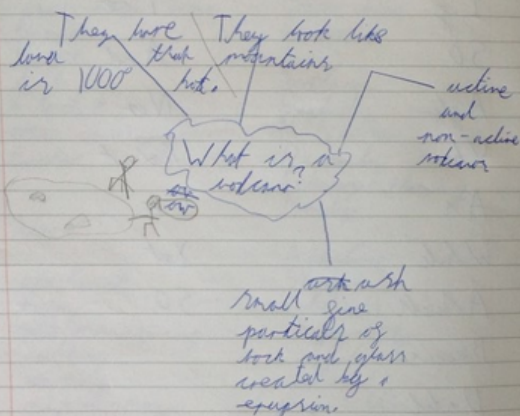
A proper noun is an important person, an important place, a day of the week. London is a proper noun. Queen Elizabeth II, is a proper noun. I identify proper nouns by seeing if it has a Capital Letter at the beginning. The word table is not important unless someone or something is named. Table. The word Peter is a proper noun because it has a Capital Letter and it is an important place.

## Prepositions

A preposition describes something in, like: "Above the building." Or: "Under a tree." If you didn't use preposition in your writing, people might think a castle; instead of being on a hill. It could be in the Amazon Rainforest. It describes the position of something. A preposition above "Above the hedge." "Underneath the old and dirty rock."

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

QA: What is an explanation text?



Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

QA: Can I write an explanation text?

## What is a volcano?

There are two different types of volcanoes, active and non-active. Active volcanoes are volcanoes that erupt every year to ten years. An active volcano is also one that has a crater. A non-active volcano is one that has not erupted for a long time, it would look like a mountain.

When a volcano erupts, it has an ash cloud go really high in the air. This ash cloud stops planes from flying to those destinations, it might have to turn back. If planes go through it, all the fine particles of rock and glass will blow up the engine.

A glow the ash cloud has come out from the top, and then thousands of degrees have glow out of little gaps and from the top.

Most volcanoes are really old like thousands of years old.

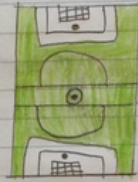
Five years ago, a volcano called Mount Kilauea erupted in Hawaii, USA.



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

KQ: Can I write an explanation text?

How to be  
on a football  
team



Have you ever <sup>thought</sup> about yourself? I want to be on a football team to win the league. That would be amazing and if you are a footballer you get a lot of money.

Step 1 get your girlfriend, brother, football kit, from the nearest sports shop. You can ask for a number on the back. You can even put your name on the back if you can get one off a <sup>on line</sup> ~~team~~ <sup>player</sup> possibly cheaper.

Step 2 every day you need to practice after school and at school the more you practice the better you get. You should practice by passing, coming down and going back them like they are defenders. And you should set goals.

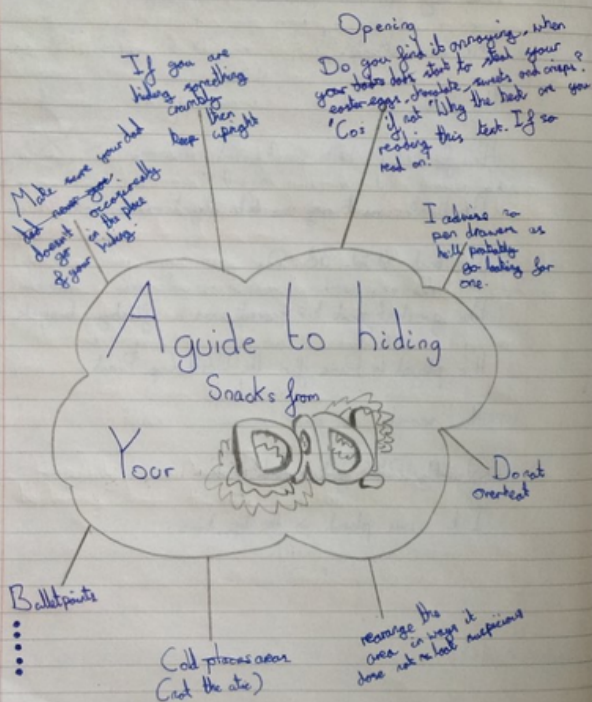
Step 3 lose your dad to join and they will most probably ask you to practice. Then when there is 11 people on the team you can play a match against different teams.

Step 4 After you have played a match you could probably win the league. Then if you have a lot of points you could probably be <sup>also</sup> on the manager's list. A match is on how side 30 mins.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Man City
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Liverpool
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chelsea
4 <sup>th</sup>	Arsenal

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

KQ: What is an explanation text?



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

KQ: Can I write an explanation text?

## A Guide to hiding snacks From Your Dad!

First of all, do you find it annoying when your dad starts to eat your left over Easter eggs, your chocolate bars, sweets and crisps?

If you don't, why are you reading this? I've had this problem 24/7/365 since 2018 but now I've become a master at hiding stuff.

If you have this problem even just once every year, it's still useful to know all this.

Chocolate!

First of all, if you are attempting to hide the second nest beyond the snake (chocolate) then obviously you will need to find a slightly better area of the house.

Warning: Although, if your dad is less likely to melt than you may place in these DANGER ZONES however, anything less melt. I mean, your heating might suddenly just to a level high enough to melt it. Therefore, I do not normally take this risk.

Secondly, building you are in your beloved items say a sheet of metal let alone your weak bodied snacks!



# We Need Your Help!



**Mrs Adshead is running a gardening club every Wednesday between 12 and 12:45.**



**We would also like to run an after school club on a Tuesday, this can only happen with your support.**



**Please help us keep our Kitchen Garden running!**

**If you would like to come and help we would love to hear from you.**

**No gardening experience is necessary!**



# GOLDEN TICKETS!

We are really proud of Jack H, Nathaniel Libby, Lachlan, Robin, Hayden and Matthew M for going above and beyond earning 10 gold tokens. Congratulations on achieving a Golden Ticket!





# PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As we are all aware things are getting more expensive and every little helps!

We have included information about how you can apply for extra support for your child in school. When you apply for free school meals, not only does your child receive a free dinner should you wish they also get extra funding that we can use to support your child in school. Examples of this are subsidising school trips, employing additional staff to fund small group teaching, supporting music lessons and funding for extra-curricular activities.

I would encourage everyone to consider if they are eligible to apply regardless of which year your child is in.

## **Registering for Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)**

All parents/carers of children are can register their child for Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). This register will then be used to check for eligibility for the pupil premium grant. The pupil premium grant provides additional funds within the school budget to enable us to support those children who are eligible in school.

To receive universal free school meals for your child, you can call 0300 123 4048 to register. The lines are open 8.00am-8.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday. Alternatively, you can follow the link below to complete this form online. Complete the form and click "Submit Form". You will need your National Insurance Number in order to do this.

<https://beta.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Alternatively, our school office staff can register for you. All we need is the parent's date of birth, National Insurance number and a signature to give us permission to do so. If you would like the school to register on your behalf, please contact the office and they will provide you with a form so that this can be done for you.



# THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT!

GREENPEACE are running a national survey that we thought some of you may like to take part in as a family project. If you do take part we would love to hear about your results! As a school we intend to take part in the survey.

Count your plastic for one week – 16-22 May 2022.

Across the country, households of all shapes and sizes, schools, community groups and businesses, will gather new evidence. How much plastic are we really having to throw away, and what happens to it. The link below will give you more information.

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up>



Sign up now, count your plastic for one week and together let's gather the evidence we need to push for proper action to tackle the plastic crisis.



# TERM DATES

## 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**

## Autumn Term 2023

- School starts:** Monday 5th September
- Half Term:** Monday 24th to Friday 28th October
- Last day of term:** Tuesday 20th December **finishing at 2pm**
- Occasional Day:** Monday 21st November
- Inset Days:** Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd September & Wednesday 21st December

## Spring Term 2023

- School starts:** Thursday 5th January
- Half Term:** Monday 13th to Friday 17th February
- Last day of term:** Friday 31st March finishing at 2pm

## Summer Term 2023

- School starts:** Tuesday 18th April
- Half Term:** Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June
- Last day of term:** Friday 21st July **finishing at 2pm**
- Inset Days:** Monday 17th April & Monday 5th June
- Bank Holiday:** Monday 1st May



# IMPORTANT DATES 2021/2022

<b>4th May</b>	Reception and KS1 trip to the Tring Natural History museum
<b>5th May</b>	Parent drop in session 9:15 to 11:15
<b>9th - 12th May</b>	KS2 SATs week
<b>18th May</b>	Willows class parents coffee morning
<b>25th May</b>	Coffee morning for parents of SEND children
<b>25th May</b>	Rowans class assembly
<b>26th May</b>	Sports day
<b>8th- 10th June</b>	<b>Oaks class residential trip to PGL</b>
<b>9th June</b>	Parent drop in session 9:15 to 11:15
<b>13th June</b>	School photographs
<b>15th June</b>	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00
<b>22nd June</b>	Rowans class parents coffee morning
<b>6th July</b>	KS2 performance
<b>7th July</b>	Governors Meeting
<b>7th July</b>	Parent drop in session 9:15 to 11:15
<b>13th July</b>	Silver Birches class parents coffee morning
<b>14th July</b>	Secondary Transfer Day
<b>18th July</b>	Whole school trip
<b>22nd July</b>	Year 6 leavers event

## 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.



# PROVISIONAL DATES 2022/2023

<b>8th September</b>	Parent drop in session 9:15 to 11:15
<b>14th September</b>	Rowans class parents coffee morning 9:15-10am
<b>14th September</b>	Year 5/6 Theatre trip Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat
<b>28th September</b>	Oaks class assembly
<b>28th September</b>	Willows class parents coffee morning 9:15-10am
<b>1st - 31st October</b>	Black History Month
<b>5th October</b>	Silver Birch class parents coffee morning
<b>6th October</b>	Parent drop in session 9:15 to 11:15
<b>12th October</b>	Oaks class parents coffee morning 9:15-10am
<b>11th October</b>	Harvest Festival - food bank donations welcome.
<b>19th October</b>	Rowans class assembly
<b>19th October</b>	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00
<b>3rd November</b>	Coffee morning for parents of SEND children
<b>3rd November</b>	Parent drop in session 9:15 to 11:15
<b>13th November</b>	Remembrance Sunday
<b>14th &amp; 16th November</b>	Parents Evening
<b>14th - 18th November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week
<b>23rd November</b>	Silver Birches Class Assembly
<b>1st December</b>	Parent drop in session 9:15 to 11:15
<b>14th December</b>	KS1 & Reception Play
<b>16th December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>16th December</b>	Whole School Christmas Dinner
<b>19th December</b>	KS2 Christmas Sing Along



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.



## How do you think schools should be celebrating Black History Month?

# HAVE YOUR SAY!

Parent and Carer Online Forum **Thursday 19th May 5.30 – 6.45pm**

Join parents and carers from schools around Hertfordshire at this free online event run by Herts for Learning (HfL) to express your views about celebrating Black History Month.

This event will be hosted by HfL Wellbeing and Race Equality Advisers who are particularly keen to listen to parents and carers who are and/or have children from Black and mixed heritage backgrounds. They want to hear direct experiences, find out what is working well and hear suggestions about where improvements could be made. They hope to welcome voices from early years settings, primary and secondary schools, as well as sixth form colleges.

HfL Wellbeing and Race Equality Advisers will lead and facilitate the discussions, ensuring that the forum is a safe space where everyone who is willing to share will be heard and respected.

Feedback from this event will be used by the team to provide further free resources and support to maintained schools in Hertfordshire to celebrate Black History Month in October 2022 and beyond.

**To register to attend this free online event, please visit**  
**[Livestorm/herts-for-learning/black-history-month-forum](https://livestorm.com/join/herts-for-learning/black-history-month-forum)**

**Thursday 19th May 2022, 5.30 – 6.45pm**  
**Logon at 5.20pm**

**For more information, please contact the HfL Events team**  
**at [training@hertsforlearning.co.uk](mailto:training@hertsforlearning.co.uk) or call 01438 544477.**

Do you know any organisations or people willing to stage an event for Black History Month in Hertfordshire 2022?

What activities and events would you like to see happening during Black History Month in Hertfordshire?

Are you involved in Black History Month in your child's school or in your workplace?

How is Black History Month celebrated in your child's school?

What do you think about Black History Month and why?

Do you have any suggestions for your child's school?

Herts for Learning (HfL) is a provider of products and services to schools and educational settings. We believe that every young person, through access to a great education, should be able to realise their potential, regardless of where they live or their circumstances.



*You're  
Invited!*



# Coffee Morning

**Come and meet our new Chair of Governor.**

**Thursday 18th May 9:15 till 10am**

**It would be lovely if you can join us. Come and meet Clare Alcock and find out more about our Governing Body. it is also a great opportunity to share your views about our great school!**

**YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU!**

**The PTA will also be attending this event and will be able to explain what they do and how you can get involved. Our PTA needs your support to ensure that it can continue .**

# Open

## CLASS EVENT

**WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE**  
**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!