

# 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 very exciting week, electing House Captains and giving out badges to the elected School Council members. You can see photos of them later in the newsletter.

We are delighted and very excited to announce that Olaf Falafel, a local illustrator and author is going to visit our school. The visit is part of his 'World Tour of Luton'. Please see the dates for when his visit is going to happen!

I would like to ask for your help and support with collecting items for the Food Bank. We would like packet and tinned items only please. We will take them to the local Food Bank in celebration of Harvest Festival. Please can we have all donations by 11th October.

We have been asked by the Hitchin Partnership to support them in collecting items to support local families who struggle financially at Christmas. As our contribution we will be donating 50 rolls or more of wrapping paper. If you are able to support us with this please bring send in your rolls of wrapping paper to the school by 11th November. Thank you for your support with this.

We are having a fundraising cake sale on Friday 14th October. We would be very grateful for donations of cakes and biscuits to support this event. Please remember all donations need to be nut free. All items will be sold for 50p.

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# LEARNING IN THE WILLOWS

The children in Willows have been enjoying their maths learning and have already impressed Mrs Foster with their number counting and pattern recognition. They have been looking at number patterns on dice, dominos, playing cards and other mathematical resources and can either count the dots accurately or immediately recognise which number they can see. Shells and other natural resources have been used to match the numbers from a dice. They used playdough (which they had previously made in the classroom) to recreate the amount shown on a playing card, and some children even copied the pattern exactly.

How do some of the children immediately know what some of the dice patterns are?

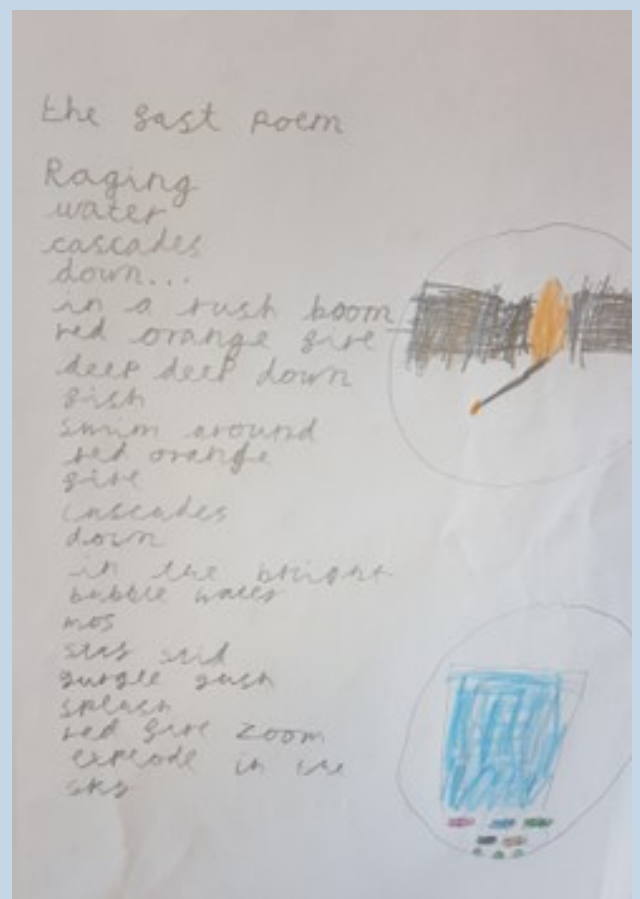
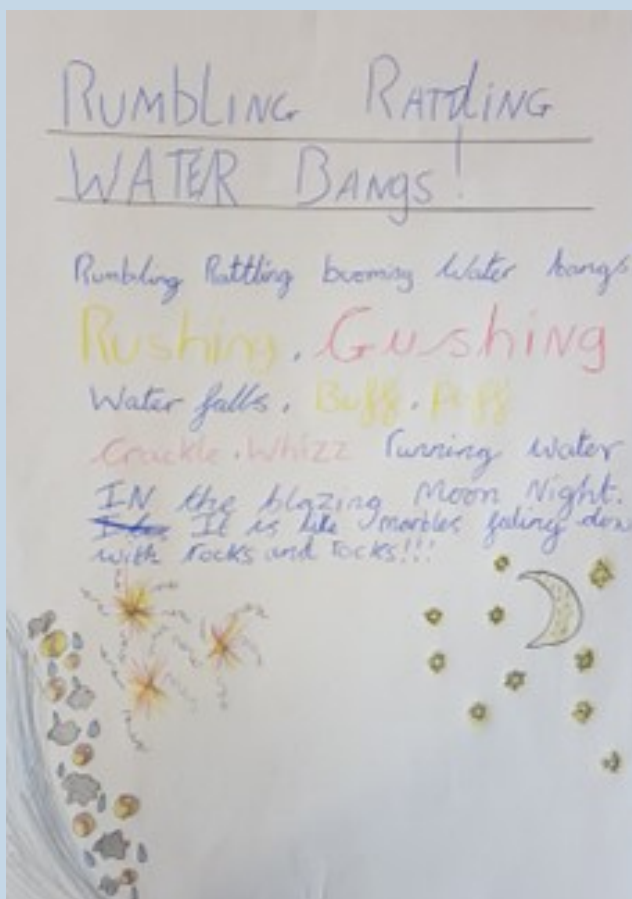
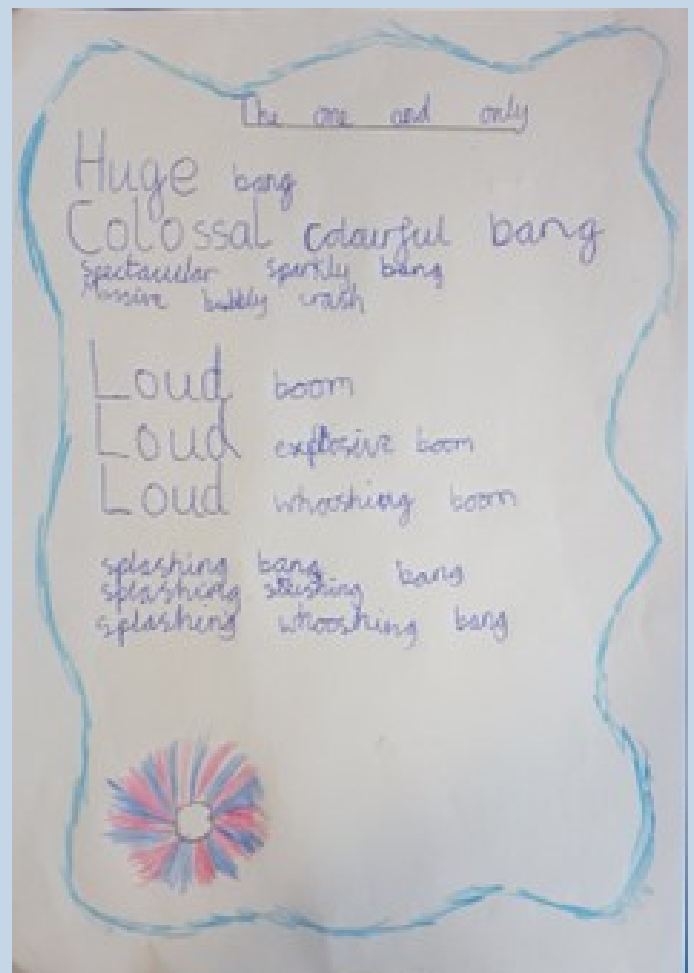
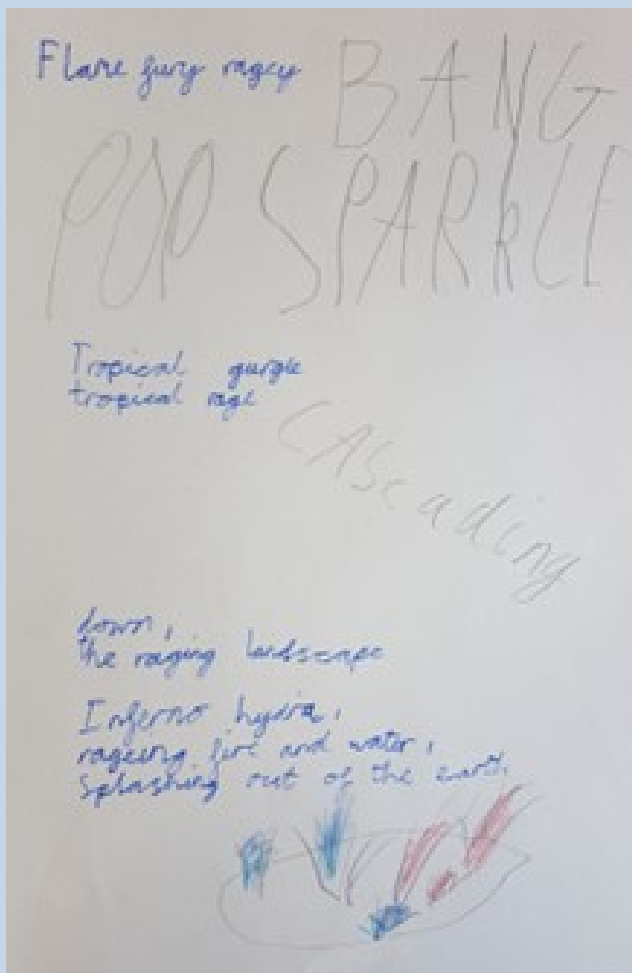
Max: "Three on each side so that makes 6"

Benji: "That's two on each side that makes four."



# LEARNING IN THE SILVER BIRCHES

Over the past couple of weeks, Silver Birches have been studying poetry and the different features used. We have created our own poems inspired by fireworks and waterfalls. We have enjoyed experimenting using techniques such as repetition, onomatopoeia and rhyme. We also had fun experimenting to see how the way we present our poems can add emphasis and impact how it is read or performed.





# LEARNING IN THE OAKS

Oaks have had a busy week. Year 6 have been busy preparing their speeches to represent their house as house captains. During assembly time each house listened carefully to Year 6 nominees who confidently delivered their testimonial as to why they would be a good house captain. We are very proud of them all - well done!



*Well  
done  
Everyone*





# House Captains

\* Dragons \*

Elmoise

Joseph



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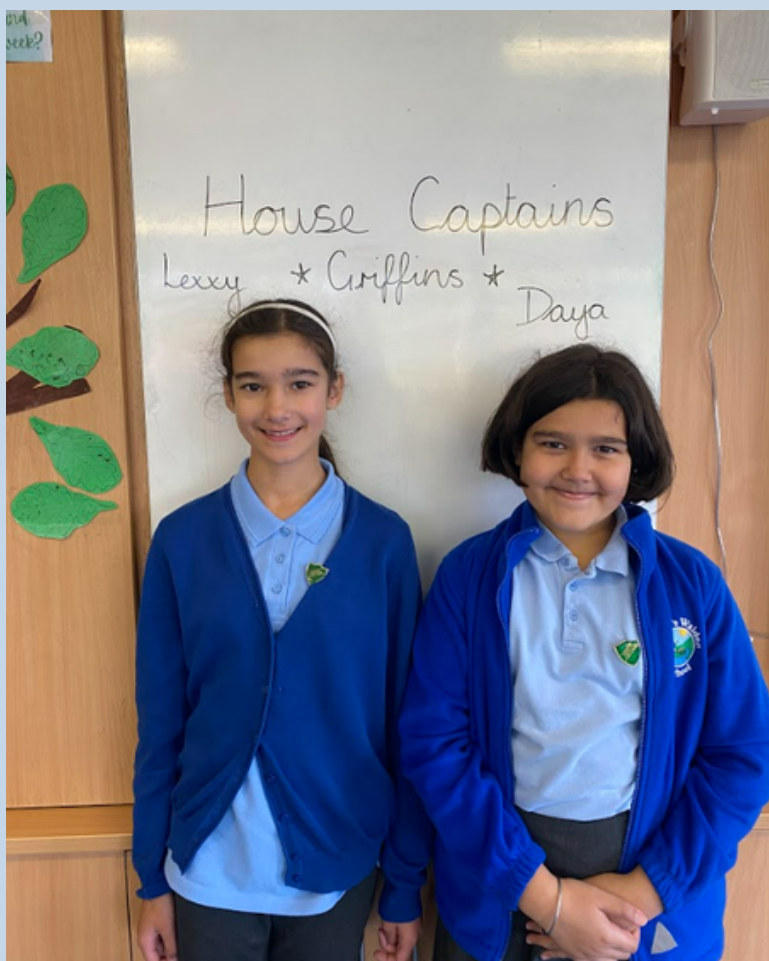
Millie \* Phoenix \* Nathan



# House Captains

Lexxy \* Griffins \*

Daya



# House Captains

\* Unicorns \*

Robin

Charlotte





# SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES





# TERM DATES

## 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 2022/2023

<b>1st - 31st October</b>	Black History Month
<b>5th October</b>	Silver Birch class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
<b>6th October</b>	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
<b>11th October</b>	Harvest Festival - food bank donations welcome.
<b>14th October</b>	School cake sale <b>NEW</b>
<b>15th October</b>	PTA Quiz
<b>12th October</b>	Oaks class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am.
<b>19th October</b>	Rowans class assembly
<b>19th October</b>	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00
<b>21st October</b>	Olaf Falafel visits KS2 <b>NEW</b>
<b>3rd November</b>	Coffee morning for parents of SEND children
<b>3rd November</b>	PTA meeting 8pm in The Bull, Whitwell <b>NEW</b>
<b>3rd November</b>	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
<b>10th November</b>	PTA Childrens disco at the school <b>NEW</b>
<b>10th November</b>	Willows & Rowans Phonics information talk 5pm <b>NEW</b>
<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>26th November</b>	PTA Christmas fair <b>NEW</b>
<b>1st December</b>	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
<b>14th December</b>	KS2 Christmas Sing Along
<b>16th December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>16th December</b>	Whole School Christmas Dinner
<b>19th December</b>	KS1 & Reception Play
<b>5th January</b>	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
<b>11th January</b>	Willows class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am <b>NEW</b>
<b>18th January</b>	Rowans class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am <b>NEW</b>
<b>25th January</b>	Silver Birches Class Assembly
<b>28th January</b>	PTA January Jumble <b>NEW</b>
<b>1st February</b>	Oaks class assembly
<b>2nd February</b>	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
<b>2nd February</b>	Oaks class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
<b>9th February</b>	PTA meeting 8pm in The Bull, Whitwell <b>NEW</b>

# **NEW IMPORTANT DATES**

## **2022/2023**

<b>22nd February</b>	Silver Birch class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
<b>2nd march</b>	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
<b>8th March</b>	Willows Class Assembly
<b>8th March</b>	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00
<b>11th March</b>	PTA Bingo Night
<b>15th March</b>	Rowans Class Assembly
<b>20th March</b>	Parents Evening
<b>22nd March</b>	Parents Evening
<b>26th April</b>	Willows class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
<b>4th May</b>	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
<b>8th - 11th May</b>	SATs week KS2
<b>17th May</b>	Rowans class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
<b>18th May</b>	PTA meeting 8pm in The Bull, Whitwell
<b>8th June</b>	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
<b>14th June</b>	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00
<b>21st June</b>	Willows Class Assembly
<b>28th June</b>	Silver Birch class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
<b>28th June</b>	Rowans Class Assembly
<b>5th July</b>	Oaks class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
<b>6th July</b>	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15

## **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.




# PTA EVENT

The PTA would like to invite all our families to the first PTA quiz since Covid!

The quizzes are great fun and very light hearted, so why not contact the PTA if you would like to attend.

**It's Back - Save the Date!**

## **SPW PTA's AUTUMN QUIZ**



**Saturday 15th October 8pm  
New Fellowship Hall, Whitwell**

**£5 per person, teams of 6-8  
Email [pta.spw@gmail.com](mailto:pta.spw@gmail.com) to  
reserve a table**





## **Art in the Woods**

**Sunday October 30th, 2-4 pm in Hitch Wood.**

Come to Hitch Wood to enjoy an opportunity to engage in art in the woods.

Ideas and materials provided for activities such as mud painting, charcoal drawing and nature sculptures. This is a great opportunity to get a taster of what Forest School offers.

Emily's tea shop from Whitwell will be there selling cakes and hot drinks.

This is an outdoor event.

All ages welcome, but no unaccompanied children please.

If you are bringing a dog, please keep it on a lead.

Please note, there are no toilet facilities provided.

Park in the car park on Hitch Wood Lane (post code SG4 7RW) and follow the trail in the woods to find the art.

For further information see [www.outdoorlearningexperiences.org](http://www.outdoorlearningexperiences.org). Look on the "find us" page for a map and more detailed instructions to find the location.



# NEURODIVERSITY CONFERENCE

## FOR PARENT/CARERS

**SUPPORTING EMOTIONAL SELF  
REGULATION, EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING  
AND SENSORY INTEGRATION**



**Colin Foley**  
Training Director



**Emma Weaver**  
Deputy CEO

Friday 11th November 2022  
9:30am - 2.30pm | Cheshunt

Booking Now Open  
<https://space-conference.eventbrite.co.uk>



Autism | ADHD  
Neurodiverse Conditions



# FEED YOUR FAMILY ON A BUDGET MASTERCLASS!

Food shop costing more each week? Energy bills going up? Worried about rising household costs?

As qualified nutritionists we are here to offer some tips and ideas to help support you in finding ways to make sustainable changes that are cheaper AND healthier.

This workshop covers:

- Challenges to feeding a family on a budget
- Lower cost healthy swaps
- How meal planning can help to keep costs down
- Shopping tips to stick to the list and the budget
- Do cooking methods make a difference?
- Helpful resources
- Q&A opportunity to share your ideas and tips!

## TWO DATES TO CHOOSE FROM:

Tuesday 4th October 12:00 - 13:00

Wednesday 26th October 18:00 - 19:00

SIGN UP FOR FREE  
ON EVENTBRITE!



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