

# 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 great start to this half term. We held our first house assembly of the academic year this week, where the pupils created firework pictures which have made a great display in our hall. Well done everyone!

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to in the run up to Christmas. The PTA disco is on Thursday 10th November, don't forget to purchase your tickets using the Arbor payment system, either online or via the app. The Willows and Rowans classes will be taking part in their nativity and Key stage 2 are looking forward to their annual singalong.

The PTA Christmas Fair is another highlight in the run up to Christmas. If there are any parents who would like to get involved in supporting the school through the PTA then please either contact the school office or the PTA directly. It is a valuable organisation and I feel very lucky that our school still has a PTA, There are lots of primary and secondary schools that no longer have a PTA.

We still need your support helping the Hitchin Partnership to support local families who need our support this 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 in your rolls of wrapping paper to the school by Monday 28th November. Thank you for your support with this.

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# CHRISTMAS


## CARD

# Competition

It is our schools turn to design the christmas card for the parish of  
St Paul's Walden.

Your designs must have a religious Christmas theme. Entries must  
fill an A4 sheet of paper and must not contain any 3D elements.

The winning design will be used as the parish card this year and will  
be delivered to households throughout the parish!



If you would like to enter you must ensure your name is on the back  
and designs must be submitted to the school office by

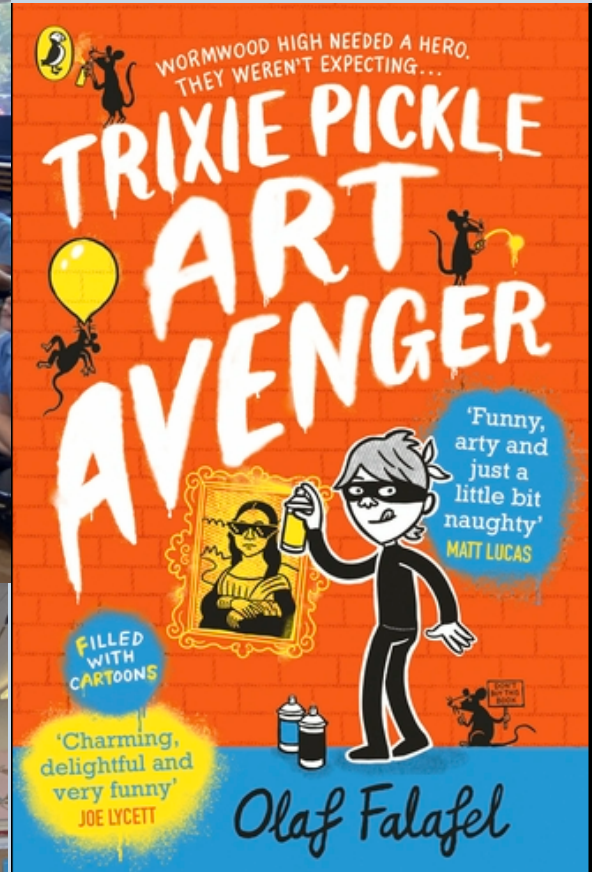
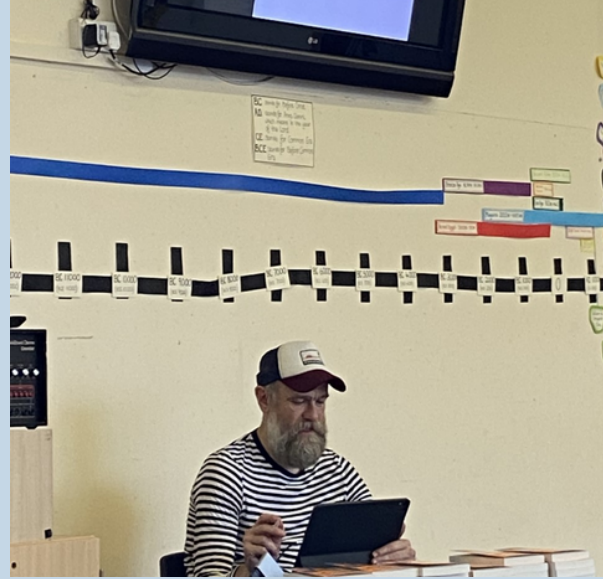
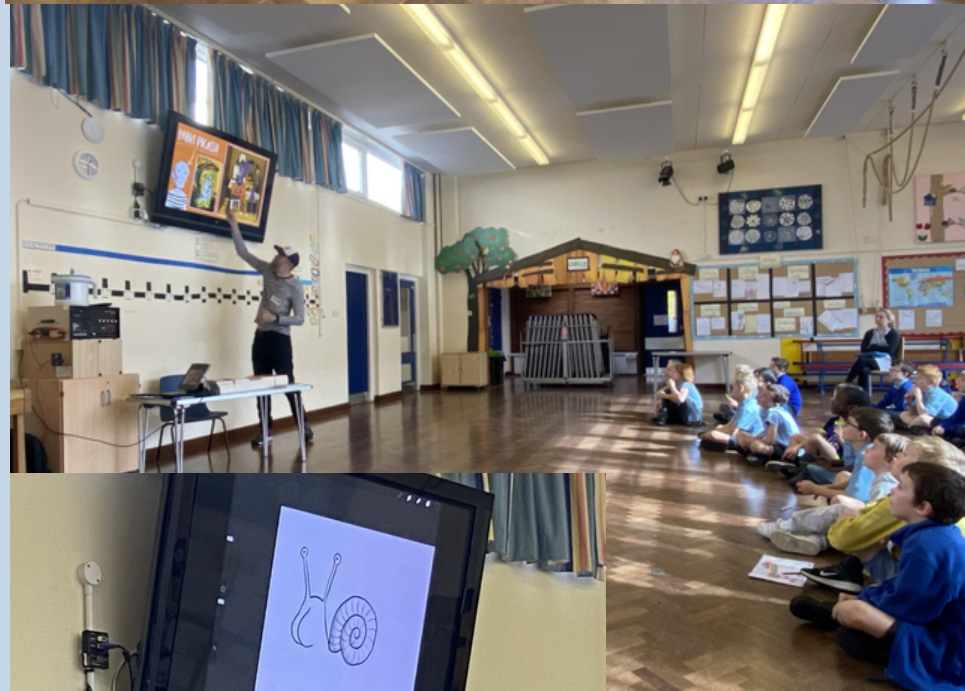
**Thursday 17th November 2022**





# OLAF FALAFEL VISITS KEY STAGE 2

Key Stage 2 really enjoyed having the author, illustrator and comedian, Olaf Falafel, visit the school. He shared with us what he's done throughout his career and how he became a children's author. He has written several picture books and just released his first book for KS2 children called, 'Trixie Pickle Art Avenger'. Through the book and through his Art Club videos, he also teaches children about different artists. He was very inspiring and all the pupils enjoyed drawing one of his characters, the 'Bum Faced Snail'.



Although when I say 'There you go, I've said it – ART IS SUCKY' it's not really me saying that; it's the person who I was before all the stuff that happens in this book happened (which I guess is technically still me, but it's not the me who is currently talking to you right this minute).

Sorry for such a complicated beginning – it's just my way of letting you know that I USED to be like a lot of you: I USED to think art was boring.

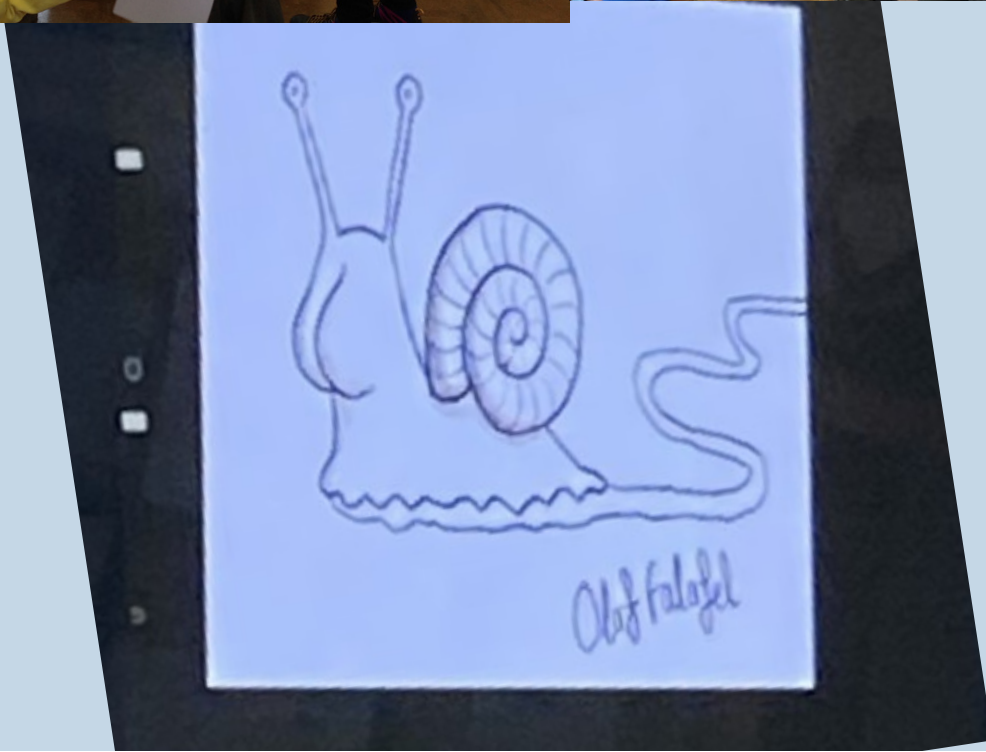
SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT, I'M THE OLD ME WHO THOUGHT ART SUCKED ...

... AND I'M THE ME FROM NOW WHO THINKS ART IS COOL.

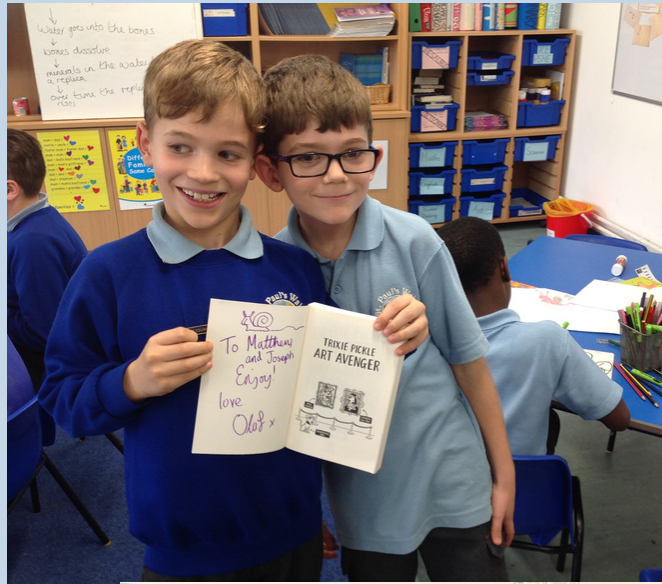
AND I'M A TALKING CARROT, IN CASE THIS BIT WASN'T CONFUSING ENOUGH.







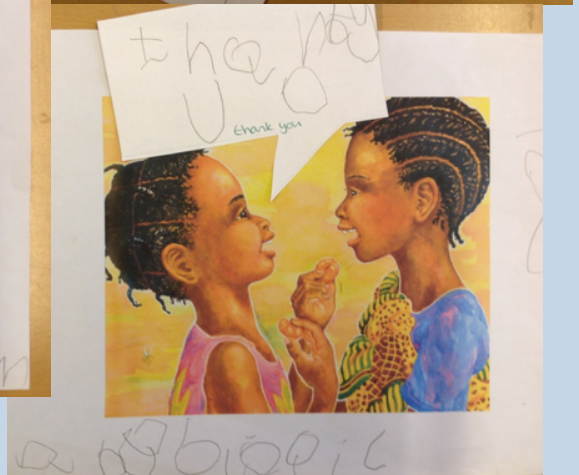
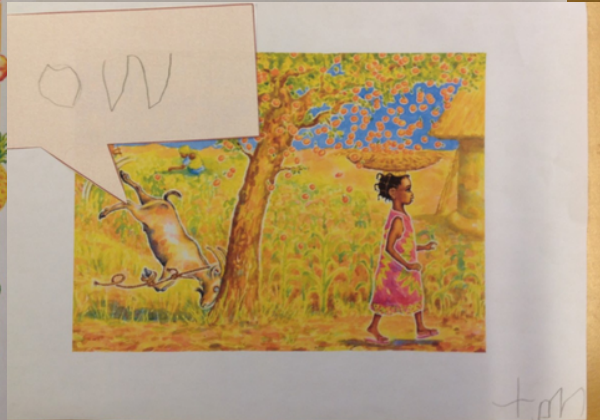
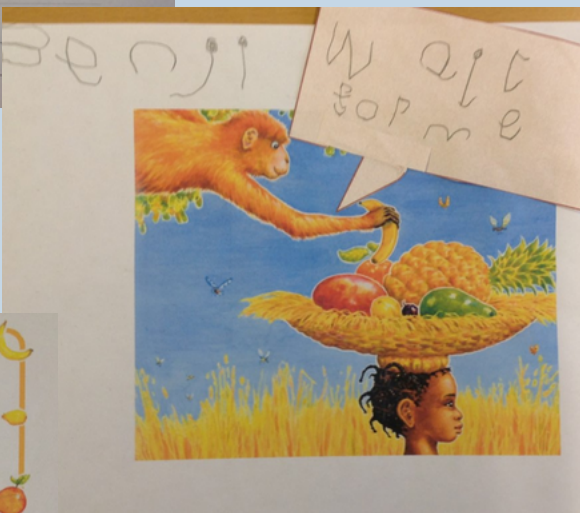
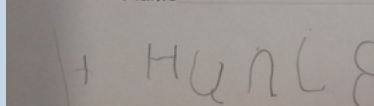
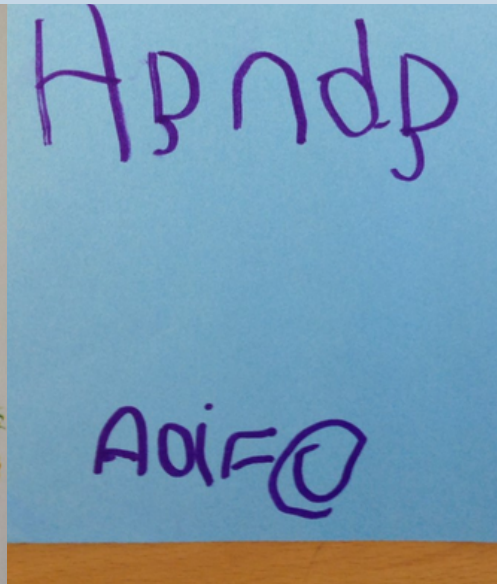
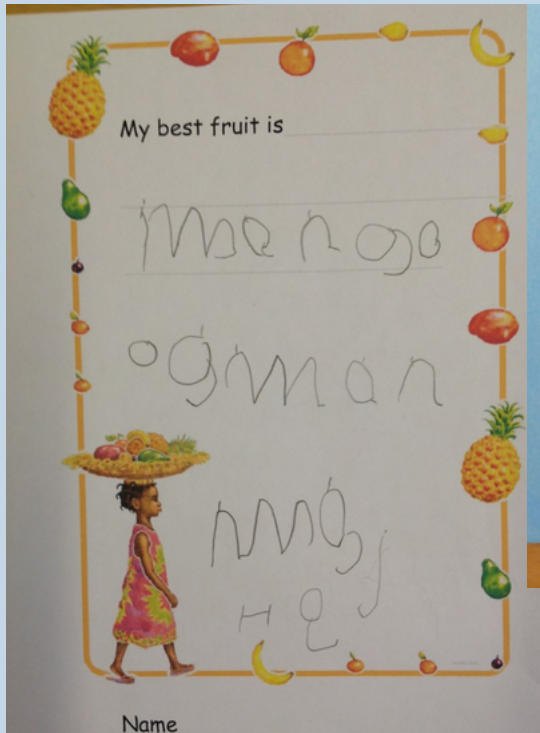






# LEARNING IN THE WILLOWS

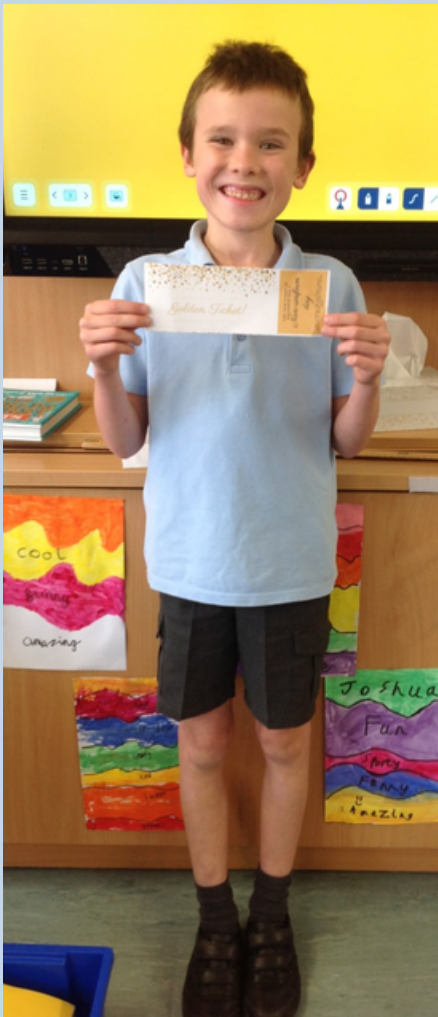
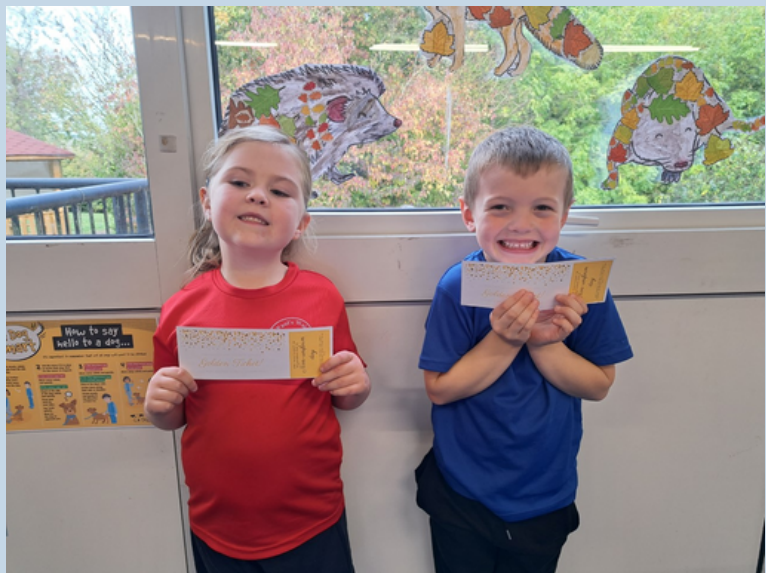
This week the children have been reading Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne. They enjoyed seeing the animals helping themselves to the different fruits in Handa's basket without her noticing. They have all made their own mask based on the animals in the book, and will be acting out the entire story at the end of the week. They sounded out the name 'Handa' and wrote it down, as well as thinking about their favourite fruit and using word mats to help them write it out. Each child attempted to write in a speech bubble, imagining what the different characters could be saying on each page. Already the children are discovering that they can start applying their new phonics knowledge when writing out words, and they are seeing already how much their letter formation is becoming more accurate the more they practise.



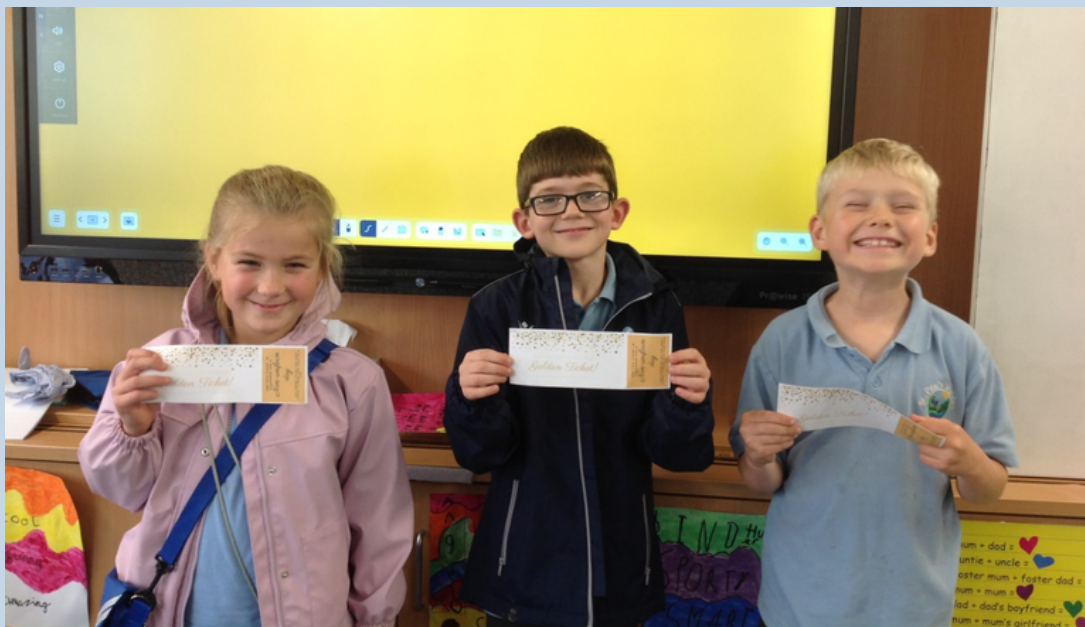


# GOLDEN TICKETS!

We are really proud of Cameron, Louie, James, Hugo C, Lilly, Logan, Hayden, Hugo J, Liv, Henry C, Theo S, Joshua, Ferne, Ivy, Shaurya, Isabelle B, Matthew, Thomas and Sophia for going above and beyond, earning 10 gold cards. Congratulations on achieving a Golden Ticket!









# 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>10th November</b>	PTA Childrens disco at the school
<b>10th November</b>	Willows & Rowans Phonics information talk 5pm
<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>1st December</b>	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
<b>15th 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>18th January</b>	Rowans class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
<b>25th January</b>	Silver Birches Class Assembly
<b>28th January</b>	PTA January Jumble
<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



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<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.



St Paul's Walden School PTA



# Christmas Fair



**Christmas Gift Stalls**  
**Children's Games & Crafts**  
**Raffle Draw and Adult's**  
**& Children's Tombolas**  
**Café - Hot Dogs, Mulled Wine**  
**& Mince Pies**

**SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER**

**2-4pm**  
**at St Paul's Walden School**

**ENTRANCE**  
**IS FREE**

**Please buy a Raffle Ticket ... lots of prizes to be won**



Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Christmas fair bake 2022

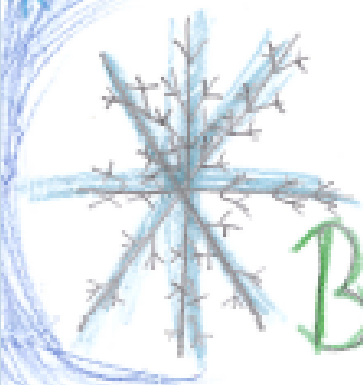
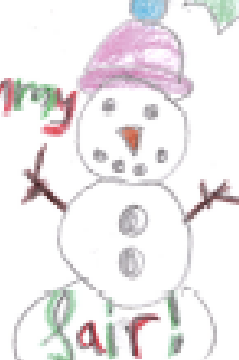
£250 to compete!

raise money for our  
School

Can you make a Christmas Bake?  
Win A Festive prize!!!

cakes cupcakes jiggypuddings Brownies  
BISCUITS cookie mincepies  
yuleLog Gingerbread

Bring your yummy  
Bakes to Christmas







# *School* **DISCO**

**Dance  
Competition**

**Games &  
Prizes**

**Drinks &  
Snacks**

**10 November 2022**

**5pm to 6:30pm**

**£5 admission (includes a snack & drink).**

**Venue: St Paul's Walden School.**

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## Hitchin Christmas Hamper Appeal

The Hitchin Christmas Hamper Appeal  
is now in its 8th year of supporting local families at Christmas.

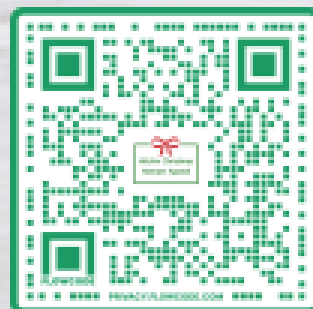
We aim to provide support to 160 families this year  
by providing a supermarket voucher for their festive shop and  
present sacks for the children with toys and extra treats.

We know many families will be finding it very hard with the ever increasing costs this winter.  
But you can make a difference to someone's life by donating to the Hamper Appeal.

You can do this by visiting our Just Giving page either through the link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/HCHA22>

or by scanning the QR code with your phone.



If you would like to know more about us please visit [www.hitchinfoodprovision.co.uk](http://www.hitchinfoodprovision.co.uk)

A local collaborative approach to help people in our community



**HITCHIN  
VOLUNTEER ARMY**



Rotary  
Club of Hitchin & Surrounds





# 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



REGISTER FOR  
YOUR PLACE  
NOW!

It's freeeee!!

# 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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**Whitwell**  
*Players*  
PROUDLY PRESENT



# Snow White

AND THE

## MAGNIFICENT

A PANTOMIME BY TLC CREATIVE

**GUNSLINGERS, COWGIRLS & RODEO  
STARS INVITED • £9 ADULT, £5 CHILD**

**FRIDAY 9TH DEC 7:30PM**  
**SAT 10TH DEC 2:30PM & 7:30PM**

**7**  
**OR SO**

**ONLY SHOWING AT NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL, WHITWELL**

TICKETS AT [TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/WHITWELLPLAYERS](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitwellplayers)