

# ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS



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



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS ADSHEAD

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who was involved in this year's Christmas Fair. I am sure you will all agree it was a great event and it was lovely to see so many families and members of the wider community supporting our great school. Thank you to everyone who donated tombola prizes, mince pies, mulled wine, raffle prizes and all the entries for the Bake-Off competition.

The children are all busy practicing for the Sing Along in KS2 and the Nativity in KS1 and Reception. We hope that you will be able to join us for these festive events. Please ensure that you let the office know if you are able or unable to attend as this ensures that we offer more tickets to families nearer the time.

I am very pleased to announce that we will be going on our long-awaited school trip to Whipsnade Zoo on Thursday 30th March 2023. More details will follow soon.

I am excited to announce that we have appointed a new teacher to replace Mrs Guy in the Oaks Class. She is a very experienced teacher and is looking forward to meeting all the parents. Once all the finer details have been worked through, I will write to parents with more information.

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WE DIDN'T REALISE WE WERE  
MAKING MEMORIES, WE JUST KNEW  
WE WERE HAVING FUN



# LEARNING IN THE WILLOWS

After reading the book *Oliver's Vegetables* by Alison Bartlett and Vivian French, the children discovered how Oliver found lots of vegetables throughout the week and ended up making chips from the potatoes that he dug up.

The children had the opportunity to make their own chips in class. They were shown the very important way to hold the peeler and knife so that their fingers were kept safe. There was some very impressive, careful peeling and cutting and before long the chips were being baked in the oven. They were baked instead of fried to ensure they were a healthier version of chips. The children enthusiastically ate them from their paper cones during their snack time and they declared them to be delicious!







YUM!



I had chips  
Aoife

I had  
chips.  
Lilly

I had chips.  
Mat

I had chips  
Mico



# LEARNING IN THE ROWANS

The Rowans are investigating materials in Science this half-term. They worked together to sort materials by their properties. We then worked as a class to solve the 'Materials Mystery' - using the clues to identify which material was being described.









# LEARNING IN THE SILVER BIRCHES

In Science, we have been investigating melting. We have created our own investigations to see what melts quicker. We made predictions and then tested them to see what happened.





# LEARNING IN THE OAKS

Oaks had a visit from a firefighter as part of our Science topic. We were learning about the fire triangle and what causes the chemical reaction in burning. We also got the chance to see some of the protective equipment that firefighters use, and Lachlan made the perfect model.

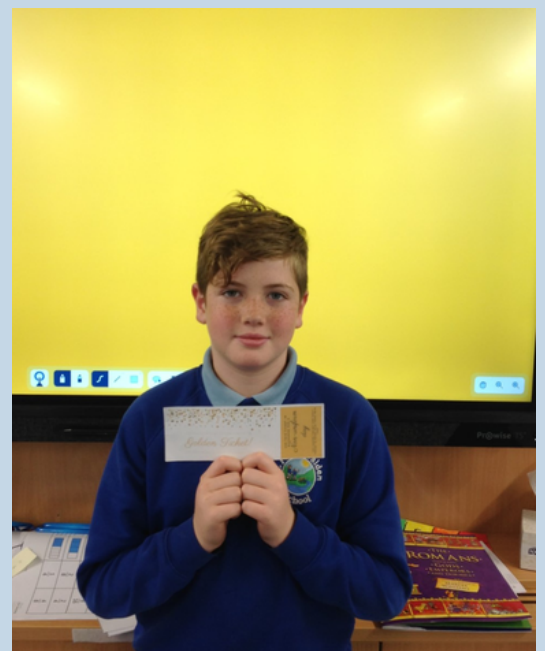




# GOLDEN TICKETS!

We are really proud of Hayden, Thomas, Matthew, Angel, Gabriel, Monty, Konrad, Reggie, Ivy and Hunter 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

## 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 2022/2023

<b>21st December</b>	KS2 Christmas Sing Along at All Saints Church
<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>8th February</b>	Oaks class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
<b>9th February</b>	PTA meeting 8pm in The Bull, Whitwell
<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>30th March</b>	Trip to Whipsnade Zoo <b>NEW</b>
<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>9th - 12th May</b>	SATs week KS2
<b>17th May</b>	Rowans class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
<b>24th May</b>	Sports Day time to be confirmed
<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



**Whitwell**  
*Players*  
PROUDLY PRESENT



# Snow White

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