

ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS



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



A MESSAGE FROM MRS ADSHEAD

There is a great deal going on in school and lots being planned. I am aware that there are quite a few letters arriving in your inbox, please remember that copies of letters can always be found on our website.

<https://www.stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk/parents/latest-letters-home>

Please remember to check the dates attached to this newsletter for up and coming events.

I am pleased to announce that we are running another art competition. I am sure that there will be some great prizes! All that we ask is that the children complete the entry themselves.

Attached to this newsletter is a PTA flyer for our first ever bingo night! These events are an important part of raising much needed funds for the school. From the money raised last year and this year, we have managed to purchase two more interactive screens. These will be fitted in the Oaks and Rowans classrooms. I hope that many of you will be able to attend this event to help raise money for the Willows Class interactive board.

Thank you for your continued support.

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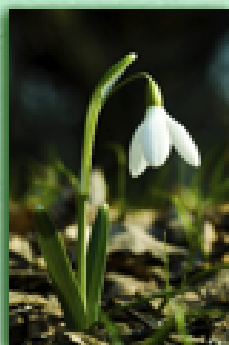
Art Competition

Nature Around Us

**What do you see in nature?
Can you paint it? Draw it? Create a
collage?**

**Bring in your finished artwork by
Friday 24th February.**

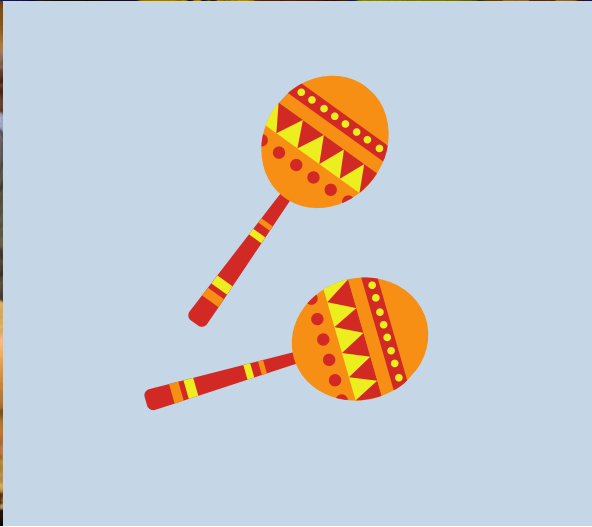
**Prizes for winning entries.
Original artwork to be displayed in the Gallery.**



Artwork to be on paper no larger than A4 (21 x 29.7cm)

LEARNING IN THE WILLOWS

In Willows we have recently been learning about rhythms in music. We have been practising different basic rhythms by clapping and using simple percussion instruments to get used to counting and hearing the beat. This week, we had a go at the djembe drums and we practised a specific rhythm. It was quite tricky but it helped when we used syllables from our names, such as 'Abigail - Petar' 'Isobel - Lilly'. Someone suggested 'Abigail - Max' but we discovered that it didn't play all the notes. However, it worked when it was changed to 'Abigail - and Max'. We also learned about changing the volume, as we played loudly or softly as directed. Generally, the class preferred to play loudly! We are looking forward to playing the drums again.



LEARNING IN THE SILVER BIRCHES

In Science this week, the Silver Birches have been busy investigating magnets. They've been using them to see which objects are magnetic and which are not. They then looked at how magnets could be different strengths and created their own investigations to see how many paperclips different magnets could pick up. Some were quite shocked by how many the big magnet could pick up!



LEARNING IN THE OAKS

Music lessons have been interesting this week as Oak class became a human piano! We tried to emulate the notes on the keyboard by stepping on our 'piano notes' laid out on the floor. It was trickier than we thought it would be but we enjoyed it nonetheless!



GOLDEN TICKETS!

We are really proud of Ivy and Hunter for going above and beyond, earning 10 gold cards. Congratulations on achieving a Golden Ticket!



TERM DATES

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, Monday 8th May

Autumn Term 2023

School starts: Friday 1st September **Pupils start Monday 4th September**
Half Term: Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October
Last day of term: Tuesday 19th December **finishing at 2pm**
Inset Days: Friday 1st September, Monday 20th November & Wednesday 20th December

Spring Term 2024

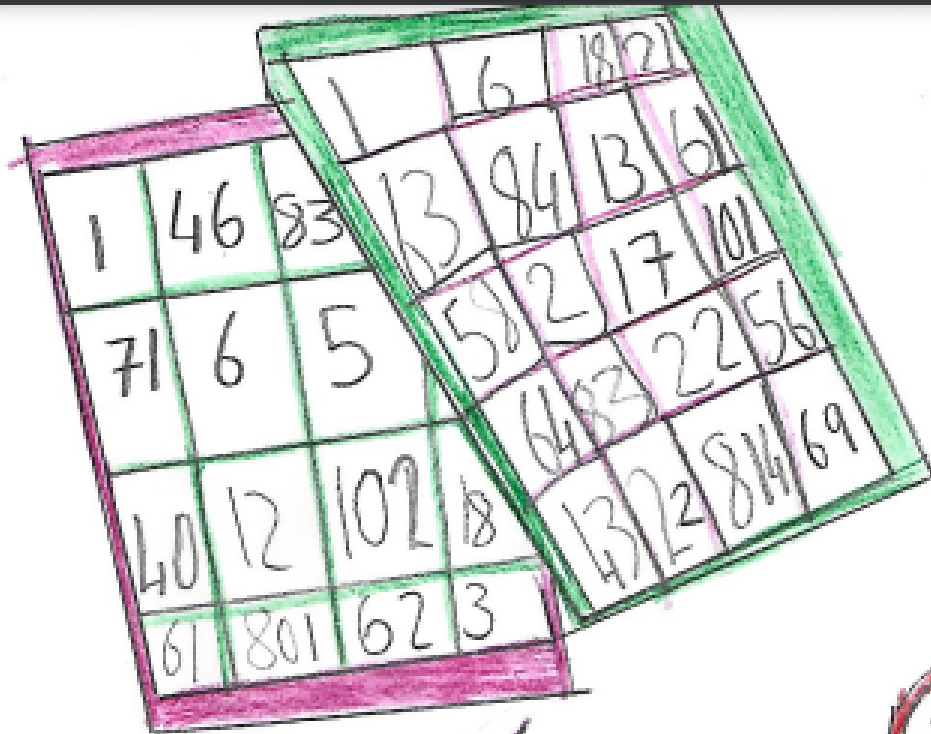
School starts: Thursday 4th January **Pupils start Friday 5th January**
Half Term: Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February
Last day of term: Thursday 28th March finishing at 2pm
Inset Days: Friday 4th January
Bank Holiday: Friday 29th March, Monday 1st April, Monday 6th May

Summer Term 2024

School starts: Monday 15th April
Half Term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
Last day of term: Friday 19th July **finishing at 2pm**
Inset Days: Monday 22nd July
Occasional Day: Tuesday 223rd July
Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May, Monday 27th May

IMPORTANT DATES 2022/2023

1st February	Oaks class assembly Cancelled due to Strike
2nd February	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
8th February	Oaks class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
9th February	PTA meeting 8pm in The Bull, Whitwell
21st February	The big breakfast and pancake day New
22nd February	Silver Birch class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
28th February	NSPCC workshop year 5 & 6
2nd March	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
2nd March	World Book Day
3rd March	Oaks class assembly New
8th March	Willows Class Assembly
8th March	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00
11th March	PTA Bingo Night
15th March	Rowans Class Assembly Cancelled due to strike
20th March	Parents Evening
22nd March	Parents Evening
29th March	Rowans Class Assembly New
30th March	Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
26th April	Willows class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
4th May	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
9th - 12th May	SATs week KS2
17th May	Rowans class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
18th May	PTA meeting 8pm in The Bull, Whitwell
24th May	Sports Day time to be confirmed
8th June	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
14th June	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00
21st June	Willows Class Assembly
22nd June	School photos
28th June	Silver Birch class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
28th June	Rowans Class Assembly
5th July	Oaks class parents coffee morning 8:50-9:30am
6th July	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
13th July	Rowans class trip to Mountfitchet



B PIA INGO

11th March
Saturday
Doors open at 7pm
Start's at 8pm

£10 entry

Cash prizes
email to book for tickets:

pta.spw@gmail.com

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Village

Hall

AN INVITATION TO OAKS CLASS FAMILIES

TO ATTEND
OUR COFFEE
MORNING

8:50 - 9:30AM WEDNESDAY 8TH
FEBRUARY

A chance to catch
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AN INVITATION TO SILVER BIRCHES CLASS FAMILIES

TO ATTEND
OUR COFFEE
MORNING

8:50 - 9:30AM WEDNESDAY 23RD
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Open

CLASS EVENT

WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH

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!



Parents Evening

MONDAY 20TH MARCH & WEDNESDAY
22ND MARCH
15:45 - 18:45

We would like to invite all parents and guardians, to join us either virtually or in person do discuss your child's progress.

It is also an ideal opportunity to ask the class teachers any questions that you may have about your child's learning and our school.

Mrs Adshead is also available for appointments should you wish to speak to her separately.

