

# ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS



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



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS ADSHEAD

It is hard to believe that we are already in the second week of the summer term.

As you are aware, Monday 8th May is a Bank Holiday in celebration of the Kings Coronation, and to celebrate this, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 5th May. We would like all the children to wear red, white and blue, if they have items of clothing with the Union Jack on then this is a great opportunity to wear them! We kindly request that the children do not come to school in football kits or sports wear on this occasion. We will also be holding our first ice-cream sale on the same day after school.

Ice cream sales will take place on each week on a Friday after school. Once again you will be able to pay via Arbor and you will be able to purchase ice-creams for younger siblings or yourselves should you wish to do so.

We would all like to say a huge thank you to yourselves and everyone involved in the PTA for the interactive screens that we are now using the Oaks and Rowans classrooms. Without your continued support this would not have been possible.

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In A world  
where you  
can Be   
Anything  
Be Kind



# Ice Cream Sale Every Friday!



**If you pay using Arbor your  
children will not have to queue  
after school!**

**All ice creams and lollies £1  
Why not buy one for siblings or  
yourself!**



**Please help us raise money to  
purchase some playtime resources.**





# PTA

The PTA are holding a meeting on 18th May in The Bull at 8pm. It would be great to see as many parents attend as possible as this will be the planning meeting for the summer fete. We need lots of support from parents to help make this event a roaring success. If you would like to be involved but are unable to attend the meeting please contact Lucy Walder or Kate Featonby who will be grateful for your support.

The PTA at St Paul's Walden cannot run without parental involvement, and the school relies heavily on PTA donations to complete some of the fantastic projects and purchase vital equipment. Over the years they have supported the school purchasing classroom furniture, library and reading books, Year 6 leavers books and dictionaries, the library furniture, chrome books, interactive television screens, outdoor learning resources, playground equipment and supporting families paying for events.



## *SAVE THE DATE*

## *SPW School Summer Fete*

### *Saturday 8th July 2-4pm*



# LEARNING IN THE WILLOWS

The Willows children were delighted to see that a spaceship had landed in their classroom over the holidays. They have been inside, flying off to the moon and other distant planets, plotting their journey and trying out all the important equipment that is essential for space travel. There has been some excellent model making of rockets and aliens, with some of the children trying out a new technique to join parts, by cutting slits to insert the card. They have also watched some real astronauts to find out how and why people and objects move differently in space, and what happens when they try to eat, drink or wash their hair on the International Space Station.

Aoife: They catch it in their mouths when it's floating because it flies out of their hands.

Isobel: They use special soap and a towel and a brush when they wash their hair. The water...they float out of her hair...the bubbles.. and they have to try and catch them.

Skip: They can play tennis - they turned upside down.

Petar: They fly around...there's no gravity.

Mihail: When you're in the rocket you can see the whole Earth.

Hunie: The man is driving the ship and when he's inside the ship he's up to the sky to the moon and the whole place is dark and he's gone out to see the stars because he wanted to play outside. The outside is black and the moon is brown.

Abigail: There's no gravity and if you don't strap yourself in when you take off to the moon then you will fly around.

Lilly: The lady showed us where we go out in the moon. You have to wear space clothes... that protects you so you don't fly away.

Jack: The space suit is something you can breathe in. The space boots are heavy and it helps you stay down on the moon. They have really big sunglasses so you can go close to the sun.

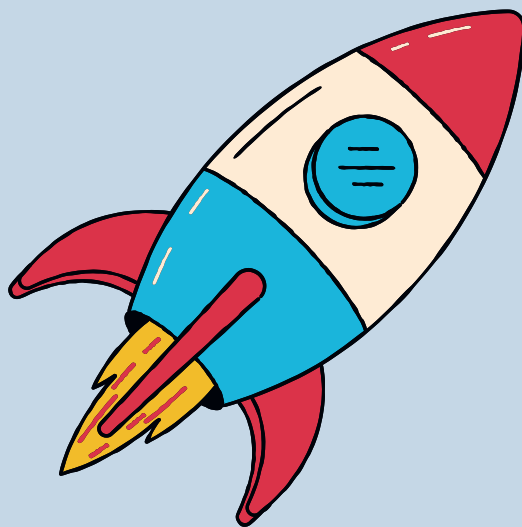
Isla: They can jump in their suits when they're out on the moon.

Max: Her hair floats up because there's no gravity.

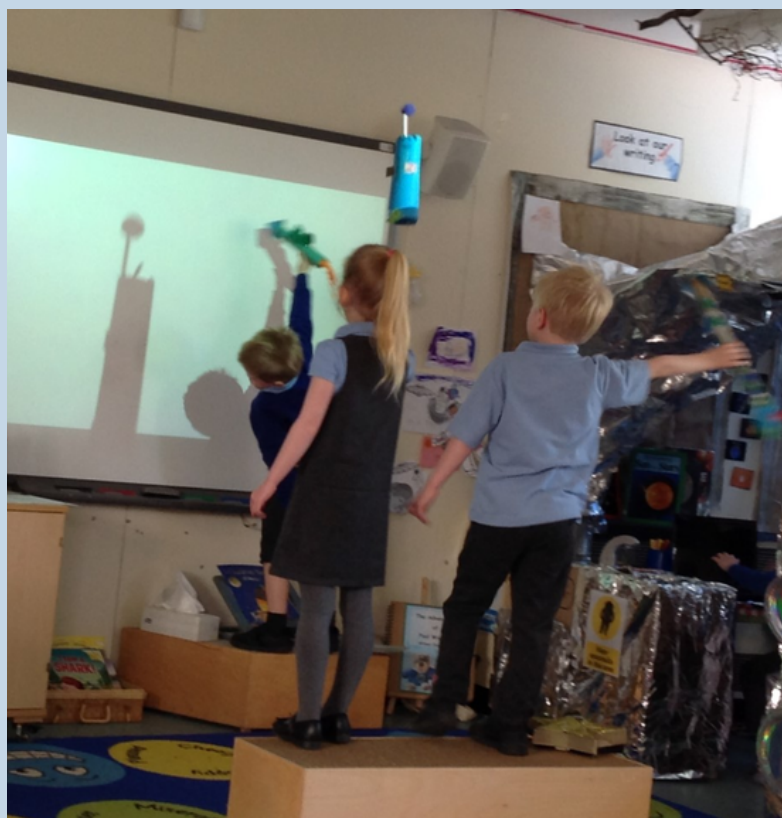
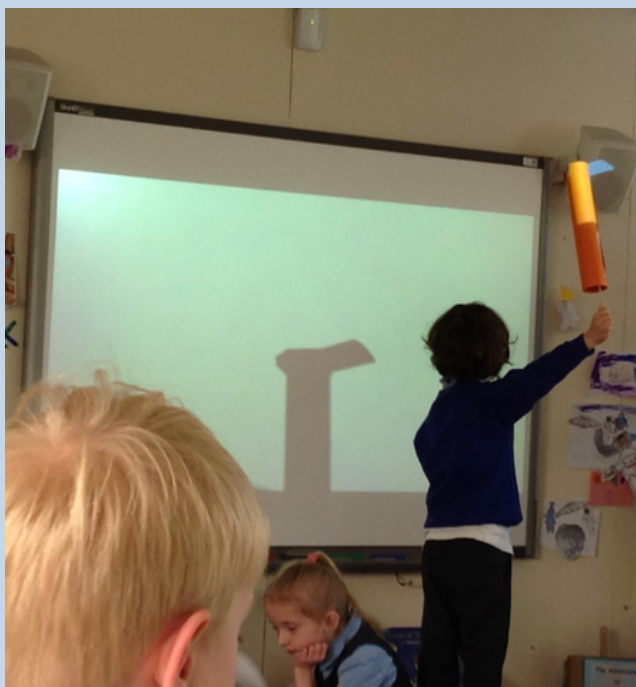
Benji: Their hair is a little bit wonky when it's going up!













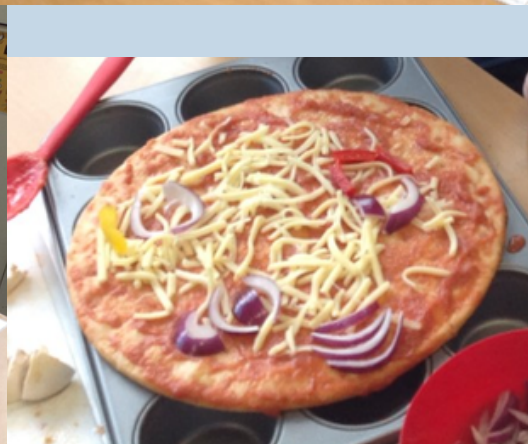
# LEARNING IN THE ROWANS

This week, the Rowans have been exploring how we grow different vegetables, how they are good for you and how they change when they are cooked!

They carefully chopped the vegetables themselves with our safety knives, then tried the vegetables raw. Lots of the Rowans were surprised at how nice the raw vegetables tasted!

After decorating their pizza with the sauce, vegetables and some cheese, they tried their pizza to compare how the vegetables had changed after being cooked.

They noticed that the vegetables become softer and much sweeter when they are cooked. There was lots of debate over whether raw or cooked vegetables were tastier!









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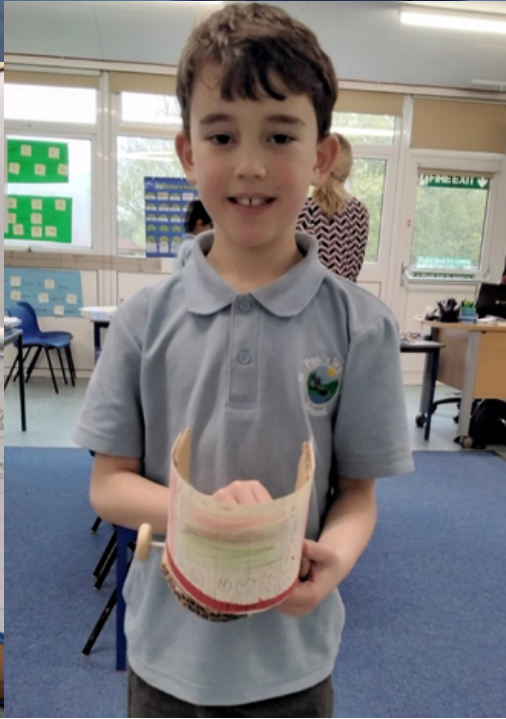
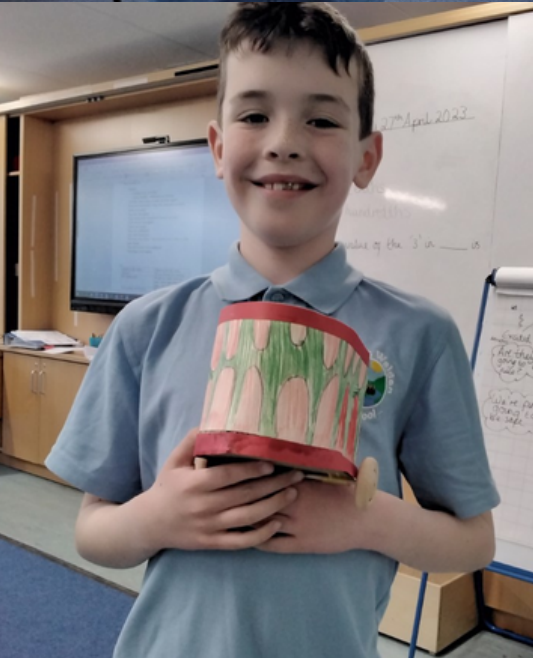




# LEARNING IN THE SILVER BIRCHES

In Science, we recently finished our Teeth and Eating topic by modelling the digestive system and what happens to our food as it makes it's journey around our bodies.

In D&T, we have finished off our Roman chariots. We learned and practised many skills, such as how to use a handsaw and how to score so that a flat piece of cardboard would bend into the curved shape we needed for our carriages.

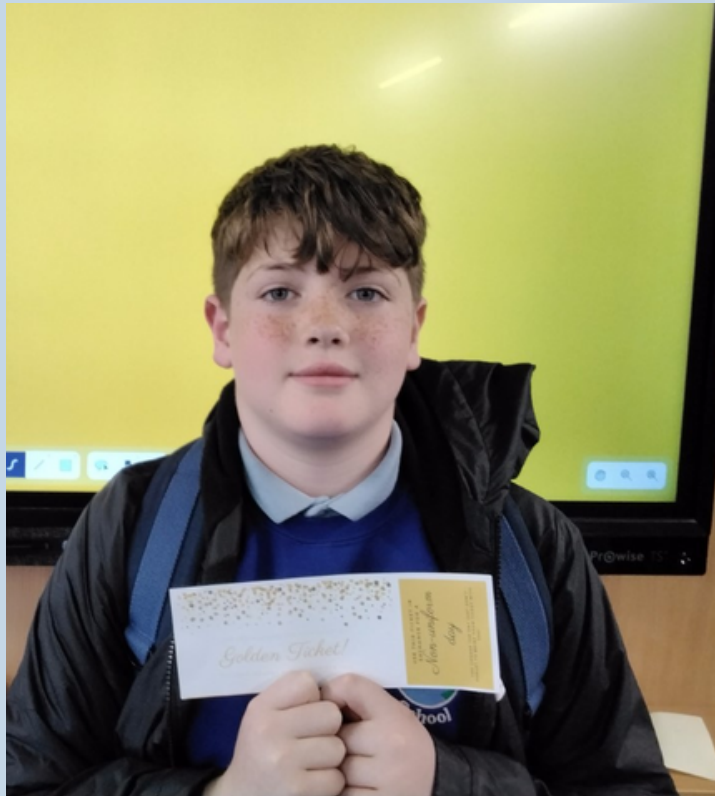




# GOLDEN TICKETS!

We are really proud of Matthew M, Hayden, Gabriel, Hugo J, Nyasha, Shaurya, Joshua, Hunter, and Harry J 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:** **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:** **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:** Thursday 4th January  
**Bank Holiday:** Friday 29th March, Monday 1st April

## 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

<b>4th May</b>	Parent drop in session 9:00 to 11:15
<b>9th - 12th May</b>	SATs week KS2
<b>16th May</b>	Silver Birches Verulamium trip <b>Cancelled</b>
<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>24th May</b>	Sports Day time to be confirmed
<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>15th June</b>	Oaks trip to Airbus Stem centre
<b>21st June</b>	Willows Class Assembly
<b>22nd June</b>	School photos
<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
<b>8th July</b>	PTA Summer fete <b>New</b>
<b>13th July</b>	Rowans class trip to Mountfitchet

## 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.





A number of events are planned to mark the **coronation of King Charles III** next month.

**Saturday 6 May:**

live screening of the coronation of King Charles III in the village hall, timings tbc.

**Sunday 7 May:**

the High Street will be closed from 12.00-5.00pm to allow for street parties, as we did for the Jubilee last year. Bring your own tables

and chairs, food and drink. Everybody welcome, no matter where you live in the parish!

**Monday 8 May:**

Big Volunteer Village Clean-Up, 9.00-11.00am, meet at the village shop.

Village photo, assemble in the Valley from 11.00am, photo at 11.30am.

Then, on to the Bury gardens for a picnic from 12.00 noon.