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LITTLE WALTHAM
C.E.V.A. Primary School

WEEKLY NEWS

Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence

Autumn Term – Edition 8
6th November 2026

@LittleWalthamPS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an excellent first week back at Little Waltham and it has been wonderful to see the children return and settle into their new learning this half term.

On Wednesday, we held our Challenge and Aspiration Homework Exhibition in the school hall. There were some incredible projects on display, showcasing not only the children's creativity and effort but also their understanding and enthusiasm for their learning from last half term. It was particularly pleasing to hear how many families had spent time together discussing current topics and learning themes while creating the projects. Thank you for the support you have given your children with this work. Well done to all pupils who completed a project this term.

Also on Wednesday, we welcomed parents to our Early Number Workshop. Thank you to everyone who attended. We hope you found the session useful in supporting your child's mathematical development at home. Resources from the workshop are available on the school website for any families who were unable to attend. A special thank you goes to Mrs Baker for organising and delivering the workshop.

On Thursday, two of our school prefects represented Little Waltham at the Chelmsford Pupil Forum. They met with pupils from a range of schools across Chelmsford to discuss this year's Future Voices project. Over the coming months, they will work closely with our School Council to develop and deliver the chosen project, with the aim of making a positive difference to our school community. We look forward to seeing their ideas come to life.

Today, we hosted the Prostrike Football Fundraiser. Over the past few weeks, many pupils have worked hard to gain sponsorship before testing the speed of their football kick using a special target goal fitted with speed cameras. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and created a great sense of excitement. Well done to everyone who took part and to all those who raised sponsorship money.

Looking ahead to next week, our Remembrance Service will take place on Wednesday at 9:00am in the school hall. Parents are warmly invited to attend this special act of worship as we come together to remember and honor those who gave their lives in service to others.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Kind Regards

Stephen Saunders

Headteacher

Prayer for Forgiveness

Dear God,

Thank You for loving us even when we make mistakes.
Help us to say sorry when we do wrong,
and to forgive others when they hurt us.



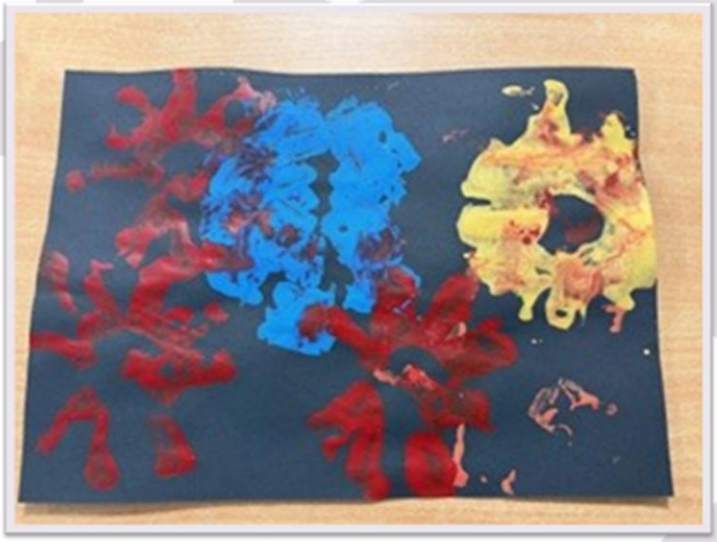
Teach us to let go of anger,
to show kindness instead,
and to build peace in our school and our world.

Thank You that Jesus showed us
how powerful forgiveness can be.

Amen.

Work of the Week

Friday 6th November 2026

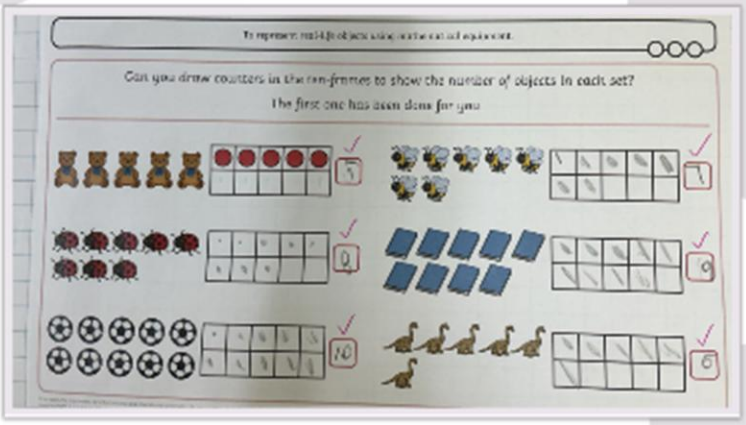


Ash Class
Work of the Week

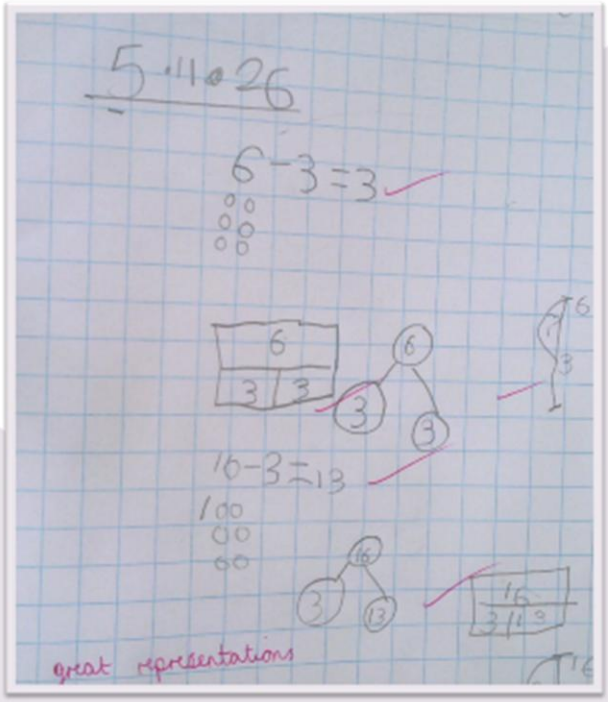
Betsy followed instructions well to complete a beautiful firework picture.

Chestnut Class
Work of the Week

Harry for some excellent Maths work this week!

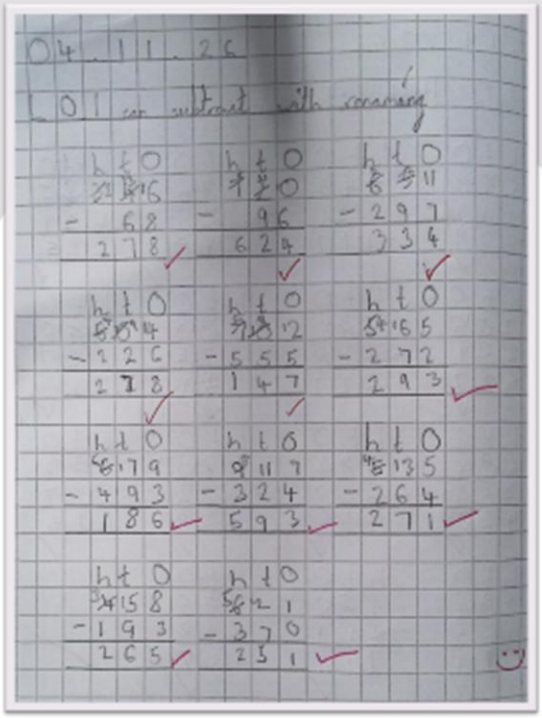






Elm Class
Work of the Week

Olivia for some good subtraction work.

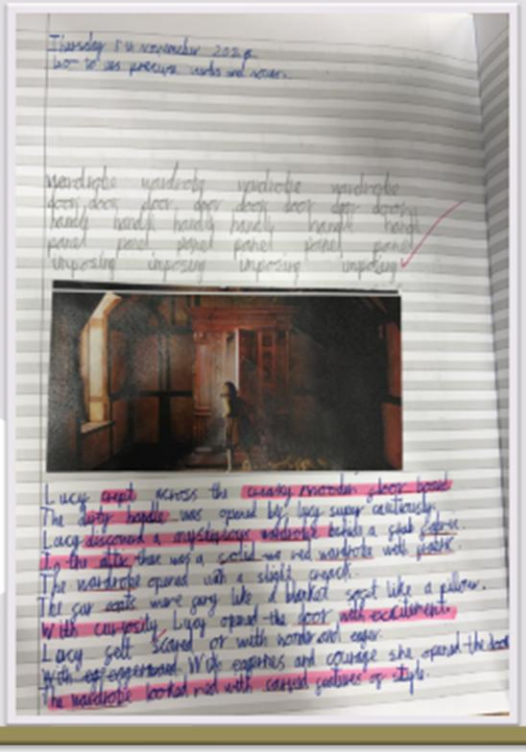


Maple Class
Work of the Week

Charlie for producing a beautifully presented piece of maths work and demonstrating outstanding skills when using the column method for subtraction.

Oak Class
Work of the Week

Alayhan for a great piece of writing, thinking carefully about her precise use of vocab. Super handwriting too 😊



Sycamore Class
Work of the Week

Freddie T for your absolutely beautiful Remembrance poppy artwork.

Fantastic, skilled use of oil pastels to colour the poppy petals.





Willow Class
Work of the Week

Maya for a beautiful print inspired by the work of William Morris.

Value Awards

	Value Award	Super Skill Award	Work of the week
Ash	**Courage** **Hollie-Rose** For a great week back after half-term and always speaking up about your worries and concerns.	**Perseverance** **Otis** for impressing your teachers with you pencil grip and lovely handwriting.	**Betsy** followed instructions well to complete a beautiful firework picture.
Chestnut	**Compassion** **Rosella** for being a kind, caring and considerate friend.	**Perseverance** **Rosie** for working hard in all you do and being a brilliant role model.	**Harry** For some excellent Maths work this week!
Elm	**Perseverance** **Lana** for working hard and completing all of her work to the best of her ability.	**Perseverance** **Archie** for working hard in PE at his fitness skills	**Olivia** for some good subtraction work.
Maple	**Compassion** **Sophia** for being kind and caring towards others.	**Perseverance** **George** for always demonstrating a positive attitude towards his learning. He has set an excellent example for his peers.	**Charlie** Excellent presentation in his maths book.
Oak	**Perseverance** **Adnan** for coming back after half term with super focus. He has worked hard all week 😊	**Courage** **Batuhan** for settling into the class really well and showing a great attitude.	**Alayhan** for a great piece of writing thinking carefully about her precise use of vocab. Super handwriting too 😊
Sycamore	**Perseverance** **Swara** for always having an enthusiastic attitude to learning, for always working hard and trying her best!	**Courage** **Seren** for always having the courage to share ideas and thoughts in lessons. Your ideas and contributions are really, really valuable to class discussions.	**Freddie T** for your absolutely beautiful Remembrance poppy artwork. Excellent skills with oil pastels.
Willow	**Courage** **Palaaksha** for really pushing yourself to contribute more within class discussions and share your brilliant ideas.	**Compassion** **Pippa** for always being such a kind friend to everyone in class and supportive of younger children too.	**Maya** for a beautiful print inspired by the work of William Morris.

Aspiration & Challenge Homework Exhibition






Ermich
River mouth
Ocean




Courage




The River Nile

THE LONDON GAZETTE

Friday Sep - 16

A terrible fire

A huge fire has swept through the city of London. The fire started at Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane near London bridge. Early the early hours of sunday morning the flames quickly spread because many of the houses are made of wood and built very close together. The fire burnt for four days and four nights. People were frightened as they watched the flames light up the sky.

people fled for safety carrying their belongings some people looked their furniture on to boats to try save it from flames. firefighters tried very hard to stop the fire by pulling down houses to leave gaps so it would not spread at last it was. brave girl to an end yesterday London will be rebuilt and will be even better than ever before.

written by Lachlan Beacon

LONDON NEWS

Huge Fire Destroys London!

A terrible fire has broken out in London. It started in a bakery on Pudding Lane on Sunday the 2nd September 1666. The fire spread very quickly because the houses are wooden.

The Kang has ordered to knock houses to stop the fire spreading. But over days

The Burning Bulletin

2d

6th September 1666

HOT OFF THE PRESS!!

ADVERTISEMENT

LOOKERS BEWARE

Hide valuables this like money wine cheese

LONDON'S BURNING

On the 2nd of September in Pudding Lane a fire started in a bakery. It raced quickly across London spreading toxic smoke. Because the wooden houses were built so so close together it was hard to stop the fire spreading. Even the King has been helping to get it out with a fire hook! The fire burned for four days!

According to a witness, Samuel Pepys, who lives on the other side of the River Thames "when the wind changed direction it blew the fire towards my house! eep!)


Pudding Lane

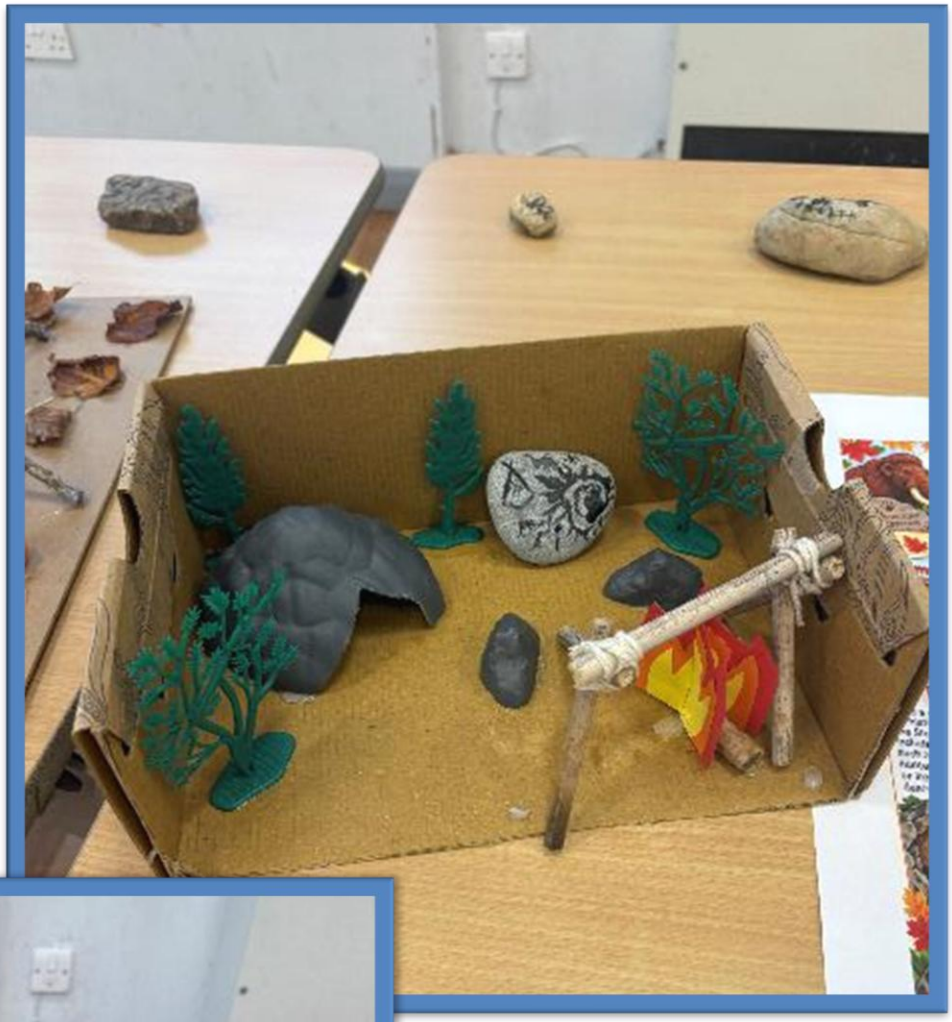





Child
Labour
Photo-
Story









Victorian Invention
The Light Bulb

Advantages

- Longer working hours: Factories, shops and offices could stay open after dark.
- Safer homes: People did not need to use as many candles or open flames, which reduced some fire risk.
- Cleaner air: Electric lights did not produce smoke and fumes like gas lamps.

Better education: Children could read books and study in evenings.

Disadvantages

- Expensive: Early light bulbs and electrical wiring cost a lot of money.
- Short lifespan: Early bulbs did not last very long and needed replacing.
- Wasted energy: Old designs bulbs used a lot of electricity and produced a lot of heat.
- Electrical dangers: Faulty wiring could cause fires or electricity shocks.

What was the invention?

The earliest light bulbs were a very important invention because it allowed people to light up their homes, businesses and streets using electricity instead of candles and gas lamps.

The light bulb works by passing electricity through a thin wire called a filament. The wire gets very hot and glows, which produces light. The bulb is made of glass and sealing the air so oxygen is stopped the filament burning out so quickly.







Who invented it and when?

On January 1880 an American inventor called Thomas Edison received a patent for his improved electric light bulb.

Although many people think Edison invented the first light bulb, other inventors had been experimenting with electric lighting for many years before his. However, this bulb was the most long lasting, were too expensive or had not suitable for lighting homes.

Edison's big achievement was making a light bulb that was practical for everyday use. He also helped develop a system that could supply electricity to homes and businesses.

One of his biggest challenges was finding the right material for the filament. He had was been tested thousands of different materials to find one that would glow for a long time without burning out or melting.

"I cannot believe it! With a flicker of a switch, the whole room lights up. No more smoky lamps or candles setting the curtains on fire. What a wonderful invention"

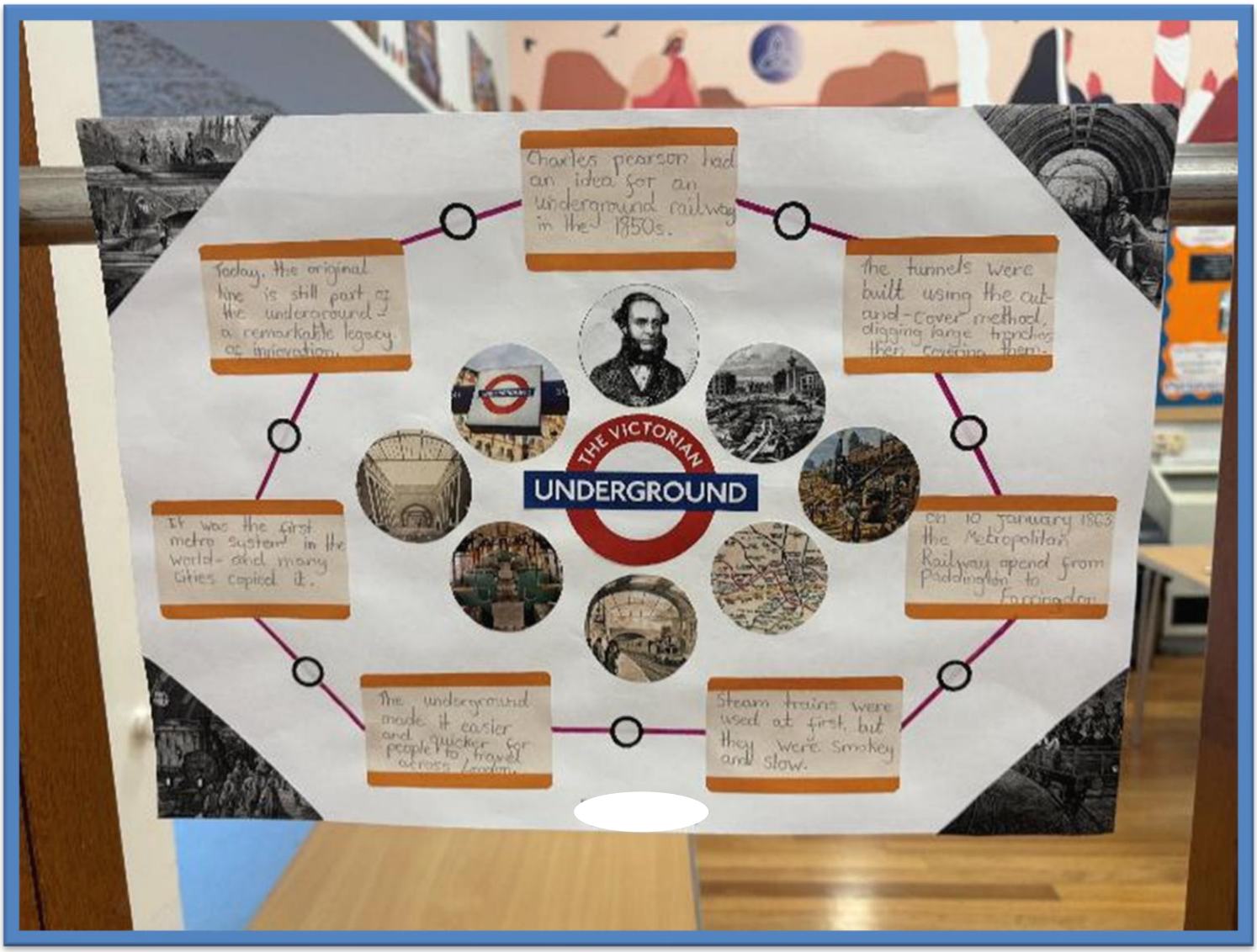


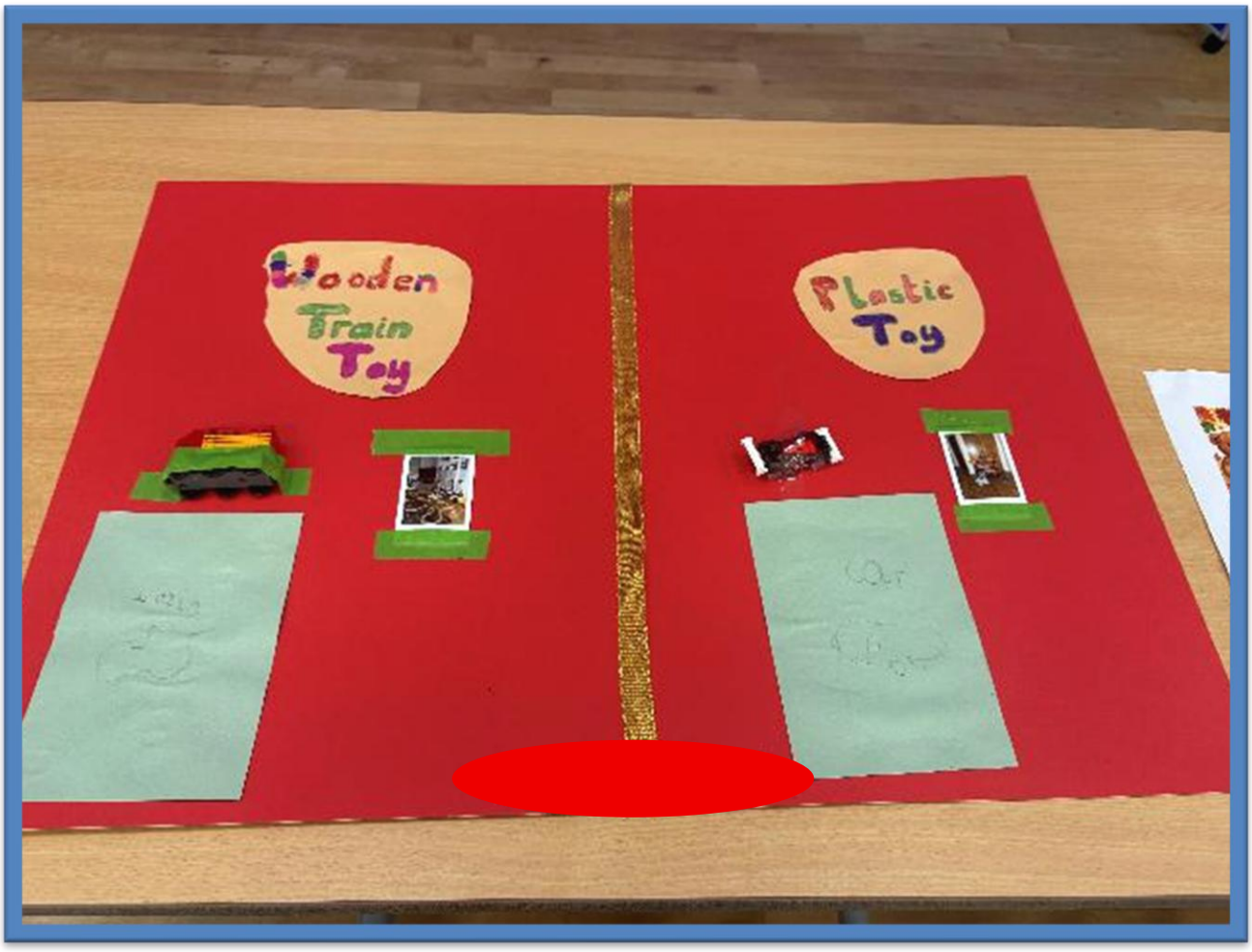
What did people think about it

This shows how exciting and amazing the new invention might have seemed to people living in Victorian times, because they were used to lighting their homes with candles and gas lamps. This invention was part of the industrial revolution.



I think the electric light bulb was one of the most important of the Victorian era because it completely changed how people lived. People could see in the dark, work for longer and do things in the evenings without relying on candles or gas lamps. It's hard to imagine what life would be like without the light bulb!


Charles pearson had an idea for an underground railway in the 1850s.
The tunnels were built using the cut-and-cover method, digging large trenches then covering them.
On 10 January 1863 the Metropolitan Railway opend from Paddington to Farringdon.
Steam trains were used at first, but they were smokey and slow.
The underground made it easier and quicker for people to travel across London.
It was the first metro system in the world- and many cities copied it.
Today, the original line is still part of the underground- a remarkable legacy of innovation.
THE VICTORIAN
UNDERGROUND


Wooden Train Toy
Plastic Toy

Little Waltham
CEVA Primary School

A small school with a big heart

Compassion • Perseverance • Courage • Forgiveness

OPEN DAYS
for prospective parents
2027 Reception Intake

Come and see what makes our school special and find out more about our warm, welcoming family community.

Thursday 8th October
– 9.30am

Tuesday 10th November
– 9.30am and 5.45pm

Thursday 3rd December
– 9.30am

Contact the school office by phone or email to **book a space.**

01245 360246
admin@littlewaltham.essex.sch.uk

Everyone is welcome!

Piano Lessons at School

Space available for new pupils!



When?

On a Tuesday
during school time.

How to book?

Bookable through Essex County Council:
https://www.essexmusicservice.org.uk/site/music-information-for-parents/music-lessons-in-school/

or contact the school office for further information.

More information and cost can be found on the link.

Could you be eligible for a discount?

Families on a low income may be able to get a 60% discount on lesson fees, this is something we can check in the school office.



Christmas Wreath Making Evening

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER

7-9PM

PROSECCO - MULLED WINE - WREATH MAKING
AT LITTLE WALTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Love The PTA xxx

Save the Date!

FOR OUR

Christmas Bazaar

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2026

4.30PM - 6.30PM

The Friends of Little Waltham C.E.V.A. Primary School

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CLASS DOJO CHAMPIONS
06/11/2026



ASH – FRANCESCO

CHESTNUT - EFFY

ELM – LACHLAN

MAPLE – ROBIN

OAK – TILLY

SYCAMORE – FRANKIE

WILLOW – NAOMI

Dates for the Diary

More dates will be added as the school year progresses, so continue to check our diary dates!

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 10th November	9:30am & 5:45pm	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 11th November	9:00am	Pupil Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday 18th November	1:30pm-3:00pm	Our Community, Our Careers Event (KS2)
Friday 20th November		PTA Non-uniform Day & Donation Day
Tuesday 24th November	9:30am	EYFS & Year 6 Height & Weight National Measurement Programme
Friday 27th November		PTA Teddy Donation Day
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 1st December	7:00pm-9:00pm	PTA Christmas Wreath Making Evening
Wednesday 2nd December		Author Visit – Kes Gray
Thursday 3rd December	9:30am	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Friday 4th December	9:00am	Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly
Friday 4th December	4:30pm-6:30pm	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday 9th December	9:30am	KS1 and EYFS Nativity
Thursday 10th December	9:30am	KS1 and EYFS Nativity
Monday 14th December		PTA Elfridges
Wednesday 16th December		Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17th December	9:30am	Christmas Service at St Martins Church
Friday 18th December	9:00am	Learning Awards Assembly
Friday 18th December		PTA Father Christmas Visit to School
Friday 18th December	3:15pm	Christmas Carols by Choir in playground
Monday 21st December – Monday 4th January		Christmas Holidays
JANUARY		
Monday 4th January		Non-pupil Day
Tuesday 5th January		Return to School
Tuesday 5th January		Art Enrichment Week
Friday 15th January		Reports to Parents
FEBRUARY		
Tuesday 9th February		Safer Internet Day
Friday 12th February	9:00am	Learning Awards Assembly
Monday 15th February -19th February		Half Term
Monday 22nd February		Return to School Return to S
MARCH		
Wednesday 3rd March		Sycamore Class Trip to The Lion King
Thursday 4th March		World Book Day
Friday 12th March		Chestnut Class Trip to Colchester Zoo
Tuesday 16th March	3:40pm-6:30pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 18th March	3:40pm-6:30pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 24th March	9:30am (KS1) 10:30am (KS2)	Easter Service at St Martins Church
Friday 26th March		Bank Holiday
Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April		Easter Holidays

APRIL		
Monday 12th April		Back to School
MAY		
Monday 10th May – Thursday 13th May		Year 6 SATS Week
Friday 14th May		Willow Class Trip – Wilderness Foundation
Friday 14th May		Elm Class Trip to Legoland
Monday 17th May		Pentecost day
Tuesday 18th May	9:30am (KS2) 10:30am (KS1)	Pentecost Service at St Martins Church
Friday 21st May		Sycamore Class Trip – Wilderness Foundation
Friday 28th May	9:00am	Learning Awards Assembly
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June		Half Term
JUNE		
Monday 7th June		Non-pupil Day
Friday 11th June		Maple Class Trip – Wilderness Foundation
Thursday 17th June	9:30am	Sports Day and Family Picnic
Friday 18th June		River Chelmer Cricket Competition (Years 5 & 6)
Friday 18th June		Oak Class Wilderness Foundation
Monday 21st June – Friday 25th June		Year 6 Secondary School Transition week
Friday 25th June		Elm Class Trip – Wilderness Foundation
JULY		
Friday 2nd July		Chestnut Class Trip – Wilderness Foundation
Monday 5th July – Wednesday 7th July		Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 6th July		Class Swap – Moving up Day
Thursday 8th July	9:00am	Year 4 Shakespeare Performance
Friday 9th July		Reception Ash Class Trip – Wilderness Foundation
Monday 12th July		Reports to Parents
Wednesday 14th July		Open Evening for Parents
Thursday 15th July	1:30pm & 6:00pm	Year 6 Production
Friday 16th July	9:00am	Learning Awards Assembly
Monday 19th July	9:30am	Bible Service
Tuesday 20th July	9:00am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 21st July		Non-pupil Day
Thursday 22nd July – 31st August		Summer Holidays
Non-Pupil Days 2026/2027		
Monday 4th January 2027		Non-pupil Day
Monday 7th June 2027		Non-pupil Day
Wednesday 21st July 2027		Non-pupil Day