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

WEEKLY NEWS

Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence

Autumn Term – Edition 9
13th November 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and eventful week at Little Waltham.

On Wednesday morning, we held our Remembrance Service in school. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for this service. I was particularly proud of the respect and thoughtfulness shown by our pupils throughout the service. A special thank you to those children who shared their reflections and poems, and to our prefects, who led the worship so confidently through their readings. I would also like to give a special mention to Prerana and Cole, who represented our school by delivering readings at the Little Waltham Remembrance Sunday service.

On Monday, we welcomed the Chelmsford School Sport Partnership into school to deliver Balanceability sessions for our Reception children. Using balance bikes, the children had great fun developing their balance, coordination and confidence. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and enjoyment as they took part in the activities.

Monday also brought some fantastic sporting success for our Year 6 boys' football team, who competed in the Chelmsford City FC Under-11s Trust Tournament. The boys played exceptionally well, securing three impressive 3–0 victories against St Michael's, Westlands Primary and Trinity Road Primary before progressing to the semi-final. A penalty shootout against Elm Green Preparatory School saw them secure their place in the final, which will take place on 5th December against Barnes Farm Primary School, as part of Chelmsford City's matchday against Slough Town. What an incredible achievement and a wonderful opportunity for the boys to experience! We are all immensely proud of the team, not only for their performances but also for the way they represented our school. A special congratulations must also go to Alex, who was deservedly awarded Goalkeeper of the Tournament. We wish the whole team the very best of luck in the final!

On Thursday, our Year 5 children took part in their Bronze Sports Ambassador Training. During the session, they learned a variety of games and activities that they will be able to lead with our younger pupils as they prepare to take on their play-leader roles next academic year.

We were particularly impressed by their enthusiasm, positive attitudes and willingness to take on responsibility. The children will also be putting their new skills into practice next term when they organise a Teddy Olympics event for our Year 1 pupils.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Stephen Saunders

Headteacher

Prayer for Compassion

Dear God,

Thank You for loving us and showing us kindness every day.



Help us to open our hearts to others,
to notice when someone is sad or lonely,
and to offer a smile, a kind word, or a helping hand.

Teach us to be gentle and caring,
just as Jesus was compassionate to everyone He met.

May our school be a place where love and kindness grow,
and where everyone feels valued and cared for.

Amen.

Work of the Week

Friday 13th November 2026

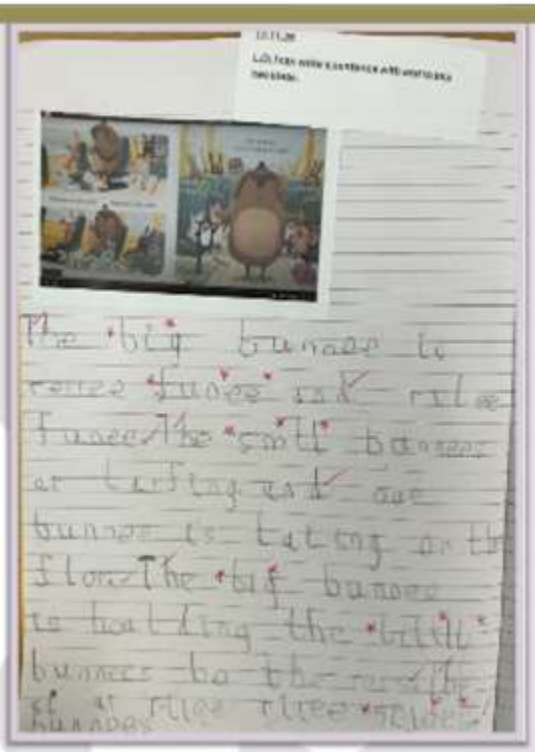


Ash Class
Work of the Week

Margot learnt all about the artist Yayoi Kusama and recreated her own version beautifully. Well done!

Chestnut Class
Work of the Week

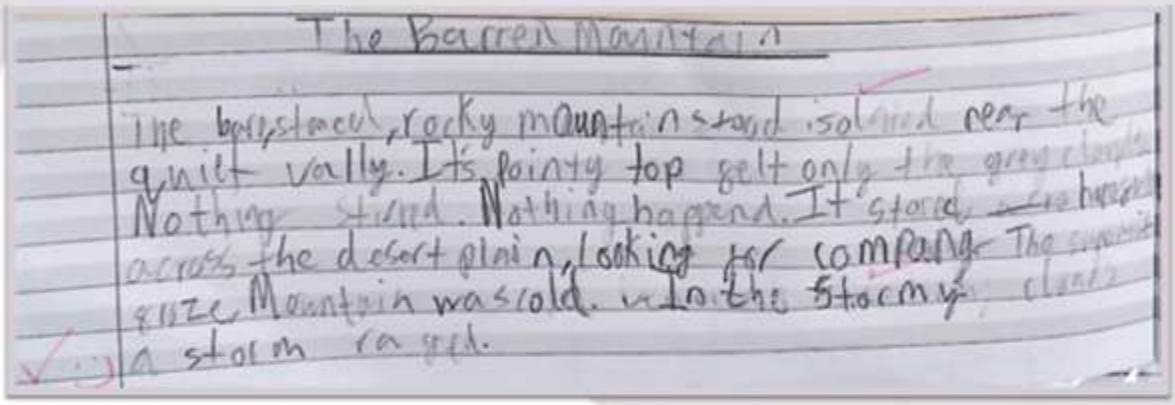
Rupert for producing an excellent piece of writing, remembering everything we are working on and with lovely presentation! Well done Rupert, keep it up!





Elm Class
Work of the Week

Caleb for an excellent Storyboard showing the main parts of the Hindu Creation Story.



The Barren Mountain

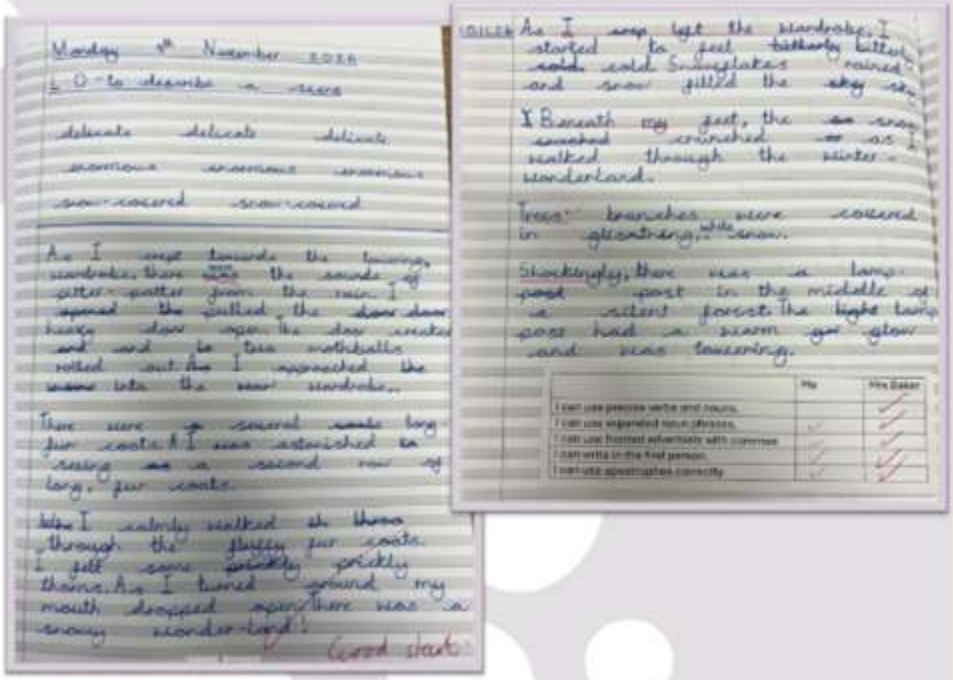
The bare, stood, rocky mountain stood isolated near the quilt valley. It's pointy top felt only the grey clouds. Nothing stirred. Nothing happened. It stood, ~~the~~ heavy across the desert plain, looking for company. The ~~enormous~~ size, Mountain was cold. ~~In the stormy~~ clouds A storm raged.

Maple Class Work of the Week

Rowan for his excellent use of descriptive language when writing a setting description about the lonely mountain.

Oak Class Work of the Week

Aarav for an amazing description of Narnia. He used Vocab effectively and presented his work superbly!



Monday 4th November 2024

L.O - to describe a scene

delicate delicate delicate

enormous enormous enormous

snow-covered snow-covered

As I crept towards the looming wardrobe, there was the sounds of ~~pitter~~ pitter-patter from the rain. I opened the ~~pulled~~ pulled the door down heavy door open the snow-covered and was to the snowballs rolled out. As I approached the snow into the snow wardrobe.

There were ~~a~~ snow-covered coats long fur coats. I was astonished to seeing me in a second row of long, fur coats.

As I calmly walked ~~at~~ through the fluffy fur coats. I felt some ~~prickly~~ prickly thorns. As I turned around my mouth dropped open there was a snowy wonder-land!

Good start

As I crept ~~into~~ into the wardrobe, I started to feel ~~extremely~~ bitterly cold. cold Snowflakes rained and snow filled the sky.

I Beneath my feet, the snow crunched crunched as I walked through the winter wonderland.

Trees' branches were covered in ~~glistening~~ glistening white snow.

Shockingly, there was a lamp-post lamp post in the middle of a silent forest. The light from the post had a warm yet glow and was towering.

	Me	Mrs Baker
I can use precise verbs and nouns.		✓
I can use expanded noun phrases.	✓	✓
I can use fronted adverbials with commas		✓
I can write in the first person.	✓	✓
I can use apostrophes correctly.	✓	✓

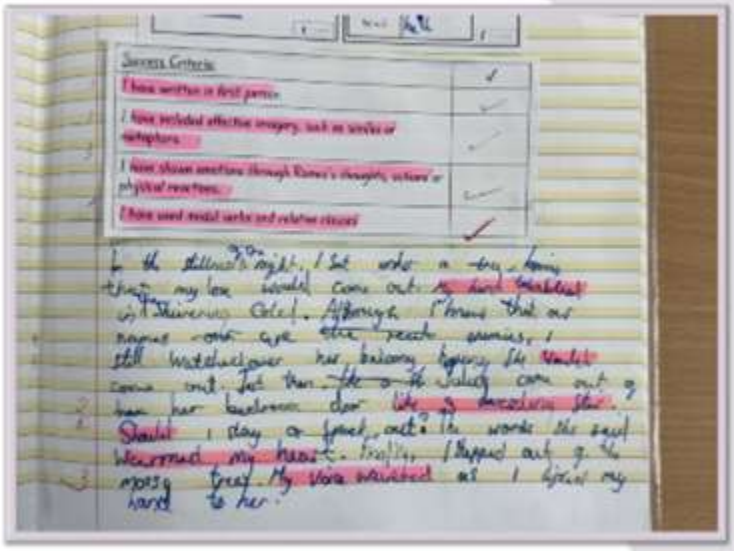
Sycamore Class
Work of the Week

A HUGE well done to all **of Sycamore** for being exceptional role models during this week's Bronze Ambassador Play Leader training. Every member of the class was respectful, creative and compassionate when teaching Year 2 the games they'd invented.









Willow Class
Work of the Week

Primrose for a lovely use of language in your mini diary as Romeo. You really captured how he feels about Juliet in that moment.

Value Awards

	Value Award	Super Skill Award	Work of the week
Ash	**Perseverance** **Billie** has made great progress in drawing club and can write initial sounds independently and is beginning to write CVC words.	**Compassion** **Effie** is always trying to include all the members of the class and take care of her friends.	**Margot** learnt all about the artist Yayoi Kusama and recreated her own version beautifully. Well done!
Chestnut	**Compassion** **Jenson** for being a patient and kind friend to all those around him. You are a fantastic role model in all that you do and you are constantly quietly choosing the better choice. We're so pleased to have you, superstar!	**Perseverance** **Arlo** for a fabulous attitude to all of his learning this week. You have been hyper focused on every lesson this week, keen to contribute ideas and generally been a fantastic learner! Well done Arlo, keep it up!	**Rupert** for producing an excellent piece of writing, remembering everything we are working on and with lovely presentation! Well done Rupert 😊
Elm	**Perseverance** **Tino** for working hard in mathematics and solving lots of challenge questions.	**Perseverance** **Darcey** for some good addition and subtraction work when working with Miss Birch.	**Caleb** for an excellent story board showing the Hindu Creation Story.
Maple	**Compassion** **Riley** for being a kind and supportive friend. He noticed that they were upset so he went over to comfort them.	**Perseverance** **Willis** for continuing his learning at home. He demonstrated his model that he made at home with the class by giving a clear explanation on how he made it and how it works.	**Rowan** for his excellent use of descriptive language when writing a setting description about the lonely mountain.
Oak	**Perseverance** **Eliza** for making a really good effort with her writing this week trying hard to act on the feedback she has been given. 😊	**Perseverance** **Cyril** for a good attitude towards his learning 😊	**Aarav** for an amazing description of Narnia. He used vocab effectively and presented his work superbly! 😊
Sycamore	**Compassion** **Alanna** for always being a kind friend, thoughtful classmate and helpful to adults.	**Perseverance** **Jeorgie** for always having an excellent attitude to work and for persevering when tasks in class feel tricky.	**All of Sycamore** for being exceptional role models during this week's Bronze Ambassador Play Leader training. Every member of the class was respectful, creative, and compassionate when teaching Year 2 the games they'd invented.
Willow	**Perseverance** **Frank** for really pushing yourself this week and showing a great attitude – and not giving up on fractions!	**Compassion** **Sophia** for consistently being a good friend to those around you and also supportive of the younger children outside.	**Primrose** for lovely use of language in your mini diary as Romeo. You really captured how he feels about Juliet in that moment.

Remembrance










Lest we forget











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!

Donation Day

For The

Christmas Bazaar

Friday 20th November

NON UNIFORM DAY

In exchange for a non uniform day we are asking for donations of chocolate, sweets and bottles. More details to follow.

A member of the PTA will be on each gate at drop-off to collect.

Thank you for your support.

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


Christmas Wreath
Making Evening
TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER
7-9PM
1 LAST SPACE
AVAILABLE TO BOOK
Thank you to everyone that has
already booked!!

Save the Date!

FOR OUR

Christmas Bazaar

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2026

4.30PM - 6.30PM

The Friends of LITTLE WALTHAM

Registered Charity No. 803612

C.E.V.A. Primary School



Let's Get Crafty

We are so grateful to everyone for purchasing the baubles recently, for our Let's Get Crafty event on Friday 11th December 2026.

We just wanted to update you that all children will be participating in the event and all the purchased baubles will be sent home on the day with the children.

Although sales have now closed, anyone who missed the cut off will be able to purchase the decorated baubles after the event on school gateway. More details to follow!

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

With love from the PTA xxx



CLASS DOJO CHAMPIONS
13/11/2026



ASH – ISABELLE

CHESTNUT- IMOGEN M & SIENNA

ELM – VIOLET W

MAPLE – FINLEY

OAK – JULIA

SYCAMORE – SEREN

WILLOW – BENJAMIN

Dates for the Diary

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

NOVEMBER		
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
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
Friday 11th December		PTA Baubles Craft Day
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