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
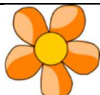





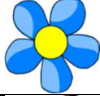




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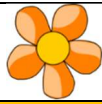
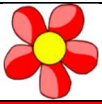
**100% attendance** this week: 64 pupils out of 88 pupils which is 72 %

Jesse	Knightley	Amelia	Jessica	
Edward	River	Gabriella	Emily	
Jackson	William	John James	Dylan	
Jett	Teddy Ca	Barney	Charlotte	
Darcie	Sienna F	Teddy D	Chloe	
Amelia-Rae	Joey	Lillie	Freya G	
Florence	Cassidy	Diggy	Lara	
Lucas	Ralph	Freddie	Freddy G	
Madison	Eva	Maxwell	Ava G	
Scarlett	Harrison	Cash	Finlay G	
Alice Curtis	Dotty	Archie	Harrison M	
Rafe	Jacob	Teddy Davis	Harrison P	
Dolly	Jude M	George	Sebastian	
Evie-May	Amber	Freya J	Naomi	
Ava	Maci	Sienna M	Mason	
Ethan	Brooke	George A	Dylan F	

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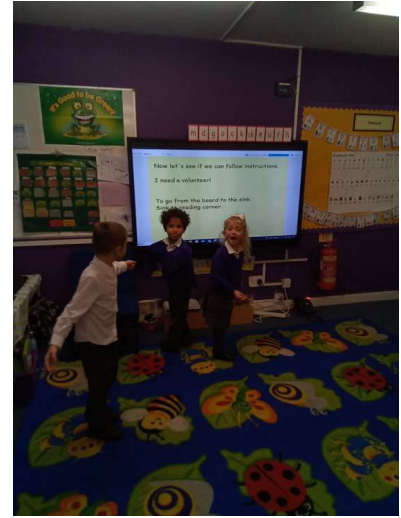
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Class**

**Class Register Teacher:  
Miss Isabella Curtis**

**Reception**

**Year 1**

This week in Geography we have looked at giving directions. The children had to use forwards, backwards, left and right. They enjoyed this very much!



The elf has arrived in Red-Orange class! The children are very excited to see where he will be each day.



Little Wandle books should have now been sent home to all children. Please ensure you read with them and write in their reading records.

Please remember to put reading books in book bags! Otherwise we cannot give out a new reading book. If books are lost or damaged parents may be charged a fee to replace.

**Merits and Awards**

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<b>Writer of the week</b>	Freya
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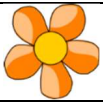


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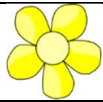
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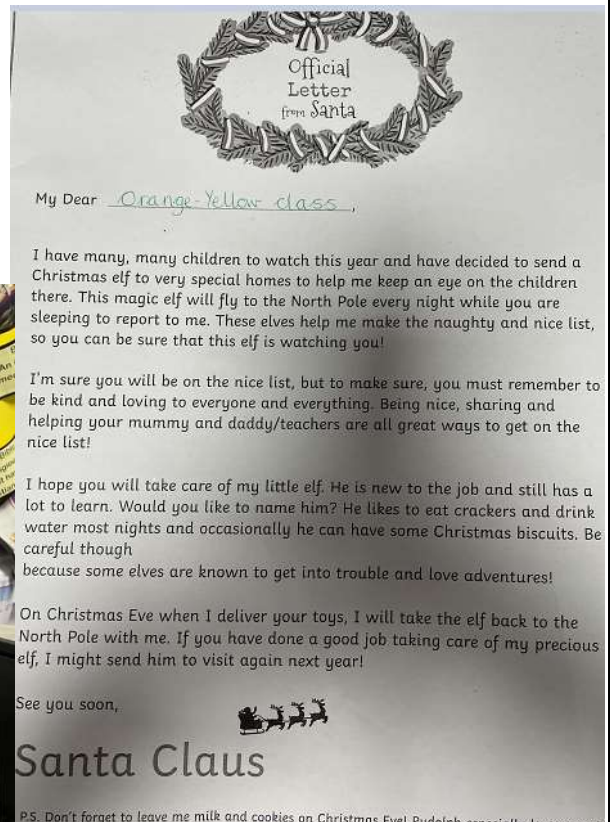
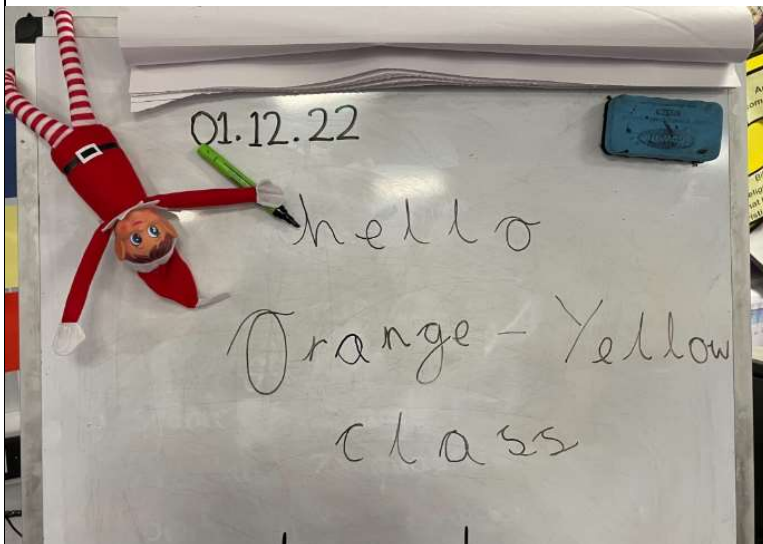
Year 2

Orange-  
Yellow Class

Class Register Teacher:  
Miss Lauren Seeley

This week we have been looking at germs and how easily they spread. To help the children understand, I placed a small amount of glitter on their hands and then asked them to do a colouring-in activity for 5 minutes. Once they had finished, I asked them to look at all the places the glitter had spread to. I explained this is just like germs, although we cannot see them, they are constantly spreading everywhere and this is the reason why we have to wash our hands properly and regularly. The children were really surprised with how much the 'germs' had spread.

Orange-Yellow class were extremely excited to have a special visitor arrive this week. On Thursday, when the children arrived at school, a very special letter had been left on my chair from Santa Claus himself! He had left one of his elves behind to keep a close eye on the children so that the elf could report back to him at the North Pole! The children have named the elf 'Elfie.' We look forward to seeing what adventures he gets up to!



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Mathematician of the week	Ava
Scientist of the week	Jude
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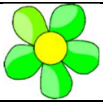
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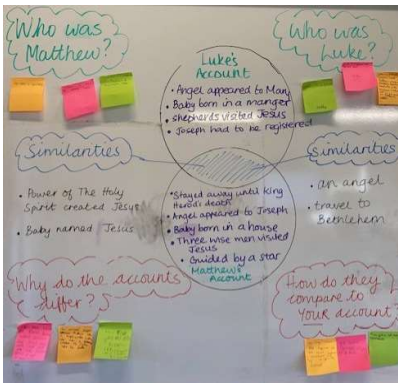
**Green-Blue  
Class**

**Class Register Teacher:  
Mrs Jenny Dean**

**Year 3**

**Year 4**

We had a wonderful early Christmas treat – both Mr. Barnes and Mr. Porte covered our P.E. lessons this week, whilst Mr. O’Sullivan was poorly. It was lovely to see them both again!



In R.E. we have been exploring different accounts of The Christmas Story and comparing gospels from Matthew and Luke. We have been discussing why the accounts were different and also identified some similarities. We also compared these to our own understanding.



We have spent the past couple of weeks making bionic hands! It has been a little fiddly but very exciting. We have been relating the bionic hand to our own hands to understand the function of the fingers and the importance of the thumb, to grab or hold objects with different shapes and forms.

We also learnt that it would not be possible to move the human hand if it was only composed of bones.

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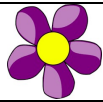
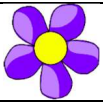
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# Indigo-Violet Class

**Class Register Teacher:  
Mrs Karin Vorster**

**Year 5**

**Year 6**

In Art and Design we have been finding out about the process of bronze casting. We looked at the method and discussed complications that might arise whilst using this method. We then explored some simple casting techniques. We read some casting instructions and decided to try and create our own cast using paper casting. Some of the challenging aspects we came across, using this method were – our layers were too thick and we did not push the paper towel into the surface texture deep enough.

### Method



1. Place your object into the bottom of the plastic container. Use a piece of sticky tack or clay to hold it in place.



2. Lay strips of damp tissue or paper towel over your object and gently press it down using your palm or a wet paintbrush.



3. Keep adding layers and pushing the tissue or paper towel into the surface texture.



4. When covered, leave to dry overnight in a warm place.



5. When dry, gently peel the paper cast from the object.



6. Look inside and outside the paper cast to see the object's surface detail.

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<b>Reader of the week</b>	<b>Freddy G</b>
<b>Writer of the week</b>	<b>Ava</b>
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<b>Scientist of the week</b>	<b>Naomi</b>
<b>Star of the week</b>	<b>Harrison M</b>
<b>Pen licence</b>	<b>n/a</b>

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## Other news

Dear Parents & Carers,

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that **Dr Walker's C of E Voluntary Controlled Primary School** has shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety, providing resources for all parents and carers.

The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enroll/dr-walker-s-c-of-e-voluntary-controlled-primary-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device, including via their brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre>.

Kind Regards,

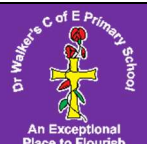
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A BIG THANK YOU to Larkins Farm for donating our Christmas Tree! Like last year, we are blessed by having a school Christmas Tree.

Orders can be placed with a discounted 20% – see their website ([www.larkinsfarm.co.uk](http://www.larkinsfarm.co.uk))



THANK YOU!



Thursday,  
08.12.22

Christmas  
Jumper Day  
Fundraising  
event for

Pupils to bring in a voluntary contribution of £1 towards the Save the Children charity.

Pupils to wear a Christmas jumper to school (not football kits!).

Thursday,  
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Christmas  
Bazaar

WE INVITE YOU TO

# DR WALKER'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER  
3:20PM - 5:00PM

ENTRY IS £1 PER ADULT

FESTIVE STALLS  
GAMES & PRIZES  
TOMBOLA  
CAROL SINGING  
FACE PAINTING  
SLOW DOUGH PIZZA COMPANY

Christingle  
competition

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>  
December

Christingle competition

- There will also be a Christingle competition with a prize for each class.
- This will be the last week of term.



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**Christmas Church celebration service**

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Pupils will be attending St Nicholas church on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December (at 14.30) as part of our Christmas celebration.

Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs will be telling us a Christmas story and we will participate in singing a few songs.



Mrs Spanton is also organising some **bell ringers!** Parents are welcome to attend.



**Christmas concert**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be hosting Christmas performances on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. Your ticket allocation will be sent home next week.

Pupils will be asked to come to school on the day dressed up in costumes. Please be creative in helping your child to have a memorable experience.

The school will provide costumes for the reception pupils.

Pupils to dress up as follow:

Reception	Nativity characters (school will provide these)
Years 1 and 2	Stars / Angels / Snowflakes
Year 3	Joseph / Mary
Year 4	Augustus the Roman Emperor / King Herod / Wise Men (Magi)
Years 5 and 6	Shepherds

**Reception 2023 intake**

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 7 November 2022, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2023. The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2023. From 7 November 2022, applications can be made via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. All of the application information is available on the website above.

**School admission arrangements 2024-25**

Essex County Council, as the admission authority for Dr Walker's Primary School, is consulting on a reduction to the school's published admission number (PAN) for 2024-25. The proposal is to reduce the published admission number (PAN) from the current 23 to 15.

This is to enable the school to organise classes more effectively. There are sufficient school places available in the overall area to ensure a school place for every child. Dr Walker's Primary School is currently undersubscribed. No child for whom this school is the nearest school is expected to be denied a place in the normal admission round if this proposal proceeds.

Parents and other interested persons are entitled to ask questions and comment on the above proposals.

The consultation period is open between Monday 28 November 2022 and Friday 13 January 2023.


Any comments should be submitted in writing to Shamsun Noor, Head of Statutory and Regulated Customer Services by email [shamsun.noor@essex.gov.uk](mailto:shamsun.noor@essex.gov.uk) or by post to: School Admissions, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1GS.

Following the end of the consultation period, the Council, having considered any responses, will set the admission arrangements for the school before 28 February 2023."

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<p><b>Charges for damaged books</b></p>	<p>As you are aware the school has been working with the English Hub and implementing the Little Wandle Phonics' Scheme.</p> <p>We have listened to parents' feedback regarding the e-books and therefore we are sending hard copies of books home to support reading at home.</p> <p>The school had to purchase new sets of books to support the implementation of this reading scheme.</p> <p>Unfortunately we have already received damaged books back.</p> <p>Please be informed that <b>the school will be charging £5</b> per damaged book received back. This is to cover the cost of buying a new book and admin.</p>
<p><b>Year Group Parent Representatives / Volunteers</b></p>	<p>Reception - TBC  Year 1 – Ms Kelsey Gumble (Acer's mum)  Year 2 – Mrs Emma Laurence (Eva's mum)  Year 3 - Mrs Cherie Turpin (Teddie's mum)  Year 4 - Mrs Cherie Turpin (Teddie's mum)  Year 5 - TBC  Year 6 – Mrs Nicola Curtis (Dylan &amp; Alice's mum)</p> 
<p><b>Parent Governor</b></p>	<p>We are looking for a Parent Governor!</p> <p>The governing body is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards.</p> <p>The governing body carries out its role by setting the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving that vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The governing body of our school is made up of parent, staff, co-opted and Foundation governors.</p> <p>A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our governing body. The governing body is asking you to nominate someone (maybe yourself!) with parental responsibility for a child at the school. If we receive more than one nomination, then a ballot will be held.</p> <p>Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Governors do not need to be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the governing body. Governors need what is known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.</p> <p>Our governing body expects governors to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>attend 6 half-termly meetings of the full governing body</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• visit the school formally for monitoring purposes at least 2-3 times a term/year</li> <li>• visit the school informally at least 2 times a year</li> <li>• commit to attend training courses, perform additional research as required.</li> </ul> <p>In return, our governing body commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide you with a structured induction</li> <li>• provide access to quality training</li> <li>• provide you with an experienced governor as mentor</li> <li>• provide informal feedback on your contribution to the governing body on a bi-annual basis</li> </ul> <p>If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, please email the school office with your contact details and it will be passed on to the Chair of Governors, who will then arrange a time for a conversation.</p>
<b>Shooters Football Events and Christmas Camp</b>	Please see our website for information on upcoming football events.
<b>Village Hall</b>	Please see our website for information regarding the Fyfield Village Hall Children’s Christmas Party. Booking is required. There are a few places still available.
<b>Christmas Dinner – Menu Change</b>	The Christmas Lunch menu is now available on the website, please <a href="#">click here</a> to view the menu. There will also be a change to the menu on Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December. Instead of Yorkshire Puddings we will be offering the Caribbean Jerk Chicken meal that would have been on the menu for Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Dinner Day).
<b>Our Website</b>	Please remember to check the <a href="#">Community Events and Opportunities</a> section of the website for information on a variety of local events taking place during the Christmas Season.
<b>Free Winter Holiday Camp</b>	Please visit our website as Essex County Council are providing this opportunity.

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
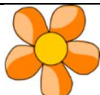





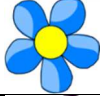




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Indigo-Violet Class			<b>92%</b>	

**100% attendance** this week: 64 pupils out of 88 pupils which is 72 %

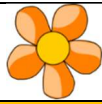
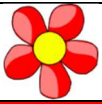
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Edward	River	Gabriella	Emily	
Jackson	William	John James	Dylan	
Jett	Teddy Ca	Barney	Charlotte	
Darcie	Sienna F	Teddy D	Chloe	
Amelia-Rae	Joey	Lillie	Freya G	
Florence	Cassidy	Diggy	Lara	
Lucas	Ralph	Freddie	Freddy G	
Madison	Eva	Maxwell	Ava G	
Scarlett	Harrison	Cash	Finlay G	
Alice Curtis	Dotty	Archie	Harrison M	
Rafe	Jacob	Teddy Davis	Harrison P	
Dolly	Jude M	George	Sebastian	
Evie-May	Amber	Freya J	Naomi	
Ava	Maci	Sienna M	Mason	
Ethan	Brooke	George A	Dylan F	

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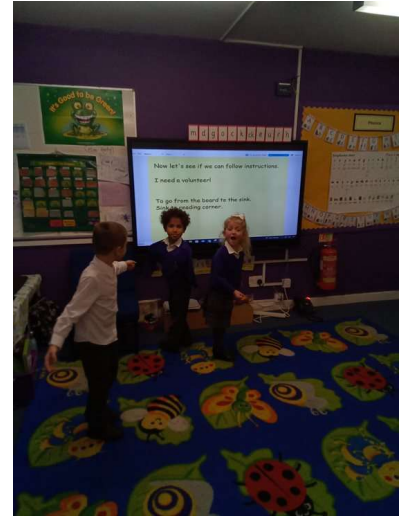
**Red-Orange  
Class**

**Class Register Teacher:  
Miss Isabella Curtis**

**Reception**

**Year 1**

This week in Geography we have looked at giving directions. The children had to use forwards, backwards, left and right. They enjoyed this very much!



The elf has arrived in Red-Orange class! The children are very excited to see where he will be each day.



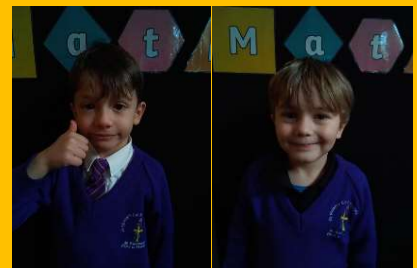
Little Wandle books should have now been sent home to all children. Please ensure you read with them and write in their reading records.

Please remember to put reading books in book bags! Otherwise we cannot give out a new reading book. If books are lost or damaged parents may be charged a fee to replace.

**Merits and Awards**

<b>Reader of the week</b>	Nellie
<b>Writer of the week</b>	Freya
<b>Mathematician of the week</b>	Jackson
<b>Scientist of the week</b>	Dylan
<b>Star of the week</b>	Scarlett
<b>Pen licence</b>	N/A

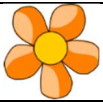
**Buddies of the Week**



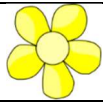
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Year 1



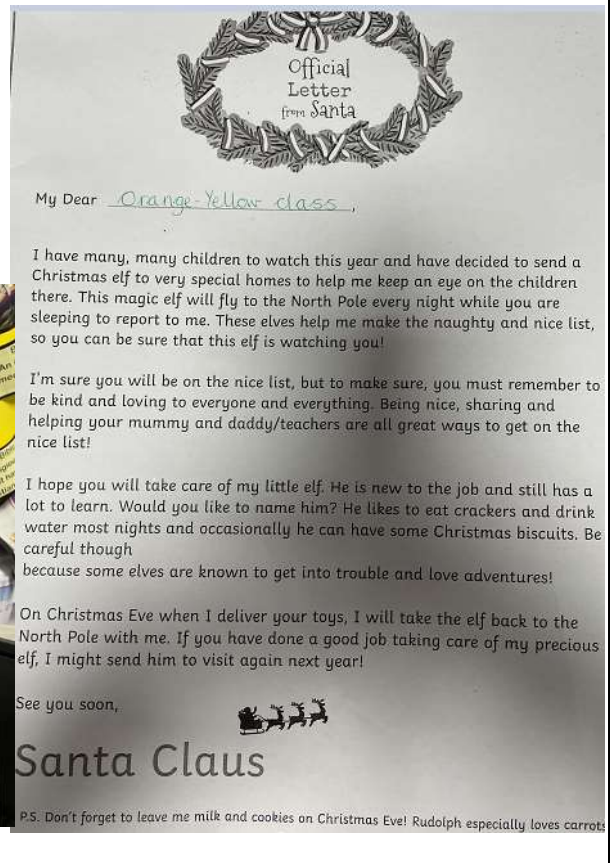
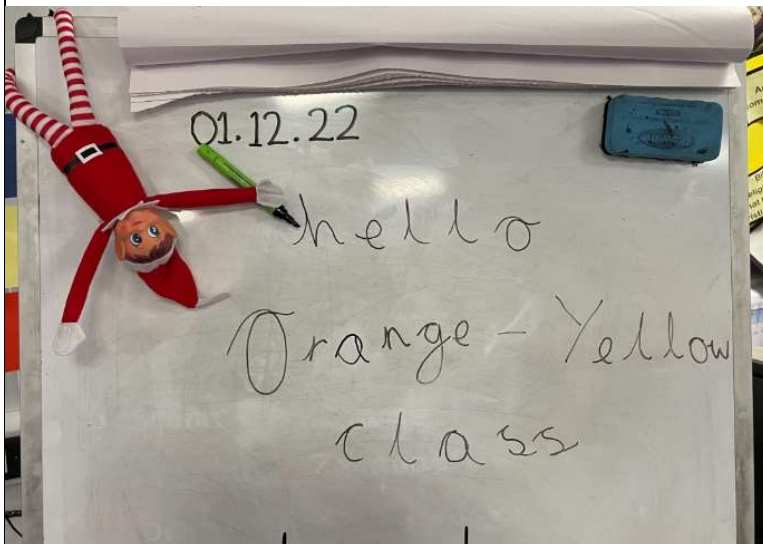
Year 2

Orange-  
Yellow Class

Class Register Teacher:  
Miss Lauren Seeley

This week we have been looking at germs and how easily they spread. To help the children understand, I placed a small amount of glitter on their hands and then asked them to do a colouring-in activity for 5 minutes. Once they had finished, I asked them to look at all the places the glitter had spread to. I explained this is just like germs, although we cannot see them, they are constantly spreading everywhere and this is the reason why we have to wash our hands properly and regularly. The children were really surprised with how much the 'germs' had spread.

Orange-Yellow class were extremely excited to have a special visitor arrive this week. On Thursday, when the children arrived at school, a very special letter had been left on my chair from Santa Claus himself! He had left one of his elves behind to keep a close eye on the children so that the elf could report back to him at the North Pole! The children have named the elf 'Elfie.' We look forward to seeing what adventures he gets up to!



### Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Ethan
Writer of the week	Amber
Mathematician of the week	Ava
Scientist of the week	Jude
Star of the week	Dolly
Pen licence	N/A

### Buddies of the Week

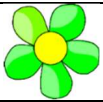


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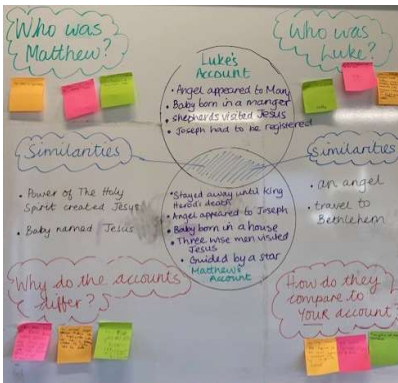
**Green-Blue  
Class**

**Class Register Teacher:  
Mrs Jenny Dean**

**Year 3**

**Year 4**

We had a wonderful early Christmas treat – both Mr. Barnes and Mr. Porte covered our P.E. lessons this week, whilst Mr. O’Sullivan was poorly. It was lovely to see them both again!



In R.E. we have been exploring different accounts of The Christmas Story and comparing gospels from Matthew and Luke. We have been discussing why the accounts were different and also identified some similarities. We also compared these to our own understanding.



We have spent the past couple of weeks making bionic hands! It has been a little fiddly but very exciting. We have been relating the bionic hand to our own hands to understand the function of the fingers and the importance of the thumb, to grab or hold objects with different shapes and forms.

We also learnt that it would not be possible to move the human hand if it was only composed of bones.

**Merits and Awards**

<b>Reader of the week</b>	Ralph
<b>Writer of the week</b>	John James
<b>Mathematician of the week</b>	Gabby
<b>Scientist of the week</b>	Amelia
<b>Star of the week</b>	Lillie
<b>Pen licence</b>	Teddy D Sid

**Buddies of the Week**

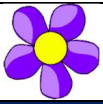


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Year 5



Year 6

Indigo-Violet Class

Class Register Teacher:  
Mrs Karin Vorster

In Art and Design we have been finding out about the process of bronze casting. We looked at the method and discussed complications that might arise whilst using this method. We then explored some simple casting techniques. We read some casting instructions and decided to try and create our own cast using paper casting. Some of the challenging aspects we came across, using this method were – our layers were too thick and we did not push the paper towel into the surface texture deep enough.

Method



1. Place your object into the bottom of the plastic container. Use a piece of sticky tack or clay to hold it in place.



2. Lay strips of damp tissue or paper towel over your object and gently press it down using your palm or a wet paintbrush.



3. Keep adding layers and pushing the tissue or paper towel into the surface texture.



4. When covered, leave to dry overnight in a warm place.



5. When dry, gently peel the paper cast from the object.



6. Look inside and outside the paper cast to see the object's surface detail.

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Freddy G
Writer of the week	Ava
Mathematician of the week	Lily
Scientist of the week	Naomi
Star of the week	Harrison M
Pen licence	n/a

Buddies of the Week



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## Other news

Dear Parents & Carers,

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that **Dr Walker's C of E Voluntary Controlled Primary School** has shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety, providing resources for all parents and carers.

The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enroll/dr-walker-s-c-of-e-voluntary-controlled-primary-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device, including via their brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre>.

Kind Regards,

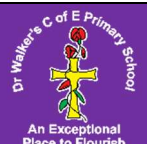
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A BIG THANK YOU to Larkins Farm for donating our Christmas Tree! Like last year, we are blessed by having a school Christmas Tree.

Orders can be placed with a discounted 20% – see their website ([www.larkinsfarm.co.uk](http://www.larkinsfarm.co.uk))



THANK YOU!



Thursday,  
08.12.22

Christmas  
Jumper Day  
Fundraising  
event for

Pupils to bring in a voluntary contribution of £1 towards the Save the Children charity.

Pupils to wear a Christmas jumper to school (not football kits!).

Thursday,  
08.12.22



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Christmas  
Bazaar

WE INVITE YOU TO

# DR WALKER'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER  
3:20PM - 5:00PM

ENTRY IS £1 PER ADULT

FESTIVE STALLS  
GAMES & PRIZES  
TOMBOLA  
CAROL SINGING  
FACE PAINTING  
SLOW DOUGH PIZZA COMPANY

Christingle  
competition

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>  
December

Christingle competition

- There will also be a Christingle competition with a prize for each class.
- This will be the last week of term.



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**Christmas Church celebration service**

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Pupils will be attending St Nicholas church on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December (at 14.30) as part of our Christmas celebration.

Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs will be telling us a Christmas story and we will participate in singing a few songs.



Mrs Spanton is also organising some **bell ringers!** Parents are welcome to attend.



**Christmas concert**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be hosting Christmas performances on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. Your ticket allocation will be sent home next week.

Pupils will be asked to come to school on the day dressed up in costumes. Please be creative in helping your child to have a memorable experience.

The school will provide costumes for the reception pupils.

Pupils to dress up as follow:

Reception	Nativity characters (school will provide these)
Years 1 and 2	Stars / Angels / Snowflakes
Year 3	Joseph / Mary
Year 4	Augustus the Roman Emperor / King Herod / Wise Men (Magi)
Years 5 and 6	Shepherds

**Reception 2023 intake**

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 7 November 2022, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2023. The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2023. From 7 November 2022, applications can be made via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. All of the application information is available on the website above.

**School admission arrangements 2024-25**

Essex County Council, as the admission authority for Dr Walker's Primary School, is consulting on a reduction to the school's published admission number (PAN) for 2024-25. The proposal is to reduce the published admission number (PAN) from the current 23 to 15.

This is to enable the school to organise classes more effectively. There are sufficient school places available in the overall area to ensure a school place for every child. Dr Walker's Primary School is currently undersubscribed. No child for whom this school is the nearest school is expected to be denied a place in the normal admission round if this proposal proceeds.

Parents and other interested persons are entitled to ask questions and comment on the above proposals.

The consultation period is open between Monday 28 November 2022 and Friday 13 January 2023.

Any comments should be submitted in writing to Shamsun Noor, Head of Statutory and Regulated Customer Services by email [shamsun.noor@essex.gov.uk](mailto:shamsun.noor@essex.gov.uk) or by post to: School Admissions, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1GS.


Following the end of the consultation period, the Council, having considered any responses, will set the admission arrangements for the school before 28 February 2023."

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<p><b>Charges for damaged books</b></p>	<p>As you are aware the school has been working with the English Hub and implementing the Little Wandle Phonics' Scheme.</p> <p>We have listened to parents' feedback regarding the e-books and therefore we are sending hard copies of books home to support reading at home.</p> <p>The school had to purchase new sets of books to support the implementation of this reading scheme.</p> <p>Unfortunately we have already received damaged books back.</p> <p>Please be informed that <b>the school will be charging £5</b> per damaged book received back. This is to cover the cost of buying a new book and admin.</p>
<p><b>Year Group Parent Representatives / Volunteers</b></p>	<p>Reception - TBC  Year 1 – Ms Kelsey Gumble (Acer's mum)  Year 2 – Mrs Emma Laurence (Eva's mum)  Year 3 - Mrs Cherie Turpin (Teddie's mum)  Year 4 - Mrs Cherie Turpin (Teddie's mum)  Year 5 - TBC  Year 6 – Mrs Nicola Curtis (Dylan &amp; Alice's mum)</p> 
<p><b>Parent Governor</b></p>	<p>We are looking for a Parent Governor!</p> <p>The governing body is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards.</p> <p>The governing body carries out its role by setting the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving that vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The governing body of our school is made up of parent, staff, co-opted and Foundation governors.</p> <p>A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our governing body. The governing body is asking you to nominate someone (maybe yourself!) with parental responsibility for a child at the school. If we receive more than one nomination, then a ballot will be held.</p> <p>Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Governors do not need to be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the governing body. Governors need what is known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.</p> <p>Our governing body expects governors to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• attend 6 half-termly meetings of the full governing body</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• visit the school formally for monitoring purposes at least 2-3 times a term/year</li> <li>• visit the school informally at least 2 times a year</li> <li>• commit to attend training courses, perform additional research as required.</li> </ul> <p>In return, our governing body commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide you with a structured induction</li> <li>• provide access to quality training</li> <li>• provide you with an experienced governor as mentor</li> <li>• provide informal feedback on your contribution to the governing body on a bi-annual basis</li> </ul> <p>If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, please email the school office with your contact details and it will be passed on to the Chair of Governors, who will then arrange a time for a conversation.</p>
<b>Shooters Football Events and Christmas Camp</b>	Please see our website for information on upcoming football events.
<b>Village Hall</b>	Please see our website for information regarding the Fyfield Village Hall Children’s Christmas Party. Booking is required. There are a few places still available.
<b>Christmas Dinner – Menu Change</b>	The Christmas Lunch menu is now available on the website, please <a href="#">click here</a> to view the menu. There will also be a change to the menu on Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December. Instead of Yorkshire Puddings we will be offering the Caribbean Jerk Chicken meal that would have been on the menu for Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Dinner Day).
<b>Our Website</b>	Please remember to check the <a href="#">Community Events and Opportunities</a> section of the website for information on a variety of local events taking place during the Christmas Season.
<b>Free Winter Holiday Camp</b>	Please visit our website as Essex County Council are providing this opportunity.

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