

# Newsletter (4) Autumn Term – 29.09.2023

## What happened this week in school?

- In the Roots and Fruits Assembly, pupils reflected on the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). We learnt about kneelers (prayer cushions) and Mrs Spanton explained that the school made one for St Nicholas' Church many years ago. To illustrate the Lord's Prayer, we looked at photographs taken in Uganda.
- Christina Marks from the Christian Marks School of Performing Arts visited the KS 2 pupils on Tuesday and delivered a dance session. Christina will be offering an afterschool club on Wednesdays. More information will be emailed to parents.
- Year 6 pupils had a fabulous time on their residential at Skreens Activity Centre. FUN! FUN! FUN!
- Thank you for all the donations towards the MacMillan Cancer Awareness morning. We raised **£83.70!**

## Roots and Fruits Value

**The words of Jesus:**  
This is how you should Pray



## British Value of the term

**Democracy**



## Attendance target: 96%

	Reception class <b>100%</b>
	Yeas 1 and 2 <b>92%</b>
	Years 3 and 4 <b>91%</b>
	Years 5 and 6 <b>98%</b>
Whole school	<b>94%</b>

## House Points

Ants		128
Badgers		125
Locusts		171
Lizards		130

## Picture News – This week's Big Question...








### What's happening in the news this week?

Picture News

Let's have a look at this week's poster!

25th September – 1st October 2023

# Value Awards

	Reception	Noah	Courage: For trying new foods all this week!
	<b>Courage</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Lucas	For not being scared to try new things.
	Years 3 and 4	Amber	For speaking in a loud, clear voice in our assembly.
	Years 5 and 6	Gabriella	For speaking in front of an audience
	<b>Creativity</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Knightley	For asking a lot of questions.
	Years 3 and 4	Cassidy	For working really well in Art this week.
	Years 5 and 6	Maxwell	Outstanding work in Art this week.
	<b>Respect</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Florence	For putting her hand up when she wants to speak.
	Years 3 and 4	Harrison	For always being polite and helpful.
	Years 5 and 6	Paul	For treating everyone with respect
	<b>Compassion</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Jesse	For Being a kind and caring friend
	Years 3 and 4	Hugo	For making an improvement in his behaviour.
	Years 5 and 6	Harley	For Being a kind friend
	<b>Perseverance</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Lincoln	Working on his presentation skills.
	Years 3 and 4	Dotty	For always trying her best.
	Years 5 and 6	Barney	For not giving up in maths.
	<b>Responsibility</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Evie-May	For being a great class buddy.
	Years 3 and 4	Maci	For taking ownership for her work and learning.
	Years 5 and 6	Ralph	For taking responsibility for his own learning.
	<b>Hope</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Alice B	For positive attitude towards her learning.
	Years 3 and 4	Eva	For being a good friend.
	Years 5 and 6	Tilly	For staying positive and smiling.

# Classroom News



## Reception Red Class

This week we have learnt g, o, c and k. We have also learnt our first tricky word: is. You can consolidate the learning [here](#).

In maths we have looked at patterns and have been able to create our own and complete patterns, recognising the next object in the sequence. We have now begun to look at numbers, in particular 1, 2 and 3. See if your child can spot these numerals in the environment and encourage them to show you the representation with their fingers!



The caterpillars were very, VERY hungry and ate the food ... all but one have now formed its chrysalis in readiness for its transformation into a beautiful butterfly. The children have been observing with their eyes, and know that the transformation process is very delicate.



## Years 1 and 2 Orange-Yellow Class

It has been a busy week for our class.

We completed our voyage and return story and the children could experience how to be a teacher while editing their work, reflecting on mistakes and discussing possible better solutions. We have also had a peek at the poetry we will be discussing within the coming week.

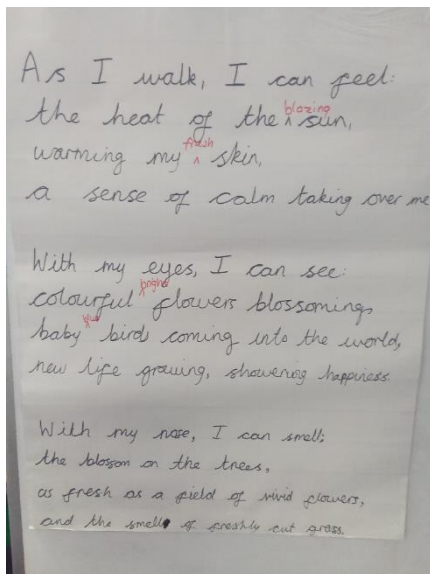
In maths we have embarked on a tens and ones journey. It is a tricky concept but we are working hard and I am positive that in a few more sessions' time each child will be able to confidently point out the numbers of tens and ones in each number.

Also this week, we have spoken about memories. The children created a snapshot of their favourite memory and we have put them in our class memory box.



## Years 3 and 4 Green-Blue Class

We have been working towards writing an exciting poem this week, on our favourite season. We had a look at some poem examples; planned our own poems, wrote our poems and then edited them to make them even better!



In Maths, we have been carrying on our topic: Place Value. The children have been learning to represent and partition numbers to 1,000 and use a number line.

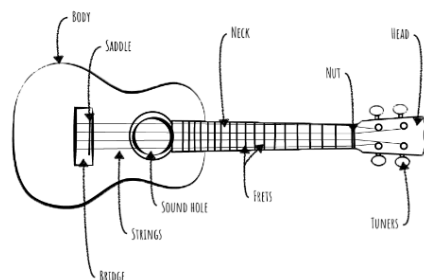


## Years 5 and 6 Indigo-Violet Class











In Music we are learning how to play the Ukelele.

The ukulele, also called a uke, is a member of the lute family of instruments of Portuguese origin and popularised in Hawaii. It generally employs four nylon strings.



## Class buddies of the week

			
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Years 1 and 2</b>	<b>Years 3 and 4</b>	<b>Years 5 and 6</b>
			
Poppy and Lucas	Lucas and Scarlett	Hugo and Maisey	John-James and Tilly

## Information

### New school website

Please be informed that the school has a brand new website.

[www.drwalkers.co.uk](http://www.drwalkers.co.uk)



### Jackets

We have a large number of different rain/wind jackets we are making available to our pupils, even though not formal school uniform. We would appreciate a donation of around £3-£5, as it is brand new and of good quality. The jacket also folds up into a small pouch. They will be available from the office from next Monday.



### Class representatives

Parents are kindly requested to nominate themselves for representing classes:

- Red class (Reception) – Mrs Doran (Jake’s mum)
- Orange-Yellow Class (Years 1 and 2) - TBC
- Green-Blue class (Years 3 and 4) - TBC
- Violet-Indigo class (Years 5 & 6) - TBC



**Macmillan Coffee Morning**  
**We raised: £83.70**  
**Thank you!**

## Dance and Performing Arts Club At Dr Walkers!

On Monday, the children in Key Stage 2 were lucky enough to have a dance session with the Christina Marks School of Performing Arts school.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the session. They learnt 2 different dance routines.

We are hoping for this dance school of Performing Arts to come to our school every Wednesday, after school, to run an after school dance club with our children. A letter was sent out to all parents on Tuesday. This will give you an opportunity to sign your child(ren) up to the dance club. If we have enough interest, this club will go ahead. This club will be open to all year groups.



## Grandparents Day!

To celebrate International Grandparents' Day, pupils are invited to dress-up as Grandparents on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. **NO SCHOOL UNIFORM ON MONDAY.** There will be a prize for the best dressed Grandma & Grandad. Pupils to come dressed up to school on Monday, wearing hats and attire that a Grandparent would wear... **BE CREATIVE** (grey hair and beards!)



We will also be inviting Parents, Carers and Grandparents in for afternoon Tea at 14.45. Pupils will have tea with their grandparents. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend. We look forward to welcoming you for Tea and Biscuits.

## Reception Open days



Open days are very important opportunities for parents and carers of prospective pupils to come into the school.

We love showing parents around our school!

- A tour of the school with a senior teacher/ leader
- Opportunity to see the school in action with pupils
- Picking up an information pack
- Your opportunity to ask questions

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

### Dates and times

- Thursday, 12 October 2023 at 09.45-10.15
- Friday, 3 November 2023 at 09.45-10.15
- Monday, 4 December 2023 at 09.45-10.15
- Thursday, 11 January 2024 at 09.45-10.15

### Applications

Parents need to make an online application for a Reception school place by **15 January 2024.**

# Year 6 Residential

The year 6 pupils had an amazing time at Skreens Activity Centre. A big thank you to Mrs Wallis who accompanied the group with Dr Lawson and prepared the wonderful meals. It was also lovely to have had a visit from Mrs K Bush (Chair of Governors) too. We had great FUN!







## Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School

### Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2023-2024

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School closed: Holidays	School closed: Bank Holiday	School closed: Staff training (INSET)	School days	Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

<b>Autumn Term</b>	Monday, 4 September 2023 – Wednesday, 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i>	<b>73 days</b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	Thursday, 4 January 2024 – Thursday, 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February – 23 February</i>	<b>56 days</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday, 15 April 2024 – Tuesday, 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday – 6 May</i>	<b>66 days</b>
		<b>195 days</b>

**You are strongly advised to check with the school before making any holiday or other commitments.**



## Information



<b>02.10.23</b>	Dress up as grandparents' day. Afternoon tea and biscuits with pupils and grandparents.
<b>04.10.23</b>	Walk and Roll to School Day
<b>05.10.23 to 10.10.23</b>	School Book Fair
<b>09.10.23</b>	Dogs' Trust – Dog Safety Workshop
<b>06.10.23</b>	Autumn School Census Day – Please book a school dinner to help the school.
<b>12.10.23</b>	Dr Walker's Open Day 09.45am to 10.15am
<b>13.10.23</b>	Years 5 & 6 Assembly – parents are invited to attend
<b>13.10.23</b>	Mini Reports for parents
<b>16.10.23</b>	Paul Sturgess (Guinness Book of Records tallest Football Player) visiting school
<b>17.10.23</b>	Parent consultation evening 15.30-18.00
<b>18.10.23</b>	Parent consultation evening 15.30-18.00
<b>20.10.23</b>	Harvest Assembly Years 1 & 2 Assembly – parents are invited to attend
<b>23.10.23 to 27.10.23</b>	Half Term