

Newsletter Spring Term – 08.03.2024

What happened this week in school?

- We had another exciting week. KS2 pupils participated in the Epping and Ongar District Cross-country competition.
- We had amazing T-shirt designs for World Book Day and Dr Lawson was hopeful of “Coming for Tea!”
- On Friday, pupils had the opportunity to purchase biscuits for Mothers’ Day. A big thank you to our Cook, Miss Charles, who baked these, and our parent volunteers who helped wrapping them.
- Ofsted update: We have received a draft report and there is loads to celebrate. The final report should be published within the next two weeks. We will keep you posted.
- Exciting news: Governors discussed having a (Parents Teachers Friends Association) PTFA and have agreed for this to go ahead. Can helpers/volunteers please contact the school office if you are willing to help set this up and register it as a charity? This will help the school with much needed fundraising events.
- The next parents and governors open meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, 27th March at 15:30.
- We need help: Mr Bianchi (caretaker) needs to install two canopies by the front door and hall door against protection from rain, but needs help with this, as he cannot to the DIY by himself. We are also in need of borrowing a scaffolding ladder or tall ladder (10 foot plus) to change a fitting in school. If anybody can help us in this regard, please let the office know.



Roots and Fruits







This term’s focus will be on Holy Week and Easter.

British Value of the term





Mutual Respect



Attendance target: 96%

	Reception class 90%
	Years 1 and 2 88%
	Years 3 and 4 92%
	Years 5 and 6 96%
Whole school	92%

House Points








Ants		1481
Badgers		1326
Locusts		1408
Lizards		1267

Picture News – This week’s Big Question...



How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?

Value Awards

	Reception	Lucas	Courage: For being brave when coming to school.
	Courage		
	Years 1 and 2	Amelia-Rae	For sharing her ideas with the rest of the class.
	Years 3 and 4	Hugo	Great courage at the Track and Field Event this week. Well done Hugo.
	Years 5 and 6	John-James	For a great, positive attitude during our Cross Country event.
	Creativity		
	Years 1 and 2	Ava	For writing a very scary story.
	Years 3 and 4	Kai	Great ideas this week on his cards for Mr. O'Sullivan
	Years 5 and 6	Tilly	For great creativity using her Microbit.
	Respect		
	Years 1 and 2	Scarlett	For Listening during the lessons.
	Years 3 and 4	Maci	Always willing to sensibly and respectfully hand out books in class.
	Years 5 and 6	Lillie	For treating all adults and peers with respect.
	Compassion		
	Years 1 and 2	Loki	For being kind to his new friends.
	Years 3 and 4	Amber	Always keeps a lookout for those who might need some help or care.
	Years 5 and 6	Talia	For being a great friend.
	Perseverance		
	Years 1 and 2	Florence	For trying to write the best ever scary story.
	Years 3 and 4	Amelia	Persevering in the learning of her times tables.
	Years 5 and 6	Harley	For not giving up during our Cross Country event.
	Responsibility		
	Years 1 and 2	Diane	For keeping her table tidy and organised.
	Years 3 and 4	Alice Cus	Enjoys responsibility and doing jobs in class.
	Years 5 and 6	Sidney	For taking more responsibility for his resources.
	Hope		
	Years 1 and 2	Ethan	For believing in his work and writing an amazing story.
	Years 3 and 4	Cassidy	Always hoping to improve her work. Well done.
	Years 5 and 6	Gabriella	For helping others when they need it.

Classroom News

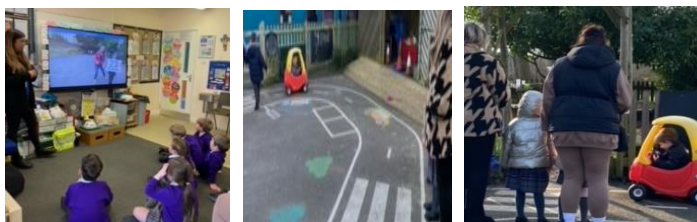


Reception Red Class



This week the reception pupils and their parents/carers had a visit from the Safer Essex Road Partnership. The pupils were reminded why it is important to always stay with their adults and always hold their hand when walking outside. Parents had the opportunity to look at ways of teaching their child Road Safety from a young age.

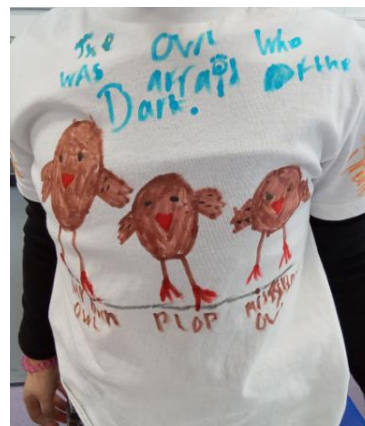
We encourage you to reinforce this learning with your child following Stop, Look, Listen and Think. For more information and additional free resources visit <https://saferessexroads.org/> and <https://www.think.gov.uk/>



Years 1 and 2 Orange-Yellow Class

We have been very excited here in Yellow and orange class about World Book day.

We have decided to use our best artistic skills and design our World Book day inspired Easter bonnets and we took pride in creating our favourite book t-shirts.



Years 3 and 4 Green-Blue Class

Ongar District Cross Country

Many of our Year 3 and 4 children joined in the Epping and Ongar District Cross Country Event held on Tuesday. We enjoyed participating and cheered everyone on. We learned that doing our best, and making an effort, is part of being on a great team!



Years 5 and 6 Indigo-Violet Class



On Tuesday 5th March, we took part in the Epping and Ongar District Cross Country event.

It was a very muddy event but everyone did their best. Well done to every child that took part and completed the course.

We wore our t-shirts we designed for World Book day



Information

World Book Day Challenge Competitions

CHALLENGE 1

BOOK FACE.



Lucas - Reception



Dotty - Year 3

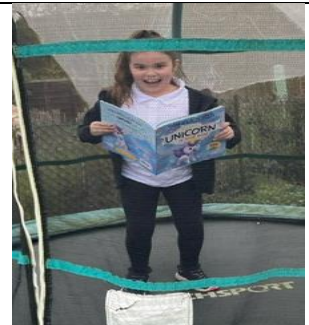
EXTREME READING.



Jake - Reception



Lucas - Reception



Madison - Year 2



Alice B - Year 2



Ethan - Year 2



Dotty - Year 3



Ava - Year 3

CHALLENGE 2

PAPER PLATE BOOK COVER



Ethan - Year 2

PAPER TUBE CHARACTER



Lucas - Reception



Jake - Reception



Harry - Reception



Lincoln - Year 2



Ava - Year 2



Dotty - Year 3



Alice - Year 4



George - Year 6

CHALLENGE 3



Lucas - Reception



Jake - Reception



Madison - Year 2



Alice B – Year 2



Scarlett – Year 2



Dotty – Year 3

!!! PRIZES !!!

There have been so many **AMAZING** entries.

The winners will be announced on **Monday 11th March 2024**

Pastoral Care

At Dr Walkers we endeavour to support all pupils in achieving their maximum potential in all aspects of school life. Our role is to guide and support the development and progress of each individual pupil in our care. Pupils are supported by key staff members including our SEN Mrs How, and our attendance officer Ms Morgan.



Everything we do in our school is aimed at helping our pupils realise their potential, whatever their starting point, so that they can grow into informed, thoughtful and responsible young individuals.

We firmly believe that all pupils have a role to play in the smooth running of our school therefore they have the opportunity to express their opinions through the School Council. By encouraging student participation we aim to empower them to manage any difficulties they may have and to develop high self-esteem which enables academic and social success.

As a school we are firmly committed to developing and maintaining strong home school links therefore we welcome and encourage parents/carers to be closely involved in all aspects of their child's life in school. We know that this supportive partnership is invaluable as it can enable us to better meet the individual needs of each pupil.

Clubs

Dear Parents and Carers

We will be running the Arts and Crafts Club again after the Easter break.

the Club will run from 22.04.24 to 15.07.24 a period of 11 weeks and will cost £38.50

This club is very popular and we have a waiting list for places, to be fair we will offer places to the children on the waiting list and the other spots will then be filled on a first come first served basis.



We hope to run another club on a Wednesday, however we are awaiting confirmation on what this club will be, we will keep you updated as soon as further information is available. If we have enough children for a Wednesday Arts and Crafts club we could do this. Please register your interest with the School Office.

We would need to receive payment for the class to secure your child's place.

Well Done!



Well Done to Florence for completing her Introductory Award for Stay Active All Stars.



Goodbye Mr O'Sullivan... Welcome Mr Clements



On Wednesday we said Goodbye to our sports teacher, Mr O'Sullivan, and wish him all the very best for the future! It was a pleasure to have him in our school.

SCS has confirmed that Mr Clements will be taking over from Mr O'Sullivan as our new Sports Coach. Mr Clements spent Wednesday with us to have a handover from Mr O'Sullivan.

If you see Mr Clements around school, please give him a big Dr Walkers wave!

World Book Day T Shirt Designs



Indigo Violet's World Book Day T-Shirt designs, these are just a small section of the wonderful T-Shirts that we made!

Information

CALENDAR

14.03.24	Orange Yellow Class Trip to House on the Hill Toy Museum
15.03.24	Science Experiments day – parents invited to attend
15.03.24	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief
21.03.24	World Poetry Day
22.03.24	Assembly Poetry/ Shakespeare Performance
28.03.24	Maundy Thursday
28.03.24	Easter Service at St Nicholas Church
28.03.24	Break Up for Easter
15.04.24	Back to School



Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School

Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2023-2024

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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.

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

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Spring Term	Monday, 6 January 2024 – Friday, 4 April 2025 <i>Half Term: Monday, 17 February 2025 – Friday, 21 February 2025</i>	days
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