

Newsletter Spring Term – 15.03.2024

What happened this week in school?

Another exciting week at Dr Walker's.

We had a visit from our local counsellor, Jaymey McIvor, who spoke to pupils in assembly about his work and role within the community focusing on a career in politics and local government.



We are very pleased to have welcomed Mrs Snow back following a period of absence. Mrs Snow will be on a phased return to work.

Years 1 and 2 pupils visited the House on the Hill Toy Museum in Mountfitchet. They had a great educational visit and could see toys from yesteryear.

A big congratulations to Teddy T and Barney (both in year 5) who attended the finals of the District Cross-Country event in Woodford. Barney came 27th out of 100 and Teddy came 21st out of 100! Pupils were dressed up in red and white on Friday in support of Red Nose Day.

Parents attended our Science experiment morning. Pupils were well engaged and had fun in doing fair testing with variables.

Roots and Fruits







This term's focus will be on Holy Week and Easter

British Value of the term





Mutual Respect



Attendance target:

| | % |
|---|------------|
|  Reception class | 83% |
|  Yeas 1 and 2 | 93% |
|  Years 3 and 4 | 83% |
|  Years 5 and 6 | 88% |
| Whole school | 88% |

House Points

| | | |
|----------------|---|------|
| Ants |  | 1605 |
| Badgers |  | 1421 |
| Locusts |  | 1479 |
| Lizards |  | 1369 |








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



Picture News

Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?

Value Awards

| | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|---|
| | Reception | Harry | Perseverance - For being confident when spelling. |
|  COURAGE | Courage | | |
| | Years 1 and 2 | Lincoln | For having the courage to try |
| | Years 3 and 4 | Hugo | For justifying his reasons in PSHE |
| | Years 5 and 6 | Sienna | For putting effort in written explanations. |
|  CREATIVITY | Creativity | | |
| | Years 1 and 2 | Jet | For working hard on his writing. |
| | Years 3 and 4 | Alice Cus | For writing a beautiful poem about Jesus. |
| | Years 5 and 6 | George | For creating a 'class newsletter' |
|  RESPECT | Respect | | |
| | Years 1 and 2 | Alice | For listening and being safe during our school trip. |
| | Years 3 and 4 | Phoebe | For showing respect to others during a debate in PSHE. |
| | Years 5 and 6 | Ralph | For treating everyone with a lot of respect! |
|  COMPASSION | Compassion | | |
| | Years 1 and 2 | Knightley | For looking out for and helping his friends during the school trip. |
| | Years 3 and 4 | Cassidy | For showing concern about another pupil who felt unwell. |
| | Years 5 and 6 | Harley | For being a kind friend to all. |
|  PERSEVERANCE | Perseverance | | |
| | Years 1 and 2 | Nancy | For not giving up even when the learning is hard. |
| | Years 3 and 4 | Jude | For working through his Maths successfully |
| | Years 5 and 6 | Tilly | For not giving up with her maths! |
|  RESPONSIBILITY | Responsibility | | |
| | Years 1 and 2 | Evie-May | For always helping the adults. |
| | Years 3 and 4 | Daisy | For taking responsibility for her own learning. |
| | Years 5 and 6 | Teddy Da | For taking a more active role in group work |
|  HOPE | Hope | | |
| | Years 1 and 2 | Ethan | For sharing his sense of humour and high spirits. |
| | Years 3 and 4 | Maci | For sharing her hopes for our planet. |
| | Years 5 and 6 | Maxwell | For editing his work to improve it. |

Classroom News



Reception Red Class

We have been exploring 3D solids and the 2D shapes that make their faces and learning to identify them in our environment.

Please continue to explore this with your child at home too.

We have been enjoying the new addition to our Water Area. Lots of opportunities to develop their language skills!



Years 1 and 2 Orange-Yellow Class

The highlight of the week for year 1 and 2 class was the school trip to the toy museum. We had a whale of a time! We could see the old toys from different times in history, try some of the WWII helmets and also have a short encounter with dinosaurs that live just next to the museum. During our lunch deer and peacocks came to keep us company and potentially look for more food. We also had some time to play in the wooden castle and on the old Viking boat.



Years 3 and 4 Green-Blue Class

On Thursday, we took part in a live science event. We joined Matt the engineer and Nao the robot to help build an amazing FACTORY OF THE FUTURE!



At the end of the session our factory of the future was CERTIFIED!



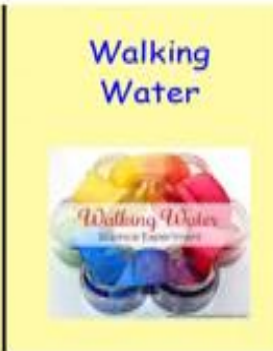
Years 5 and 6 Indigo-Violet Class

During Science week, our parents had the opportunity to come to our class to look at how we conduct experiments. First, we each received a Curly Wurly and we had to see how far we could stretch it out. The winner was Teddy Da and he/she managed to stretch it up to 419cm! Some materials behave differently according to their temperature. The Curly Wurly stretches better when it's warm because its molecules are spread wider apart, increasing the material's elasticity. When the chocolate and toffee are cold, their molecules are bonded together tightly, keeping it from stretching.

Next we used fizzy water and raisins to create 'dancing' raisins. The carbon dioxide bubbles held onto the raisins and cause them to float up to the surface. When the bubbles popped at the surface of the water the raisin fell back down until more bubbles held onto the raisin causing it to float to the surface again. This process made the raisins look like they were dancing!

Science experiments morning with parents

We had lots of fun during our Science Morning! You can repeat all these experiments at home too!



Green/Blue class had a wonderful time making Helicopters and learning about all the different experiments with Mr Lewis and Dr Lawson.

Well Done to Green/Blue Class, you did some fantastic work this morning!

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who attended our Science Experiment morning.



Hello Mr Clements



On Wednesday last week 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 Walker's wave!

World Book Day Challenge Winners

Reception: Lucas Year 1 / 2: Ava
Year 3 / 4: Dotty Year 5 / 6: George



Class Newsletter

DR WALKER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term Class news



Important Dates

11.01.24 George Walker Class Trip to
Houses on the Hill City Museum
15.01.24 Science Experiments Day -
parental feedback survey
17.01.24 Art Week Day - Class Hub
17.01.24 World Poetry Day
22.01.24 Assembly Primary Shakespeare
Performances
24.01.24 Weekly Thinking
24.01.24 Easter Services at St. Nicholas
Church 09.30, 10.30, Break Up for Easter
10.04.24 Back to School

After school activities

Monday Art club Mrs Fisher
Tuesday dodgeball club SCB
Wednesday dance club Christina
Meris Dance Club
Wednesday football club SCB
club

School news

This week is test week at school. You can support your child at home with
regularly using our class set homework app (Atm learning). Friday is science
day.

All classes are doing science experiments with their parent or class teacher.

Reminders

Please ensure your child
comes in to school in the
appropriate footwear and
uniform, we have started to
see some standers slipping
shoes should be black.

Fundraisers

we would like to remind you
about our big 10000 mile bottle
all the money we get will put to
make to school better.

Well done to George, who has started to produce a Dr Walkers' Class Newsletter for all our pupils.



Book Fair

Please visit our Book Fair after school, there are some wonderful books on sale.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME To the SUPER AMAZING BOOK FAIR!

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

NEW CAT KID COMIC CLUB Save £3 **DAV PILKEY** £12.99 £9.99

NEW George Walker Why Not? £7.99 **Illustrator: George Walker!**

NEW DIARY of a Wimpy Kid SUPER OVERLOAD £7.99

NEW LUNA WOLF CODE DANGER £7.99 **ALESHA DIXON**

NEW NINA PEANUT AMAZING £8.99 £7.99

NEW PANDAS WHO PROMISED £7.99

Date: _____

Scan the QR code to pay online!

Red Nose Day





Toy Museum Trip





Cllr McIvor Visit



We had a visit from our local councillor, Jaymey McIvor, who spoke to pupils in assembly about his work and role within the community focusing on a career in politics and local government.

The prefects had their photo taken with Councillor McIvor.

Easter Bonnets & Easter Church Service

Information on the Easter Bonnets and Easter Church Service will follow shortly.



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, Mrs Spanton 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 first and the other spots will then be filled on a first come first served basis. Please register your interest with the School Office.

We are hoping to run a Gardening Club on a Wednesday after school, please register your interest with the School Office via email, we can only run these clubs if we have enough children to participate. The Gardening Club will run after the Easter break until July the cost will be £38.50 for all 11 weeks.



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

Information



| | |
|----------|--|
| 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 |
| 16.04.24 | National Offer Day For Primary Schools |
| 19.04.24 | Green/Blue Class Assembly |
| 19.04.24 | Curriculum Newsletter For Parents |

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 22.04.24 | Arts & Crafts Club Recommences |
| 26.04.24 | Indigo/Violet Assembly |
| 03.05.24 | Orange/Yellow Assembly |
| 06.05.24 | Bank Holiday Monday |
| 10.05.24 | Assembly Art Exhibition - More Information To Follow |
| 13.05.24 to 16.05.24 | SATs Week |
| 17.05.24 | Assembly Red Class |
| 17.05.24 | Summer Census Day – Please Have A School Dinner |
| 24.05.24 | Break Up for Half Term |
| 03.06.24 | Inset Day – No School |
| 04.06.24 | Inset Day – No School |
| 05.06.24 | Back to school |
| 27.06.24 | Class Photos to be taken |



Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School

Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2023-2024

| September 2023 | | | | | | | October 2023 | | | | | | | November 2023 | | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|
| M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 30 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| December 2023 | | | | | | | January 2024 | | | | | | | February 2024 | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | | |

| March 2024 | | | | | | | April 2024 | | | | | | | May 2024 | | | | | | |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 29 | 30 | | | | | | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

| June 2024 | | | | | | | July 2024 | | | | | | | August 2024 | | | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------|--|----------------|
| | School closed: Holidays | | School closed: Bank Holiday | | School closed: Staff training (INSET) | | School days | | Weekend |
|--|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------|--|----------------|

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 |

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



Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School

Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2024-2025

| September 2024 | | | | | | | October 2024 | | | | | | | November 2024 | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
| | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| December 2024 | | | | | | | January 2025 | | | | | | | February 2025 | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|
| M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | | |
| | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | | | |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| March 2025 | | | | | | | April 2025 | | | | | | | May 2025 | | | | | | | |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| June 2025 | | | | | | | July 2025 | | | | | | | August 2025 | | | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
| | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------|--|----------------|
| | School closed: Holidays | | School closed: Bank Holiday | | School closed: Staff training (INSET) | | School days | | Weekend |
|--|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------|--|----------------|

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated.

| | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|
| Autumn Term | Monday, 2 September 2024 – Friday, 20 December 2024 <i>Half Term: Monday, 28 October 2024 – Friday, 1 November 2024</i> | days |
| Spring Term | Monday, 6 January 2024 – Friday, 4 April 2025 <i>Half Term: Monday, 17 February 2025 – Friday, 21 February 2025</i> | days |
| Summer Term | Tuesday, 22 April 2025 – Tuesday, 23 July 2025 <i>Half Term: Tuesday, 27 May 2025 – Tuesday, 22 July 2025</i> | days |
| | | 195 days |

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