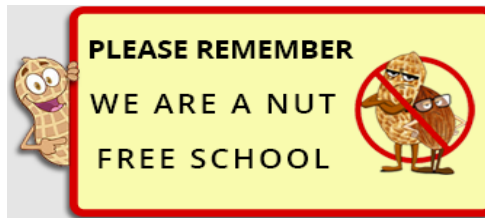


Newsletter (10) Autumn Term – 17.11.2023

What happened this week in school?

We had a busy week at school – as usual.

- Governors, staff and parents had another successful Open Meeting on Tuesday. It was great to hear all the positive feedback - it means we are doing something right!
- Thanks to Miss Radomska who arranged activities for Anti-bullying week. Pupils participated in the ODD SOCKS initiative on Monday. There was also an anti-bullying assembly delivered. **We raised £15 towards the school fund and £85.05 towards Children in Need.**
- Mrs Vorster also arranged Maths Week England activities.
- Mrs Dean oversaw the Spelling competitions.
- And a very exciting part to the newsletter this week, is the addition of pupil voice and write-ups from the:
 - Prefects
 - Eco Council and
 - Library Prefects.
- Please be reminded that we are a **NUT FREE school** due to allergies.



Roots and Fruits

This week's value is **HOPE**







British Value of the term





Rule of Law



Attendance target: 96%

	Reception class 95%
	Years 1 and 2 96%
	Years 3 and 4 97%
	Years 5 and 6 96%
Whole school	92%

House Points

Ants		444
Badgers		461
Locusts		514
Lizards		417

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








What's happening in the news this week?



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

20th – 26th November 2023

Value Awards

Value Awards	Reception	Noah	Perseverance: For trying sensory elements of learning
	Courage		
	Years 1 and 2	Alice	For trying hard with her diary story.
	Years 3 and 4	Jude	For trying really hard with his Buddy story this week
	Years 5 and 6	Archie	For realising areas for improvement and working on them
	Creativity		
	Years 1 and 2	Scarlett	For trying to work on her vocabulary while writing,.
	Years 3 and 4	Daisy	For writing an amazing story in English
	Years 5 and 6	Teddie	For great work during DT
	Respect		
	Years 1 and 2	Ethan	For looking after school resources.
	Years 3 and 4	Cassidy	For being efficient and respectful with her things
	Years 5 and 6	George	For treating his peers and all adults with respect
	Compassion		
	Years 1 and 2	Evie-May	For being always kind, helpful and polite.
	Years 3 and 4	Maisey	For being a kind and friendly partner
	Years 5 and 6	Sidney	For being kind and polite towards his friends
	Perseverance		
	Years 1 and 2	Florence	For not giving up and trying harder each time.
	Years 3 and 4	Amelia	For putting in so much effort into her Buddy story
	Years 5 and 6	Talia	For putting in a lot of effort when solving maths calculations
	Responsibility		
	Years 1 and 2	Lincoln	For helping and keeping our class organised.
	Years 3 and 4	Amber	For starting to take ownership for her learning
	Years 5 and 6	Harley	For taking more responsibility for his learning
	Hope		
	Years 1 and 2	Nellie	For always having a positive attitude towards her learning.
	Years 3 and 4	Maci	For always trying her best in her English work
	Years 5 and 6	Ralph	For always being kind

Classroom News



Reception Red Class

We looked at past and present and talked about how we have changed since we were a baby and a toddler. Then we drew ourselves as we are today, using mirrors to look closely at our features. Mrs Dean loved seeing our baby photos! We were (and still are) so adorable!

We measured, mixed and made our own salt dough to make Supertato and the Evil Pea! We said the mixture was 'dusty', then 'goeey' and finally 'hard'. When it was dry, we were able to paint our creations!

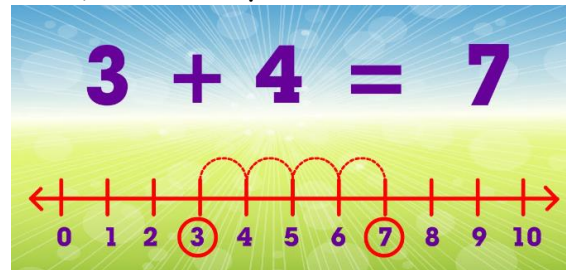


Years 1 and 2 Orange-Yellow Class

This week, we completed our wolf diary stories and I have to say – I am proud of my little writers.

As it is Anti-bullying week, we participated in BBC live lessons and discussed the difference between bullying and banter. We linked it with talking about different feelings that bullying can bring.

In Maths we are getting closer and closer to the end of our addition\subtraction unit. We are still working on our number bonds to\within 10 and 100. We have been using number lines to help us to complete calculations containing big numbers. I can say that I can see growth in the mathematical confidence of my class. There is still a lot of work to be done, but one step at a time 😊.



Years 3 and 4 Green-Blue Class

This week, we have been continuing our learning on addition and subtraction in Maths. We have been using the column method to work out answers to three-digit numbers. This has been quite challenging but the children have been working really hard.

This week it was Anti-bullying week. We had an online assembly and completed activities, sharing our views.

We have been enjoying computing lessons on programming. This week we learnt how to create a 'loop' on Scratch.



Years 5 and 6 Indigo-Violet Class

This week we have been taking part in various celebrations and campaigns. We celebrated anti-bullying, national maths week England, Children in need as well as taking part in a national spelling completion.

Online maths challenge



Online anti-bullying assembly



Spelling competition



BBC Children in Need



Information

Anti-bullying week - Odd Socks Day!

ANTI BULLYING WEEK 2023

We raised £15 towards the school fund, as part of anti-bullying week.

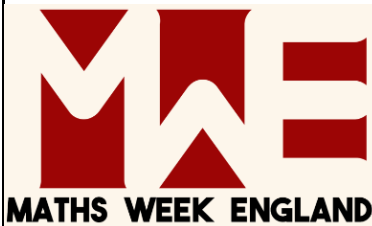
Anti-bullying week has given us again an opportunity to reflect on the **protected characteristics** (see right). The *Equality Act 2010* protects us from unfair treatment and discrimination, inclusive of the protected characteristics.

At Dr Walker's C of E, we believe that it is important that all pupils gain an understanding of the world they are growing up in, and learn how to live alongside, and show respect for, a diverse range of people.

In so doing, we promote British Values, equality and pupils' understanding of the protected characteristics. Our weekly Picture News assembly and "BIG QUESTION" discussion reflects on this.



Maths week



This week, all pupils at our school took part in Maths' week England.

Maths' Week England was set up in 2019, with the goal of ensuring that no pupil misses out on opportunities that being a confident, competent mathematician can give them.

In 2021 it became the largest national Maths' festival in the world.



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Reception



Year 1 and 2



Years 3 and 4



Years 5 and 6

Children in Need

Pupils dressed up as Pudsey or Colourful rainbows in aid of Children in Need. They presented a very vibrant colour to the school today with lots of spots, dots and creative outfits.

Their smiles say it all – WE ARE HAPPY AND SAFE IN SCHOOL!

We raised £ 85.05 for Children in Need.





Fundraising



Pupils are donating money towards our school fundraising.

The Coke bottle needs more change!

Well-being

Barney brought doughnuts for the staff as part of well-being. Thank you, they were much appreciated – and are Dr Lawson's favourite!



Headteacher's Tea Party

The Student Council invited Dr Lawson to a tea party they had arranged. They did a brilliant job with organising food, drinks, cupcakes, etc. What a special surprize!

We had a good discussion about safeguarding, what they like about the school, and possible fundraising events in future. The Student Council feels that sporting events are really good now and playing musical instruments are also fun.








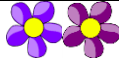








Student Council



We have had a very busy start to this half term. We started off with organising a full assembly in celebration of Remembrance day. We even got our parents involved!

We are taking an active role during assemblies; for example we hand out the value awards, collate the house points every week, set out rotas for jobs in the school etc.

Every class has also been allocated a prefect. We assist the teachers with things like collecting resources for the classes.

 Reception		 Years 1 and 2		 Green-Blue Class		 Indigo-Violet Class	
							
Freya	Barney	Sienna	Archie	Gabby	Ralph	Talia	George

Eco Council



'An eco-warrior is someone who spends a lot of time working actively for environmental causes.' 6 Eco warriors have been chosen from the school who are excellent role-models for helping our planet!

- *"We should pick it up and put it in the bin!"* – Evie May
- *"I like being the Eco-councillor because I really like doing recycling and clean the environment."* – Max
- *"Rubbish should be in the bin."* – Nellie
- *"I believe we're sensible and it is not okay for litter to be on the floor. I also really wanted the job!"* – Alice
- *"I want to be an eco-councillor because I like doing recycling and that is one of the things this is part of."* – Teddy
- *"I am very pleased to have this job because I think that it is not acceptable that litter is on the floor and kills animals."* – Cassidy

The pupils will be collecting recycling weekly and spending some time during their playtimes picking up rubbish from the playground.

We will also be having regular meetings.

I am very proud of the children for doing their part towards helping the environment! – Mrs Iqbal

Library Prefects

Our school Library Prefects have been selected after their application process, and have written about their favourite books.

The Library Prefects will report to Mrs Dean and supervise the organisation and running of the library during playtime or lunchtime.

Years 3 and 4 Green-Blue Class



Amelia

My favourite book is *The White Fox*.

The author is Jackie Morris, she is also the illustrator.

I think others should read it because it is very entertaining and fun to read.

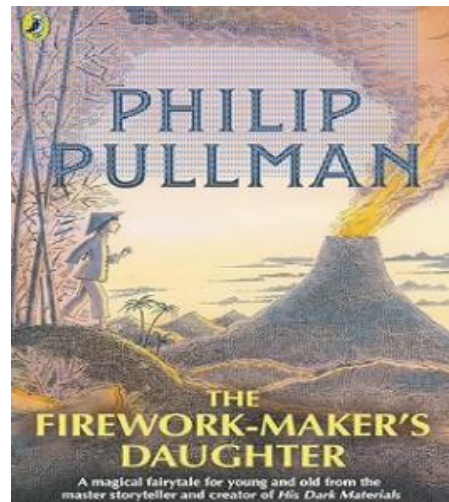
I think it is suitable for children that are 6 or older, and teens and adults.

I would give the book



Alice

My favourite book is *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* because it is very interesting and uses good vocabulary. That is why it is my favourite book.



Years 5 and 6 Indigo-Violet Class

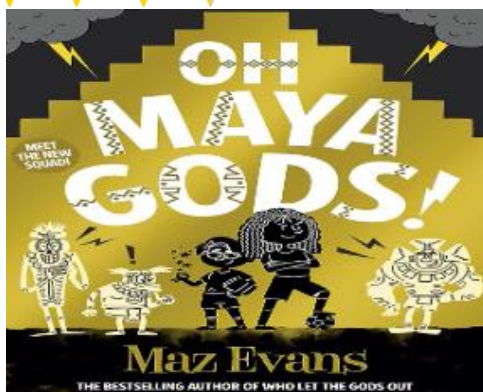


Max

My favourite book is *Oh Maya Gods* because it tells you about football, what they do for a living, their life, where they live and much more!

It is a really good book because it helps you if you want to know how to play football (spoiler) – they have a big adventure to find a large, scary monster.

I would rate this book:



Harley

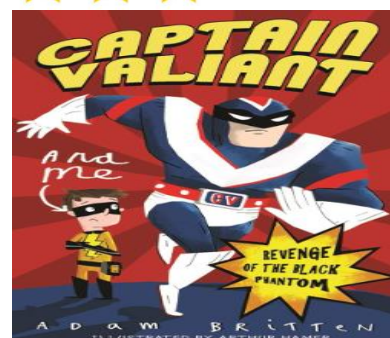
My favourite book is *Captain Valiant*.

The author is Adam Britten.

The book is about heroes saving the day. Monsters try to destroy the world.

Year 3 and 4 would be interested in this book because they might like superheroes. I think it is very entertaining and fun to read!

I would give the book



Christmas arrangements

A working party of parents has been formed. They are very excited and enthusiastic working behind the scenes to get the festive season going in school.

A few things to be informed of:

We will have a Christmas tree in the hall. The volunteers will decorate this.

There will be an entrance fee of £2.50 to the disco on Friday, 15th December. This is a fundraiser, but also to cover the overhead costs for refreshments. This is payable to the class representatives by Friday, 1st December. Year 5 and 6 pupils to pay Mrs Morris in the school office.

All pupils are kindly asked to bring in "a BOTTLE of something" for the tombola table. This can be anything that is in a bottle, e.g. bubble bath, shampoo, a drink, gherkins, etc. As this is a fundraiser, tombola raffles will be sold at £1 a strip.

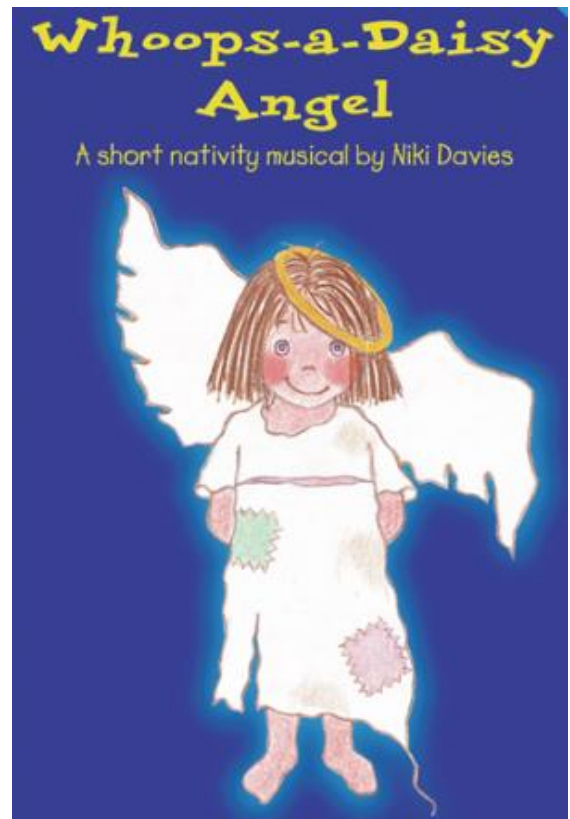
There will also be £5 raffle ticket strips on sale before school, for bigger sponsored prizes (like last year!). Prizes to be drawn at the school disco.

We also ask if pupils can make paper chains at home which we can use as part of decorating the hall for the Christmas Disco.

Pupils will be asked to dress up for the concert day on Tuesday, 19th December. This must be something linked to the Nativity, e.g. stars, angels, shepherds, Magi, Mary, Joseph or animals at the stable. This means costumes can be made at home or recycled from previous years – no need to buy something. We will provide costumes to the reception pupils. The Nativity concert will be *"Whoops-a-Daisy Angel."*

For the church service on Wednesday, 20 December, we ask that pupils bring in a Christingle. We will have this again as a competition, like last year.

I hope I covered everything!



Event	Date	Action
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 8 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear your most festive Jumper - £1 donation. Normal school uniform for the bottom half.
Christmas Lunch		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be pre-booked for all pupils by 30 November – see slip below. There will be no jacket potato option on this day. If you do not book a Christmas Lunch, you will need to send your child with a packed lunch.
Christmas Disco at 15:15-16:15	Friday 15 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tickets to be purchased through Class Reps. This will be a non-uniform school day.
Christmas Concert at 10:00 and 14:15	Tuesday 19 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please return the slip below by 30 November, indicating your preferred tickets.
Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church at 09:45	Wednesday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils to present Christingles. Parents will be invited to join us.

CALENDAR

24.11.23	Green Blue Class Assembly
27.11.23	School Based Flu Immunisation Session
27.11 – 1.12	School PE coaching sessions
01.12.23	Orange Yellow Class Assembly
04.12.23	Reception Open day 09.45am to 10.15am
08.12.23	Reception Assembly
08.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day
08.12.23	Christmas Dinner Day
14.12.23	Year 6 – Tudor workshop
15.12.23	Christmas Disco
18.12.23	WESSP Whole School Sports Day in school
19.12.23	Christmas Concert
20.12.23	Christmas Church Service



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.

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.