

Courage – A can do attitude. Creativity – Innovation and adaptability. Compassion – Love and respect.

Head of School

St Nicholas's Church

Welcome back! What a wonderful first week back we have had too. The children are so determined to succeed and are filled with courageous optimism!

Monday is Remembrance Day, and the PTA managed to receive a donation of pebbles for the children to decorate. We are excited to welcome you all back to school on Monday to see the finished results!

Mrs Jenny Dean

We are privileged to work closely with our local church, St Nicholas, Fyfield.

You are welcome to join for worship at 10.30am on the second and third Sundays of the month, get involved in community activities, or just find a place of peace and prayer in a busy world - the church is often open during daylight hours.

Get in touch

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LUKE 10:25-37



THE PARABLE
OF THE GOOD
SAMARITAN

[The Parable of the Good Samaritan \(Gospel of Luke\)](#)

Attendance

Let's turn our attendance table **GREEN!**

Our School Target: 96%		WC04/11	WC 11/11	WC 18/11	WC 25/11	WC 02/12	WC 09/12	WC 16/12
 	Willow	91%						
	Sycamore	94%						
	Maple	93%						
	WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	93%						

This week's story:



A 23 year old British climber has become the youngest woman to summit the world's fourteen highest mountains. Adriana Brownlee reached the 8,027m peak of Shishapangma in Tibet, at around 8am on the 9th October. She is only the second Briton to complete the feat, after quitting university to begin a career in mountaineering.



Let's think together...

- ✚ What is hope?
- ✚ Do you have hope for the future?
- ✚ How do you believe having hope can impact your life?
- ✚ Does hope help you to remain motivated and persevere?
- ✚ Can it make you happy?

Class news

WILLOW CLASS

We have been exploring everyday materials in science. By the end of the unit, we will be able to:

- Name objects and identify the materials they are made from.
- Recognise that objects are made from materials that suit their purpose.
- Recall that a property is how a material can be described.

Explore the world around you and discover the materials you can find. Have conversations about what they are made from, what they could be used for and how they can be described!



SYCAMORE CLASS

Welcome back Sycamore class! You have hit the ground running and started a lot of new topics this week. We began our collaborative art project looking at the work of the Canadian artist Sandra Silberzweig, focusing on a sustainable future. In English the children have been learning about Guided Voyage and Return stories, initially looking at a classic example; Alice in Wonderland. They have begun the process of planning their own stories, which they will write next week. The class have also begun a history unit on how schools have changed over time, so be prepared for some questions about your school days!



MAPLE CLASS

In Reading, we have been discussing bonfire night.



What is Bonfire Night?

In the UK, Bonfire Night is the anniversary of a plan to kill the king in 1605. At that time, King James I treated Catholic people badly because they had a different religion from him. Life was very unfair and dangerous for Catholic people. A group of men were so unhappy about this that they decided to try to kill the king when he was inside the Parliament building on 5 November 1605.

The men put lots of gunpowder under the Parliament building. Gunpowder is something that can explode like a bomb. One man, called Guy Fawkes, stayed with the gunpowder, ready to make it explode when the king arrived. But the king found out about the plan, and Guy Fawkes was caught. Later, he was executed.

After Guy Fawkes was caught, everybody was allowed to have a big fire (a 'bonfire'), to celebrate that the plan didn't happen and the king didn't die. And so, 5 November became Bonfire Night, and it's celebrated every year.

Rewards

Courageous optimism

It takes courage to hope for a better future. We champion a 'can do' attitude and encourage our pupils and colleagues to tackle challenges with resilience and perseverance as they reach for ambitious targets.

Boundless Creativity

Through captivating discoveries in the classroom and eye-opening adventures in the outside world, we give pupils freedom and promote varied learning experiences which stimulate innovation and develop adaptability.

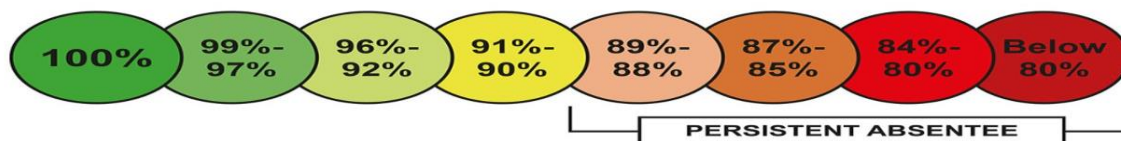
Heartfelt compassion

We show love and respect to each member of our community as we nurture a powerful collective spirit. In humility we embrace difference and individuality, show forgiveness when necessary, and are united by compassion.

Willow Class	COURAGE	Lucas – For attempting new challenges with confidence.
	CREATIVITY	Diego – For verbalising his creations with clarity.
	COMPASSION	Poppy – For always being kind and sensitive to her peers and adults.
	STAR OF THE WEEK	Ellen – For amazing progress in all areas!
Sycamore Class	COURAGE	River – following a new instruction that he has never done before to help Miss Rider and Miss Seeley.
	CREATIVITY	Loki – for creating a super initial Sandra Silberzweig sketch.
	COMPASSION	Nancy – for working successfully on her collaborative skills.
	STAR OF THE WEEK	Lincoln – for good focus and behaviour in maths.
Maple Class	COURAGE	Hugo – For being very optimistic and sharing ideas during a role-play session.
	CREATIVITY	Dotty – For taking an active role during our PSHCE role-play session.
	COMPASSION	Maisey - For being kind to all – including everyone in games.
	STAR OF THE WEEK	Cassidy – For showing great enthusiasm in class.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Helping to create a pattern of regular attendance is the responsibility of parents, pupils and all members of school staff.

To help us all to focus on this, we will:

- Submit a daily attendance return to the Department of Education, in line with the legal expectations placed on all schools;
- Build strong relationships and work jointly with families;
- Give parents/carers details on attendance in our newsletters;
- Promote the benefits of high attendance;
- Accurately complete admission and, with the exception of schools where all pupils are boarders, attendance registers and have effective day to day processes in place to follow-up absence as required by law;
- Celebrate excellent attendance by displaying and reporting individual and class achievements;
- Reward good or improving attendance;
- Report to parents/carers regularly on their child's attendance and the impact on their progress;
- Contact parents/carers should their child's attendance fall below the school's target for attendance.

If attendance is below **95%** / causing concern, and/or where punctuality is a concern, we will;

- Write to you;
- Arrange a meeting so that you may discuss the situation with our Senior Attendance Champion.
- Create a personalised action/support plan, such as an attendance contract, to address any barriers to attendance and make clear each person's role in improving the attendance patterns of your child;
- Offer signposting support to other agencies or services, if appropriate;
- Refer the matter to the Local Authority for relevant legal sanctions, if attendance deteriorates following the above actions.

This week's Attendance Cup Winners



Fire Doors

The much-needed fire doors were installed over half term to keep the electricity meters securely behind locked doors. Thank you to Mr Bianchi for organising this to avoid any disruption to the children's school day.



TTRS Tournament

We have been challenged to a TTRS Tournament with other local primary schools ...

Let's rock our Times Tables and rock our way to the top of the leader board!

We will be competing against:

- St Andrews Primary School
- Upshire Primary School
- Moreton CEVA Primary School
 - Epping Primary
- Coopersale and Theydon Garnon Primary School
 - Chpping Ongar Primary School
 - Leverton Primary School

Support your child and play every day!

Start date: 4 November 2024, 07:30 End date: 29 November 2024, 20:00

Daily open times: 24 hours a day

EPPING & ONGAR SCHOOLS

ROCKVEMBER!

04 NOVEMBER - 29 NOVEMBER 2024



ROCKVEMBER!

* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE *

PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE * THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL *

ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES *



UPDATE!!

Great excitement in our school today as we are currently 1st on the leader board. Please continue to take part in this competition. Remember, every correct answer counts!

Position (Out of 50 classes taking part)		Class Average Correct
1	4 - Dr Walker's Primary School, Fyfield	2,290
2	6G - Coopersale and Theydon Garnon Primary School	1,949
3	Kingfisher - Leverton Primary School, Waltham Abbey	1,842
4	Rowan - Chipping Ongar Primary School, Ongar	1,590
5	Maple - St Andrews Primary School, North Weald	1,333
6	CHESTNUT - Leverton Primary School, Waltham Abbey	1,162
7	Harrier - Leverton Primary School, Waltham Abbey	1,159
8	Birch 24/25 - Epping Primary School	1,097
9	Pheasant - Moreton CEVA Primary School, Ongar	888
10	Alder 24/25 - Epping Primary School	780

Library Revamp in Progress

A massive revamp of the library is underway! This is our priority project and we are hoping to have this up and running very shortly. Mr Bianchi is busy up-cycling our existing 6 foot shelving and reducing it to 3 foot – making it more accessible to our children. We have ordered seating using the successful funds that we received from the Dr Walker's School Foundation and are busy sifting through the books to remove any outdated and damaged books.

Once all the shelving is arranged, our school Prefects, along with the Librarian Prefect – John-James - and our Librarians – Amelia V and Alice C - will be supporting with the next stage of sorting the remaining books to make our Library a place that children want to visit!

Keep reading the newsletter for regular updates,

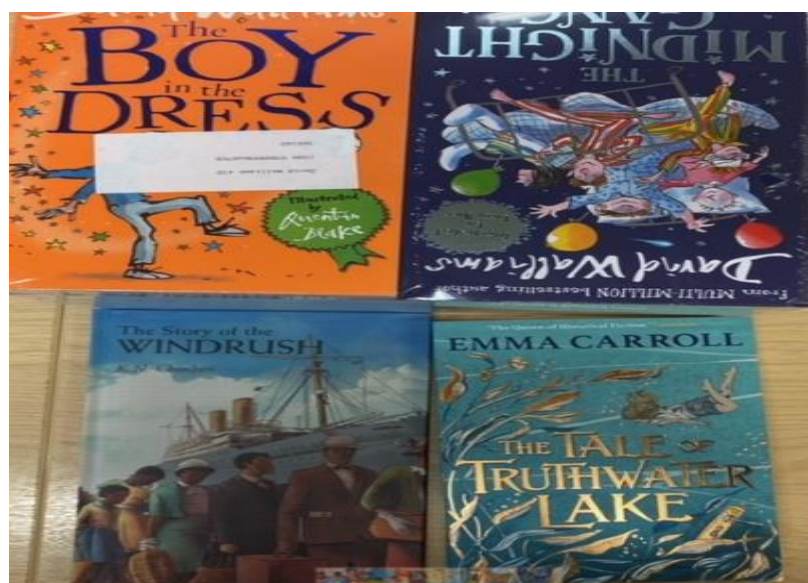




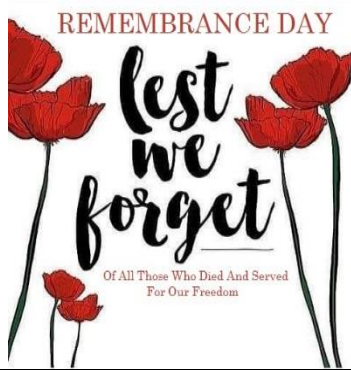
Books Purchased with Scholastic Commission

Several high quality diverse texts have been purchased for each class for their new reading areas with the Scholastic Book Fair commission funds that were raised.

Thank you to parents, past and present, for their support and generosity.



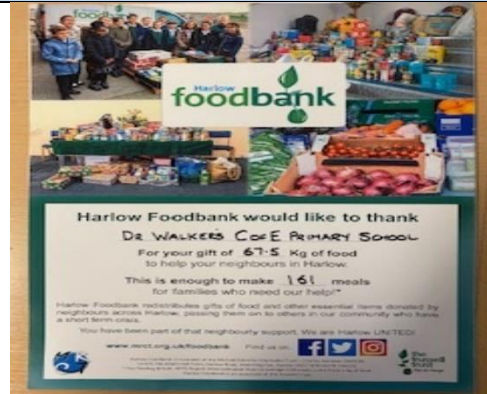
Poppy Appeal



Our Poppies will continue to be on sale for the next two weeks. Please support the charity by donating money in exchange for commemorative items. Thank you.



Harvest Festival Update



Our Harvest Festival Donations were given to Harlow Food Bank and there was enough food to make 161 meals!

Thank you for taking the time to make a donation, it was very kind of you, and has made a big difference to those in need.

Maths



EVENT DETAILS

START DATE:
November 12th 2024

END DATE:
November 14th 2024

TIME:
Daily 7:30am to 7:30pm

LOCATION:
England

DAILY CAP:
1 hour per player

Take part in our online times tables competition that will boost maths confidence alongside accuracy and recall speed.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Pupils will try to answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil.

RULES:

1. Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30am GMT to 7:30pm GMT each day will contribute to their class and school score.
2. There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day.
3. Each class has a minimum player count of 10. If fewer than 10 in the class play in the competition, their total will be divided by 10 regardless.



Essex ActivAte is the name for the Holiday Activity and Food (#HAF2024) programme across Essex, run by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education. Additional funding is provided by Essex County Council to extend the offer to low income working families who also require support during the school holidays. **This programme takes place during the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays.** Where possible, Essex County Council and Basildon Borough Council provide additional support families during the smaller half terms as well.

The programme aims to support the physical and mental wellbeing of primary and secondary school children, through engagement in a wide variety of enrichment and physical activities, and provision of a nutritious, school standard meal.

Working with a network of trusted local delivery partners, Active Essex run FREE face to face clubs during the school holidays for children and young people who are **eligible for benefits based free school meals, as well as those from low income working families who would benefit from this extra support.** We are also able to extend this support to children and young people who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation, on a case-by-case basis, please speak to the club provider to discuss if this is an option.

Each Essex ActivAte club will deliver a variety of fun physical and enrichment activities, fun food education and a nutritious meal. Alongside this you can access family support and fun activities to keep children active and entertained at home. Check out our Family Support page below to get started!

For more information on our programmes, [click here](#).

Ongar Christmas Tree Lighting

COLLECT YOUR BAUBLE BETWEEN 8.15- 8.45 ON 5TH NOVEMBER

ENTRIES NEED TO BE HANDED TO KATE BURLING BY 22ND NOVEMBER



Christmas Bauble Competition

TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AND OUR SCHOOL WE WOULD LIKE PUPILS TO DECORATE A CHRISTMAS BAUBLE

A winning bauble design will be chosen from each class by Mrs Dean and Mrs Nazif. The designer of each winning bauble will receive a prize and pride of place on our very own tree which will be placed in Ongar High Street as part of the Ongar Christmas Lights event on 1st December. All funds will go towards Ongar Christmas Lights in return for promotion of the school meaning that your contribution could really help the school.

£2 PER ENTRY



There will be a Christmas tree lighting celebration in Fyfield on Tuesday 26th November at 6pm. Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs will be blessing the tree and there will be mince pies and carol singers too. Everyone is welcome! The tree will be situated on the corner of Queen Street just up from The Queens Head.



Year 4 MTC – June 2025

Information for parents:
multiplication tables check



Your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in **June 2025**.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

Read more guidance from the STA [here](#)

In the meantime, please practise regularly with your child using the link below, which is similar to the DfE testing

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

PE Top players



Well done to our top players!

Willow class



Mabel and Diego

Sycamore class



Nancy and Jesse

Maple class



Daisy

If you would like to get involved in the PTA, or have any questions. Please contact Friends of Dr Walkers on drwalkers24@gmail.com

children communication committee
fundraising
pupils **PTA** school
staff parents
rewarding events organisation
ideas teachers

Art Garden Centre in North Weald Donation



Members of the PTA approached Art Garden Centre, in North Weald, who have kindly donated pebbles for each child to decorate for Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November 2024.

The decorated pebbles will be sealed so they can be placed outside.

We look forward to sharing the finished results with parents and visitors to the school.



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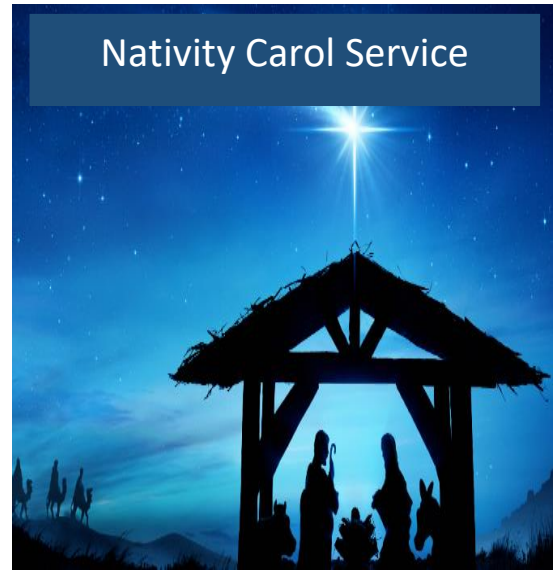
Christmas Performances

Our Christmas Performances will be on **Tuesday 17th December 2024.**

Willow Class & Sycamore Class will perform ...



Maple Class will perform ...



Time 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Time 11:00am – 12:00pm

CHANGE OF DATE

We have decided to change our Christmas Jumper Day to coincide with our Christmas Dinner Day; therefore it will move from Thursday 12th December to **WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2024.**

Important dates

Nov 24	Odd Socks Day – date to be confirmed
15.11.24	Heights & Weights for Reception and Year 6
15.11.24	Pudsey School Dinner
09.12.24	Last Art Club before Christmas
10.12.24	Last SCS Club before Christmas
11.12.24	Last Lego & Board Games Club before Christmas
11.12.24	Last SCS Club before Christmas
11.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day NEW DATE
12.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day CHANGE OF DATE
17.12.24	Christmas Nativity Performance (Rec – Year 3) & Carol Service Performance (Year 4 – 6)
20.12.24	Class Christmas Parties (pm) – More information to follow
20.12.24	Break up for Christmas