



WHAT'S ON

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DIARY DATES

ALL CLUBS ON NEXT WEEK!

TUE 15TH OCT, 9AM

Family Learning Time

FRI 18TH OCT, 3.10PM

WISPA Cake Sale

WED 23RD OCT, 3.30 – 6PM

Parents Evening

THU 24TH OCT, 5.30 – 8PM

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FRI 25TH OCT, 3.10PM

School closes for half term

SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch will be
[Week 1 – click for details.](#)

SHOOTING STARS!

ELISSA for amazing artwork creating a #HelloYellow sculpture!



THEO for magnificent Maths, adding & subtracting numbers & checking his answers!

JACOB for persevering with his very difficult Maths work!



MIA for her great comprehension skills!

OLIVE for writing her own version of Toy Story!



ALEX for excellent knowledge of high frequency words!

ANWYN for being a good friend to others & following HIPIP's values!



FINN for trying hard to use the Year One common exception word lists!

LUCA G for persevering with



MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

We held a very successful and enjoyable fundraiser at Indian Nights on Tuesday. Thank you to the parents and staff who supported the event, including very generous donations from parents who were unable to attend. We raised a fantastic £817 for our Health & Happiness Hub! We are very grateful to Indian Nights for their hospitality and to the following local businesses for donating raffle prizes: Co-op, Pakwaan, Studio 5, Claire Gaskin Pilates & Barre Studio, Signeture Beauty and The Holistic Approach. We'd also like to thank ECFS financial advisers for their additional donation of £333.

Our first major event of the year was the Harvest Festival on Wednesday, "Easy Peasy Harvest". The children sang and spoke so well and we are always grateful to family and friends for taking the time to come along. Thank you for your generosity, our collection raised £182 for Writtle's Link Club, which supports the elderly in the village. All Saints' Church kindly hosted the service and we look forward to meeting their new vicar when he starts. Yesterday we recognised #HelloYellow day (above), focusing on mental health and well-being. Thank you again for your generous donations, we are conscious that there has been a glut of charitable events this week. You raised £313 to split between Young Minds and our Hub fund.

We look forward to seeing you at Family Learning Time on Tuesday 15th at 9.00. Please drop your children off as usual so we can register them, after which we will invite you to join them in the classroom. There is a crèche for young children but we do ask that babes in arms go into class with you, with buggies and prams left in the hall. If babies are asleep in their prams we can look after them in the hall, we don't want to disturb them!

A reminder that Parents Evening is on Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th October. Please book appointments through your ParentMail account.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who ensure that their children attend school regularly, enabling them to access their education as they should. Recently, there has been a spate of holiday requests, the vast majority of which have been declined as they have not been deemed to be in 'exceptional circumstances'. The school may apply for a penalty notice if we believe that a family has taken unauthorised leave. I have written to you often regarding the importance of good attendance and its impact on pupil progress and achievement. Attendance is reviewed monthly and any pupils whose attendance is giving cause for concern will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer.

Thanks so much for all the Aldi Get Set stickers you have donated. We now have enough to enter the competition to win £20,000 for the school! Keep donating stickers as we can send off more than one poster, which also earns us a free sports kit for the school.

WISPA had their AGM on Monday night and we are hugely grateful to the new committee members for volunteering to raise money for our school. This year's co-Chairs are Chantelle Mangion and Claire Gaskin, Vice-Chair is Liz Murrell, Hayley Davis is the Secretary and Liz Morris the Treasurer. There will be a cake sale next Friday after school, so WISPA will be asking for donations of homemade/bought cakes on Friday morning.

Finally, congratulations to Mrs. Whitmell, who graduated with distinction this week in her foundation degree in Early Years, Playwork & Education. She has now begun a BA top-up degree course in Early Childhood Studies. We are very proud to have such talented staff!



the cursive letter t – brilliant!
SYLVIA for always being kind, caring & sensible!

AUSTIN for working really hard with his words & using full sentences when he talks!



PIPER for always trying her best & being a kind friend!

READERS OF THE WEEK!



MAX, MILES, JESSICA T & THEO!

COMMUNITY LINKS

PHYSICSFEST tickets are still available in the school office. It's a Science Fun Day for all the family at Gt Baddow High School, Sun 20th Oct, 1 – 4pm.

WRITTE LIBRARY HALLOWEEN COMPETITION Help Writtle Library get spooky & win prizes by creating some scary artwork – pumpkins from pre-schoolers, ghosts from Infants & witches from Juniors! You can paint, collage, anything you want. Pop into the library for templates if you need them. Entries must be in by Wed 23rd Oct, winners will be announced on Fri 25th Oct, 3.30pm at the Library, when we will have spooky stories & other fun. Artwork will be displayed over half-term.

YEAR 2 NEWS

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Harvest Festival this week. We are so proud of the children as they represented the school brilliantly. 'Hello Yellow' day was a huge success and the children loved participating in mindfulness activities.

We have done lots of writing this week in the form of Harvest/seasonal acrostic poems, recounts and descriptive writing of the children's favourite toys. Thank you so much for sending these in. We have also been comparing toys from now and then and the children enjoyed writing questions and sentences about them. In Maths we have been adding and subtracting a 2-digit number and ones. We used different methods to do this and introduced the formal written method. This week we introduced the children to the work of Pablo Picasso. Ask the children how many names he had!

[Home learning and spellings are published on our website.](#)

YEAR 1 NEWS

Well done Year One! Your singing at Harvest Festival was fantastic! Well done to you all for remembering the words and using your lovely singing voices. We are now superstars at writing our weekend news, we have been extending ourselves and working so hard, so well done Year One! This week we have been representing 0-10 using different objects, drawing pictures and it's made our brains think what the numbers 0-10 mean! We are also becoming computer Whizz's by creating our own algorithms (instructions for the computer) to direct our friends to find buried treasure. We have also created beautiful watercolour backgrounds, using different colours which will look absolutely amazing in our art books. We also enjoyed our day of mindfulness activities, learning how to look after our minds and keep ourselves in the green zone!

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

We are so proud of all the children, most of them are coming into school happily and confidently. They have quickly learnt our rules and routines and are becoming better at 'choosing it, using it and putting it away!' In Squirrels class we have a huge junk modelling area. The children really enjoy making things and as soon as we have put resources in they are used! We would really appreciate it if you can collect different sizes boxes and other junk that we can use for modelling. Please no milk cartons. We also are putting out a plea for wicker or sea grass baskets of varied sizes. If you have any going spare we would love to have them! Have a great weekend, we look forward to seeing you at Family Learning Time on Tuesday.

[This week's Tapestry Challenge is published on our website.](#)

NOTICES

- ★ **Our Songs That Make Us Smile CDs are still available!** Priced at £6 each or 2 for £10, profits go to our Health & Happiness Hub fund. Please collect your copy from the office.
- ★ We would be hugely grateful if you could **sign up to the Easyfundraising app**, which raises money for the school (at no cost to you) through your online shopping.

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



"A very special place, where learning has no limits."