



WHAT'S ON

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DIARY DATES

ALL CLUBS EXCEPT STAFF CLUBS ON NEXT WEEK!

WED 23RD OCT, 3.30 – 6PM
Parents Evening (*no staff clubs*)

THU 24TH OCT, 5.30 – 8PM
Parents Evening

FRI 25TH OCT, 9AM
Kittle Photo orders will be collected

FRI 25TH OCT, 3.10PM
School closes for half term

WED 6TH NOV, 3 – 4.30PM
WISPA Disco (*no staff clubs*)

SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch will be [Week 2 – click for details.](#)

SHOOTING STARS!

NATALIA for lovely sentence work! 

AUSTEN for super focus this week!

CASEY for working hard in her comprehension this week! 

CHLOE for super speedy Maths work!

NAYLA-RAE for excellent effort during Dance! 

BETSY for becoming very confident during independent work!

LUCIE for working hard in Maths using a number line! 

RUBY W for working well to use the cursive style of writing!

HOPE for playing a lovely Maths game, recognising the dice patterns & jumping the correct number of spaces! 

MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

I am delighted to announce the appointment of three new parent governors to our Governing Body. They are Esther Burton and Matt Coffey, who join immediately, while Tim Williams takes up his post in November when another governor's tenure comes to an end. My thanks to them all for their commitment to the school.

Congratulations to Year 1 and 2 pupils William, Casey, Jessica P, Max, Harry, Olive, Isaac and Rosie W for being elected to our School Council. We are so proud of you all! The new School Council has already met to discuss the new Autumn/Winter menu and the Year 2 School Council members will be greeting prospective parents at our Open Days in November and December.

Many thanks to those of you who came to Family Learning Time on Tuesday, I hope you found it useful. If you have any feedback about the school we always welcome your views at parents@writtle-inf.essex.sch.uk. There were some lovely updates about our Forest Schools programme (right) and the Children's Yoga club on our Twitter account this week. Please follow us if you haven't already done so, our Twitter handle is [@writtleinfant](https://twitter.com/writtleinfant).

Can we remind you of our Parents' Evenings next week on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October. Staff clubs will not run on Wednesday afternoon as teachers will be preparing for their meetings, so please ensure that all children are collected promptly at 3.10pm. Children are not permitted to attend parents evening appointments.

The Kittle school photo orders will be collected next Friday morning and we will also be selling Remembrance poppies at the office from next week. We have amassed a lot of lost property this half term, which will be recycled if not claimed at the end of the week. Please check the box in reception if you are missing anything.

Please take a look at our Community Links section for details of two events taking place next week. PhysicsFest this Sunday afternoon at Great Baddow High School comes highly recommended, tickets are free and available from the school office. Writtle Library is also inviting artwork for their Halloween display, winning entries will be announced at the Library next Friday afternoon at 3.30pm.

I am often asked about our school approach to aspects such as attendance and behaviour. All key policies are published on our website, including our attendance and behaviour policies and the Governors' statement of behaviour principles, but do ask if you need clarification. Once again I am receiving a number of holiday requests. I appreciate parents' honesty when requesting a leave of absence from school, but holidays in term time cannot be authorised.

Finally, a date for your diary. The annual Carols on the Green service, where all children are invited to sing Christmas Carols on the village green, will be on 12th December at 5pm.



ROMAN for settling so well into Foxes & being a great listener!

RIVER for super work in Phonics. Really listening carefully!



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

READERS OF THE WEEK!



LINCOLN, GEORGE, BETHANY & NATHAN!

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.

WRITTLE 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

We've had a very busy week in Year 2! It was so lovely to see so many of you at Family Learning Time. We hope you found it useful to see the kind of questions and activities the children do as part of their guided reading work. We've been reading a new book in our English lessons: 'Can I build another me?' The children wrote about their favourite place, what they think other people think about them (including their teachers, which was very interesting!) and things they can and can't do.

We became budding artists this week and loved finding out about the work of Andy Warhol. The children enjoyed using pastels to colour in some photographs of themselves in lots of interesting and wacky colours! In Science, the children learned about the different stages of the human life cycle. We then talked about healthy eating and hygiene and why both topics are so important when looking after ourselves.

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

YEAR 1 NEWS

Once again, what a busy week! Thank you to the adults that attended Family Learning Time, the children had so much fun with our phonics session. Don't worry to those that couldn't attend, we are looking forward to meeting with you next week during Parents Evening.

The children have completed some fantastic independent writing this week, so well done for working so hard! We have been learning about ordinal numbers such as 1st, 2nd 3rd. We finished our watercolour backgrounds and created our line drawings, they look beautiful! We have also been using our senses during Science to smell, see, feel, hear and listen to different things around the classroom. It's safe to say our classrooms will smell of vinegar for a few weeks!!!

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

We have been finding out about autumn this week, the children loved sharing their photos and autumn objects. Thank you for the fantastic turn out to Family Learning Time. We hope you enjoyed it, I know the children loved telling you their stories and we have been busy acting them out this week. If you want to find out more you can google 'Helicopter Stories' and watch the videos on YouTube.

Thank you for allowing us to look at your children's Learning Journeys from nursery and pre-school. We will be sending them home next week. Have a great weekend.

[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%)



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