



WRITTLE SCHOOLS NEWS

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025

What a fantastic first few weeks back we've had in the Writtle Schools. There has been so much going on, and the children are making us all feel so proud. Our Reception children have settled so quickly into their new routines and it is always wonderful to spend time with them in the sand pit or pretending to eat Playdough pizzas. Thursday's Harvest Assembly at All Saints was awesome, and the sight of the Gingerbread Man being chased around the church is a highlight of the year so far. Our thanks to Reverend Tony for making us all feel so welcome.

In the Juniors, it has been great to see Year 3 adapt so quickly and settle into their new routines. Their attitude towards their learning, as in all year groups, is something to be admired. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Zara and Kim in Year 5, who delivered a speech to parents considering applying for a place for their child in Reception about their time in the Writtle Schools. Their speech was so well thought out and delivered with such confidence.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful weekend and for those of you taking part in the Havens Hospice Marathon/Half Marathon on Sunday, good luck, and I may see you there!

NP Taylor

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	INFANTS Further dates on our website	JUNIORS Further dates on our website
Tue 21 Oct, 5 - 8pm	Parents' Evening (no clubs)	
Thu 23 Oct, 3.30 - 6pm	Parents' Evening (no clubs)	
Fri 17 Oct, 2pm	Friends of Writtle Schools AGM, Writtle Infant School	
Fri 24 Oct	8:40am: Pumpkin Carving Competition & Halloween Dress Down Day 3.10/3.15pm: School closes for Half Term break	

Please check communications to parents for further details, or contact your school office.

LINKS TO IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HOME LEARNING	INFANTS Reception Year 1 Year 2	JUNIORS All homework is uploaded to Showbie .
CLUBS TIMETABLE	Infants	Juniors
SCHOOL LUNCH MENU - Please click here for the school menu, next week is Week 1 Please could we remind everyone that snacks should be of a healthy nature and be part of a balanced diet.		
COMMUNITY NEWS - Please click here for local events, resources and charity updates.		

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

INFANTS	JUNIORS
95.6%	95.2%

CELEBRATIONS!


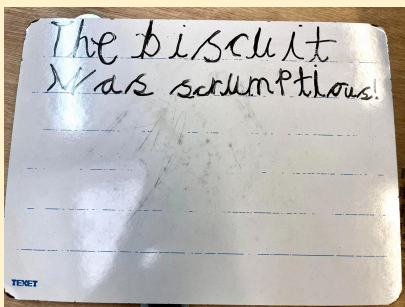

INFANTS - SUPERSTAR AWARDS!			
SQUIRRELS - Anouk, Eliza		FOXES - Olive, Kian	
TURTLES - Phoenix, Honor	PARROTS - Toby, Douglas	DOLPHINS - Oliver M, Lexie	SHARKS - Max, Sophie
LUNCHTIME CLASS OF THE WEEK - Dolphins PE AWARDS - Y1 Ellie, Emmeline, Y2 Woody, Eduard			
JUNIORS - CHILDREN'S MAKE THEIR DAY!			
LS - Mabel	RT - Darcy	SW - Ronnie	KH - Ayla
CL - Yasin	HA - Evie	SH - Leo	SL - Jess

LITTLE WRITTLE WRITES

By Alma and Hope in SH

Last week, Year 5 went to a table tennis competition. We interviewed Eva from CL and she told us "Even though it was hard, it was still fun and I enjoyed it." In addition to this, Year 4 did a rugby competition on a lovely sunny day at the Writtle Rugby Club. We interviewed Alfie from SW who told us "I think it was a great experience and I really liked it." Well done to all our sporting representatives for taking part!

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
 <p>This week we listened to a poem called 'Chop, Chop' and learnt how to cut vegetables safely. We were very impressed with the children's ability to do this and hope this means they will</p>	 <p>Year 1 really enjoyed their Harvest Festival celebration in the church and we have explored the story of the Gingerbread Man all week. In English we have been looking at vocabulary</p>	 <p>Year 2 has been super busy over the last few weeks - we haven't stopped! In maths we have been perfecting our number bonds to ten, as well as transforming a sum of two addends (7 +</p>

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<p>help you at home to prepare dinner!</p> <p>The children have learnt how to compose 2 (1 and another 1 makes 2) and how to compose 3 (1 and 1 and 1 make 3). They have also continued to build their relationships with the children in their classes. It has been lovely to see the children bring in and share why they have achieved a star moment at home.</p>	<p>from the story, e.g. 'dashed', 'scrumptious' and 'tricked'. We've designed amazing traps to stop the Gingerbread Man and written some wonderful sentences too! In maths we practised counting accurately and exploring one more and one less.</p>	<p>5) into three addends (7 + 3+ 2) and we've even had a go at some subtraction by still applying our number bond knowledge. In English we have written eyewitness accounts of the Great Fire of London and some fabulous poems too. We've investigated materials, made bridges out of card and had time to do a spot of gardening! We are busy tidying up our garden for the winter and munching on our raspberries, which are still growing! New PSHE lessons are getting us to learn about our brains too and how to keep our minds happy!</p>	
YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
 <p>In Year 3 we have been continuing to learn all about plants, learning all about the lifecycles of plants and how seeds are dispersed. We have even planted our own bean plants and can't wait to see them grow! We have also continued with our book, the Tin Forest and have written some amazing work using imperative verbs and adverbial phrases, we can't wait to show you at parents evening!</p>	 <p>Year 4 have been learning all about the Amazon Rainforest and the impact logging is having on the area. We have been discussing the issues and dilemmas and whether local people should or shouldn't cut the trees down. The children predicted what might happen at the end of the book we are reading and then used role play to act out their predictions. These were then presented to the class. We were amazed at some of the performances. A great job and we have definitely got some potential stars for our play at the end of the year! Watch this space.</p>	 <p>Mike Culley from Space Horizons visited Year 5 on Monday 29th September. He shared his love and enthusiasm for science and space travel. We learnt about key figures in the space race, explored and handled meteorites and rock samples including lunar and martian samples. We were able to use robotic arms, look at newspapers from the moon landings from America, England and Russia and also try and dock a space module onto the ISS. Mike was amazing and the children had a brilliant time. This week we are continuing to look at our key artist Vincent Van Gogh. We are beginning our Starry Night paintings and we hope to share some of them soon.</p>	 <p>Despite the wet and drizzly weather, Year 6 had a fantastic time on our trip to Duxford War Museum! The children explored the impressive aircraft displays, learned about life during World War II, and discovered how aviation has changed over time. They asked thoughtful questions, showed great curiosity, and represented the school brilliantly throughout the day. It was a memorable trip that brought their history learning to life—rain or shine!</p>