



WRITTLE SCHOOLS NEWS

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

We're sure you are all looking forward to the half term break, after 8 weeks at school! The children looked wonderful today in their costumes and your pumpkins were absolutely magnificent! As always your creativity shines through and it's made our week to see all the children and staff enjoying the wonderful display. Thank you to the Friends of Writtle Schools for organising this event and for supplying prizes to our brilliant winners: Reception - Otis L, Y1 - Jaxon, Y2 - Isabella, Y3 - Ivy P, Y4 - Isla N, Y5 - Rowan H, Y6 - Millie N. Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week, it was great to see siblings attending each other's appointments in both schools and supporting their achievements. We are all so proud of the effort and progress your children have made this term, so thanks to you all for your support and also to our incredible staff for their hard work and dedication. Finally, can we thank you for your donations to Chelmsford Foodbank, they collected 91kg of food last week and wanted to express their gratitude to you all.



We hope everyone enjoys a relaxed and happy half term holiday. See you on Monday 3rd November.

NP Taylor

Wilson

C. Horner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	INFANTS Further dates on our website	JUNIORS Further dates on our website
Mon 3 Nov, 8.40am	Children return to school	
Wed 5 Nov	8:40am: Y1 & Y2 Family Learning Time 6pm: Writtle Infant School Open Evening	
Mon 24 Nov	Catch up flu vaccination session for both schools, held at Writtle Junior School	

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 new school menu, w/c 3rd Nov is Week 1*](#)

**Please note there is an error on the menu - there are no jacket potatoes on a Wednesday.*

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

INFANTS	JUNIORS
95%	94.9%

CELEBRATIONS!

INFANTS - SUPERSTAR AWARDS!			
SQUIRRELS - Seren, Fynnley		FOXES - Ada, Clara	
TURTLES - Leyton, Shawn	PARROTS - Giorgio, Jasper	DOLPHINS - Méabh, Sophia	SHARKS - Eliza-Esmail, Grace
LUNCHTIME CLASS OF THE WEEK - Turtles PE AWARDS - Y1 Hallie, Albert, Y2 Noah, Betsy			
JUNIORS - CHILDREN'S MAKE THEIR DAY!			
LS - Jake, Libby	RT - Finley, Sophia	SW - Ruby, Lois	KH - Maria, Charlie
CL - Warren, Cienna	HA - Albie, Rachel	SH - Edie, Betty, Selim, Tyler	SL - Piper and Austin
LUNCHTIME CLASS OF THE WEEK - RT			

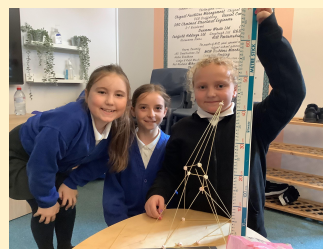
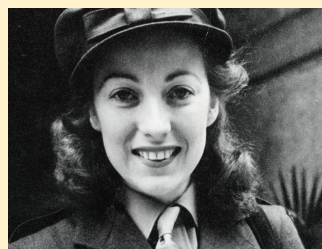
LITTLE WRITTLE WRITES

By Alma and Hope in SH

On Tuesday, Year 6 had a World War 2 dress up day. In addition to this, we had a VE Day party, which included: swing dancing, war games, and eating. The children came in as evacuees, war-time citizens, and military officers. During the party, there was a choice of more dancing, WW2 board games or four square/skipping outside. We had this party to celebrate the Victory in Europe - the end of the war and the end of our war topic.



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	
 This week we have enjoyed reading our phonics books and singing the 'Humpty Dumpty' rhyme. In Maths we have been comparing sets of objects and using the language 'fewer than' and 'more than'. We have been very impressed with the children's phonics knowledge and number skills. This week we have also engaged in various creative activities which the children have loved. We hope you enjoy a lovely break with your wonderful children!	 This week we have been carrying on discussing where our homes are located and we have learnt about the countries that make up the UK. It would be lovely if the children could learn their address and come back after half term to tell us. We have been learning about odds and evens in our Mastering Number lessons. We have also enjoyed using the visuals of 'Gary Greater' and 'Larry Less Than' (crocodiles) to compare two numbers.	 Wow, what a half term it's been, we've had so much fun and achieved lots! This week in particular, we've been working on our fitness in our PE circuit training, whilst managing a healthy lifestyle in making biscuits in D&T, just like how they would have baked them in 1666! We've also finished off our learning in computing, by typing up all the key facts we know about the Great Fire of London and adding an image. In maths, we've been finishing up our work on subtraction as difference (comparing an amount in one set with an amount in another set) and in English we've been embracing the Autumnal weather with acrostic poems and Autumnal walks around the school. It's been a great week, with a well deserved break to follow, have a restful half term Year 2!	
YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
 Year 3 have continued our plants topic. We have watched our beans germinate and grow and we learnt about transpiration by experimenting with celery to see how different temperatures affect this. In DT we created and evaluated our photo frames and have loved showing them to you all at Parents' Evening. We have finished our book <i>The Tin Forest</i> in English - we	 Year 4 have had a great last week of term. With links to our topic looking at the ancient Maya civilisation, the children were treated to a chocolate making master class from a chocolatier. Firstly, using a transfer and white chocolate, they had to pipe a Maya glyph which represented the word for chocolate (it looks a bit like a goldfish!), then smother this with milk chocolate and	 Coming to the end of our Mission to Mars, Year 5 have been astronaut training. That involved building towers using teamwork and engineering skills, designing a menu for the astronauts and looking for various constellations using an app to map out the skies. There were several other challenges in the sessions and lots of new skills were acquired.	 Year 6 learned about Vera Lynn who was a famous British wartime singer. She gave hope to the soldiers as her songs were played on the wireless. Her top selling song was called 'We'll Meet Again' and her second top selling song was "The White Cliffs of Dover." We learnt how to sing both songs and we listened to the swing music that arrived in Britain when America joined the war. Just

YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
really enjoyed reading it! We can't wait to see what the next half term brings!	finally cover with sprinkles. When set, the transfer was peeled off leaving a delicious looking chocolate bar with the white chocolate glyph embedded in the bar. They looked and smelt amazing! I think they tasted good too.	Also in Year 5 we have completed our Starry Night creations linked to Van Gogh. The children have all used oils, pastels and watercolours to form their own version of the famous painting. They used different textures, brush strokes and identified key colours that Van Gogh used away from blues and yellows. Our next topic is focusing on the book Hugo and brings in the history of film and animation. Have a great holiday.	like the swing music that Year 4 have been using in their dance lessons this week with our amazing dance teacher, Leon. Leon has been helping the Year 3 and 4 children learn how to dance. They have made up routines which they have been practising and they performed them to the rest of the school this week. They were brilliant!