



# WRITTLE SCHOOLS NEWS

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2026

Dear Parents,

Both schools have enjoyed visiting the lambs again this week! It's been such an amazing experience, but they need to go back home to ARU Wittle at the weekend. Thank you once again to Farm Manager Alex for his invaluable help with organising this opportunity for the children. We have plans for future projects, so watch this space!

All the Infant School children had a karate workshop with Dan Thackray from UKA Karate on Wednesday! It was brilliant fun and we look forward to him hosting a club which starts next week. Year 3 joined the Infant School today for an assembly given by local beekeeper Ian Grant, who told the children all about honey bees and how important they are. It's led to lots of bee-related activities in class - the children loved this [Bees Go Buzzing](#) song! Take a look at this beautiful [animated video of Rimsky Korsakov's Flight of the Bumblebee](#) and then [this video shows just how nimble-fingered you have to be to play it on a piano](#). Thank you to Mr Grant for coming in to present to us all, and to our Governor, Mr Colthurst, for joining us this morning too.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone for their [donations to the Children's Society](#) and kind wishes to Mr Taylor as he runs the London Marathon this weekend! If you want to follow his progress, he sets off at 10:48am and his bib number is 65198. We will be cheering him on!

*NP Taylor*

*Wilson*

*C. Jones*

## LITTLE WRITTLE WRITES...

This week, our budding Y3 and Y4 athletes took to the courts for the highly anticipated Mini Wimbledon tennis competition. It was a fantastic event filled with energy, sportsmanship, and some truly impressive rallies. Melody told us the scale of the challenge, as there were 18 teams competing across five intense rounds. Charlie said he really enjoyed achieving his personal best result and mentioned how friendly and supportive the atmosphere was between all the competitors. Kiki had a brilliant day on the court, telling us she simply "loved hitting the ball"—and it showed! She put in a stellar performance to win three of her matches. Theo was over the moon with his team's performance, securing a fantastic 5th place finish.



Our pupils did us proud across the board. A huge congratulations to our Year 4s, who showed great determination to secure 3rd place overall. Our other teams also performed brilliantly, finishing in 4th and 5th place respectively. Well done to everyone who took part—the future of British tennis is looking bright at our school!

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRI 1 MAY - Friends of Writtle Schools Mini Marathon

MON 4 MAY - Bank Holiday - Schools closed

MON 11 - FRI 15 MAY - Year 6 SATS week

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

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## LINKS TO IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HOME LEARNING	INFANTS <a href="#">Reception</a>   <a href="#">Year 1</a>   <a href="#">Year 2</a>	JUNIORS All homework is uploaded to <a href="#">Showbie</a> .
CLUBS TIMETABLE	<a href="#">WIS Clubs</a>	<a href="#">WJS Clubs</a>
SCHOOL LUNCH MENU - <a href="#">Please click here for the new school menu, w/c 27th Apr is Week 3</a>		
COMMUNITY NEWS - <a href="#">Please click here for local events, resources and charity updates.</a>		
ESSEX CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE DROP-IN - Every Tuesday pm, Writtle Infant School library, <a href="#">sign up here</a>		

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

INFANTS	JUNIORS
95.9%	95.67%

## CELEBRATIONS!

INFANTS			
SQUIRRELS - Luna, Bobby		FOXES - Louie, Clara	
TURTLES - Leyton, Harry	PARROTS - Violet, Ellie	DOLPHINS - Connie, Luna	SHARKS - Coby, Archie
JUNIORS - TEACHERS' MAKE THEIR DAY!			
LS - Anaya	RT - Khiara	SW - Adonis	KH - Phoebe and Eden
CL - Raury	HA -Felix	SH - Olivia	SL - Tom
LUNCHTIME CLASSES OF THE WEEK: LS, SW, SH SPECIAL MENTION: Dylan (SW)			

# NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
 <p>The children thoroughly enjoyed their first time at Forest School this week, many of the children could not stop smiling whilst they were there! We have also been watching our lovely caterpillars grow and learning about the life cycle. We are so proud of the children's excellent sentence writing, they have blown us away! It was World Earth Day this week, so the children made some beautiful paintings of the Earth from space. Aren't they amazing!</p>	 <p>This week we began our new topic based on our book 'The Marvellous Moon Map'. We have been researching space and finding out about the planets in our solar system. We loved working in groups with some challenges, some of which can be seen in the photos. In maths we have been learning about addition and subtraction and practising our number bonds to 10. If anyone has any seeds, plants, plant pots or spare compost they would like to donate we would really appreciate it!</p>	 <p>Year 2 has had a varied, yet fun week this week! We've been meeting our gorgeous new arrivals: the lambs, refining our skills in 3 Tees Cricket in readiness for the competition next week, using commas in a list, finalising our learning on division, learning and practising some Karate skills, pruning and weeding our Year 2 garden area, reading some more of our new book: 'Grey Island Red Boat', creating art in the style of Piet Mondrian and learning all about bees for our Bee Day on Friday! A busy, yet fun and exciting week in the Spring sun!</p>

YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
 <p>We have been very busy in year three this week and have a great start to the new term. In English, we have started reading our new book, Pugs of the Frozen North, as well as doing some great research on Pugs and Huskies resulting in some fabulous infographics. We</p>	 <p>In Year 4, we started the week with a visit to the lambs. Some were a little shy but with a bit of gentle encouragement they came out to see us in the sunshine! We've also started to learn the songs for our summer play. In science lessons, we've begun to talk about the</p>	 <p>In Year 5, we have all been delving deeper into our topic - The Vikings. We went on a school trip to the Viking Immersive Experience at Canada Water. The experience was narrated by one of the ancestors of Odin. There was a VR section around Yggdrasil (the Viking</p>	<p>Well can you actually believe that we are at the start of our Year 6's final term with us here at the Writtle School? We can't. What a journey it has been. We will make sure this is the best term they have had. And so with that in mind, we have started our term with a bang...</p> <p>The sort of bang you might hear with a coastal landslide because our geography topic is focusing on coastal erosion. This follows on from the rock work stated in year</p>

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<p>have also been creating our own infographics in computing. In science we have been continuing our topic on light, learning how shadows are formed. In art we have been learning how to draw pugs, creating some amazing art work, look at how amazing they are!</p>	<p>digestive system and how our food moves through our bodies creating the energy we need to live. Now that the sky is blue more often, it's fun to get outside whenever we can!</p>	<p>World Tree). Everyone put on their goggles and found out about the mythical story of Kraka / Queen Aslaug. We then found out all about shipbuilding, Viking homes, runes and games in the middle section. Some of us even tried their hand at knot tying.</p> <p>The main event was yet to happen, we stood in a room and the mists of time circled around us and then we were led into a large room with a longboat in the middle. This was the really fun part. We saw an immersive 360 degree film that made it feel like we were travelling in the longboat. It even made Mrs Feaviour feel a little bit seasick.</p> <p>Later on, after lunch, our lovely coach driver took us on a short guided tour of some of the sights of London. We went over Tower Bridge, past the Houses of Parliament and even saw Nelson's Column. It was a super day.</p>	<p>3 and the environmental studies that have been looked at in year 5.</p> <p>The sort of bang you may hear in a tense movie because our English work is looking at creating tension in storytelling where we have watched and written about two short films that raise the adrenaline.</p> <p>The sort of bang you may hear from a seed popping and dispersing because our science topic brings together all we have learnt over the years on plants and helps us classify them.</p> <p>The sort of bang you may hear from staff and pupils collapsing into a chair in relief that the end of the SATs is in sight (and wow have the children worked hard for these).</p> <p>The sort of bang you may hear from a suitcase being lobbed down from an attic as parents frantically pack for the upcoming residential (no sneaky snacks in there please!)</p> <p>The sort of bang you may hear from hammer and nails as staff begin to prepare props for the End of Year play - it's called Grossbusters this year and Year 5 and 6 have started learning the songs already.</p> <p>It's going to be a blast! 🌟</p>