



WRITTLE SCHOOLS NEWS

FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at the Writtle Schools with so much going on. It was great to see Year 6 off on their first school trip of the year to Duxford. It sounds like the children had an amazing time, learning so much throughout the day to enrich the WW2 topic that is their focus for this term. I was also pleased to hear how well they represented the school, being polite and courteous throughout the day. It won't be long before they are heading off on their residential trip. Where do the months go?

This week also saw Hylands School visit our Year 6 pupils. It was great to welcome Mr White (Headteacher) to the school and hear about what life is like as a Year 7 at his school. I also went out to visit Writtle Green Pre-School this week to spend time with prospective pupils. I read them the *Gruffalo's Granny* and then got to play in their garden and have a pretend picnic as if I were the Gruffalo's Granny. It was a lot of fun, and we hope to see many of them walking through the doors of the Writtle Schools in the coming years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our governor, Mrs Gentle, for her very generous donation to the Infant School of £200 for library books. These lovely new books are on the shelves and just waiting to be read!

Have a great weekend, and all of us at the Writtle Schools look forward to seeing you on Monday.

NP Taylor

LINKS TO IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CLUBS - Our clubs timetable and booking details are here: [Infant School](#) | [Junior School](#)

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU - [Please click here for our school menu, w/c 28th Sep is Week 1](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS - [Please click here for local events, resources and charity updates.](#)

CELEBRATIONS!

	SQUIRRELS - Eric, Erin		FOXES - Jack, Polly	
	TURTLES - Hazel, Ralph	PARROTS - Otis G, Pippa	DOLPHINS - Primrose, Ethan	SHARKS - Toby, Thomas
	3LS - Grace	3RT - Emma-Rose	4SW - Matthieu	4KH - George
	5HA - Finley	5JC - Lowen	6SL - Bobby	6SH - Henry

So what has been going on in the Infant School?

RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
 In EYFS the children have started phonics this week. We have been learning the sounds (phonemes) s,a,t,p. In our mastering number sessions, we have been subitising (Don't count, Say the amount!) up to 3. The children are getting used to the routines of the classroom and the school. Next week, we will be going to the big playground after they have eaten their lunch, they are raring to go!!!	 We have had such a busy few weeks. The children are settling in very well to Year 1 and have adapted to new rules and routines with enthusiasm. We are ensuring that we keep lots of independent play in the timetable to ensure a smooth transition from Early Years. This week in maths we learned all about whole and parts of a number. We have been revising phases 3 and 4 in phonics and will begin phase 5 next week. The children have loved our new book, 'Super Duper You' by Sophy Henn and they were thrilled to follow a tutorial online from the author, of how to draw a character from the book.	 Year 2 have had a very busy week being fabulous! They have written questions about The Great Fire of London, used their sense of taste, smell and touch in a bread tasting lesson, added 3 numbers together in maths creating number stories, sketched Big Ben and even learnt how to write on a word document during their computer lesson! The year 2 team are very proud of their achievements!

And what has been going on in the Junior School?

YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
 Year 3 have been busy getting to grips with our topic, Let's Grow into Year 3. We've investigated water transportation in plants by turning white flowers blue, flexed out creative muscles with descriptive writing in English, made positive affirmation posters, and mapped the school grounds. On top of that, we've been mastering place value, showing terrific teamwork in PE, and making music with Mr Sills!	 The children in year 4 have settled in really well this term, and we're getting stuck into our Maya topic. Thanks to everyone who saved egg boxes so we could make our Maya masks. In English, we have been describing the jungle and performing rainforest poetry and creating soundscapes. In Science, we are learning about sound and how it is made and heard. Favourite moment so far? Chocolate tasting of course!	 Year 5 are still journeying into space. We have completed our Peter Thorpe art and created fact files about the planets. We have looked at the qualities needed by astronauts and developed our skills at looking at our own personal positive qualities. In PE we have continued with our OAA games and focused this week on Endurance and Agility. It was fun looking at our reaction times. Our RE topic is Humanism, this is interesting as it is something we may not have looked at before. In the next couple of weeks we have our class visitor - Mike Culley who is going to talk to us about space and give us lots of challenges.	 We had a great day at Duxford Air Museum to supplement the study of our World War Two topic. We were even lucky enough to have a Spitfire and Messerschmitt faux dog-fight put on for us. The children were awesome and the museum complimented their behaviour.