WRITTLE SCHOOLS NEWS

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026

Dear Parents,

Year 2 finally had their trip to Maldon Promenade Zoo on Monday, after it was cancelled due to extreme heat in the summer. Thankfully the weather was kinder to us this week and Mrs. Giles and Mrs. Fisk were very excited to be back with their classes from last year. The children fed alpacas, sheep and goats and had some very cute animal encounters with a guinea pig, a ferret, a skunk and a chicken. Fortunately the skunk didn't feel threatened by us, so it didn't spray! They were also able to handle a python, a millipede, a lizard and a hissing cockroach. We are very proud of Mrs. Theo who bravely held a frog! We learnt a lot of facts including that millipedes don't actually have a million legs - they have 400. Thank you, Dolphins and Sharks, for a wonderful trip and for spontaneously entertaining us with Harvest Festival songs on the coach all the way there and back!

After qualifying for the next round of the table tennis tournament, Maddie, Hettie and Zara competed in the final against teams from other schools. They played brilliantly and achieved an excellent fourth place out of eight teams. Although they will not progress to the next round, which involves schools from different counties, we are very proud of their efforts and achievement. Well done to all three!

Yesterday saw our Cross Country team compete in the first race of the year at Hylands Park. It was a fantastic event with many schools taking part. Each heat had approximately 100 children running in it! The starts were very exciting as the children jostled for a good position over the first 100m. As always the children represented the school so well and made us so proud. A special mention to Matilda and her fantastic top 10 finish and to all the parents who came and supported us.

Have a great weekend.

NP Taylor

REMINDERS

- **There are no teacher-led clubs on Thursday due to Parents Evening.**
- **Earrings must be removed at home before school on PE days**. We follow Essex County Council's Health & Safety policy, so staff are not able to remove earrings or tape over ears for PE. Pupils who cannot remove their own earrings cannot take part in PE lessons.
- The deadline for secondary school applications for September 2027 is **31st October**. Please don't be late!
- The primary school applications window (Reception and Year 3) runs from **9th November 2026 to 15th January 2027**. Click here to register for our open days for Reception starters at Writtle Infant School. Meetings will be held at Writtle Junior School for children moving up to Year 3 on **Thursday 12th November at 6pm and Friday 13th November at 9am**.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church has now been running for 3 years and All Saints' Church are trying to find out ways of improving and receiving feedback on what we do. Please help them by completing their survey. All Saints Messy Church - Feedback Survey

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 19th Oct is Week 1
COMMUNITY NEWS - Please click here for local events, resources and charity updates.

CELEBRATIONS!

Writtle Infant School	SQUIRRELS - Arthur, Blake		FOXES - Rory, Olive	
	TURTLES Evie, Otis L	PARROTS Winnie, Otis M	DOLPHINS Shawn, Clara, Harry	SHARKS Jaxon, Reuben, Ivy-Rose
WJS	3LS - Eduard	3RT - Olivia	4SW - Matilda	4KH - Seren
	5HA - Jasleen	5JC - Finley P	6SL - Claudia	6SH - Alice