WRITTLE SCHOOLS NEWS

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2026

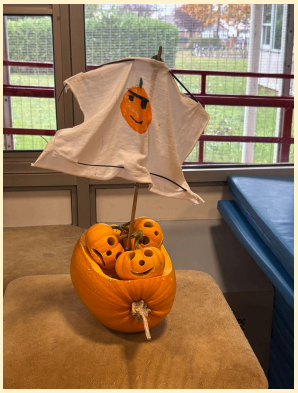
Dear Parents,

Wow! The children (and parents 🙂) never fail to impress us with their creativity for the annual Pumpkin Competition and this year is no exception! Well done to our very talented winners Reception - Oliver D, Y1 - Cooper, Y2 - Emily S, Y3 - Meabh, Y4 - Stellan, Y5 - Henry H, Y6 - Rowan and thank you to the Friends of Writtle Schools for organising the event. The weather was suitably stormy to complement the spooky costumes today and the children were very excited, so we're sure they will sleep well tonight! We must also thank the PTA for their incredibly successful Drag Bingo night at ARU Writtle last Friday, raising over £2000 for the schools' playground fund, a suitably outrageous sum for an outrageous evening. Thank you all!

Year Four had a chocolate extravaganza on Wednesday. Led by a chocolatier, they examined real cacao pods and beans and then had a go at grinding the beans. They tried some chocolate nibs (not to everyone's liking!) and rubbed cocoa butter into their skin. The children then piped the Maya glyph for cacao in white chocolate, before covering it with tempered chocolate to make a yummy chocolate plaque! The chocolatier was very impressed with their excellent piping skills. As you can imagine, it was a very enjoyable day and we all went home with chocolate moustaches!

We've ended this half term with a celebration of your children's progress at our Parents Evening appointments. Thank you all for coming, we hope you're as proud as we are of their achievements. There is another busy half term to come, so we hope the children have a well deserved rest and plenty of family time next week.






We'll see you again on Monday 2nd November. Best wishes,

NP Taylor

REMINDERS

- **Earrings must be removed at home before school on PE days**.
- The **infant school are holding a Number Dress-Up Day on Friday 6th November**, see below for details.
- The **Y6 sleepover is on Friday 6th November** - please consent on ParentPay!
- 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**.

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 new school menu, w/c 2nd Nov is Week 1
COMMUNITY NEWS - Please click here for local events, resources and charity updates.

CELEBRATIONS!

Writtle Infant School	SQUIRRELS - Barney, Sienna		FOXES - Ray, Rhys	
	TURTLES Cooper, Ralphie	PARROTS Rosie, Phoebe	DOLPHINS Charlie, Evie	SHARKS Harley, Franklin
WJS	3LS - Henry, Olivia	3RT - Bailey, Connie, Eyitooni	4SW - Ivy, Zach	4KH - Eric, Libby
	5HA - Freya, Jasleen	5JC - Archer, David	6SL - Mae, Jacob	6SH - Bonnie, Austin

NUMBER CONFIDENCE WEEK!

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the first week back, we will be celebrating Number Confidence Week across the Infant school! Throughout the week, the children will be taking part in fun, engaging activities designed to build their confidence, curiosity, and enjoyment in maths. Our goal is to help all children see that maths is everywhere, that everyone can be good at numbers with practice, and that making mistakes is a normal and important part of learning!

Number Dress-Up Day – Friday 6th November

To round off our special week, we will be holding a Number Dress-Up Day on Friday. We invite all children to come to school dressed as:

- Their favourite number (e.g., wearing a t-shirt with a big number on it, dressing up as a number block) OR
- A number sentence or equation (e.g., 2 + 2 = 4, 10 − 3 = 7, or a times table fact!).

As part of building their math confidence and speaking skills, we ask that each child comes into school ready to explain why they chose their number or number sentence to their teacher and classmates. For example, your child might explain:

- "I picked number 7 because it's my age / my lucky number / my favourite player's shirt."
- "I picked 5 + 5 = 10 because I have 10 fingers in total."
- "I picked number 100 because it's a really big milestone!"

Costumes do not need to be bought or complicated—a simple piece of paper pinned to a top, cardboard cutouts, or a decorated t-shirt with fabric pens or tape works wonderfully!

Thank you as always for your continued support. We are really looking forward to a fantastic week of learning and seeing all the creative outfits on Friday!

Kind regards,
Miss Smith