WRITTLE SCHOOLS NEWS

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Parents



Yesterday, we saw our WJS Cross Country team take part in the second round of races over at Hylands Park. It was a sunny, chilly afternoon, but at least it wasn't raining! Our team of 40 children competed throughout the afternoon in their races, with each heat having between 70 and 90 runners. The starts were action-packed as they all jostled for position.

It was great to see how well the children competed, with many gaining personal bests. A special mention goes to Zara, who managed a top-10 finish, and to Mrs Holloway from our LSA team for all of her help, too.

Finally, thank you to all the parents and grandparents who cheered us on. Your support never goes unnoticed and is very much appreciated. Our next race is in February, so we have a few months of winter training ahead of us.

I would now like to hand over to Frankie in Year 6, who has a couple of things she would like to share with you.

Last Friday, Year 6 had an absolute blast with a sleepover right inside the school hall! Even though everything was wrapped up at a sensible hour and there weren't any midnight snacks, the evening was packed with excitement. We kicked things off with an obstacle course navigated entirely by torchlight, tested our engineering skills with paper aeroplanes, and had a ton of fun sharing spooky stories together.

After warming up with some bowls of vegetable soup for dinner, we spent time building epic dens out of tables and blankets. When it was finally time to settle down, we didn't need traditional tents—we slept right underneath our tables in our sleeping bags. It was a brilliant, memorable night that brought our whole year group together.

On Monday, some of our awesome Year 6 team headed out to a football tournament and smashed it, finishing in an incredible fifth place! They played three epic matches, winning their first one, fighting hard in their second, and pulling off a great draw in their third. A massive well done to Albie W (SL), Robin H (SL), Erol Y (SH), Henry G (SL), Franklyn M (SL), Bobby P (SL),Xander S (SL), and Alfie N (JC) for playing so brilliantly and representing our year group like absolute legends! Happy Children in Need day everyone!

Thank you for your hard work Frankie - your journalistic skills are impressive.

Finally, it was great to see so many of our Year 2 parents at our meetings this week regarding applying to the juniors for entry in September 2027. We hope you found the meetings useful, and please don't forget to complete your application. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Have a great weekend all

Mr 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 new school menu, w/c 16th Nov is Week 3
COMMUNITY NEWS - Please click here for local events, resources and charity updates.

CELEBRATIONS!

Writtle Infant School	SQUIRRELS - Diana, Laura		FOXES - Ellie, Teddy	
	TURTLES Jasper, Henry	PARROTS Reya, Clara	DOLPHINS Alice, Leyton	SHARKS Tilly, Emelia
WJS	3LS - Ivy	3RT - Violet	4SW - Sophia	4KH - Lexi
	5HA - Finley	5JC - Jos	6SL - Albie	6SH - Farrah