



Wimbish Primary Academy Newsletter  
17th November 2023



**Cake and catch up - 22nd November**

On Wednesday 22nd November at 2pm members of the senior leadership team will be available for a catch up with cake, to discuss anything parents and Careers would like to talk about.

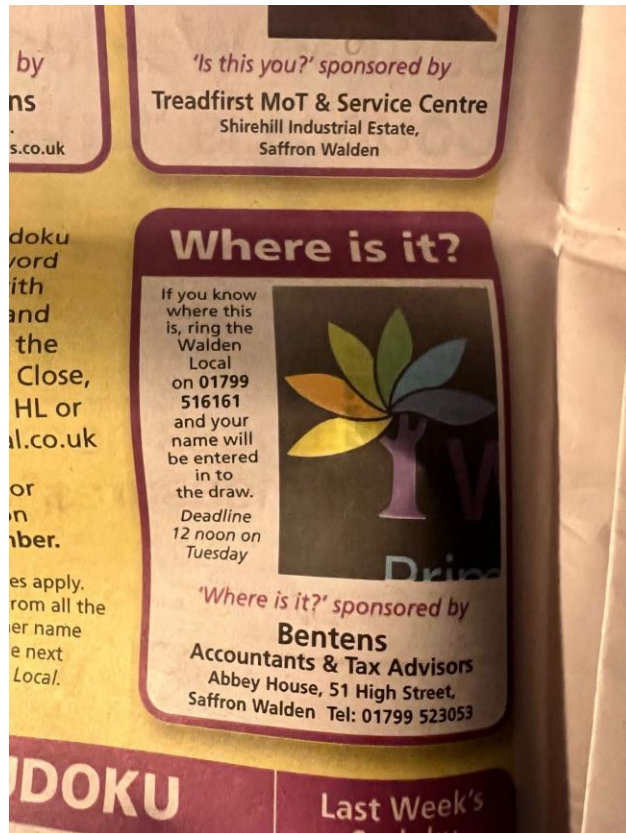
No need to book, this is a drop in session.

**School Photographs - Reminder to order for free delivery**

Parents have until Sunday 19th November to take advantage of the free delivery to school for your Childs recent photographs.

**We made the local paper!!**





### Anglian Learning Parent and Carer Engagement Survey – Have Your Say!

We are launching our Anglian Learning parent and carer engagement survey on Monday 20 November 2023. It is important to us and the Trust that your views and feedback are received. Please look out for the survey link via email. The survey is completely anonymous and confidential and will take no more than 15 minutes to complete.



Learning in school this week:



**Oak Class:** This week and next week in Oak class we are basing our learning around 'The colour Monster', we have had lots of discussions about our feelings and how we can describe our emotions. This has given us some great writing and creative opportunities from making our own colour monsters and some amazing writing about our feelings.

If you are not familiar with this story (we use the book) here is a video for you to share with your child

[The Color Monster : Kids books read aloud by Books with Blue - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0871YrRpgY)

In Oak we always use a variety of songs to help us with our learning and to build on our learning routines: Two key songs from this week

Tricky words for Year 1 and 2

<https://youtu.be/R0871YrRpgY>

Tricky words song for EYFS

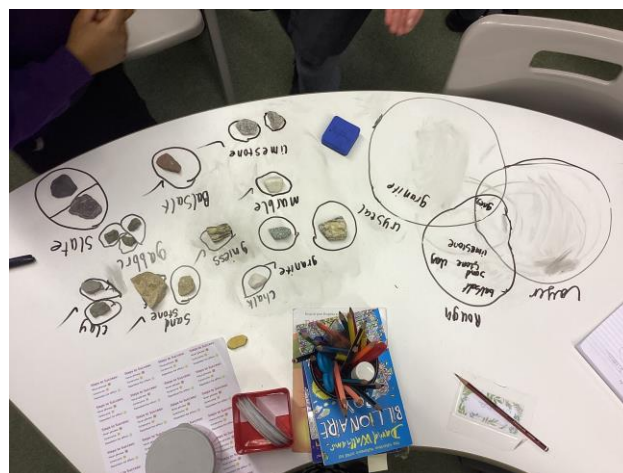
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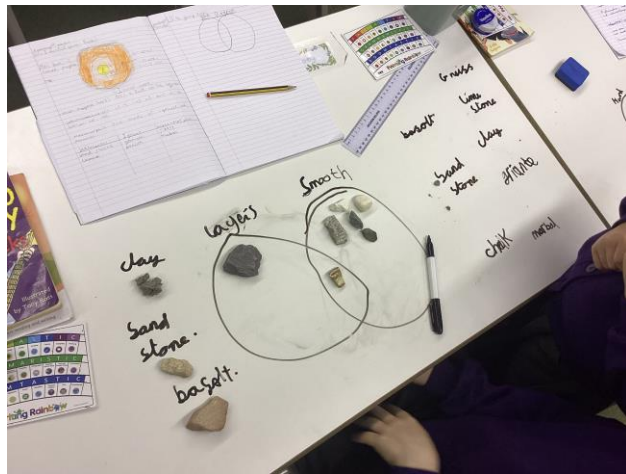
**Willow Class:** This week in Willow, we have all been working very hard to become authors! We have spent the last couple of weeks learning about the book 'Stone Age Boy', and how to write like an author. We have finished our final stories and will be moving onto poetry next!

Mindfulness has been a focus for Willow this week, and everybody has tried hard to become a reflective pupil and understand how we can be kind and caring towards others, as well as how we can take responsibility for our own learning.

We have also continued with our rocks topic in science, exploring new rocks and figuring out how to group objects. We worked in pairs to become scientists. Check out our photos below.

**Birch Class:** Birch Class have had a wonderful week of English where they finished their own Transmisson report, imagining that they are an astronaut reporting back from Neptune! The children studied each part of a teacher model before planning and creating their own. The results were impressive.







*1 - Thank you to everyone who filled a bag!*

### **Flu Vaccinations**

**Your child's Annual Flu Vaccination Is Now Due, please click the below link to complete a consent form.**

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/SKUfKZTyKK>

The deadline to complete your child's consent form is **Friday 24th November**. We cannot guarantee any forms submitted after this date will be accepted at the school session.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccine is free and most children have it up their nose (nasal spray) which is quick and painless. **The nasal spray is the most effective vaccine for children**. If you do not wish for your child to receive the spray due to it containing porcine gelatine and would prefer for them to have the injectable vaccine, please contact us on the number provided below.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccines in schools have had the immunisation.

If you have any queries, please contact the immunisation team on:

0300 790 0597 – Essex, Southend, Thurrock

### **Non Uniform Day - Friday 17th November**

Thank you to everyone who came in non uniform today and donated some chocolate for the stall in Saffron Walden on the 1st December.

### **Christmas Performance - Oak Class**

We are delighted to announce that Oak Class will be putting a short Christmas performance on Friday 15th December at 2.15pm. Parents and Carers of Oak Class are invited to attend. Details of reserving tickets will be made available in the coming weeks. In the meantime - save the date!!

### **Just a reminder...Autumn Term Reading Homework**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is the Reading Homework: **Autumn Book Bingo** for this term based on our whole school focus for this year: Reading and more specifically: Reading for Pleasure.

Every child, from Foundation to Year 6, has been given the same homework to make it more manageable for families and also the homework will be differentiated depending on the age of each child and their book choice.

We know that parents/carers and pupils, have different views on homework so you can choose how you want to approach it. Here are some options:

1. Try to read all 9 texts (which can be found in our school library, local library, online potentially and possibly on your own bookshelves at home) and tick each of the 9 boxes
2. Complete option a and complete the questions. Give your answers to Mrs Butcher and they will be displayed in the library.
3. Can you create your own Book Bingo grid and read 9 different books based on WINTER?
4. Create a book review for ONE or more of the 9 books you have read which will be displayed in the library
5. Take photographs as evidence to show you have completed reading these books. For example: a photo of your seasonal treat that you have made after reading and following a recipe
6. Start reading a spooky story and then stop reading, write what you think will happen next in the story and then carry on reading- which ending did you prefer and why?
7. After reading an autumnal poem/s and reciting it/ them, can you create your own autumnal poem after going on an autumnal walk and using all 5 senses ...

Please give all NAMED written work to Mrs Butcher who will display it in the library.

Happy Reading!



### Santa Dash - Friday 8th December

On Friday 8th December the children will be participating in our Santa Dash, children can come to school in uniform, wearing a Christmas Jumper.



### School Christmas Lunch - Friday 15th December

School Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 15th December, the menu is available on the Innovate (IFG) website, you can find this by clicking on the date, please order directly through the website.

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## **Upcoming Dates**

Sunday 19th November - Photographs - free delivery deadline

Wednesday 22nd November - 2pm Cake and catch up

Tuesday 28th November - Flu vaccination (consent must be submitted by 24th November)

Friday 1st December - non pupil day (no children in school)

Friday 8th December - Santa Dash (Christmas jumper with uniform)

Friday 15th December - Christmas Dinner (Christmas jumper with uniform)

Friday 15th December - Oak Class Christmas Performance 2.15pm

Wednesday 20th December - break up for Christmas

Thursday 4th January- non pupil day (no children in school)

Friday 5th January - Back to school

Have a lovely weekend

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