

23RD JUNE, 2025.

# ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS



THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ST PAUL'S WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS DAVEY

This newsletter has a very sporty theme as we report on events of last week and of the weeks to come. I am so thrilled that we are able to have such a variety of sport on offer and that the children have opportunities to try new things. Equally, I am thrilled to work with such wonderful people who are quite willing to kit themselves out in the most extraordinary outfits to support the sense of fun and joy at our sports day. Who knew that Unicorns were so fast? Again, a super big thanks to everyone for making the day a smashing event.

I am so proud of our dodgeball team. I spend a lot of time thanking Coach Davey but I would like to declare my thanks here for giving his time to build up a team that can go in after 6 weeks and match a school that has been training and training for years with larger cohorts and give them a run for their money.

Thanks Coach and Well Done Comets.....

Just watch out - SPW is here.....



**ATTENDANCE  
TODAY**

**97 %**

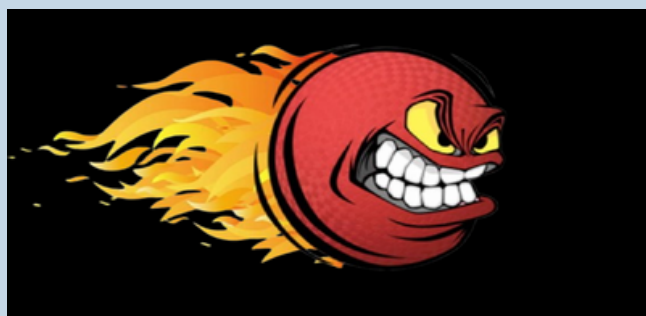








# S.P.W Comets - Dodge Ball Club

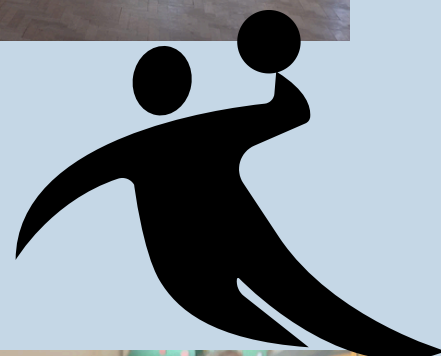


Our fantastic St Paul's Walden dodgeball team, the Comets, did us proud is last week's competition against St Ippolyts. Although the overall score was a draw, Coach Davey was incredibly proud of the Comets for being the better team, demonstrating excellent teamwork and brilliant sportsmanship/sportspersonship. Here are a couple of pictures of the Oaks training and the team in action on the day.



MAN OF THE  
MATCH:

**ARCHIE CARROTT**  
for resilience and  
perseverance



Yesterday, on the 18<sup>th</sup> June, Theo, Ivy, Oliver, Aarian, Josh, Matthew, Thomas, Ferne and Archie, played our first ever dodgeball match against St Ipps. We drew - 1 set each (6-6) and were really proud. With out captain Theo, us Comets flew across the pitch and battered them to a draw. We have accepted a rematch to determine who will win outright. Happily, we had a rocket lolly half way through the game.

by Ivy



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July is just around the corner!!



We are delighted to let you know that our application to Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week in July 2025 until the end of September 2025

We applied for Funding for equipment to start, build and grow our garden and Forest School. This will allow the children to help garden, grow and provide fruit and vegetables to our school.

The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500 , the second placed project £1,000 , and the third placed project £500

Stores which will vote on our project

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on your project.

**2202 Broadwater Stevenage Superstore SG2 8DT**

**3213 Stevenage Extra SG1 1ES**

**4775 Woolmer Green Express Express SG3 6FP**

**6131 Old Stevenage Express Express SG1 3EF**

**6546 Stevenage Chells Express Express SG2 OLU**

**6565 Hitchin Station Lyon Express Express SG4 9SP**



To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here:

<http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

## Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

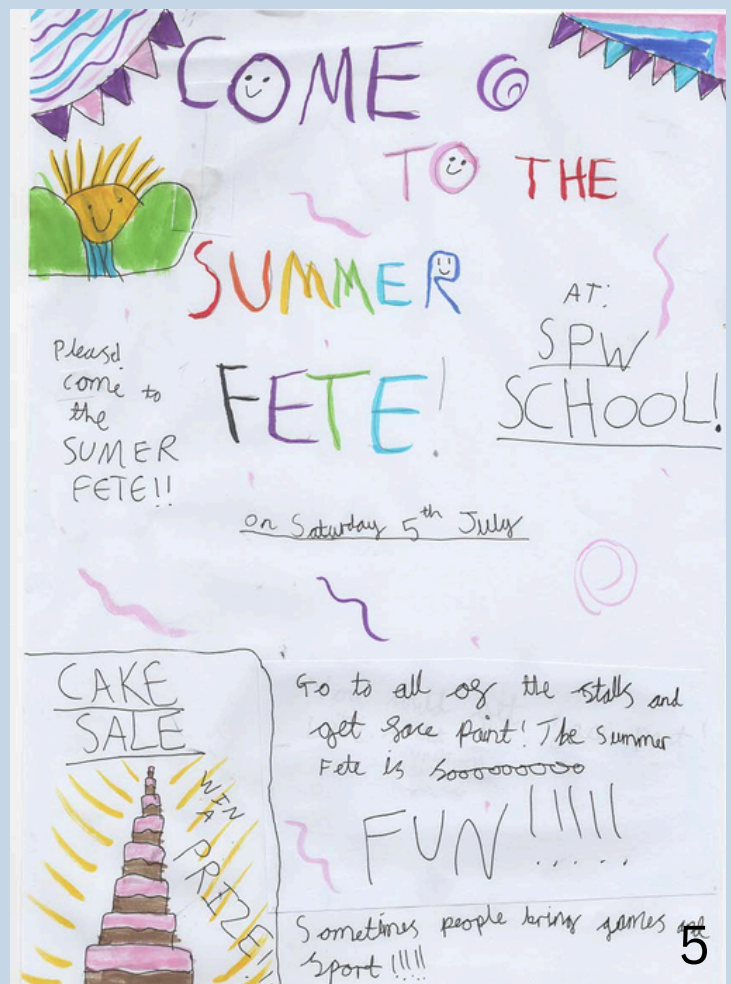
### Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at  
[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)  
to get started from 5 July 2025.

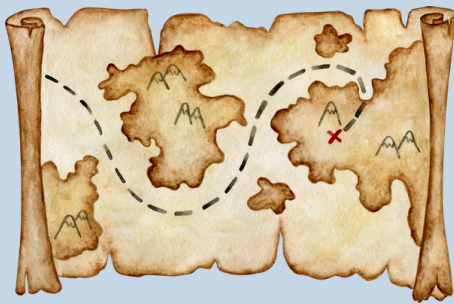
Help your child start their reading adventure today!





# What's been happening in the Willows classroom this week?

The Willows class this year love their role play, and suddenly decided to make a pirate ship outside. They thought about the shape and length of the boat to fit everyone in and made a stand for the ship's wheel (which looked a bit like a BMW wheel, but I think we got away with that!). Fortunately, Mrs Foster had a few props squirrelled away and before long we had Captain Jacob leading the crew, with children burying treasure and walking the plank!

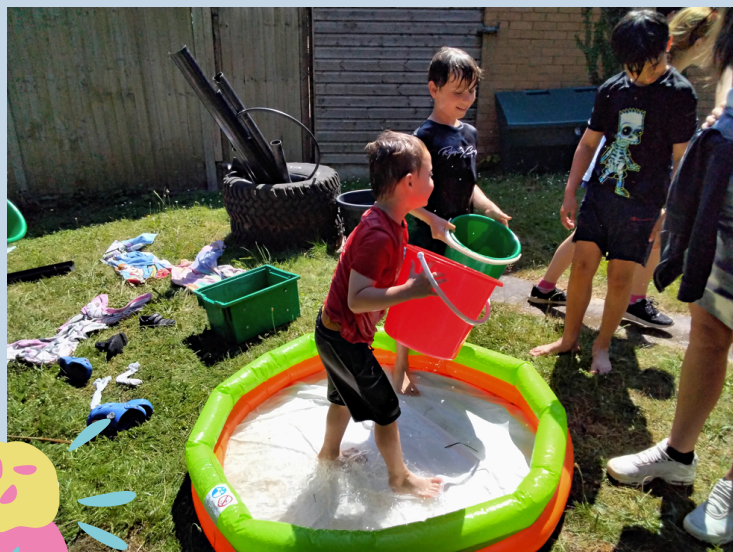




The Willows were joined by the Oaks when it was very hot, last week, and they all had a bit of fun with some water play. It was a great way to keep cool, and thank you for the ice-lollies, Ms Feather

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having fun

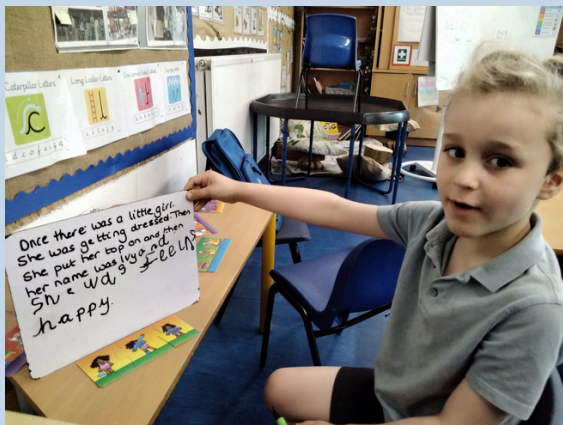




# What's been happening in the Rowans classroom this week?

Yet another busy week for Rowans! In maths, we have been recapping the four operations of add, subtract, multiply and divide. We really enjoy incorporating games to practice this! In Science, we have been looking at invertebrates and went on a bug hunt to see what we could find. We were excited to find an ant's nest and how they all swarmed over a tomato we left for them!

Of course, sports day was the highlight of the week. They all did a brilliant job and showed excellent resilience and sportsmanship. It was great to see the competition between the houses- go unicorns! I must say, I thoroughly enjoyed the adult races!



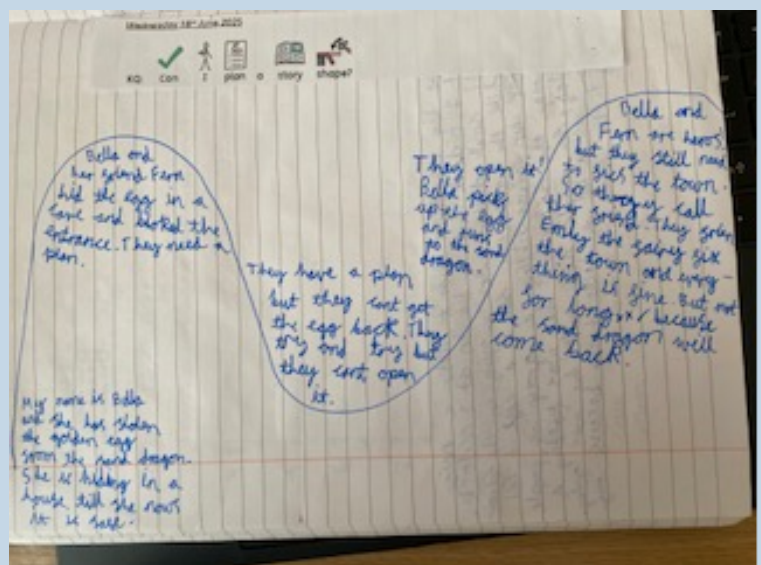
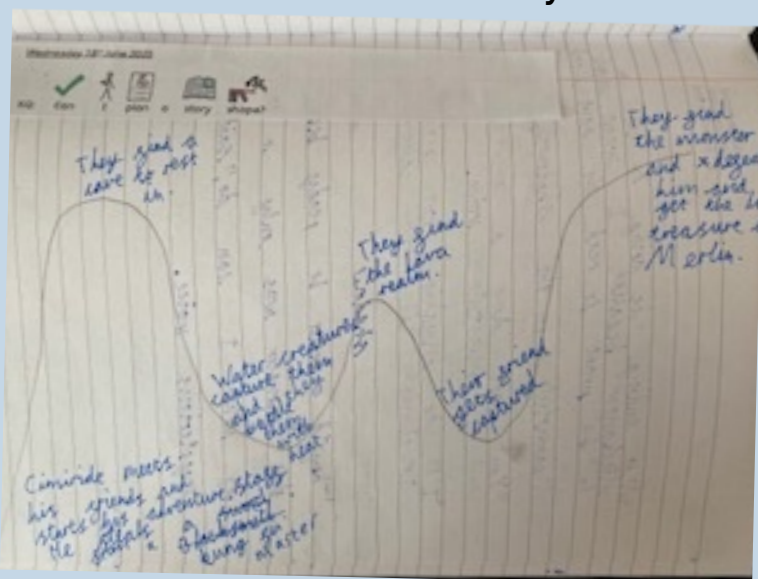


## What's been happening in the Silver Birches classroom this week?



This week Silver Birches have worked on the plot and characters of their stories in English. They created story shapes to help guide their narrative as they write a short adventure story. The class enjoyed their weekly dodgeball session with Coach Davey and are beginning to work as a team.

We finally completed our Egyptian Death Masks, working in small group or individually with an adult to attach the headdress.



As you know, we have our History off the Page workshop next week and we are still in great need of volunteers. It is a super fun day and you will enjoy it immensely!

You get to make things and enjoy the superb skills of the workshop leader.. You can also dress up as an Ancient Egyptian, should you so wish. All in all, it is a wonderful experience, so if you are able to, please let us know!



## Off the Page

Engaging children in history, science and literature



# Oaks Class

In our history lesson, we learned that the Ancient Sumerians invented and used many different farming tools to help them prepare and manage the ground and crops. What was amazing to learn was that even though the Sumerian civilisation (Mesopotamia) started in 5000BC (where Iraq is now), they still used the same farming tool that we used today: rake, sickle, shovel, mattock, pick axe and seeder plough. We used some of these tools to prepare what we hope in the future to be some more land for 'farming' in our school. Well done Oaks for your hardwork and team spirit.



Last Wednesday, the Oaks enjoyed their long overdue class treat. They read to their Willows buddies whilst eating icelollies and then enjoyed some water play in the hot hot heat - thank you to Ms Feather for providing the ice-lollies and Mrs Foster for providing the waterplay.







This week the recipients of the St Paul's Walden Certificate of Excellence are:

Willows: **Sophie** for her independent work.

Rowans: **Max** for showing great enjoyment for maths and working independently.

Silver Birches: **Lucy** for working hard and her excellent dodgeball skills.

Oaks: **Aarian** for his outstanding progress in his writing.



This half term we are thinking about



This week the certificate goes to:

Willows: **Tommy** because he kept trying.

Rowans: **Isobel** for being brave in defeat and being happy for others.

Silver Birches: **Nyasha** even though he is not in my class I thought he was very courageous

Oaks: **Nyasha** for showing great courage on sports day



# TERM DATES

## TERM DATES 2024-2025

### Spring Term 2025

**School starts:** Pupils start monday 6th January

**Half Term:** Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

**Last day of term:** Friday 4th April finishing at 2pm

**Inset Days:** Friday 14th February

### Summer Term 2025

**School starts:** Pupils start Tuesday 22nd April

**Half Term:** Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

**Last day of term:** Tuesday 22nd July finishing at 2pm

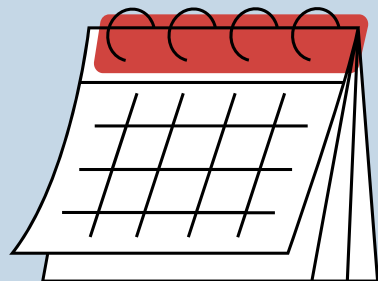
**Inset Days:** Wednesday 23rd July

## Coming up:

JUNE 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery/reception transition 1:30-2:30
JUNE 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dodgeball Match after school time 3:30-4:30
JUNE 20 <sup>th</sup>	SPORTS DAY PM 1-3:15
JUNE 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Silver Birches farm visit
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	History off the Page workshop for Silver Birches
JULY 1 <sup>ST</sup>	New Reception pupils
JULY 5 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fete 2pm-4pm: Choir children will be performing and Oaks class will be holding stalls
JULY 10 <sup>th</sup>	Transition morning and Open Afternoon for Rowans, Silver Birches and Oaks
JULY 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reports out
JULY 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year production dress rehearsal
JULY 15 <sup>th</sup>	Performance 2pm
JULY 16 <sup>th</sup>	Performance 6pm







# Dates For Your Diary



## TERM DATES 2025 – 2026

### AUTUMN TERM 2025

3RD SEPTEMBER	Autumn Term begins for children
27TH - 31ST OCT	Half Term week
28TH NOVEMBER	INSET DAY, no school for children
1 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER	Occasional Day, School closed to staff and children
19TH DECEMBER	END OF TERM 2PM

### SPRING TERM 2026

5TH JANUARY	Spring Term begins for children
16TH – 20TH FEBRUARY	Half Term week
27TH MARCH	END OF TERM 2PM

### SUMMER TERM 2026

13TH APRIL	INSET Day, no school for children
14TH APRIL	Summer Term begins for children
25TH - 29TH MAY	Half Term week
16TH JULY	END OF TERM 2PM
17TH JULY	INSET Day, no school for children
20TH JULY	INSET Day, no school for children
21ST JULY	Occasional Day, school closed to staff and children

**ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN SCHOOL UNTIL 2pm on 16th July 2026. No absence will be authorised at the end of the summer term.**





# BACK-TO-NETBALL

## 6 Weeks of Fun!

### 17<sup>th</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 incl.

For anyone wanting to get back to netball, from age 16 to 106 - all welcome.

Get back into the team sport you loved, get fitter, make new friends.

Turn up and play, £6 per session. Bring money on the night, no commitment.



Coached by Mel and Bee UKCC qualified coaches and First Aiders.  
All you need is a pair of trainers and comfy clothes.


Where ? St Paul's Walden School SG4 8HX outside on the court and the field.  
7pm-8pm

Medical form to be completed at your first session.

How to register?  
Contact [MelAndBee2025@gmail.com](mailto:MelAndBee2025@gmail.com)  
or ring Bee on 07946 821226 with any questions. Or just turn up!


**See you on 17th June.**

Mrs Hawtree is back in Whitwell with a new business hosted by St Paul’s Walden! We are all about the business of education here! Take a look!



**Make it Click Tuition**

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**Introducing Make it Click Tuition!**

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I hold small group and 1:1 sessions with children, helping them to have those ‘click moments’ in their learning. I tailor learning to support all children, helping them to secure key concepts, grow in confidence and thrive.

Starting on Tuesday 22nd April 2025, I will be holding the following group sessions at St Paul’s Walden Primary School. All sessions are aimed at securing and building confidence in key concepts of the National Curriculum.

Sessions are **£75 per child per half term (5 sessions)**. SATs Maths Booster sessions are **£45 per child (3 sessions prior to SATs)**.

All payments to be paid ahead of your child’s first session.

If you are interested in 1:1 tuition outside of these hours, please get in contact using the email below. 1:1 tuition is priced at £32 per hour.

[hello@makeitclicktuition.co.uk](mailto:hello@makeitclicktuition.co.uk)



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Day	Session time	Session focus	Session targeted at
Tuesdays	8:00 am - 8:45 am	Multiplication and division - 3, 4, 8 and 10 times tables	Lower Key Stage 2 - Year 3 and those less confident on 3, 4 and 8 times tables
	3:15 pm - 4:15 pm (first three weeks of term only)	Year 6 Maths SATs booster sessions	Key strategies and focus areas ahead of SATs Week
Wednesdays	8:00 am - 8:45 am	Multiplication and division - all times tables up to 12x12	Year 4 Children - securing their multiplication and division facts and preparing them for their Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
	8:00 am - 8:45 am	Multiplication and Division	Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)
Thursdays	3:15 pm- 4:05pm	Reading - Fluency and Comprehension	Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
	4:15pm - 5pm	Reading - Fluency and Comprehension	Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)

**To book, or for more information, please contact:**

[hello@makeitclicktuition.co.uk](mailto:hello@makeitclicktuition.co.uk)



## Clubs and other activities



### **Cheerleading Club has started!**

We are excited to announce the possibility of starting a Cheerleading Club next term, running every Friday after school from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM. The cost will be approximately £55 per term.

However, to make this possible, we will need a minimum of 10 participants. If your child is interested in joining, please let us know so we can confirm whether the club will go ahead.

Thank you!



### **Bikeability Level 1 and 2**

We are pleased to confirm that Bikeability will be taking place from the 7th July for Years 3/4 and 5/6.

- Level 1 (Years 3/4) - £15
- Level 1 and 2 (Years 5/6) - £25

Bikeability helps children develop essential cycling skills, build confidence on the road, and stay safe while cycling. It provides a great opportunity for your child to gain independence and improve their road awareness, making them more confident riders.

If your child would like to participate, please let us know!  
A letter will be going out later this week with more information.

### **Hockey Club- Sign Up Reminder**

Just a reminder to sign your child up for Hockey Club. It will be starting **after the half term** on Friday afternoons from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM.

- The session costs £6 per child.
- Only Year 3 to Year 6 will be allowed to attend due to health and safety reasons.
- There are 10 spaces left so please make sure you sign up soon.  
Please use Arbor to sign up if your child is interested!

**CHILDREN WILL NEED GUM SHIELDS AND SHIN PADS**

**Any questions please contact the office**