

ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS



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

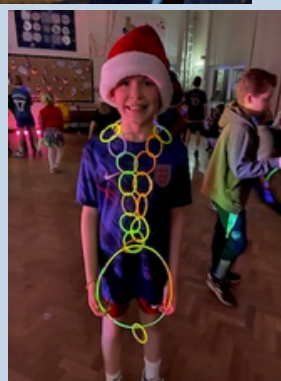


A MESSAGE FROM MRS DAVEY

It's been such a busy week. The choir represented the school at All Saints Church on Sunday. We had two marvellous performances of the Nativity by EYFS and KS1 on Monday and Tuesday. The KS2 children had an opportunity to work with willow and make wreaths and reindeer heads today. The whole school was treated to a panto, which featured a chap called Dick Whittington and his cat.... and then the disco!

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**89.4%
ATTENDANCE
TODAY**

A NEW CLUB

Dance with Sophie is an award-winning dance school based in Hertfordshire, run by the professionally trained Miss Sophie for 5 years. She strives for children to enjoy ballet in a recreational, expressive and creative way, while simultaneously learning and benefiting from the technique, commitment and discipline of it. She is also experienced in other Performing Art Forms, such as Drama, Contemporary and Street Dance. Children are always encouraged to be themselves in her classes and to find their confidence through dancing, with an annual opportunity to perform in a showcase. Sophie looks forward hearing from anyone interested in classes coming to St Paul's Walden School in the new year.

Website: <https://dancewithsophie.co.uk/>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/dancewithsophie__



What we are proposing is for this dance club to run on Wednesdays alongside the choir slot. Dance will meet in the hall and Choir will be in a classroom. Depending on interest, there will be a dance session followed by choir and vice versa:

EYFS/KS1 : dance half an hour

choir half an hour

KS2 choir half an hour

dance half an hour

If we are overwhelmed with interest we will rethink the model.

Dance classes will cost £6

Choir is free

We would like you to express interest as soon as possible so that we can get this started.

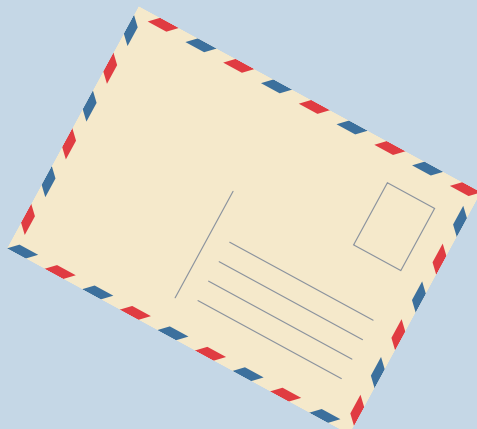
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
Mrs Davey

If you would like this club, please either scan the QR code or log into slido.com and use this code: #3645187 to let me know you are interested.



Learning in the Willows

The Willows wrote out some Christmas cards this week and took them down to the village post office to post them.



Oscar: We post them at the post place...the post box. We had to pay for a second stamp.



Effie: A post man come but he didn't take the letters. Do you know who did that (the knitted post box topper)- Sue! I was at Sue's when she made it.



SOPHIE: WE POSTED OUR LETTERS TO MUMMY AND DADDY.



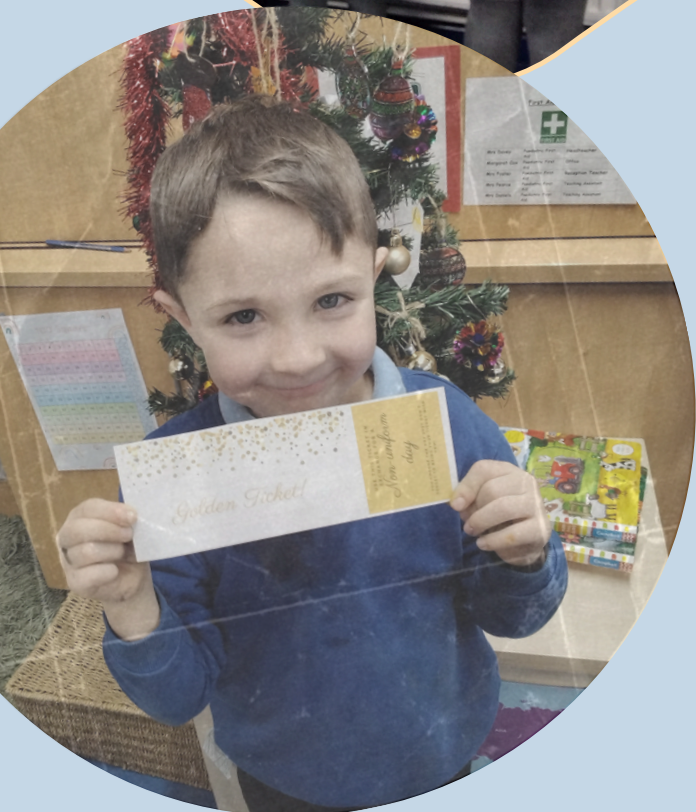
MADDISON: WE TAKE TURNS GETTING FIRST CLASS STAMPS

Learning in the Rowans

Rowans had a fantastic week with quite a few of them earning their Golden tickets! They have been eager to earn their 10 gold cards through good listening, hard work and putting in their best effort.

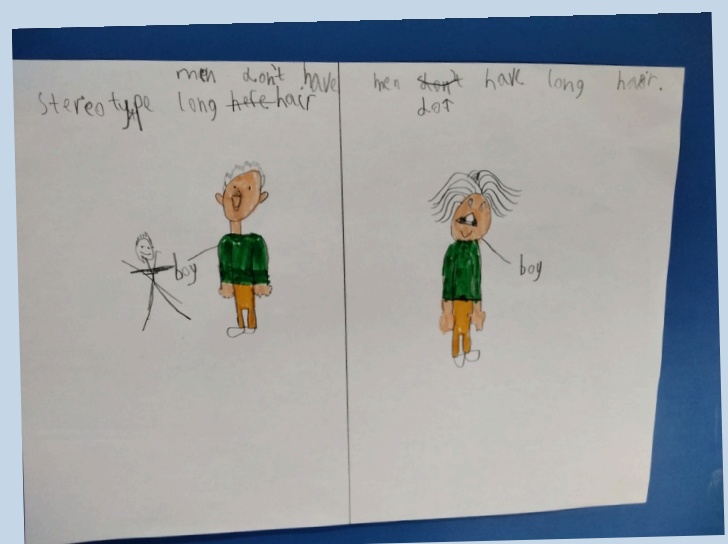
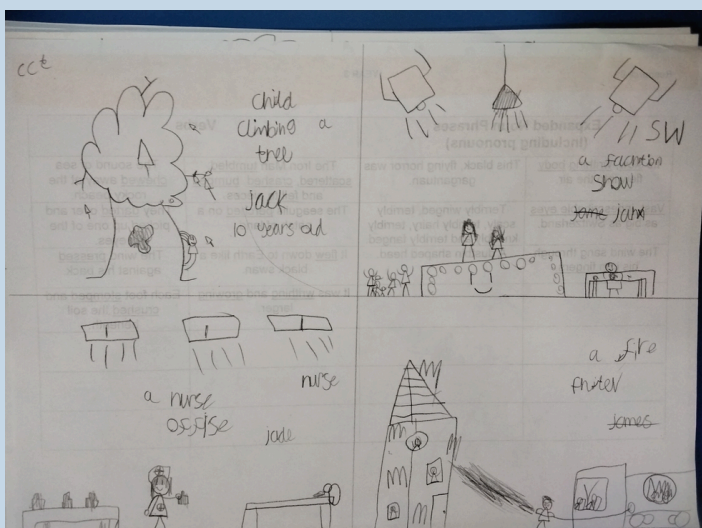
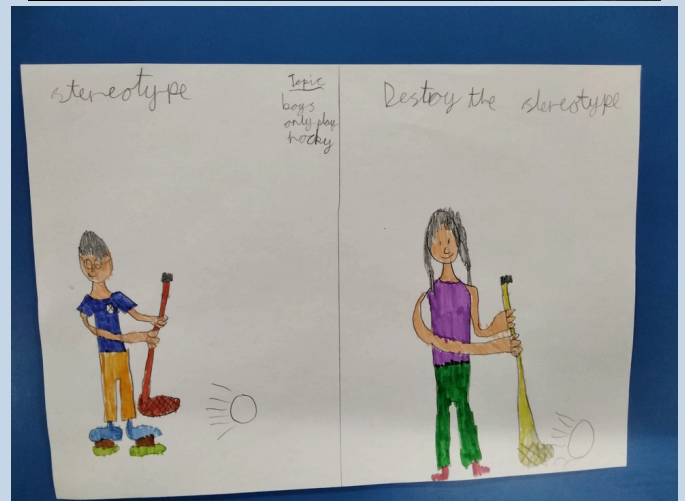
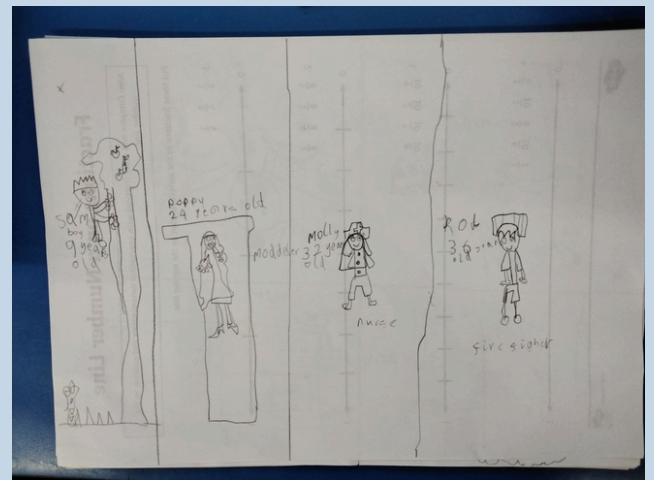
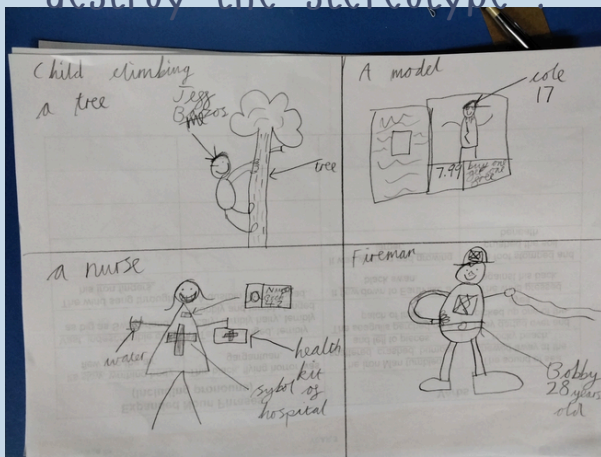
In maths, we have been looking at equivalent and amounts and inequality using Numicon to help us. They have starting using the greater than and less than symbols ($>$ and $<$) to represent their amounts.

Last but not least, the Rowans and Willows spent a lot of time rehearsing for the Nativity and we are very proud of them all! It is not easy to stand up on stage in front of an audience, let alone having to speak and sing as well! So, for that I think they have all shown great courage and resilience!



LEARNING IN SILVER BIRCHES

In PSHE, the Silver Birches have been learning about what stereotypes are. We did an interesting activity where we drew different people and compared whether we had drawn men/boys or women/girls based on the different job or activity. We then talked about different stereotypes we have come across and created our own posters to showcase the stereotype and 'destroy the stereotype'.

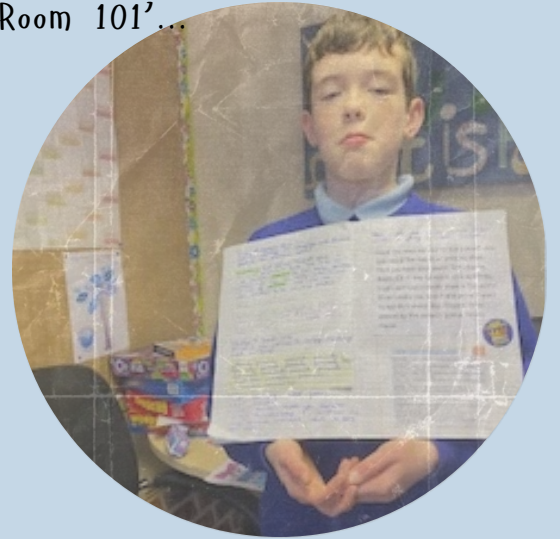
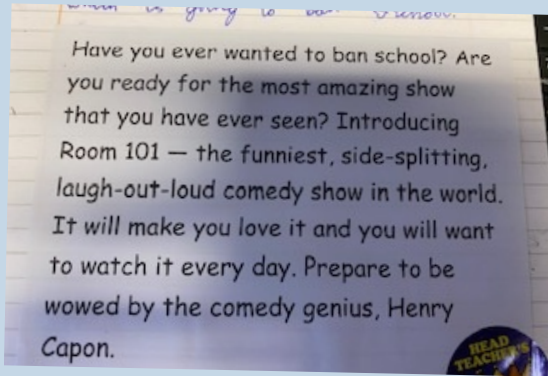


LEARNING IN THE OAKS

In English we have been learning how to write persuasive speeches. Firstly, we wrote an advert to persuade people to come and watch us perform our speeches. We were inspired by the game show 'Room 101'.

Today we have been planning and writing our speeches ready to perform them next week. I wonder if the audience will decide to banish anything to 'Room 101'...

By Ferne



Yesterday in DT, we made crunchy, sugary biscuits. It took us nearly the whole day to make them. We made the dough, rolled dough, cut out the shapes and finally cooked them. In the afternoon, we got to decorate the cookies and best of all eat them!

It was super fun to do this throughout the day and work collaboratively in our groups of six.

By Ivy





THIS WEEK THE PAUL WALDEN CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE GOES TO:

Willows: Emily for settling into school really nicely.

Rowans: Benji for speaking confidently in the Nativity

Silver Birches: Mudiwa for great contributions in PSHE

Charlie for excellent contributions in RE and Guided Reading

Oaks: Aarian for being a great role model in the class and around the school





This week the certificate goes to:

Willows: Emily for being respectful in class

Rowans: Ian for being respectful to everyone

Silver Birches: Oscar because when Mrs Hawtree puts her hand up he's the first one to put his hand up.

Oaks: Oliver for being thoughtful and respectful towards others.



Last week of term

December 18 Silver Birches and Oaks Carol Singing 3:30pm

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

December 19 Last day of term -2pm finish

Christmas holiday

January 6 BACK TO SCHOOL!

These children are members of the Running Club. The running club is suitably led by the very athletic Miss Laws. Well done all of you!



Wonderful outdoor learning with Frances Harris and Beth and Sulu.



CALLING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

IF YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE ANY OR ALL OF THE TYPES OF ITEMS PICTURED BELOW, WE WOULD REALLY LOVE TO TAKE THEM OFF YOUR HANDS AS WE ARE LOOKING TO DEVELOP OUR OUTSIDE PLAY AREAS.



**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO
HAVE ALREADY DONATED !**



#plasticfreechristmas2024 Competition



Plastic-free X mas 2024

Christmas involves exchange of gifts and use of festive decorations. An estimated 80-90% of those are either made of plastic or has a major compone...

 Centre for Big Synergy /



The objective of this competition is to encourage families, colleagues, schools, colleges or Universities, public and private organisations, and businesses to use plastic free Christmas decorations and exchange plastic-free gifts.

FIRST....

With 'plastic' now omnipresent, the first step would be to find out what you plan to purchase or use has no plastic components in it- Furnishings, clothes, shoes, decorations, toys or even pet products.

This would take a little bit of researching on the internet as 'plastic materials' are know by many names that may not even sound like they are plastic!

Some ideas to explore are below;

Raise money for a charity instead of spending on gifts

Rent a gift

Purchase pre-loved gifts

Gift an experience (low carbon or no-carbon)

Make homemade gift wrap

Make Christmas cards

Gift memberships of activities

Re-gift

Decorate Christmas tree with natural objects or quirky things that you may already have such as old toys, edible decorations, etc.

Make Christmas gifts (if you can)

Use solar lights

THEN.....

Fill in the form on the competition website (go to the link below) with your details, photos, videos, messages. Also, share your photos and videos on Instagram and COLLABORATE with us (@centreforbigsynergy) to share it on our wall. Feel free to tag us on FB and X as well if you'd like to share your plastic free Christmas there.

Multiple prizes will be offered for individuals, families and organisations;

The best initiatives (overall)

The most shared initiatives

The most liked initiatives

The most innovative ideas

You can be just one person (child/adult), a family, colleagues, a class/year (school/college or University) or an entire organisation.

<https://thebigsynergy.org/plastic-free-x-mas-2024/>

YOU'LL BE HEARING MORE ABOUT THIS IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK!