

ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS

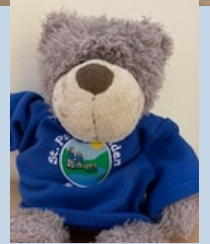


THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ST PAUL'S WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



A MESSAGE FROM MRS DAVEY

The question on all our lips as we tread the final days of this academic year is, "Are we there yet?". Nearly, but not quite! As ever the week has been eventful!



ATTENDANCE TODAY

94.9%

One of the many things that school should give children is the opportunity to try things out and develop their entrepreneurial skills. The PTA events have been a wonderful opportunity for the children in OAKS to try out their business ideas, develop a plan and build their product. They have helped to raise much needed money and more than that, they have shown themselves how capable they are. I would like to thank the Oaks teachers for supporting the children and steering them in the right direction! I would also like to thank the PTA not only for the opportunity but also for the super Summer Fete. Rain did not stop play.



Those who were there will tell you that the choir joining in with the Village Voices choir was just brilliant.



Also on the horizon is the KS2 production of Olivia which has some special guests from EYFS and KS1. This is because Olivia originated as a choir/stay and play activity which developed into the KS2 production. It's a fun and challenging show. Again, I would like to thank the staff and the children for their hard work in pulling this epic piece together

RESULTS

Well done to all our children who have taken exams this year: the phonics screening, multiplication check and KS2 SATS. I am waiting for a finalised report from the DfE but I am pleased to tell you that all our results were good from our youngest to our oldest children. In KS2 our children have achieved a higher score in reading, writing and grammar than the average age expected scores for the local authority and maths has risen to 71% just below the average for the local authority.



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 to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

Please do sign up for this wonderful camp. I would very much like to build up netball alongside dodgeball in this school.

Netball is a sport for everyone. Even I play it!

LEARN. TRAIN. PERFORM. EXCEL.

NETBALL CAMP

2 DAYS OF NETBALL TO EXCEL YOUR GAME!

28TH & 29TH JULY | 9AM - 3PM
OPEN TO PLAYERS AGED 7 - 11 | BOYS AND GIRLS

Learn the game in a fun and supportive environment.
Learn the technical and tactical elements of each position.
Mini games and Match Play!

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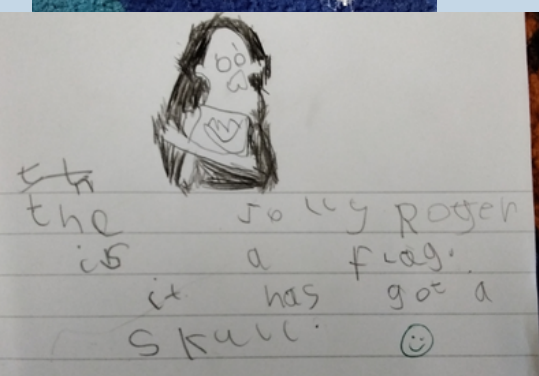
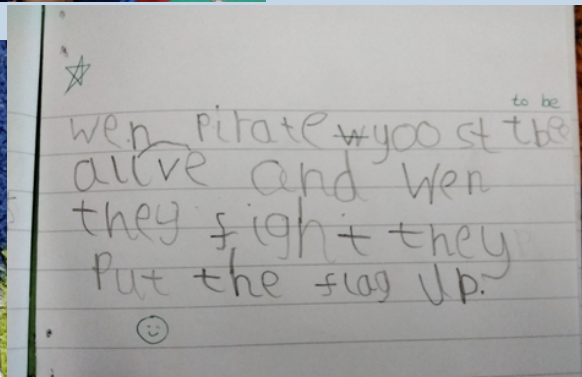


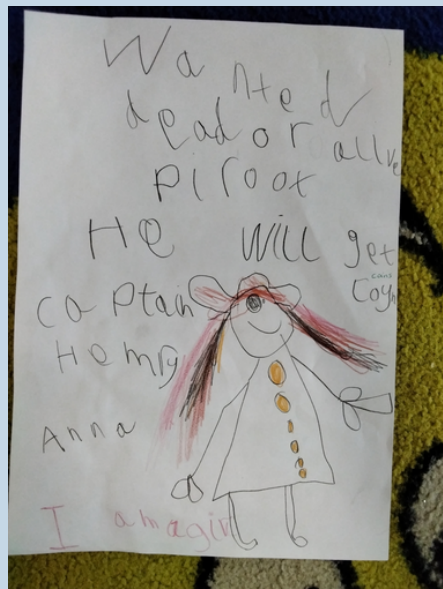
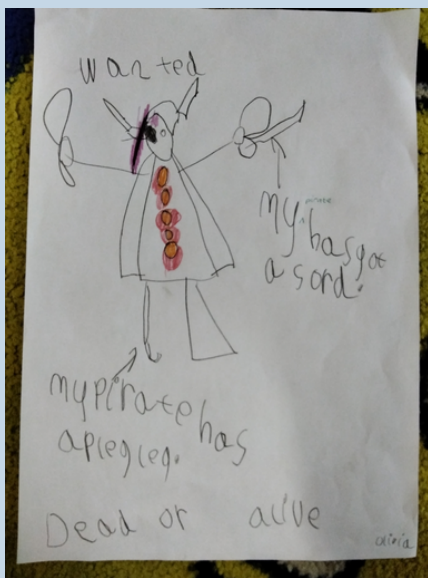
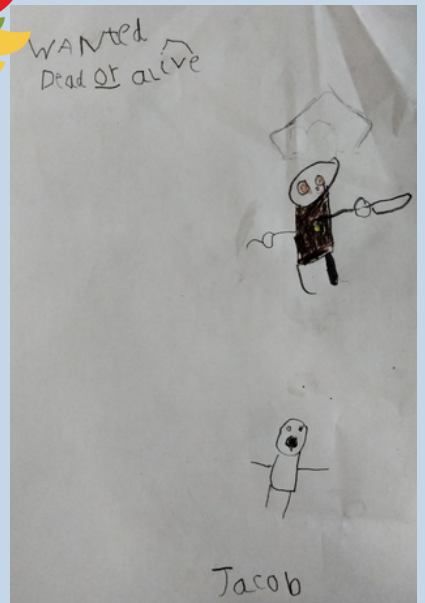
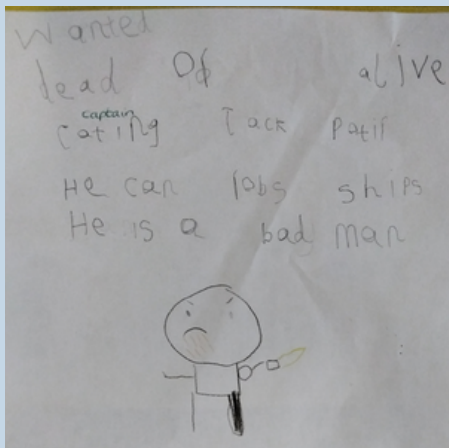
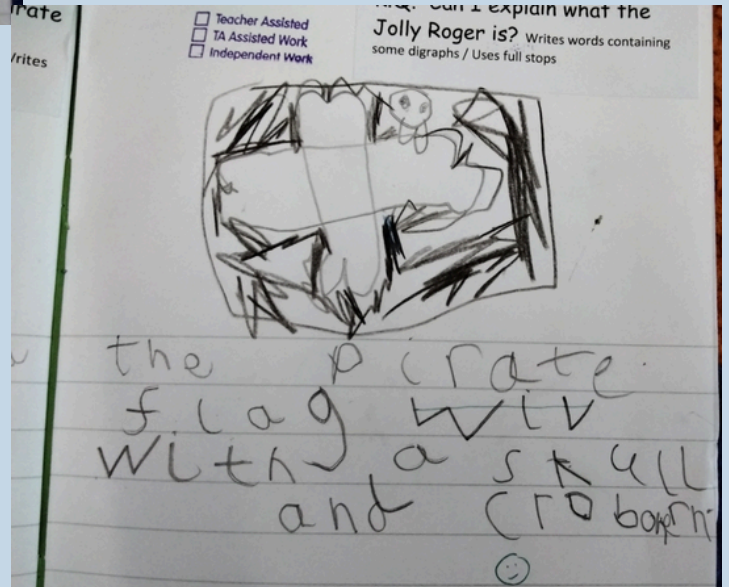
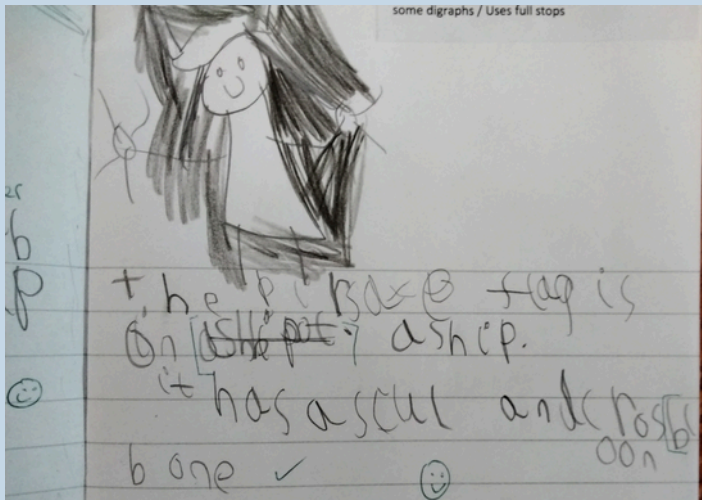
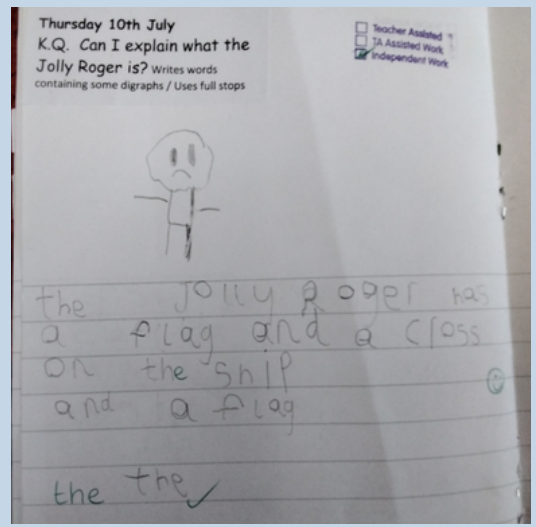
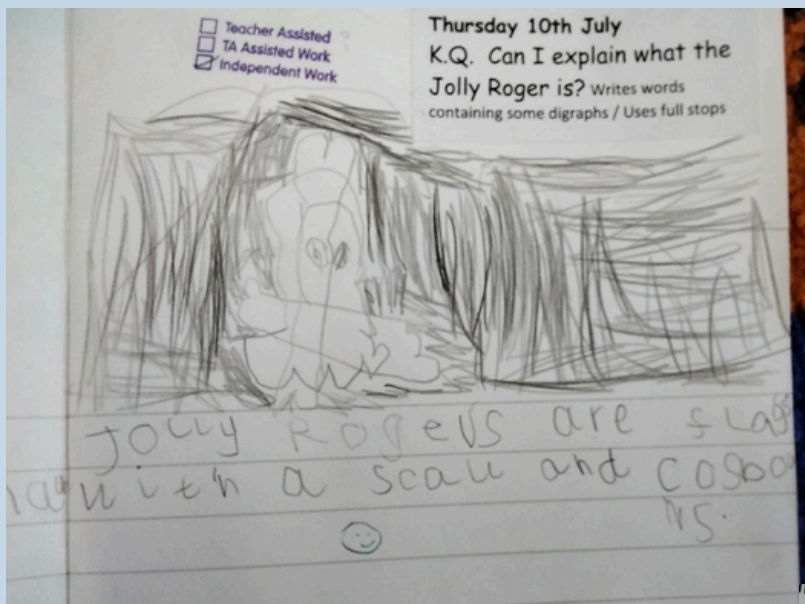
NET CAMP
THIS ISN'T JUST A GAME

What's been happening in the Willows classroom?

The children have been enjoying the theme of 'Pirates' this past week. There have been some great hats and flags made after finding out just what the Jolly Roger is, and why it was used on pirates' ships: the children then used their own words in their books to describe or explain it.

The children have also made 'Wanted' posters to find the big bad pirates who have escaped. It seems that Captain Jack Potter is the one that is most wanted!!

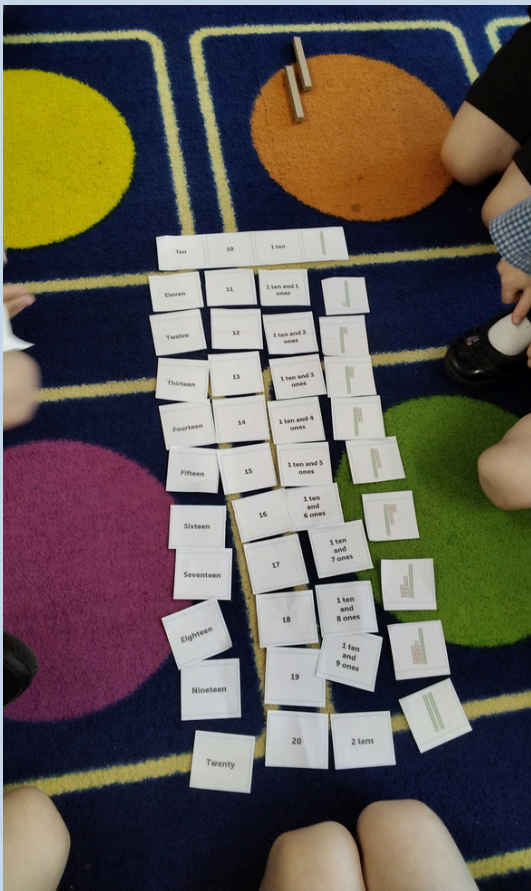




What's been happening in the Rowans classroom?

This week, the Year twos have been finishing off the last of their SATs papers. They have done such a great job of staying focussed and trying their best! Year ones have been continuing their revision of number magnitude and how numbers can be made.

The highlight of everyone's week was transition morning! The year twos showed great courage in spending the morning in Silver Birches and ha lovely things to tell me when they got back. I was lucky to receive the wonderful Willows to join the current year ones. We had a great morning getting to know each other and having a go at lots of different tasks! I am very excited to have them all next year in Rowans class.

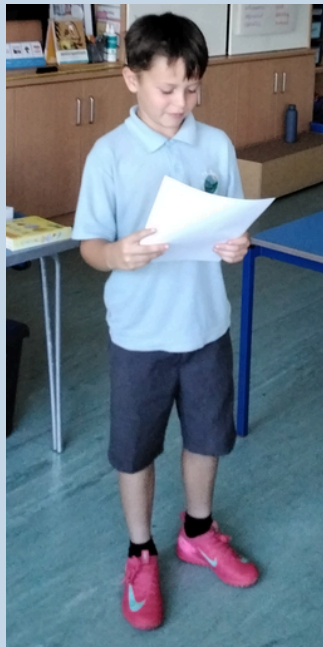


What's been happening in the Silver Birches classroom this week?

On Monday some of the class completed their Level 1 Bikeability course. They had a great time and can't wait until they are in Year 5 to do Level 2. This week Silver

Birches have put a lot of effort into their rehearsals for the production. On Wednesday Mrs Davey got to see their Roman Chariots in action! The initial plan to use straws and balloons was unsuccessful as the wooden chassis was too heavy to move. Mrs Davey had the inspired idea to use the hoover to propel the chariots along!

I heard much laughing occurring and the class said it was worth the wait. We also heard back from Councillor Joe Graziano, who we had sent our persuasive letters to earlier this year. He wrote to each of the children individually and they read their letters out to the class. On Thursday morning we welcomed the Year 2 children to join us for the morning. The class completed some English and art and worked very well together.



Oaks Class

For the last four Fridays, the Oaks have been taking part in the Breathe Programme put together and delivered by the Sadie Centre's 'Mindfulness in Schools' team. This mindfulness programme had received funding from the Hitchin Youth Trust to deliver sessions to Year 6 pupils across Hitchin Primary Schools. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils were lucky enough to be involved and benefit from this funding, teaching the pupils excellent mindfulness foundations and awareness of the breath, mind and body, enabling them to concentrate more and access tools which support them to self-regulate better. We hope this will serve our Year 5s well as they move forward towards their SATs year and the Year 6s as they embark on their next steps in secondary school. Transitions can be challenging but coming back to the breath can be a very powerful calming mechanism.

Olivia - Props to the Props Crew

The Oaks, along with the rest of KS2 and a few helpers, have been working so hard to put on to the stage our fantastic production of Olivia. We wanted to thank the stage crew for all the behind the scenes work that has been put in ahead of the production, and for being focused and on it throughout our Dress Rehearsal today, ensuring that every scene was ready to go. This is going to be a show to remember!



Students in Oaks really rose to the challenge and responsibility of maintaining their bikes and cycling safely on the local roads last week. We were very impressed to see their skills and maturity in action - well done to all those who achieved their Level 2 this week





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

Willows: **Maddy** for her creativity, particularly with model making.

Rowans: **Mihail** for reaching his writing targets.

Silver Birches: **Hughie** for being a good role model at move up morning and **Finn** for his improved handwriting

Oaks: **Matthew** for his excellence throughout the year.

This half term we are thinking about



Willows: **Sophie** for her bravery in learning and taking initiative

Rowans: **Isla** for bravely acting in Olivia.

Silver Birches: **Mudiwa** for her courageous performance

Oaks: **Isabelle and Ferne** for their bravery taking on the lead role.

TERM DATES

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:

JULY 15th

Performance **2pm!**

JULY 16th

Performance 6pm

JULY 17TH

Oaks visit to Walden Bury

JULY 18TH

Legoland trip

JULY 22nd

Leaver and Thank you assembly 1pm

Last day of term. Collect at 2pm

AUTUMN DATES TO FOLLOW IN THE FINAL NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.

A message from Herts Council

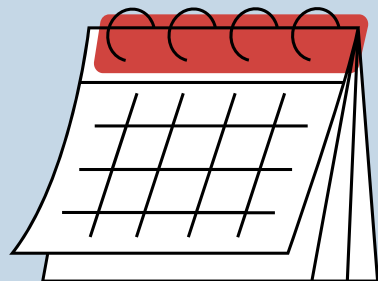


We're inviting families across Hertfordshire to help shape the future of children's social care by completing a short questionnaire, you can share your experiences ideas and hopes for a system that truly supports every child and family. This is your chance to co-design services that reflect your community's needs, because no one understands what works better than you. Whether you're a parent, carer or young person your insights are invaluable. Let's build a brighter, more supportive future together. 🏠❤️ Please use the QR code or link below to complete a short questionnaire

<https://forms.office.com/e/wvHbv3t7qt>

Help shape the future of Children's
Social Care in Hertfordshire





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 ST 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!

17th June to 22nd 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

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!



Helping to make learning click!



Introducing Make it Click Tuition!

Run by Mrs Hawtree, an experienced and passionate Primary School Teacher.

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.
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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:
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