



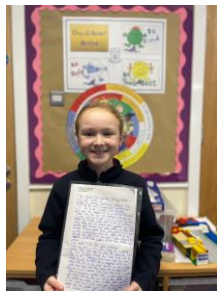
Warden House Primary School

Irresistible learning for all...

Newsletter – Friday 31st January 2025

Headteachers' message

Term 3 is usually one of our quieter terms at school where teachers and children can really focus on their learning without too many distractions such those seen during the build up to Christmas. It has been great to see the children really focused in their classes over the past few weeks and working really hard. Here is Perri from Year 3 Flamingos Class with some superb writing produced in as she learnt to use dialogue in her work when drafting a narrative.



Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to stop for a chat about the news of my departure from Warden House later in the school year. The Trust board have now published the advert for a new headteacher for our school, which I am certain will attract a range of high-quality applicants. I will keep you updated about any further news as and when I have it.

Finally, don't forget that Parents' Evening takes place next week on Wednesday and Thursday. It is not too late to book your appointment. The Scholastic Book Fair will once again be available in the hall after school. Thanks to Miss Burnley for her hard work in organising and running this for us.

Wishing you all a super weekend.

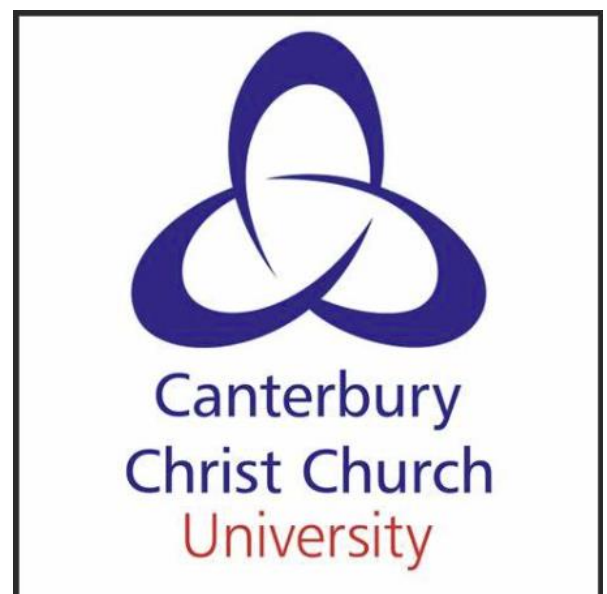
Best wishes, Mr. Hackett

Student support

As you may be aware, at Warden House we are very much committed to supporting professionals who are beginning on their journey as teachers.

This school year we are delighted to welcoming the following student teachers into school to work with our children to complete teaching placements.

Miss Kacey Elvy will be based in Year 5 Pumas class, Miss Savannah Loom in Year 2 Penguins class and Miss Sam Bryant will be based in Year 2 Otters Class.



We are also hosting a social work student placement this school year and are supporting Miss Cerys Flemming who will be working within our pastoral team over the next few months.

Miss Flemming is already working within our Butterflies Class supporting our children and doing a great job!



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OPAL donations – Can you help?

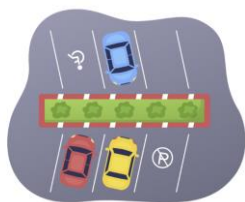
Following on from the letter from Mrs. Camilleri last week, would like to ask for your support in helping us resource our OPAL supplies. Should you be able to donate any of the following, **please drop them off to the office or the new donation box by the side of the school.**



- *Wooden sandpits of any size*
- *Play sand*
- *Bark*
- *Sand toys (buckets, spades, etc.)*
- *Suitcases (any size or type)*
- *Plastic milk crates/supermarket delivery crates/plastic bread trays*
- *Hard-cased briefcases*
- *Road signs and cones*
- *Tubes (various sizes and materials)*
- *Car Tyres (any size)*
- *Colourful Clothing*
- *Clothing rack*
- *Nets and thick ropes*
- *Scooters in working order*
- *Yoga mats*
- *Wooden pallets and cable drums*
- *Guttering*

Parking on site

Should you ever need to come on site for a meeting during the school day, we ask that you ensure that you park considerately if using our school car park.



If a space is available in the car park, you are very welcome to use this; however, we must ask that you never block the minibus, other cars, or park in front of the emergency access gates or in the loading bay in front of the office.

If no space is available then families must park off-site on the street where there is usually lots of parking freely available. Thank you for your support and understanding with this matter.

School uniform update

As you may recall, we carried out a parent survey regarding a change to our new uniform supplier – The School Wear Centre in Margate.

As part of this survey, some parents shared some feedback that was not wholly positive.

We have shared these views with the School Wear Centre and have had a meeting with them.



The key messages from the survey have led to the following outcomes from this meeting:

- The centre has changed to a different brand of supplier for some of the items where quality issues were raised.
- We have asked the centre to revert back to providing embroidered logos rather than transfers. The overwhelming views of parents are that this is preferred.
- The School Wear Centre will arrange an after school session for parents to attend to view amended items. They will also attend our summer fair and our new reception parents welcome evening in Term 6.
- We will look to provide iron-on embroidered logos for parents to purchase through the school office. These can then be used with non-branded uniform items such as those purchased from other retailers such as supermarkets or online.
- The school wear centre apologises for any difficulties that some families may have had in contacting them by phone. At busy times, they have stated that it may feel like the phone is not being answered, however they have full time staff dedicated to answering phones. If the phone keeps on ringing, they will get to you. They have stated that the quickest way for families to contact them and get a response is via their [Facebook](#) page.

It has been really useful to receive your feedback around this issue and hopefully the steps taken will resolve any concerns that you have raised. Should you have any further questions about our school uniform, please visit our [school website](#) or contact the school office. Thank you.

Young Voices trip 2025

On Wednesday last week, we took our choir of 50 children up to the O2 Arena in London to take part in Young Voices 2025.

As part of this concert, the children had to learn a range of songs and dances to perform alongside over 8000 other children to a packed audience.



The children were lucky enough to sing with Strictly Come Dancing singer Tommy Blaize, Britain's Got Talent Semi-finalist Souparnika Nair, and World Book Day superstar MC Grammar.

The children behaved and sang brilliantly and were a real credit to themselves and our school.



Year 6 building update

The work behind the scenes regarding the redevelopment of the Year 6 building is continuing.

Planning permission has now been granted as of this week, which is great news!

The next stage will be to go out to tender to identify contractors to take on the project. Hopefully things will move on swiftly now so that we can get this part of the school back in use.

Artist of the term

This term's Artist of the term challenge is based around the work of local artist [Steve "Squidoodle" Turner](#). Visit his website for further ideas, or see the email from our art leader Miss Mann for further details.

We are delighted that Steve will come into our final assembly of the term to see the children's entries!

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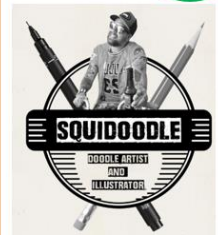
Steve 'Squidoodle' Turner

The Big Garden
Birdwatch -
RSPB
24-26 January
2025

Kent-based illustrator, Steve Turner (aka Squidoodle) is a "doodler" as his nickname would suggest. His weapons of choice are common amongst this breed of illustrator – all his work is carried out using pens and pencils. Like many "commercial doodlers", Steve's work embodies the doodle aesthetic yet defies the strict definition of being "drawn aimlessly" through his thoughtful, ornate compositions and themes. He draws inspiration from nature, robots, skulls, zombies, animals, steampunk and more. In August 2015, Steve produced his first Colouring Book for Adults - Squidoodle's Adventures in Colouring and Doodling. This was followed by a Breast Cancer Awareness Ribbon campaign and a Project Semicolon campaign, both of which quickly went viral.

He followed this up in October 2015 with his second book Squidoodle's Book of Fancy Letters, as well as a Christmas Card range, and much more.

Information taken directly from: [About Me | Squidoodleshop](#)
Where you can also take a look at more of Steve's work for inspiration.



THIS TERM'S CHALLENGE: Can you create your own artwork inspired by Steve 'Squidoodle' Turner?

- ❖ Create your own pet portrait using sketching pencils.
- ❖ Create your own initial doodle and fill it with all of the things you love.
- ❖ Create a doodle of your favourite place and include everything you love about it.

As always, there will prizes for the most inspired piece, one prize across reception/KS1 and one prize across KS2.

Please bring in your masterpieces by **Monday 10th February** to Leopards classroom.

Have FUN creating!

Staffing update

We are sad to be saying goodbye to two members of the Warden House team over the next few weeks. Teaching Assistant Mrs. Barber will be leaving us to take up a new position at another local school and Midday Supervisor Mrs. Odendaal will be leaving to take up a new opportunity. We wish both staff members well and hope they keep in touch.

We currently have three positions advertised at Warden House – a headteacher position, TA position and a midday supervisor post. Please share these with anyone you know who may be interested in working in our amazing school.

Further details can be found on the www.kent-teach.com website.

Illnesses and attendance

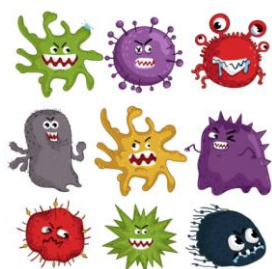
As we continue to face what seems like quite a long season of illness, we want to highlight the importance of good attendance for our children whilst at the same time ensuring their health and well-being.

NHS 48-Hour Rule:

If your child experiences sickness or diarrhoea, please remember they must stay home for 48 hours after their last episode. This rule helps ensure a full recovery and prevents the spread of illness in our school community.

Routine Medication Support:

If your child needs routine medication, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen or antibiotics, we can assist. Simply complete a medical form at the school office and we will ensure your child receives the necessary support during the school day.



We appreciate your support in keeping our children healthy and ready to learn. If your child is unwell and not able to be in school, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we can update our records.

Term dates for the new school year

Please see overleaf for a copy of our term dates for the next academic year 2025-2026. These can also be found on our [school website](#).

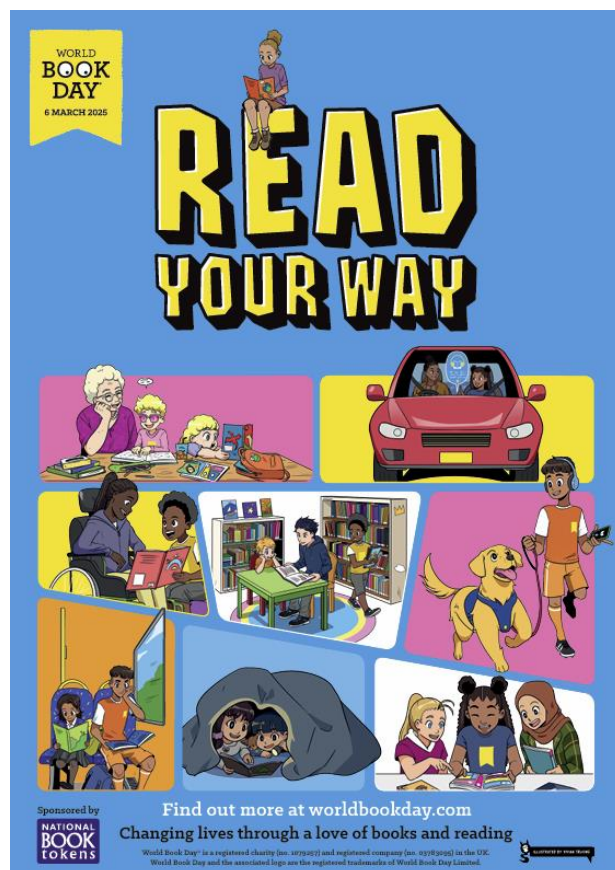
Thank you to those of you who completed the short survey giving feedback on the change to a two-week half-term break in October this. It was very useful to receive your views. This showed that for a significant majority of our parents, the move to a two-week break was a positive change and something that they would like to see continue.

As a result, Veritas MAT (our Multi-Academy Trust) has decided to repeat this and have scheduled a two-week half-term break in October 2025.

World Book Day 2025

World Book Day is sneaking up on us and is scheduled this year to take place on **Thursday 6th March 2025**.

For those children and families new to Warden House, on World Book Day we really love to spend a special day celebrating the love of reading and, as part of this, we like to give all members of our community to opportunity to come in dressed up as their favourite book character for the day.



There will be lots of other exciting activities planned too and we will confirm these in due course.

Further information can be found by [clicking here](#) and visiting the World Book Day website. Ideas for dressing up for children that wish to do this can be found by [clicking here](#).

Those children who attended Young Voices this year were lucky enough to sing alongside MC Grammar who has written "The World Book Day" song/rap.



PE and Games Timetable Term 3 2025

Children should wear PE kit to school on the days below

PE Timetable	Year R and KS1	KS2
Monday	Year 1	Year 5 (Leopards), Year 4
Tuesday	Year 2	Year 3, Year 5 (Pumas)
Wednesday	Reception	Year 6, YEAR 3 SWIMMING
Thursday	Year 2	Year 4
Friday	Year 1	Year 5, Year 6

Key Dates

Start of Term 3- Monday 6th January 2025	
Year R-6 Parents Evening	Wednesday 5 th February & Thursday 6 th February
Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 3 rd February – Thursday 6 th February
Veritas Choir Trip	Thursday 6 th February
Year R Hearing Screening	Friday 7 th February
Whole School STEM Week	Monday 10 th February – Friday 14 th February
End of Term 3- Friday 14th February 2025	
Start of Term 4- Monday 24th February	
Class Photographs	Wednesday 26 th February
PTFA Wonka Bar Sale	Monday 3 rd March- Thursday 6 th March
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March
Year 6 PGL	Monday 31 st March- Wednesday 2 nd April
PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	Friday 4 th April at 2pm (Straight After School)
Spring Reports Sent Home	Friday 4 th April 2025
End of Term 4- Friday 4th April 2025- 2pm	
Start of Term 5- 22nd April 2025	
Whole School Closed- Polling Day (Home learning will be provided)	Thursday 1 st May
Year 6 SATS test (All children MUST be in school this week)	Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May 2025
Year R Vision Screening	Friday 16 th May
Whole School Spectacular Sport-Athlon	Friday 23 rd May
End of Term 5- Friday 23rd May 2025	
Start of Term 6- Monday 2nd June 2025	
Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks	Monday 9 th June – Friday 13 th June
PTFA Summer Fair	Friday 20 th June at 3.15pm
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Monday 2 nd June – Friday 13 th June
Whole School Transition Day	Thursday 3 rd July
Inset Day - (School Closed to all pupils) Friday 4th July	
EYFS & KS1 Sports Day	Thursday 10 th July
KS2 Sports Day	Friday 11 th July
Summer Reports Sent Home	Friday 18 th July
Year 6 Production	Thursday 18 th July (7pm) & Friday 19 th July (7pm)
Year 6 Oscars and Leavers' Party	Wednesday 23 rd July 6pm- 9pm)
End of Term 6- Thursday 24th July 2025- 2pm	

Term Dates for the next academic year (September 2025 – July 2026)

Further information, including this year's term dates can be found by [clicking here](#).

Veritas MAT Term Dates

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Important dates

Term 1	2 September – 17 October, 2025
Term 2	3 November – 19 December, 2025
Term 3	5 January – 13 February, 2026
Term 4	23 February – 2 April, 2026
Term 5	20 April – 22 May, 2026
Term 6	1 June – 23 July, 2026

October Half Term	20 October – 31 October, 2025
Christmas Break	22 December – 2 January, 2026
February Half Term	16 – 20 February, 2026
Easter Break	3 – 17 April, 2026
May Half Term	25 – 29 May, 2026

Inset Days

29 August, 2025
1 September, 2025
30 and 31 st October, 2025
26 June, 2026

Bank Holidays

3 April, 2026 (Good Friday)
4 May, 2026

Menu - November 2024 - March 2025

		Week One	Week Two	Week Three
		04/11,25/11,06/01,27/01,24/02,17/03	11/11,02/12,13/01,03/02,03/0324/03	18/11,09/11,20/01,10/02,10/03,31/03
Monday	Option 1	Home-made Pizza	Mac n Cheese	Pea & Basil Pesto Pasta
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Pasta Provencale	Tomato Pasta
	served with	Pasta Peas & Sweetcorn	Garlic Dough Balls Peas & Sweetcorn	Garlic Flatbread Peas & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Dessert	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
Tuesday	Option 1	Beef Burger	Breaded Chicken Steak	Mild Chicken Curry
	Option 2	Quorn Sausage	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Bolognese with Pasta
	served with	Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Jacket Wedges Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Rice Carrots & Green Beans
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Dessert	Marble Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Fruit Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
Wednesday	Option 1	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Sausages with Yorkshire Pud & Gravy	Roast Pork with Gravy
	Option 2	Veggie Pie	Quorn Sausage & Gravy	Winter Vegetable Bake
	served with	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Dessert	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
Thursday	Option 1	Pork Meatballs	Lasagne	Sausage Roll Slice & Gravy
	Option 2	Meatless Meatballs	Veggie Burritos	Quorn Sausage Roll
	served with	Pasta Carrots & Green Beans	Garlic Bread Peas & Cauliflower	Mash Peas & Carrots
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Dessert	Raspberry Buns Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Krispie Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
Friday	Option 1	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers
	Option 2	*Cheese Puff	Curried Veggie Pasty	*Pizza Whirl
	served with	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Dessert	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	



Suitable for Vegetarians



Suitable for Vegans & Vegetarians



Contains Fish

All items are subject to availability

All Items with * can be made Vegan Friendly

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