



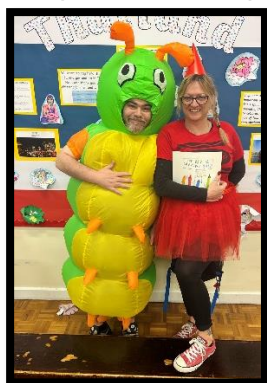
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Headteacher's message

It has certainly been great to see the lighter mornings and evenings over the last few weeks and the dry and sunny weather. It certainly feels like spring is on the horizon. The clear weather has led to the children getting outdoors more and more during their lessons and after school clubs which has been great to see.

There have been some super football matches after school over the past few weeks too. Our boys' football team suffered a narrow defeat to Sandown last week and then enjoyed a 5-1 victory over St Mary's on Tuesday. Our girls' team played their first game of the year against district champions Deal Parochial and suffered a heavy defeat. In spite of this, the girls did themselves proud. It was the first time that they had played a match together and they really stuck together and learnt a huge amount from the experience. A special mention needs to be made to our goalkeeper Felicity who did not give up and made some stunning saves.

Thank you also to all parents and carers for your support during our World Book Day celebrations. The children (and staff!) looked fantastic and had a great day celebrating the love of reading. Look out for the £1 World Book Day vouchers sent home with the children that can be used in all good book shops and supermarkets to purchase a book.



Well done to all of the children who were judged as winners for their year group. It was a very

challenging decision for the staff this year with so many amazing costumes to choose from.

Year group	Winner's name:	Character :
R	Paisley G	The Witch "Room on the Broom"
1	Frankie H	Papa Smurf
2	Lola H	A Smed (The Smeds & the Smoos)
3	Darcie J	Princess Pea
4	Zach B	Minecraft Character
5	Archie M	Dumbledore from "Harry Potter"
6	Bella P	The Oxford English Dictionary



I have enjoyed challenging the children this term to read as much as possible at home. At the half-way point of the school year, the children have earned nearly 10,500 points. Given that they need to achieve 22,500 points by the end of Term 6 to earn their whole school reward, there is still lots more to do. It is great fun to promote a challenge like this with the children – however there is a serious message attached. We ask that all parents do all that they can to build in regular time at home each evening to read with their child. It really is so important and can make such a difference to children's progress as they move through the school.

Best wishes
Mr. Hackett



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New office team for Warden House

You have probably noticed some new faces in the school office over the past few weeks. We are very pleased to welcome Miss Luci Stevenson as our new Receptionist and Mrs. Monique Farmery as our new Attendance and Admin Assistant.



They have been ably supported by Trust staff Miss Rebekah May, Mrs. Sarah Jones and Mrs. Dawn Hunter-Wardle.

The Great Fire of London!

Our Frogs and Tigers had a memorable day on Tuesday last week as they experienced their very own "Great Fire of London".



The children made their very own tutor-style houses as part of their home learning and then watch on as Mr. Orchard and the team built their very own "Pudding Lane" before starting the fire. The children learnt a great deal about the effects of the fire and how it spread during this activity.

Year 2 "Play, stay and learn" sessions

Thank you to the Year 2 parents who attended our "Play, stay and learn" sessions during the afternoons last week. The staff and children enjoyed welcoming you into our classrooms and sharing their learning environment with you.



We hope that you found the session useful and that it enabled you to better understand the "play-based approach to learning used during parts of the day in KS1. Further information is available here on the website [here](#).

Outdoor Classroom

Please could parents of our younger children ensure that they do not climb on and run up and down the benches and table in our outdoor classroom before and after school?

This structure is not designed to be used as a play area and there have been reports of some

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accidents happening and children falling. Thank you for your support with this matter.



Turkey Earthquake appeal

We were incredibly grateful for all of your kind donations in support of the Turkey and Syria earthquake appeal at the end of last term.

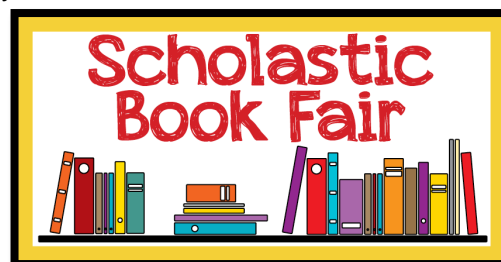


We would also like to thank Castles Removals and Storage for looking after these for us during half term and to Warden House parents Mr. and Mrs. Ilgyun for coordinating sorting the huge number of donations and passing on to Aspendos restaurant for delivery.

Your support will really make a difference.

Amazing book fair outcome!

Our librarian Ms. Burnley has informed us that an amazing £863.97 was taken at the book fair at the end of last term, leading to a fantastic £431.99 being donated to provide books for our school library.



Thank you to all families who supported this and attended with their children after school.

School Council and buddy Assembly

Well done to our school council and school buddies who delivered a super assembly last week. The assembly talked about aspects of friendship and highlighted what to do if you or someone you know is being bullied.

The assembly shared all the people in school that the children can go to for support and taught them how to help others and not be a bystander or leave others out at playtimes.



The children then performed a special play about the issue. We were very proud of all who were involved. Thank you to Mrs. Crump for working with the children and supporting their work.

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Awesome science at Warden House

On the last day of term 3, an action-packed and inspirational science day took place at Warden House. Thank you to the team from Pfizers, our PTFA and all of our staff for a truly fantastic day.

The children took part in a range of inspirational activities such as making elephant's toothpaste, giant bubbles, electricity, as well as taking part in virtual reality sessions on outer space and mini-beasts.



Thanks especially to Mrs. Marsh for all of her hard work behind the scenes in making sure that today ran so smoothly. [Click here](#) to view a short video clip of just some of the activities on offer. Definitely irresistible learning in action!

KS2 "Old Bones!" concert

Our KS2 children had a real treat this week during their 'Singing Assembly' when they were visited by a group of local brass musicians called "Old Bones!" The group gave the children an inspiring concert and even helped accompany their singing too!



Thanks to Graham, Ian, Paul and David for giving up their time to come in to perform to us.

For anyone inspired to hear more, there is a special concert taking place this Saturday at St. Mary's Church in Walmer performed by the White Cliffs Symphonic Wind Orchestra. The concert is in support of children from Ukraine. [Click here](#) for further details.

PTFA Volunteers

Do you have a few hours to spare to join our amazing team? Our PTFA are absolutely committed to making a difference to the lives of the children here at Warden House.





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NHS NELFT Parent Workshops

Please see the flyer below regarding a new online parent workshop supporting "Understanding Sleep and Children with Autism".

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school and year 7

Understanding Sleep and Children with Autism
Wednesday 22nd March 12.30-2.30pm

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child's sleeping patterns? Maybe your child has received a diagnosis. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding sleeping patterns and autism. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please [ctrl + click the link below](#):
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending a EWT school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools.

We look forward to meeting you.

www.nelft.nhs.uk

Please [click here](#) to access the session at the given time on Microsoft TEAMS.



There is a second NELFT NHS workshop booked to take place in the school hall on Wednesday March 15th 9-11am.

The workshop is entitled:

Understanding and Supporting your Child with Fears and Worries.

The workshop content includes:

- What is anxiety?
- When is anxiety helpful?
- When is anxiety unhelpful?
- Ways of dealing with unhelpful anxiety - sharing strategies and practical solutions to try.
- Questions and feedback.

Parents can book a place on this workshop with the school office or speak to Mrs. Cotterill or Mrs. Alldis should they have any specific questions.

Goodbye and good luck!

At Warden House, we actively take part in supporting the development of trainee social workers and as a result, regularly host social work students on placements. Over the last few months we have been lucky enough to host Freya Rich and Anisa Hassan who have been based with us almost every day since the autumn term.



Both students are now finishing their placements with us and returning back to Canterbury Christchurch University. We would like to thank them both for all of their hard work and commitment to the school and wish them well for their future careers.



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Key Dates for Terms 4 and beyond 2023	
Start of Term 4	Monday 20 February 2023
Swimming Sessions for Pupils in Year 3 Starfish Class	Every Monday starting on 20 February 2023
Swimming Sessions for Pupils in Year 3 Bees Class	Every Tuesday starting on 21 February 2023
World Book Day 2023	Friday 3 March 2023
NELFT NHS Workshop in School <i>Understanding and Supporting your Child with Fears and Worries.</i>	Wednesday March 15 2023 9am-11am
Potential NEU Strike Action	Wednesday 15 March 2023 Thursday 16 March 2023
NELFT NHS Workshop ONLINE <i>Understanding Sleep and Children with Autism</i>	Wednesday March 22 2023 12:30pm-2:30pm
Year 6 PGL Trip to Windmill Hill, East Sussex	29 March 2023 – 31 March 2023
PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	Friday 31 March 2023 straight after school. Further details to follow
End of Term 4	Friday 31 March at 2pm
Start of Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May 2023
School Closed – Local Elections	Thursday 4 May 2023 All day
Bank Holiday for King's Coronation	Monday 8 May 2023
Year 6 SATS Assessments <i>All children must be in school unless unwell.</i>	Tuesday 9 May 2023 – Friday 12 May 2023
Spectacular Sportathlon! (Whole School Day of sports)	Friday 26 May 2023
End of Term 5	Friday 26 May 2023