

# Ardeley St Lawrence Church of England Primary School and Nursery

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## Autumn Newsletter Number 8

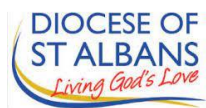
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday. That flew by! We hope that you had a great time and that everyone is now well rested, and the children are ready to push full steam ahead with their learning.



To say that it has been a bit of a wet start to the term, is an understatement. I hadn't realised that Ardeley is an island hiding in plain sight, until the heavens opened this week and the roads began to disappear! We shall keep a watchful eye out for the weather conditions as we move deeper into the winter months so that we are able to let you know in a timely manner, if ever you need to collect the children early.



The weather however, has not dampened our spirits. Lessons are busy taking place and the teaching team have been hard at work planning some engaging learning opportunities for the children over the coming weeks. Their energy received a boost this week



for a number of reasons. **Firstly**, we have been selected among only a handful of schools in the St Albans Diocese to be featured on the new Diocesan website. The school will take part in a special photo shoot next Wednesday morning with a professional photographer who will capture the flavour of Ardeley School and its children. We are all excited about it as it's a real honour to be chosen. We shall share the photos with you once we receive a copy. Let's hope it doesn't rain!



**Secondly**, do remember this image in our newsletter Number 3 announcing our Ofsted Inspection?

After waiting for the past 6 weeks, the Inspection Report has arrived. Along with this newsletter, you will also have been emailed a copy of the report to read before it is made available to the general public sometime next week.

**We are proud to be able to share with you today, that Ardeley St. Lawrence School has been graded once again as a **Good** school. Here are just a few highlights from the report:**

*Pupils love their school because they learn well, play happily and feel safe. Pupils know that their teachers care about them. Pupils' welfare is at the forefront of every adult's mind. Pupils say there is always an adult to help them if they ever have a concern.*

*Pupils have high expectations of their own and others' behaviour. This is because their teachers have helped instil important values such as respect, kindness and tolerance.*



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*Bullying almost never happens. Should it occur, pupils know staff will deal with it immediately.*



*Pupils are motivated and enthusiastic about their learning.*

*Leaders have constructed a broad and ambitious curriculum in line with their vision to equip pupils with the knowledge they need for the future.*

*Pupils strive to move on to the next level of their reading book because they enjoy reading so much.*

*Leaders make sure that pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities receive good quality provision.*

*Pupils' behaviour is positive in lessons and around the school. Pupils are respectful to each other, their teachers and visitors.*

We are delighted with the report and are proud to be able to share it with you today. The children were excellent ambassadors of the school and of each other. Their voice in this report speaks out clearly. What is without doubt, is how much the children love their school, those within it, and their learning.

As for the whole staff team - they were amazing before the inspection, during it, and remain so afterwards. They always do their best for the School and its children and the Ofsted result is well deserved. Well done Team!

Now for a quick look at this week in the classes:

### News from Early Years...

Early Years have started their new topic, Transport.



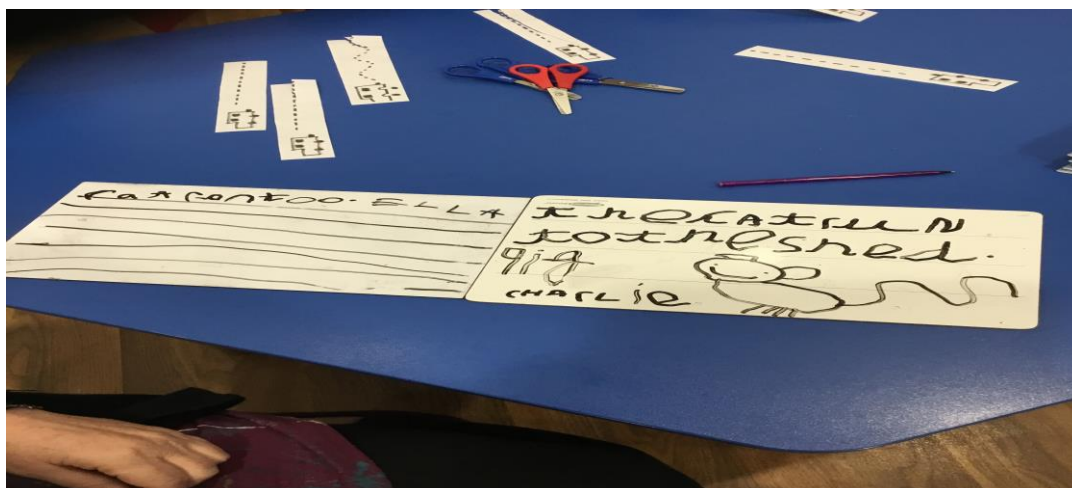
Ted and Elis have been paddling in Mr Gumpy's Boat.

In Personal Social Emotional Development we discussed how we are different.

We designed cars that are different.



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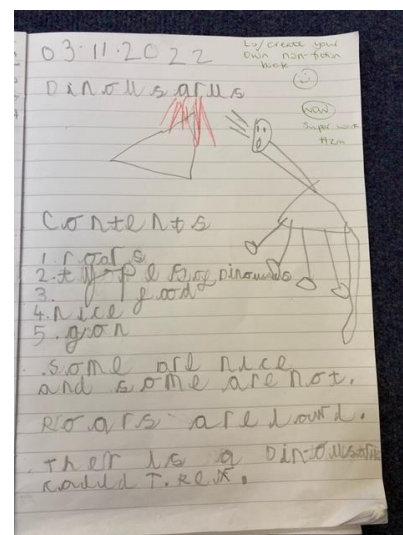
The class are proud of Ella and Charlie who both chose to write a sentence independently. EYFS parents – look out for our latest termly newsletter!

**Miss Fry**

## News from Years 1 & 2:

Hello, this is what Key Stage 1 have been up to this week 😊

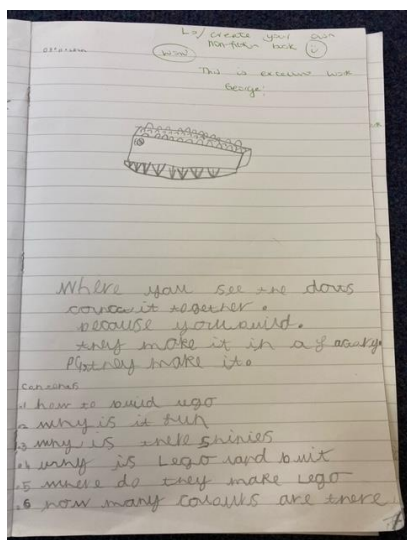
This week we have been learning about Non - Fiction books. On Thursday the children created their own books. I was very impressed with everyone's hard work and exciting ideas.



An extra big WELL DONE to Arthur who wrote an excellent contents page and to Azra and George who both included some interesting facts in their work.

Key Stage 1 have also completed another wild challenge for the RSPB. They made a wonderful bug hotel and worked very well as a team!

They collected lots of natural materials including, sticks, pinecones, acorn hats (which they used as bathtubs for the bugs) and leaves. Well done Year 1 and 2, a great start to term 2!





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**Miss Weston**

## News from Years 3 & 4

First, a huge well done to all KS2. They all behaved beautifully during our first swimming session this year! They all tried their best, listened to their instructors and demonstrated excellent manners to the staff at Freman Pool and towards the coach driver too. As all Ardeley School staff expected, they were fantastic representatives for the school!

This week in Year 3/4 we have been looking at riddles and have written some of our own. Here are 3 for you to ponder over the weekend... Can you guess what is being talked about from the children's clever clues?

'Always there for you  
In your heart always  
Hugs they give  
Older than me but known forever  
Always by your side' **by Alice**

'You will get it for a price, but it is priceless when it's yours.  
There are more of them, but some are exactly the same.  
It may be older than you, yet it cannot age.  
You will love it, but it cannot love you' **by Milo**

'It has white on its tail.  
It is a nocturnal animal.  
At nighttime it can see' **by Dougie**

Finally, the School Council has chosen Lower Key Stage 2 to make the poppy wreath for Remembrance Day 2022. We will be making this on Wednesday. Could all Lower Key Stage 2 children bring in a plastic bottle (any size) for Wednesday please, as we will be recycling them to create our poppies! Thank you.

**Miss Sheldon**



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Upper Key Stage 2 Class are very proud to have finally completed their DT project designing a Cam Toy to raise awareness about endangered species. Doesn't it look fab! A job very well done indeed children. Congratulations on all of your hard work.

This term we will be developing our painting skills in Art.

**Mrs Templeton**

### School Dinners



Today was the last time the children will be eating in the Village Hall. From **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November** the children will lunch in the School's hall.



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Don't forget, that as the clocks have gone back, the children will be out and about when it is much darker now – so make sure that they are:



Don't forget - Exclusive concession to Ardeley Primary School's families

- Any parent who spends £10 or more in the Farm Shop or Cafe on produce or farm entry, will be given / can ask for a "Free Parking Pass" for the next 5 school days



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following their visit where they are welcome to use the Farm's Car Park when dropping off and picking up children.

- This Free parking Pass must be displayed on the dashboard of the car.
  - This Pass will be dated and given to Parents in the Farm Shop.



### Events:

Our Christmas Fair will be taking place on **9th December**. We will once again be having stalls in the main hall and would like to give parents with small businesses the opportunity to book one first. If you are interested, could you please contact [friendsofardeleyschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofardeleyschool@gmail.com) for more details and a booking form. Alternatively, you can contact **Mr Evans on 07568467751**. We look forward to hearing from you.



**Scarlet Fever alert - We have had some cases in school, it is doing the rounds please be alert to the signs. Thank you.**

### Signs and Symptoms of Scarlet Fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection. The early symptoms include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present.

Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur. Infections can be spread through direct physical contact with people or surfaces. Children with scarlet fever **must** remain away from school for **24 hours after** the start of appropriate antibiotic treatment has started.

*Now, for the first time this half term, let's celebrate:*

Well done to the following children for earning these certificates for their super behaviour and attitude:

#### Orange Award Achievers:

Y1 & 2 **Poppy Lavery, Rogue Baker & Hermione Scrivens**

Y3 & 4 No Award Achievers this week

Y5 & 6 **Lillie-May Stapleton**



**EYFS Star of the week: Aurora Baker** for excellent listening and effort every day. And for getting changed herself for PE



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## New Awards for the children

In addition to the Merits Awards, we have decided that we would like to specifically celebrate children who have tried really hard in their Reading, Writing and Maths. We have therefore, introduced Star Reader, Star Writer and Star Mathematician Awards along side the more general Star of the Week Award. The children will have to work really hard for these – keep an eye out to see if your child has been awarded one of these!



### *Star Readers of the Week:*

Amelie (Y5&6), Harper (Y3&4), Olivia (Y1&2), Opie (EYFS)



### *Writers of the Week:*

Laylah (Y5&6) Milo (Y3&4), Betsy (Y1&2), Charlie & Ella (EYFS)



### *Star Mathematicians of the Week:*

Amelie (Y3&4), Azra (Y1&2), Ella (EYFS) No (Y5 &6) this week



Bear Boxes have gone to: **EYFS:** Ellis **KS1:** Hailey **Lower KS2:** Poppy E and **Upper KS2:** Lillie-May

Enjoy children - happy reading!



*Happy Birthday wishes this week goes to :*



*Harrison R*





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To help you plan ahead we have included some dates for your diary below:

## What's Going On...

Date	Event	Time	Class
<b>September</b>			
<b>October</b>			
<b>November</b>			
07.11.2022	Open Morning – Prospective Families	9:00 – 11:30 am	Governors
07.11.2022	First day of new school dining arrangements	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Whole School
08.11.2022	School Photographs for all pupils	9:00 – 12:00 pm	Whole School
08.11.2022	Swimming Key Stage 2	1:30 – 2:30 pm	KS2
09.11.2022	Diocese Photographer	9:00 – 12:00	Whole School
15.11.2022	EYFS Trip to Hendon	9:00 – 3:00	EYFS
18.11.2022	Children In Need	All Day	Whole School
23.11.2022	Online Natural History Workshop	1pm	Year 5 & 6
25.11.2022	FAS Non Uniform Day – Bring a donation for the Xmas tombola	All Day	Whole School
<b>December</b>			
05.12.2022	Wreath Making with FAS and Mrs Minson	7:00pm – 9:00pm	After School Adults only
06.12.2022	Nativity Morning Performance	2 pm Matinee	
07.12.2022	Nativity Evening Performance (leave 1.30pm)	6.30 pm	
09.12.2022	FAS Christmas Fayre	3:30 pm	Whole School
13.12.2022 tbc	Christmas Lunch		
16.12.2022	#sockittous! Kids Cancer Charity fundraising	All Day	All invited to participate
21.12.2022	INSET Day School Closed to pupils	Closed All DAY	
<b>January</b>			
05.01.2023	Panto at school – Oh no it isn't - Oh yes it is!	9:30 – 10: 45	Whole School

Best wishes,

**Mrs Young**



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**FEED YOUR FAMILY ON A BUDGET MASTERCLASS!**

Food shop costing more each week? Energy bills going up? Worried about rising household costs?

As qualified nutritionists we are here to offer some tips and ideas to help support you in finding ways to make sustainable changes that are cheaper AND healthier.

This workshop covers:

- Challenges to feeding a family on a budget
- Lower cost healthy swaps
- How meal planning can help to keep costs down
- Shopping tips to stick to the list and the budget
- Do cooking methods make a difference?
- Helpful resources
- Q&A opportunity to share your ideas and tips!

**SIGN UP FOR FREE ON EVENTBRITE!**

**TWO DATES TO CHOOSE FROM:**  
 Tuesday 4th October 12:00 – 13:00  
 Wednesday 26th October 18:00 – 19:00

**REGISTER FOR YOUR PLACE NOW! It's freeeee!!**

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