

# Ardeley St Lawrence Church of England Primary School and Nursery

Head Teacher: Mrs. Barbara Young



## Spring Newsletter Number 3

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Following the recent ballots by teacher unions, I am writing to inform you that the National Education Union (NEU) intend to carry out industrial action over the national pay offer, and their members plan to strike over a number of days in the coming months.

The dates are:

Wednesday 1st February

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

I wanted to get in touch with you promptly as the impact of the industrial action will mean that you will need to consider additional childcare arrangements on these dates. At the moment I am assessing the impact this may have on our school, and will inform you of this at the earliest opportunity.

Whilst as a school we regret any inconvenience this may cause, we must respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot. The commitment of our staff to your children remains as high as ever and any decisions that staff make will not have been taken lightly.

While trade unions have informed the school of their members' intention to strike, there is also the possibility that through negotiations, the strikes may not take place. I will keep you informed as the situation develops before the first day of strike action on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please accept the school's apologies for the inconvenience that this industrial action may cause.

**Mrs Young**

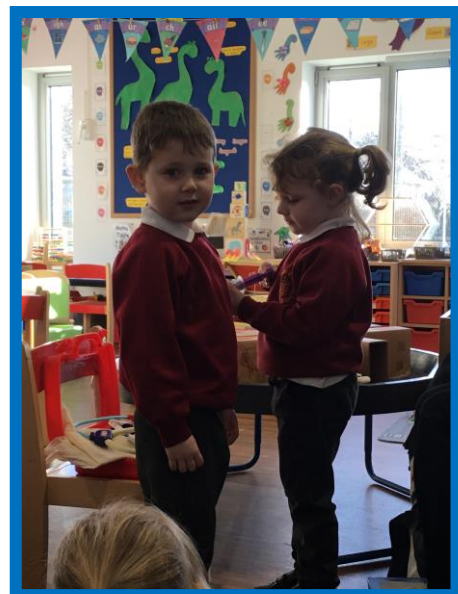
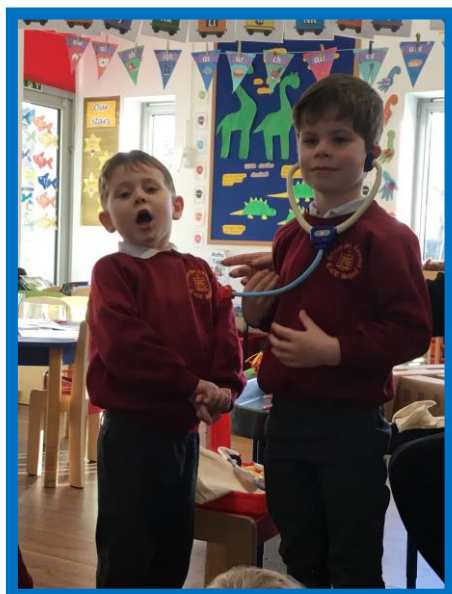
## **News from Early Years**

This week Early Years have been lucky enough to have had two visitors. Mr Evans came in to talk about being a policeman and Mrs Warburton about being a nurse. The children practised first aid on each other. The children have learnt about the importance of getting out of a building if there is a fire.



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Emilia did a great job of colouring the flames on the building.



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Mrs Harvey read 'Avocado Baby' and the children tasted an avocado.

## Miss Fry and the EYFS Team

### News from Years 1 & 2

Hello, this week we have carried on using the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt to inspire our English lessons. On Thursday we went on a small walk around Ardeley, to think about what we could see, hear, smell and feel. Lots of us felt the cold!

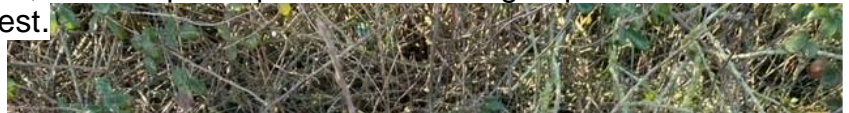
"I can feel the soft wool in my gloves"- **Isaac**

"I can hear ice cracking"- **Theo**

"I can smell the pigs!"- **Albie**

In Maths this week our Year 2s have been learning about the days of the week and the months of the year. We have been sorting the months into the correct seasons. Year 2s have been learning about written addition, I was super impressed with the group's attitude towards this topic as everyone tried their best.

Well done!



On Monday we are going on our own bear hunt! Please make sure your child has a warm coat and hat, scarf and gloves as we will be out the whole afternoon 😊

Have a great weekend Year 1 and 2

## Miss Weston



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## News from Years 3 & 4



We have had yet another exciting week in LKS2!

We have been continuing to write and perform play scripts. Today, the children have been writing their own play scripts based on nursery rhymes. I have been so impressed with their attention to detail and excellent characterisations! There are absolutely some future Oscar winners in this class.

In History, we have started looking at the Stone Age. We began by exploring the essential equipment and skills that we would need to survive in a land without running water, supermarkets and mobile phones! We have also had a look at examples of the tools that would have been used including stone knives and hammers as well as some of the materials that they would have used to build shelters.

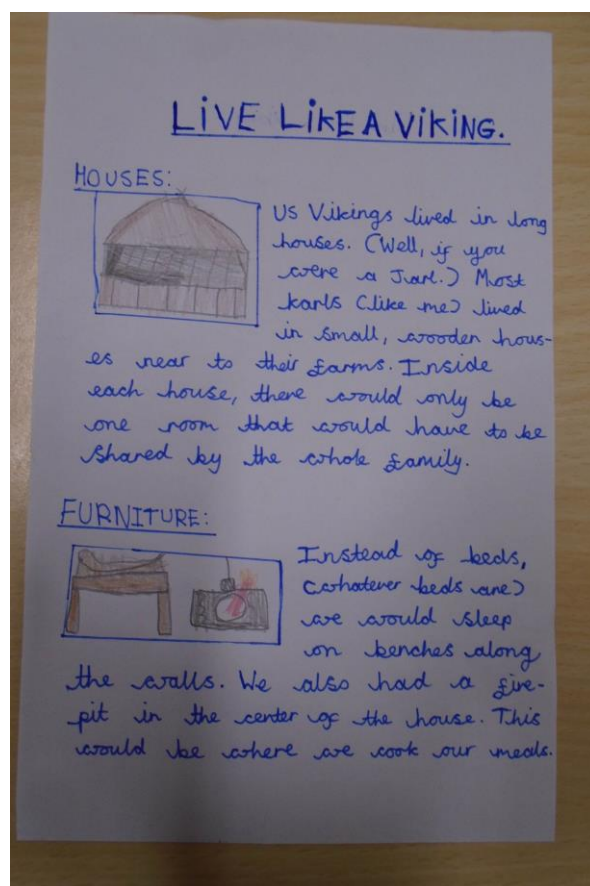
All of the children have worked so hard and continue to show enthusiasm and passion for learning. Well done for another super week Year 3 and 4!

**Miss Sheldon**

## News from Years 5&6

This week UKS2 have been delving deeper into the historical aspects of life as a Viking. We have found out about Viking homes. This will help us with building a Viking longhouse in DT.

We have continued to learn about the science behind the flow of electricity and acted out the flow of electrons around a circuit.



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Collection of your child at the end of the day in bad weather:



It has been very cold, and we have reflected on how we can better keep the children both warm and dry on wet and blustery days. Staff have agreed that on days when it is raining, we shall keep the children inside the school building.

**Early Years** children will wait in the **School Foyer** (Library) with their class adults for you to collect them from there.

**All other year groups** will be in the **School Hall**. The side door will be manned and open ready to hand children over to you on your arrival.



*Happy Birthday wishes this week goes to :*



**Emilia Knight**



## GREEN:

Y1 & 2 Olivia Rowell, Azra Bloom

Y3 & 4 No Award Achievers this week

Y5 & 6 Lillie-May Stapleton

## Yellow

Y1 & 2 Albie Careford, Hailey Clarke,

Y3 & 4 Dougie Redman-Shackell, Chloe Wilkinson, Abigail Moffat,  
Lyra-Rae Redman-Shackell,

Y5 & 6 Bradley Large

**Red: Year 1 & 2 Praise Adeniji**



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## *Star Readers of the Week:*

Not awarded (Y5&6), Charlotte York (Y3&4), Arthur Ware (Y1&2), Jude Martin (EYFS)



## *Star Writers of the Week:*

Amelie Hill & Amelia Dalal (Y5&6) Dougie Redman Shackell (Y3&4), Poppy Lavery (Y1&2),  
Charlie Heuer (EYFS)



## *Star Mathematicians of the Week:*

Gabriel Daodu (Y3&4), Annabelle York (Y1&2), (EYFS) Elis Evans (Y5 &6) Lillie-May Stapleton



## *Star of the Week:*

Y1 & 2 Jess Betley for working hard independently.

Y3 & 4 Ella Brierley for being a kind and supportive friend.

Y5 & 6 James Goldsmith-Steele for always being kind to others.

EYFS Ted Ackery who changed independently for PE and for trying hard to put his hand up.



Bear Boxes have gone to: **EYFS:** Ronnie  
**KS1:** Bradley  
**Lower KS2:** Isabelle  
**Upper KS2:** Laylah  
Happy Reading children!



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## What's Going On...

Date	Event	Time	Class
<b>September</b>			
<b>October</b>			
<b>November</b>			
<b>December</b>			
<b>January</b>			
09.01.2023	Breakfast Club re-opens	8am -9am	Whole School
09.01.2023	After School Club open part time only (see above for details)	Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday only	Whole school
23.01.2023	Y1 & 2 'On a Bear Hunt' around Ardeley	1pm onwards	Y1 & 2
24.01.2023	KS2 Swimming Lessons	12pm onwards	KS2
<b>February</b>			
01.02.2023	Teachers Strike – More information coming		
02.02.2023	FAS Meeting	3:30 – 4:00	Meet in Year 3&4
10.02.2023	Last day of Spring 1 Term	8:40 - 3:20	Whole School
13.02.2023	Half term holiday	School Closed	Whole School
20.02.2023	Pupils return to school	8:40 - 3:20	Whole School
<b>March</b>			
15.03.2023	Teachers Strike – More information coming		
16.03.2023	Teachers Strike – More information coming		
20.03.2023	Year 6 Bikeability All Week	8:40 - 3:20	Year 6 only
<b>April</b>			
03.04.2023	Easter Break Starts	School Closed	Whole School
14.04.2023	Last day of Easter break		
17.04.2023	Pupils return to school	8:40 - 3:20	Whole School
<b>May</b>			
08.05.2023	His Majesty's Coronation Bank Holiday	Closed All DAY	
09.05.2023	SATS Week all week Tuesday to Friday incl.	No holidays permitted please	
<b>June</b>			
<b>July</b>			



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### Mental Health Support for Hertfordshire's Children and Young People



JUST TALK

If you're young and feeling a bit low, or worried, find the help you need in Herts.

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungepeople](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungepeople)



TALK

Find advice and help if your child is feeling low, anxious or generally struggling

[www.justtalkherts.org](http://www.justtalkherts.org)

If your child or teenager is feeling low, anxious, or generally struggling, there are lots of services available to help them all year round. Please always encourage them to talk and ask for help if they need it.

The services listed on Just Talk's webpage are all free and don't need a professional referral, so they can be contacted directly by young people and/or their parents/carers. Services listed include Hertfordshire's new With YOUTH Digital Wellbeing Service for ages 5-18, parents and carers and many more, so please take a look:

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungepeople](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungepeople)



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## WEEK ONE

Served Week Commencing:

• 2022: 31 October, 21 November, 12 December • 2023: 5 January, 23 January, 20 February, 13 March

### MONDAY

BBQ Dusted  
Chicken with Rice  
Italian Pasta Bake (V) with Crusty Bread

CHILLED OPTION:  
Cheese Baguette (V)

### TUESDAY

Pork Sausages  
with Diced Potato  
(V) Macaroni Cheese (V)  
with Garlic Bread

CHILLED OPTION:  
Egg Roll (V)

### WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken  
with Sage and Onion Stuffing  
Sausages in Yorkshire Pudding (V)  
with Roast Potatoes  
or Wholemeal Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Chicken Mayo Wrap

### THURSDAY

Cottage Pie  
Quorn Burger in a Bun (V)  
with Diced Potatoes

CHILLED OPTION:  
Ham Roll

### FRIDAY

Battered Fish  
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)  
with Oven Chips or Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Tuna Sandwich

## PUPILS' CHOICE MENU

WINTER/  
SPRING  
2022/23

## WEEK TWO

Served Week Commencing: • 2022: 7 November, 28 November, 19 December • 2023: 9 January, 30 January, 27 February, 20 March

### MONDAY

Pork Sausages in Gravy  
with Creamed Potatoes  
Cheese & Veg Pasties  
with Diced Potatoes (V)

CHILLED OPTION:  
Tuna Sandwich

### TUESDAY

Chicken Pie  
with Herby Potatoes  
Mild Vegetable Curry (V)  
with Rice

CHILLED OPTION:  
Ham Roll

### WEDNESDAY

Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding  
Lentil Roast (V)  
with Roast Potatoes  
or Wholemeal Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Chicken Mayo Wrap

### THURSDAY

Beef Burger (V)  
Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (V)  
with Garlic Bread  
with Potato Wedges or Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Cheese Baguette (V)

### FRIDAY

Crispy Coated Salmon  
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)  
with Oven Chips or Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Egg Roll (V)

## WEEK THREE

Served Week Commencing: • 2022: 14 November, 5 December • 2023: 16 January, 6 February, 6 March, 27 March

### MONDAY

Pork Sausages  
With Diced Potatoes  
Cheese Pinwheel (V) with  
Diced Potatoes

CHILLED OPTION:  
Egg Roll (V)

### TUESDAY

Mild Chicken Curry with Rice  
Omelette, Grilled Tomatoes  
and Baked Beans (V)  
Potato Wedges  
or Tricolour Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Ham Roll

### WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork  
with Sage and Onion Stuffing  
Tomato Bolognese (V)  
with Roast Potatoes  
or Wholemeal Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Cheese Baguette (V)

### THURSDAY

Beef Burger in a Bun  
with Potato Wedges  
Cheese, Potato  
and Broccoli Bake (V)

CHILLED OPTION:  
Chicken Mayo Wrap

### FRIDAY

Fish Fillet Fingers  
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)  
with Oven Chips or Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Tuna Sandwich

Freshly baked bread, seasonal vegetables and bowl salads are available daily • Gravy and Custard are always available separately when on the menu • All our milk is organic - fresh from the dairy (V) = Vegetarian (V) = Vegan

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