



Loudwater Combined School

Learn, Create, Succeed

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LOUDWATER UPDATE

Friday 11th October 2019

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Tuesday 15th October - FOLS AGM at 7pm

Wednesday 16th October – Last day to give consent for flu immunisations

Thursday 17th October - WW11 talk for Year 5

Friday 18th October - 11+ Results (Y6)

The Morning 'Mile'

Our new way of starting the school day has been enjoyed by the children and gone very well. See below for a reminder of how this is organised:

- Children should come to school in their uniforms as normal.
- If it is raining the children will go straight into their classrooms.
- Key Stage 1 children should come into school as normal through the top gate, they will put book bags and any lunch boxes away and will go out onto their playground.
- Foundation Stage children will be included in this later on in the year.
- Key Stage 2 children should come onto the playground where they will be shown where to leave their bags.
- The children may be on the field if the weather and the field is dry so they should wear trainers that they do not use for PE – they must bring their school shoes with them.
- If the field is wet they will be using the playground.

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week, we have been learning about our bodies and we have been focusing on skeletons and bones. We have enjoyed the story of 'Funnybones' and have used this to develop our learning in lots of areas. We have made Funnybones music, and acted out the story on our stage. We have written speech for the skeletons in the story and labelled skeleton diagrams. We have counted bones and used our cutting skills to cut out skeleton pictures. We have met a "real" skeleton and they have helped us to learn lots of facts about bones.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase2Menu.htm>

Phase 2 games and activities

Year One

This week in English we have been enjoying the story 'Where the wild things are' by Maurice Sendak. We have loved listening to the story and answering lots of questions about it. Max is the main character in the book and we have been collecting brilliant adjectives about him. We also collected adjectives to describe the wild things and wrote sentence about them. Miss Weston loved reading our descriptions!

In Maths we have been focussing on our number bonds to 10. We loved playing this game:

<http://www.ictgames.com/funkyMummy/index.html> (choose the number bonds to 10

option). We have also been working on sequencing different events and have been using the words before, after, morning, afternoon, evening and night.

In topic we have been continuing to learn about the abstract work of Pablo Picasso. We looked at some of his abstract portraits and then created our own abstract portraits of our families!

We have also been looking at the seasonal changes that are happening around our school.

Year Two

This week, in English, we have begun our journey towards making our own information books about The Great Fire of London. We began by looking at examples of information texts and observing their features e.g. pictures, captions, titles, sub-headings, facts etc. We then focused specifically on a glossary, creating one of our own! We explored what a statement sentence is and researched further facts about the events of the fire in 1666. In Phonics we have been learning the rules for adding the suffixes -er and -est to create adjectives. In Maths we have been exploring number bonds to 20. We have used double sided counters to find all the number facts for 20, sorted partitioning trees into true and false facts, completed bar models with number facts to 20 and explored patterns. In Topic we have continued to explore the story of The Great Fire of London using drama and role play. Also, we have begun to learn about the astronaut Bernard Harris as part of our focus on Black History Month.

<https://www.mathplayground.com/galaxypalsto20.html>

Year Three

This week in English, we have been writing a case for the court trial of Mr Wolf, from our text, 'The True Story of The Three Little Pigs. Mr Wolf was found guilty by a jury after the prosecution and defence teams presented their cases. In Maths, we have been learning adding two and three digit numbers using the column method. In Topic, We have enjoyed creating our own Roman mosaics. We used squares of paper rather than small tiles! We made them on black paper and they look really effective. In History, we have been researching facts about different areas of Roman life. We have chosen our own topics and we are planning our own projects to present to the class.

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>

Year Four

In our English lessons this week, we have been writing non-chronological reports about creatures that we have invented, that could be discovered in the Spiderwick world. We have looked at adjectives we could use to describe these creatures and thought carefully about the layout of our reports, in order to give the reader clear information about our creatures. During our maths lessons, we have been looking at addition calculations. We have focused on adding 4-digit numbers using the column method. In order to do this, we have represented the calculation using place value counters and place value grids, and found out what happens when we need to exchange into the next column. We have built up to solving calculations where more than one exchange takes place.

During our topic lessons this week, we have been writing up our research on different rainforest animals and creating our wildlife guides using our research.

<https://www.rainforestanimals.net/>

Year Five

In Science lessons this week we have recapped the properties of the states of matter: liquids, solids and gases and asked 'I wonder....' questions surrounding melting ice-cubes and how fizzy drinks go flat. We later looked at the differences between physical and chemical changes. In English we have continued to read 'Friend or Foe' and debated whether we think evacuation in WWII was a good idea in. To further our writing skills, we have contrasted personal and impersonal opinions and identified the features of a successful balanced argument. In Maths we have been practising several different mental strategies for addition and subtraction including rounding and adjusting, counting on and sequencing. Please ask us about these and which one we find works best for us. On Tuesday we had a great time raking, lopping, weaving and tidying with the Chiltern Rangers! We really made a difference to the new hedges and wild-flower meadow on Kingsmead. We learned that these are vital habitats for nesting birds, bees and insects and how important our support is, given that the UK has lost a huge percentage of native hedgerows and meadows.

You can find out more about the work of our local rangers here:

<https://chilternrangers.co.uk/>

Year Six

In English we have been writing our own autobiographical stories inspired by our reading of 'Boy: Tales of a Childhood' by Roald Dahl. When we had finished our writing, we used our proof reading and editing skills to ensure that our writing was the best it could be. The stories have then been made into a class book so that we can enjoy reading them. In Maths we have been working on our mental strategies especially when using larger numbers. We have developed our understanding of when to use partitioning, rounding and adjusting and counting on dependent on the numbers used in the calculation. We have also been solving calculations through reordering when the operations have equal priority and using the rule of BIDMAS (brackets, indices, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction) when they do not have equal priority. We have also begun to explore algebra using number rods. In Topic we have completed our investigation into the impact of exercise on our heart rates and have recorded our results. We have also created posters or leaflet to persuade a person to visit Norway. On Tuesday afternoon we visited Kingsmead and worked with the Chiltern Rangers, lopping hedgerow and raking the wild flower area. We thoroughly enjoyed our time with them despite the rain!

Website:- Anglo Saxons – Great for pre-topic research

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/story-of-britain-anglo-saxon-britain/zdh2t39>

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
04/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Aoife-Rose	Freddie	Mason S	Milla	Rohan	Ryan
11/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Max	Finlay	Ayaan	Amaya	Ryan	Thomas

The Head teacher's award this week has been awarded to the whole of Year 6 and Year 5 for their excellent work with the Chiltern Rangers.

The following children have been recognised in achievement assembly for their good behaviour:

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
04/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Kendall Scarlett	Breagha Callum	Harry Jasmin	Lucas Chloe	Amber Romilly	James Niruja
11/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Denise Mannan	Tilly Kacee	Stanley Amy	Keira Ruby	Grace Paige	Ryan Alice

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
04/10/19	95%	98%	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%
11/10/19	88%	99%	95%	100%	98%	98%	97%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am.

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
04/10/19	2	4	3	3	4	0	2
11/10/19	1	0	1	0	1	0	0

House points for the week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
04/10/19	214	262	245	289
11/10/19	193	124	185	201

Flu Immunisation

We have been requested by the Bucks Health Care Team to remind you that the flu immunisations have been arranged for Monday 21st October 2019. Everyone has been sent an email, with a letter attached, with all the information needed to make this a fast and easy experience for our children. Please complete the consent form online before the website is closed on Wednesday October 16th.

Year 2 Football

Well done to our Year Two pupils: Emily, Leo, Kacee, Joseph, Sulaymaan, Layla, Sameer, Evan and Ruby for their sportsmanship and great participation at the Year 2 Football Tournament. These children represented our school brilliantly and we were all very proud of them.

U-Sport Wrap-Around Care

U-Sports have now added a new time slot to the wrap around care that they provide for us. Please visit their website for further information.

Parking on Kingsmead Road

There were a number of concerns raised at Parents' Forum and I wanted to remind you of some points to help maintain the safety of our children:

- Please be considerate when picking up and dropping children off not to block the drives of residents in the area.
- We also request that you do not to drive up School Way at any time, including dropping to Breakfast Club in the morning or collecting from any clubs. This also applies to not pulling into the road for dropping off and turning round.
- There were also concerns raised about parents who make three point turns on Kingsmead Road and who reverse onto the pavement to do so.
- Parking fully on the pavement on Kingsmead Road at the junction with School Way blocks the view of the crossing patroller and cars approaching from the opposite direction.

Book Recommendation

Our book recommendation this week comes from Mr Williams. We have added his review to the end of this newsletter.

Consent for Local Trips and Walks

We are still missing a number of consents for local trips and walks. We found having consents already in place for these smaller events very helpful and less time consuming. We will of course always let you know of when we wish to use the consent and give you full details of the event. You have the option to withdraw your consent if you wish. There are a number of events planned for this term where we will be using this type of permission including the class visits to Flackwell Heath Library to borrow books for their class. We will always let you know when your child's class will be visiting the library.

Flackwell Heath Bonfire Association

We are once again selling tickets for the Flackwell Heath Bonfire Association display in Flackwell Heath to be held on Saturday November 2nd. They have two displays on the same evening to take into account the ages of their spectators. The tickets are £5.00 each and they may be ordered via the Gateway. Once ordered and paid for tickets will be distributed with the children. For more information please see the relevant poster in the school foyer window.

Packed Lunches

Please can I remind parents that children's packed lunches **should not contain nuts or products that contain nuts**. This is because we have a number of children in school with nut allergies and other children eating products containing nuts in the same environment could cause an allergic reaction – thanks for your understanding.

FOLS Update on Easy Fundraising

Changes have been made to the way you can collect money for the school using Easy Fundraising. Please read the information at the end of the newsletter to ensure you are up to date and that all valuable donations are finding their way to FOLS.

FOLS News

We have been informed by FOLS that they require someone to stand as secretary for the coming year. If you are willing and able please see a member of the FOLS team or better

still join them for their AGM at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 15th October, snacks will be provided. All parents and carers are welcome to attend the AGM.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
Head teacher

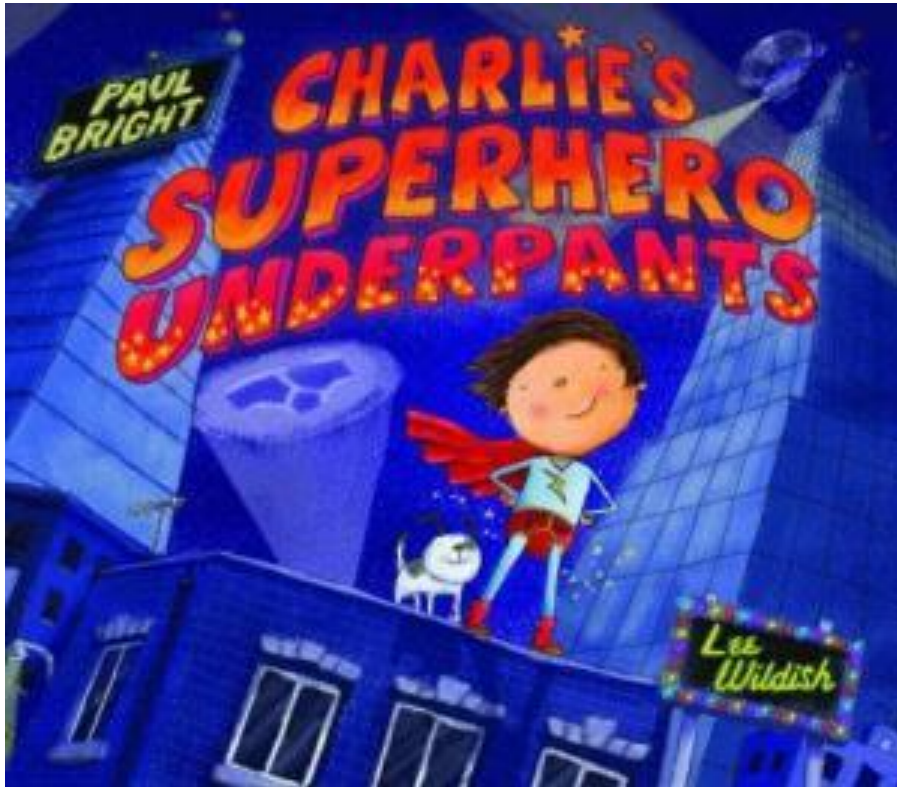
Update

As you are aware we have moved to sending out our update via email. Due to the GDPR, we are only able to continue sending out to those of you who have agreed, by email, for us to do so. If you know of anyone not receiving their weekly newsletter please make them aware of this procedure.

Disclaimer

From time to time we are asked by a range of organisations to give out leaflets. We always agree if we think this could be of interest or benefit to the children. However we do not endorse any of these organisations and parents should always check their credentials carefully to make sure children would be safe and well looked after.

Book recommendation from Mr Williams



Author: Paul Bright

On a wild and windy day all the washing blows away. Socks and vests, a woolly hat, and far worse than all of that - Charlie's Superhero Underpants! Disaster! Charlie sets off around the world to find them. He discovers a fine French Fox wearing sister Sophie's Socks, he finds a pair of llamas, wearing brother Ben's pyjamas and an alligator wearing Grandpa's woolly hat...But WHO has got Charlie's Superhero Underpants?

Mr Williams

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Calendar of Events for 2019-20

	<p><u>October</u> 17th WW11 talk for Year 5 18th 11+ Results (Y6) 21st & 24th Parent/Teacher Consultations 28th – 1st Half term break 31st Last day to apply for secondary school places online (Y6)</p>	<p><u>November</u> 4th Return to school w/b 4th Science Week 7th Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00) 10th Remembrance Sunday 11th pm Visit from Pudsey 15th / 22nd Children in Need TBC 19th Bags 4 School 20th Year 6 Height and Weight 28th Y6 Values Assembly 28th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00)</p>
<p><u>December</u> 6th Christmas Bazaar 10th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 11th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production, 2.00pm & 7.00pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 16th Pupils' Christmas Lunch 18th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 19th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p>	<p><u>January</u> 7th Children return to School 9th Open Day (9.00 – 10.00) 29th Y1 Values Assembly</p>	<p><u>February</u> 10th & 13th Parent/Teacher Consultations 17th – 21st Half term break 24th Return to School 27th Y2 Values Assembly</p>
<p><u>March</u> 9th – 13th Sport Relief 12th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30) 16th – 22nd Shakespeare Week 30th & 2nd Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6</p>	<p><u>April</u> 3rd School closes at 2pm for Easter Break 20th Children return to School 27th & 29th Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>	<p><u>May</u> 8th Bank Holiday 11th Year 6 SATs Week 18th Year 5 Assessment Week 20th -23rd Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 TBC 22nd School Closed Training Day for teachers 25th – 29th Half term break</p>
<p><u>June</u> 1st Children return to School 1st – 5th Art Week 4th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 15th – 19th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4 16th – 19th Art Exhibition 22nd – 29th Science Week</p>	<p><u>July</u> 3rd School closed training day for teachers 6th – 10th Greek/Olympic Week 7th Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 9th Annual Reports to Parents 10th Sports Day 14th Reserve Sports Day 20th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 21st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 21st School closes at 2pm for summer break</p>	<p><u>Values Assemblies</u> All Start at 9.05am 28.11.19 – Thurs – Generosity Y6 29.01.20 – Weds – Honesty Y1 27.02.20 – Thurs – Love Y2 31.03.20 – Weds – Forgiveness Y6 30.04.20 – Tues – Perseverance Y4 21.05.20 – Thurs – Self-belief Y3 25.06.20 – Thurs – Creativity Y5 16.07.20 – Thurs – Individuality FS</p>

News from Loudwater After School Club

We have had a fantastic start to our new after school club and now look forward to welcoming more children as we grow.

Daily activities range from table tennis to scavenger hunts, board games, Lego, slime and colouring. We aim to get outside as much as possible using the Web explorer and Tyre Park as well as the playground facilities. Children are encouraged to play together, supporting their communication skills as well as friendships of all ages. We even had a teacher join in with Twister this week which the children enjoyed.

Once the children finish in their classrooms we meet them collecting the younger ones and go to the kitchen area where we have fresh fruit waiting for them. Following play we then have another bite to eat - toasted crumpets are popular and they have discovered a love of carrots sticks. Children eat together around a table chatting which adds to their sense of friendship and belonging. Specific dietary needs can be catered for.

Asked what their favourite things about club were, the children replied:

K - Year 4 'Having fun with all the games'

O - Year 5 'You can play games and you get to eat! You get to use the playground!'

R - Foundation, 'I like doing drawing and I like crumpets!'

E - Year 2, 'That we get to play with slime and putty! - I like we get to see the teachers'

L - Year 1, 'Drawing and the remote controlled car'

A - Year 3, 'I like playing with the tool kit and Yoshi'

B - Year 5, 'I like the crumpets!'

S - Year 5, 'I like to come and see my friends and we get food! Also the teachers are nice'

Booking a place at the club is easy to arrange and can be booked up to 1.00pm on the day.

Go to the u-sports website

<https://www.u-sports.co.uk/loudwater-after-school-care>

Scroll down to 'After school care club'

Click on 'book now new parent'

Fill in the next couple of pages of information (you and your child's) and you're ready to go.

There are 3 sessions that can be booked

3:20/30 to 6pm (with fruit and snack)

3:20/30 to 5pm (with fruit)

4:30 to 6pm (with fruit and snack)

These session times are a guideline:

- You may collect your child **any time** before 6pm however you will still be charged for the complete session booked. Should you collect your child after 6pm (or after the timed session) you will be charged a late collection fee as per our policies and procedures.
- Collection is from the top gate area through the white door. Press the door bell and we will come to you.
- If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child, please let us know and we will ask for the password you have saved on your account details.
- For safety reasons, please do not drive up School Way when collecting your child.
- Please note: We will not accept anyone who is not booked in before the session.

As our club grows we need to add to our collection of resources. Should you have any board games, construction games, marble runs or beanbags/cushions that we could use they would be very gratefully received!

We will update you again soon on process, as well news on open session where parents and careers can pop in and see for themselves what we offer.

Should you have any queries and would like to chat please do feel free to contact Ms Iliffe at the school where I will do my best to help.

Kind regards

Ms Iliffe and u-sports

'Wrap-around Child Care' - After School

Daily from: 3.20pm till 6pm

We are pleased to be working with uSports who will be providing daily wrap around child care after the school day (term time) until 6.00pm.

Bookings via the uSports website:

<https://www.u-sports.co.uk/loudwater-after-school-care>

Offering: Arts, crafts, games, puzzles, sports & more
 A snack will be provided
 Pick-up any time up to 6pm

Contact: 01494 702107 - or visit the website:
 <https://www.u-sports.co.uk/loudwater-after-school-care>



As many of you will know **Loudwater Combined School** is registered with Easyfundraising.

Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Loudwater Combined School raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,600 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too!



However, FOLS have recently become aware that the way that donations are raised on Amazon purchases has changed and we are losing out on valuable donations! If you link to Amazon via the Easyfundraising website or the Easyfundraising App then there is no issue, but if you go direct to the Amazon website or use the Amazon app on your smartphone/tablet, then this is where the change means donations are no longer being received.

When you click to Amazon via Easy Fundraising it will take you to AmazonSmile website. *AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to your chosen charity.*

We have now registered the Friends Of Loudwater School (FOLS) charity on AmazonSmile to be able to collect donations. When you first visit AmazonSmile, please select Friends of Loudwater School as your chosen charity. After this all your future Amazon purchases will raise money for the school.

Whilst there is no AmazonSmile App, it is easy enough to make sure that you use the AmazonSmile website to make your purchases. Please see the instructions below how to **change and select the school as your chosen charity** and **add the shortcut for AmazonSmile to your smartphone/tablet**

How to use AmazonSmile on your iphone / IOS

1. If you have the Amazon App installed, you should remove it. To do this, tap and hold the app icon until it starts jiggle. Tap the cross at the top left of the icon and confirm that you want to delete it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or any of your settings.
2. You now need to go online via Safari (the iPhone internet browser) and go to smile.amazon.co.uk. Select Friends of Loudwater School as your charity. If not prompted to do this, click the three lines in top LH corner



Scroll down to **Your AmazonSmile**, click change your charity, type Loudwater School in the search box and press search and select **Friends Of Loudwater School**



3. Now, tap the square shaped 'share' button on the bottom of the screen.
4. Tap the 'Add to Home Screen' icon. You may need to swipe to the left to see this:
5. You will now have an AmazonSmile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

How to use AmazonSmile on your android phone

1. If you have the Amazon App installed, you should remove it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or any of your settings.
2. You now need to go online and go to smile.amazon.co.uk. Select Friends of Loudwater School as your charity.
3. Now, you need to click the three dots in the top right corner and 'Add to Home screen'
4. You will now have an AmazonSmile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

Calm down and have some fun

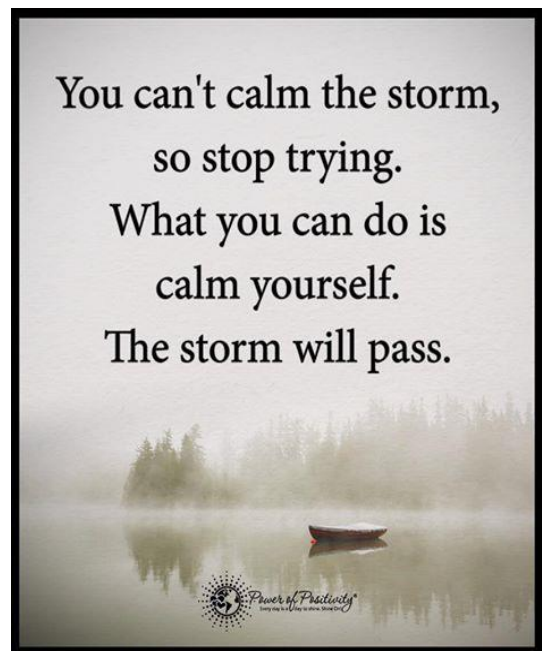


Learn calm down, relaxation and breathing techniques you can use with your children to help them better manage their emotions. Mindfulness delivered in a fun and accessible way. Ideas and activities for helping children (and adults!) to calm down Stories, Craft, Songs, Music, Drawing, Imagination, Physical exercise, Nature

Where: Loudwater School
When: Wednesdays
What time: 3.30pm to 4.15pm
Next date: 16th October 2019

For more information contact
Jackie Boyce Family Support
Advisor through the School office
01494 524919

You can't calm the storm,
so stop trying.
What you can do is
calm yourself.
The storm will pass.





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AT THE COLNE VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE GROTTO

Includes craft workshop, lunch with Santa

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Sunday 1st December Saturday 7th

December Sunday 22nd December

Saturday 14th December



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