



Speaking and Listening

Speaking and listening are essential skills for learning and for life. When pupils share their ideas confidently and listen carefully to others, they deepen their understanding and build new knowledge together. Oracy is embedded across our curriculum, as shown in this week's English learning in Year Five, where debate and talk-partner work were used to explore Frank Cottrell-Boyce's novel, "Cosmic."



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 29: Goals of Education





Y5 pupils have been discussing a big decision which one of the characters in "Cosmic." Liam, the protagonist, wants to take his friend Florida on an adventure to try a new theme park ride. They know they aren't allowed, so should they go? The children formulated their arguments and then put their powers of persuasion to the test using an oracy strategy called "Conscience Alley." They then wrote about Florida's thoughts and feelings about the decision.





Year 5 pupils have also been exploring characterisation in *Cosmic*, focusing particularly on Liam, a 12-year-old boy so tall that he often convinces people he is an adult. In the story, Liam hopes to win a competition to ride on a rocket by pretending to be a dad, joining a group of other “lucky winners.”

The children read the descriptions of these winners and created eye-catching posters using detailed character profiles they developed in class. Many pupils noticed similarities with *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, especially in the way the winners were introduced. With only one space left on the rocket, the class had great fun inventing catchy lines to encourage people to keep entering the competition—phrases such as “Stay on the line, there is still time!”





This week, Year 2 explored the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. The children learned about the story of the oil that miraculously lasted eight days and discovered some of the special traditions associated with the celebration, such as lighting the menorah, playing dreidel, and enjoying foods like latkes. They also listened to traditional Jewish music, helping them experience the joyful atmosphere of the festival. To complete their learning, the children designed and created their own menorahs, showing wonderful creativity and care. It was a lovely way to celebrate diversity and learn about different cultures and traditions.

Hanukkah

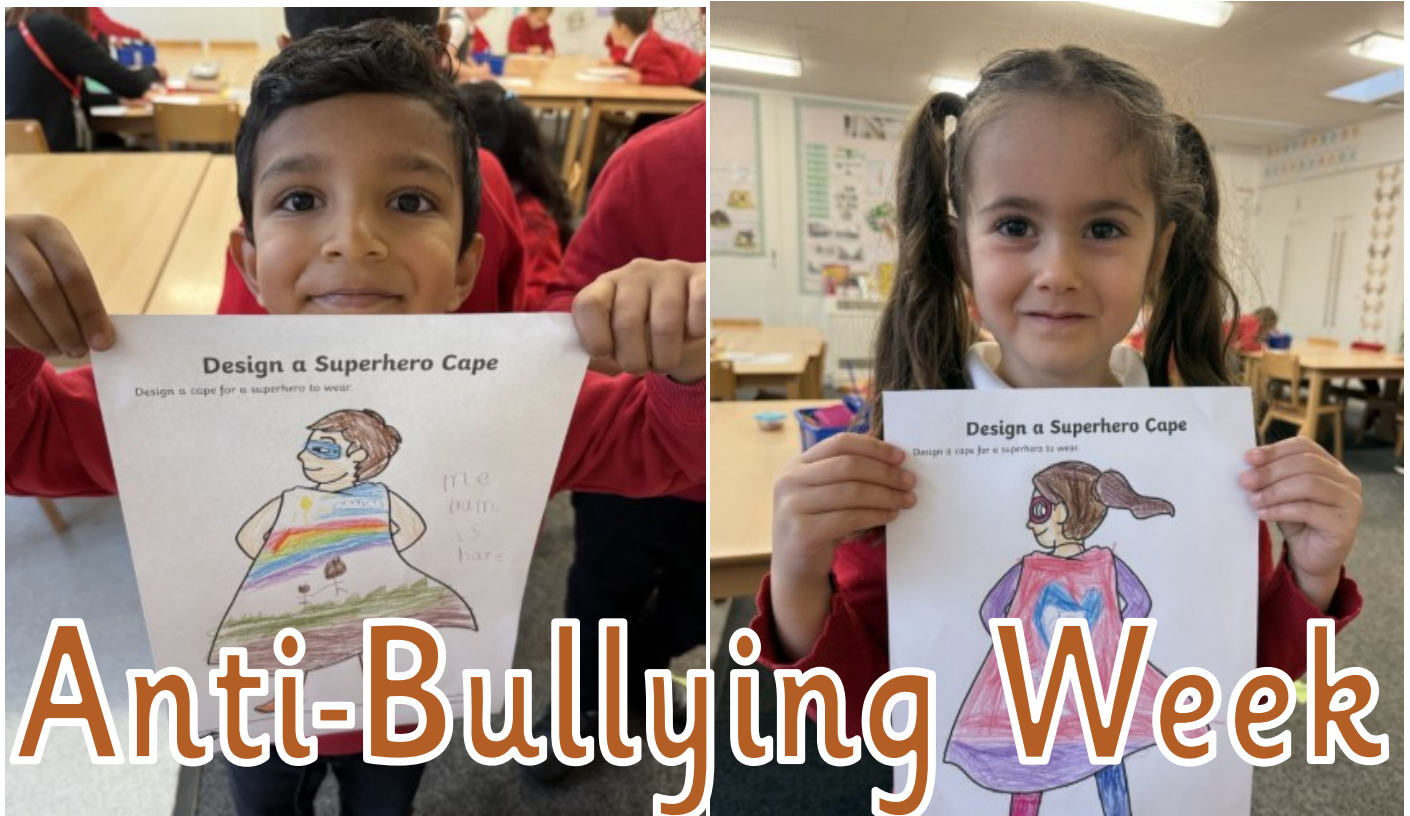




Motionhouse



We were thrilled to welcome **Motionhouse** back to school for the second year of their *Wider World* project. Our Year 4 pupils really enjoyed revisiting what they learned last year before moving on to some exciting contact work. They worked brilliantly in pairs to learn how to safely perform a body roll — a fun and energetic start to this year's sessions!



Anti-Bullying Week

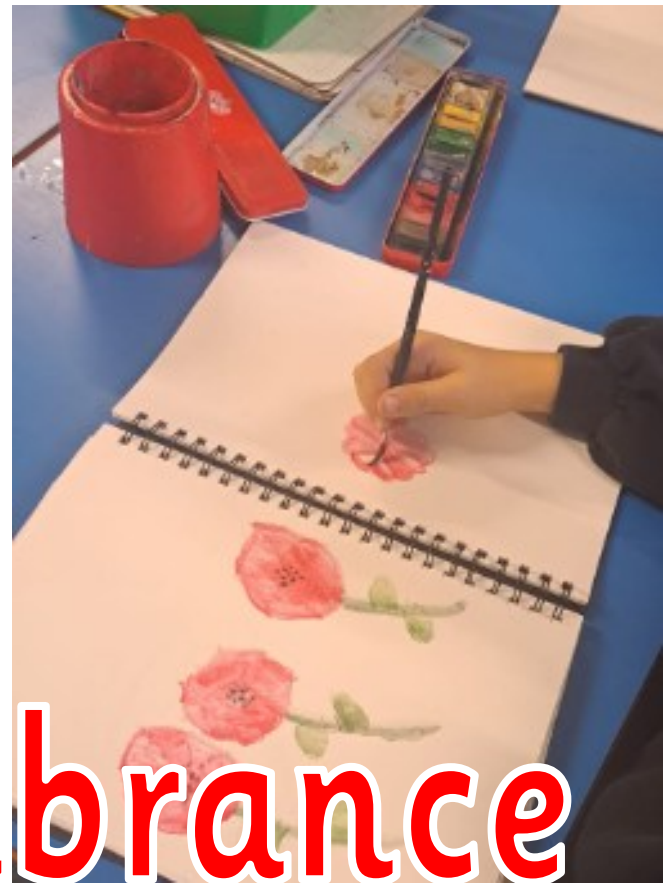
In Monday's assembly, we marked Anti-Bullying Week, whose theme this year is *"Power for Good."* Pupils reflected on what bullying means and how it can affect others. They also learned about the group dynamics of bullying and the different roles people can play in these situations.

We revisited our school rule, *"We are kind and gentle,"* and discussed the importance of telling an adult if they witness any unkind behaviour. In Year 1, pupils talked about their own "powers" to show kindness and support others who may be experiencing bullying. They then designed special anti-bullying superheroes who use their *powers for good!*





Year Three children have been using watercolours to create beautiful paintings of poppies for Remembrance. They carefully explored colour mixing and brush techniques to capture the delicate shapes and vibrant reds of the poppy flower. Their artwork shows great thought and sensitivity, helping them reflect on the importance of Remembrance and those who have served.



Remembrance



RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS



Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 38: War and Armed Conflict



Teacher Visit



On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to host a visiting teacher from Cuba –Ms Lissette Rubio Mederos. Lissette is a native Spanish speaker and Professor at the University of Sciences in Havana. She led a brilliant lesson in Y5 Woodpeckers class that taught children about the geography and history of Cuba. There was an opportunity to converse in Spanish and also to learn the Cuban folk song, “Guantanamera” (sung in Spanish.) This was accompanied by salsa dancing!

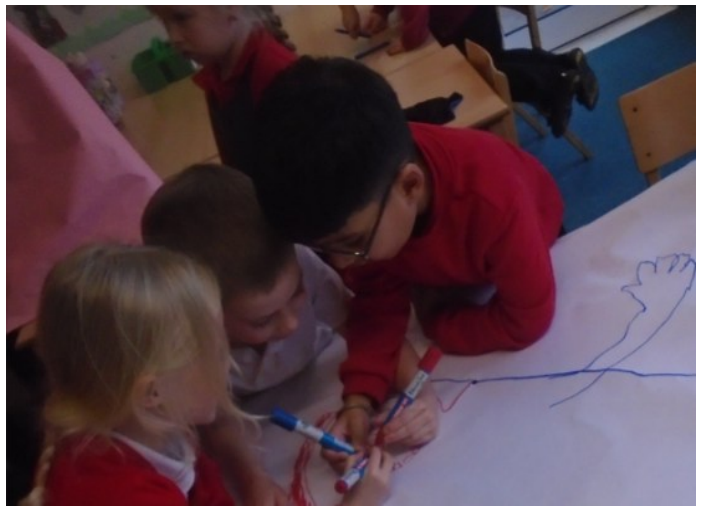


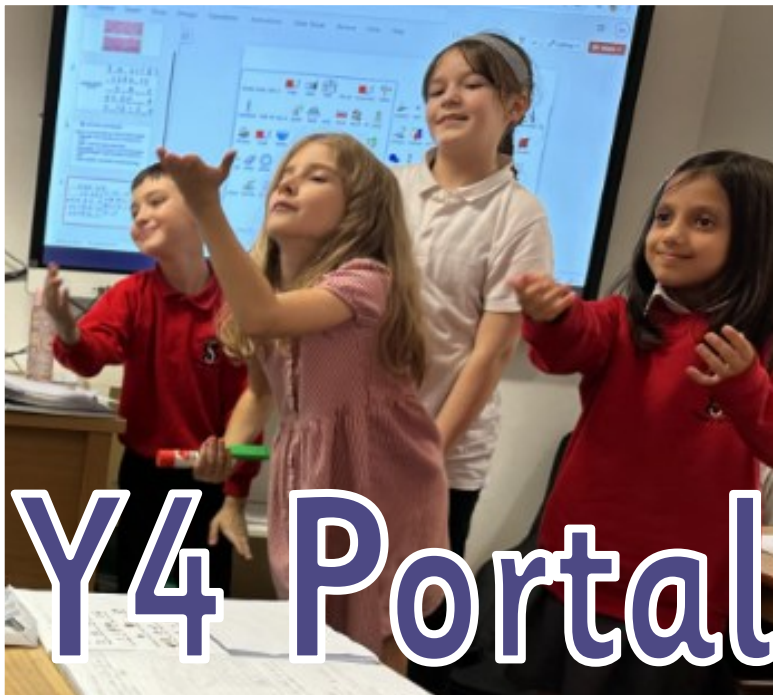
Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 29: Goals of Education

Y1 Science

The Human Body

In Science, Year 1 have been exploring the different parts of the human body. Working in groups, the children drew around one of their classmates and then used their own knowledge—and some impressive phonics skills—to label the body parts they already knew. The activity sparked lots of curiosity and discussion, helping the children build a strong foundation for their learning about the human body.





Y4 Portal Stories

This week in English, the children have been diving into the imaginative and exciting genre of portal stories—narratives in which characters travel from the real world into a magical or unfamiliar one through a portal.

They have explored a range of well-known stories to understand the features of this genre, including *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *The Tunnel*, and *Mr Benn*. The children have enjoyed spotting the similarities across these stories, from mysterious doorways and strange discoveries to brave characters facing unexpected challenges.

Their focus has now shifted to a model text called *Elf Road*, which will be used to inspire their own narrative writing. To learn the story in detail, the children have been creating text maps—drawing pictures to represent key moments—and using actions and prompts to memorise the structure and language.



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 29: Goals of Education



Y4 Portal Stories





Y6 History

In English, Year 6 have been deepening their understanding of key historical concepts by exploring the meanings of *persecution*, *antisemitism* and *dictatorship*. They examined a range of anti-Jewish laws imposed by the Nazi Party, placing them in chronological order and reflecting on the emotional impact of each one. Pupils then selected the law they found most frightening, saddening or shocking.



Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 29: Goals of Education



Y6 Forest School

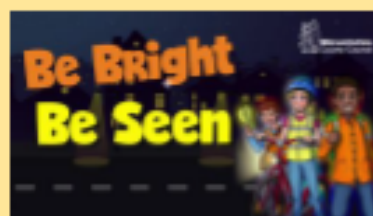


Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 29: Goals of Education

This week in Forest School, Year 6 took part in a focused whittling session using peelers and safety knives to shape sticks into simple tools and decorative pieces. The children revisited key safety rules and demonstrated real maturity in how they handled tools responsibly.

Whittling links closely to the Design & Technology curriculum, giving pupils first-hand experience of working with natural materials and understanding how shape and form can be adapted for purpose. It also strengthens fine motor skills, grip, and hand-eye coordination—skills that support handwriting stamina and precision back in the classroom.

Many pupils commented on how calming the process felt, and several showed a real boost in confidence as they realised what they could create with patience, focus, and resilient effort. A brilliant session that blended creativity, skill-building and outdoor learning.



Be Bright, Be Seen!

Every year, more than 19,000 children are killed or injured in road traffic collisions. This year, we are raising the awareness of the importance of being visible near the road. Wearing bright clothing is fantastic during the day, but as it gets dark children need to wear reflective clothing or accessories to make sure that they are seen.

We are taking part in the Warwickshire County Council's 'Be Bright, Be Seen' competition. This competition provides a good opportunity to talk with your child about the importance of road safety, especially at this time of year.



Using the template we provide, children in KS1 (years R, 1 and 2) are invited to design an outfit for Warwick Bear to help him to 'Be Bright, Be Safe and Be Seen'. Add light, bright and reflective clothing, draw and stick on a helmet, and add anything else you think he needs. You could add temporary light, bright and reflective items to your large Warwick Bear mascot to inspire the children or to introduce your competition.

Children in Lower Key Stage 2 (years 3 and 4) will be blinging a backpack. Children need to decorate a bag with light, bright and reflective items or draw their blinged up bag design on the template provided. You could run this as a competition in school to raise awareness of the need to be safe and be seen as the darker nights draw in.



Children in Year 5 and 6 need to use all of the road safety knowledge they have gained over the years to create the ultimate safe travel outfit. Their outfit could be for walking, cycling, wheeling or rolling. We encourage creative entries. You could draw and label your outfit, dress up and have a photograph taken or create your own mini video showcasing your ideas. Any method of entry you can think of is welcome, the more creative the better.

Completed entries to be handed
in to your class teacher by Friday
29th November 2025



Sydenham Primary School PTA
working in partnership with

Frogs Trees

For every Christmas tree pre-ordered and paid for
before 5 December, Frogs Trees will donate £7 to
your nominated good cause

Order your tree on the QR code

Good cause: *Sydenham PTA*



CHRISTMAS JUMPER COLLECTION

**Do you have any outgrown or unwanted
Seasonal or Christmas jumpers?**

**Drop them at the collection box in the school office!
Children's & Adults sizes are welcomed.**



**We will hold a jumper sale before the holidays, all
proceeds go to the PTA to help fund new resources
for school.**

Grab a bargain & help reduce clothing waste !

Tuesday 2nd December, outside school office

Please donate clean, re-sellable items

Christmas Performances



**You are warmly invited to attend your child's
Christmas performance in the main school hall:**

YR Nativity—Wednesday 17th December at 9.30am.

Y1 Nativity— Thursday 4th December at 9.30am.

Y2 carol concert—Monday 8th December at 9.30am.

Y3 carol concert—Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am.

Y4 carol concert—Tuesday 9th December at 2.15pm.

Y5 Carol concert—Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am

Y6 carol concert—Thursday 11th December at 2.15pm

HELLO WORLD

LEARN TO CODE GAMES



Ages 7-12yrs

Myton School

Tues & Thurs 5pm-6.30pm

Term Time

*Sign up
Today*



</> Code Games

</> Play Games

</> Meet new friends

</> Latest game consoles

</> Virtual Reality



Game based learning



hello@codewarriorsswarwick.com

www.codewarriorsswarwick.com

FB:@codewarriorsswarwick

IG:@codewarriors.warwick

Register on the website



WELCOME TO GOGO MAKERS DROP AND GO SATURDAY CLUB ACTIVITIES PROGRAM!



Upcoming Sessions

8 November 2025
 STEM: Parachutes
 SPORT: Archery

22 November 2025
 ART: Graffiti Art
 DANCE: K-pop Demon Hunter



10am - 11:30am
DROP AND GO
SESSION

FREE OF CHARGE



LILLINGTON CFC
3 MASON AVENUE
CV32 7QE
01926 887597

BOOKING IS
ESSENTIAL




Applying for a Place at Primary School

You need to apply for September 2026 if your child was born between **1 September 2021** and **31 August 2022** (for a place in Reception).

The applications process opens on 1 November 2025 and the deadline for applying for a Reception or Junior place is **15 January 2026**. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (16 April 2026).



For more information visit:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals>



Y3/4 Theatre Trip

When Princess Aurora pricks her finger on an enchanted spinning wheel she's cursed to fall asleep for 100 years, unless she's kissed by her one true love. Enter the dashing Prince (and his two rather calamitous sidekicks) who embark on a brave adventure to save the Princess from her terrible fate. But with the wicked Fairy Carabosse determined to ruin their plans, will our trusty trio be triumphant or is the Princess doomed to a century of snoozing? You'll have to come along to find out!

Sleeping Beauty will be full to the brim with all of the wonderful elements that make a trip to the Belgrade such a well-loved Christmas tradition for thousands of families every year.

On Wednesday 26th November Years 3/4 will be visiting The Belgrade Theatre to watch a performance of "Sleeping Beauty." The cost of the trip is £20.67—please make payment via your ParentPay account. For more information, see the letter sent to you or speak to a member of our office staff.

The ROALD DAHL'S BFG Y5/6 Theatre Trip

ADAPTED BY TOM WELLS

One extraordinary night, a young orphan named Sophie is snatched by a giant and taken far away to Giant Country. There she learns that human-eating giants are guzzling 'norphans' the world over. But she soon discovers that her new friend, the BFG, is different – he's a dream-catching, snozzcumber-munching gentle soul who refuses to eat humans.

While other giants terrorise the world, the BFG ignites Sophie's imagination, and they devise a daring plan to save children everywhere. In the end, the smallest human bean and the gentlest giant prove that a dream can change the world.

Gather your chiddlers to see Roald Dahl's unforgettable story come to life this winter. Tom Wells' magical new adaptation is directed by RSC Co-Artistic Director Daniel Evans.

On Thursday 15th January 2026, Years 5/6 will be visiting The Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford to watch a performance of "The BFG." The cost of the trip is £18.00—please make payment via your ParentPay account.



YR/1/2 Theatre Trip

On Wednesday 3rd December, Years R/1/2 will be visiting Warwick Arts Centre to watch a performance of “The Tiger Who Came to Tea.” The cost of the trip is £16.67—please make payment via your ParentPay account. For more information, see the letter sent to you or speak to a member of our office staff.

Direct from the West End, the Olivier Award nominated smash hit show, The Tiger Who Came to Tea returns.

The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big, stripy tiger!

Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show; packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos. Don't miss this stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem... expect to be surprised!

A musical play adapted and directed by David Wood, based on the book by Judith Kerr.

The Tiger Who Came to Tea



If you would like to book a Christmas Dinner for your child on 16 December please visit your parent pay account - Payment Item - Christmas Dinner Booking 16 December.

Booking must be made by 9.00 am on 1 December 2025. If you have not booked by this date, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch on 16 December. **We cannot accept late bookings.**

This payment item is purely for us to confirm numbers to our kitchen and payment is not required at this stage.

Payment will be due on 16 December in your child's dinner money account.

Please read the below carefully regarding payment.

Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 - your child receives a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme and no payment is due but we politely request you still book your meal here.

Children in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 - payment of £2.88 should be made to your parent pay account by 16 December 2025 - payment item Dinner Money. However, If your child is in registered for a free school meal no payment is due but we politely request you still book your meal here.



Year One Reading River



Kingfishers (Y1 CP) Thursday 20th November 09:15 - 09:45

Puffins (Y1JE) Thursday 20th November 10:00 – 10:30

We are delighted to be once again holding our Reading River sessions. These special reading sessions are for our Year One children, parents and carers to come and listen to a range of high-quality picture books being read aloud by members of staff.

The children will need to be dropped off in the morning to their classroom as usual, and will then be brought down to the hall by their class teacher to meet you. We really hope that you can join us!



Look out for a linked piece of home learning to create your own reading river.

Session includes a free raffle to win a book for your child!

**Barnardo's Warwickshire
Children and Family Centres**

A coordination of services for families with
children and young people aged 0-19 and up to
age 25 with SEND



Arty Party

crafting club



FREE, WEEKLY AFTER SCHOOL ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB

**EVERY MONDAY DURING TERM TIME YOUR CHILD WILL GET THE CHANCE LEARN NEW
ART SKILLS AND MAKE WONDERFUL ART THAT THEY'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE HOME!**

START DATE: MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

TIME: 03:45PM – 04:30PM

AGES: FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

KINGSWAY CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRES,

BAKER AVENUE, LEAMINGTON SPA, CV31 3HB

01926 336793

LIMITED TO 8 SPACES!

NO NEED TO BOOK – DROP IN

PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN.



BARNARDO'S

Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.



CHILDREN
& FAMILY
CENTRE

Diary Dates

Tuesday 18th November at 9.00am	Y5 Kittiwakes class assembly—parents and carers of children in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 20th November	Y1 Reading River 9.15—9.45am: Kingfishers 10.00—10.30am: Puffins
Monday 24th—Thursday 27th November	Scholastic Book Fair.
Monday 24th November	Whole school assembly led by St Mary's church
Wednesday 26th November	Y3/4 trip to The Belgrade Theatre to watch "Sleeping Beauty."
Thursday 27th November	Winter hoops hung in the main hall.
Friday 28th November	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—make a donation of £1.00 to School Fund via ParentPay if your child wears their own choice of clothes.
Monday 1st December	School closed for In-Service Training (INSET.)
Wednesday 3rd December	Reception, Year One and Year Two trip to Warwick Arts Centre to watch "The Tiger Who Came to Tea."
Thursday 4th December	Y6 visit to St Mary's church.
Tuesday 9th December at 2.15pm	Y4 Carol Concert. Parents and carers of children in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 4th December at 9.30am.	Y1 Nativity —parents and carers of children in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 8th December at 9.30am	Y2 Carol Concert —parents and carers of children in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am	Y3 Carol Concert —parents and carers of children in this year group are warmly invited to attend.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am	Y5 Carol Concert — parents and carers of children in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 10th December	Y4 Viking Day 1.
Thursday 11th December at 2.15pm	Y6 Carol Concert —parents and carers of children in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 11th December	Y4 Viking Day 2.
Monday 15th December	Rocksteady concert at 2.15pm.
Monday 15th December	Y2 visit to Warwick Castle.
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas lunch.
Wednesday 17th December	YR Nativity (new date.) Parents and carers of children in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 17th December	MUFTI—wear a Christmas jumper or festive outfit and donate £1.00 to School Fund via ParentPay.
Monday 22nd December—Friday 2nd January, school closed for Christmas holiday.	
Pupils return to school on Monday 5th January	

Parking

Please do **not** drive into the school car park to drop off your child in the morning as this is a health and safety risk. Please try walking, scooting or cycling. If you have to drive, please park away from the school gates and avoid blocking pavements, dropped kerbs or residential driveways.

Thank you.



Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One

Enjoy the weekend.
Best wishes from Miss
Glenny



Key Stage Two