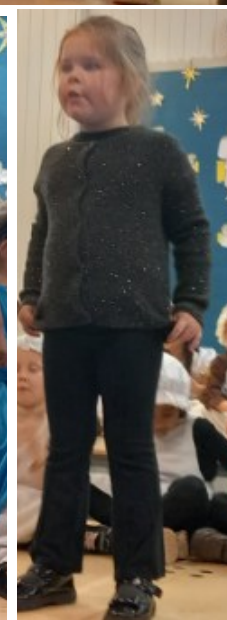
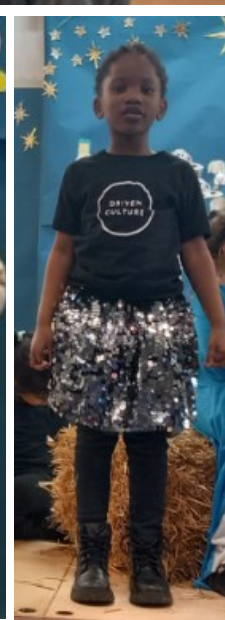




Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 31: Freedom of Thought, Belief and Religion.

Our Year One pupils shone brightly this week as they performed a wonderful Nativity for their families. The children told the story through speech and song and we were incredibly proud of their confidence and enthusiasm. Well done to you all!







On Wednesday, Reception, Year One and Year Two went to Warwick Arts Centre to watch a performance of “The Tiger Who Came to Tea.” It was a delightful show telling the story of Sophie, her mummy and daddy and a tiger who comes to tea at their house. The tale was told with humour and there were opportunities to join in with the action. The star of the show was, of course, the tiger who made everybody laugh. What a lovely trip!



Theatre Trip





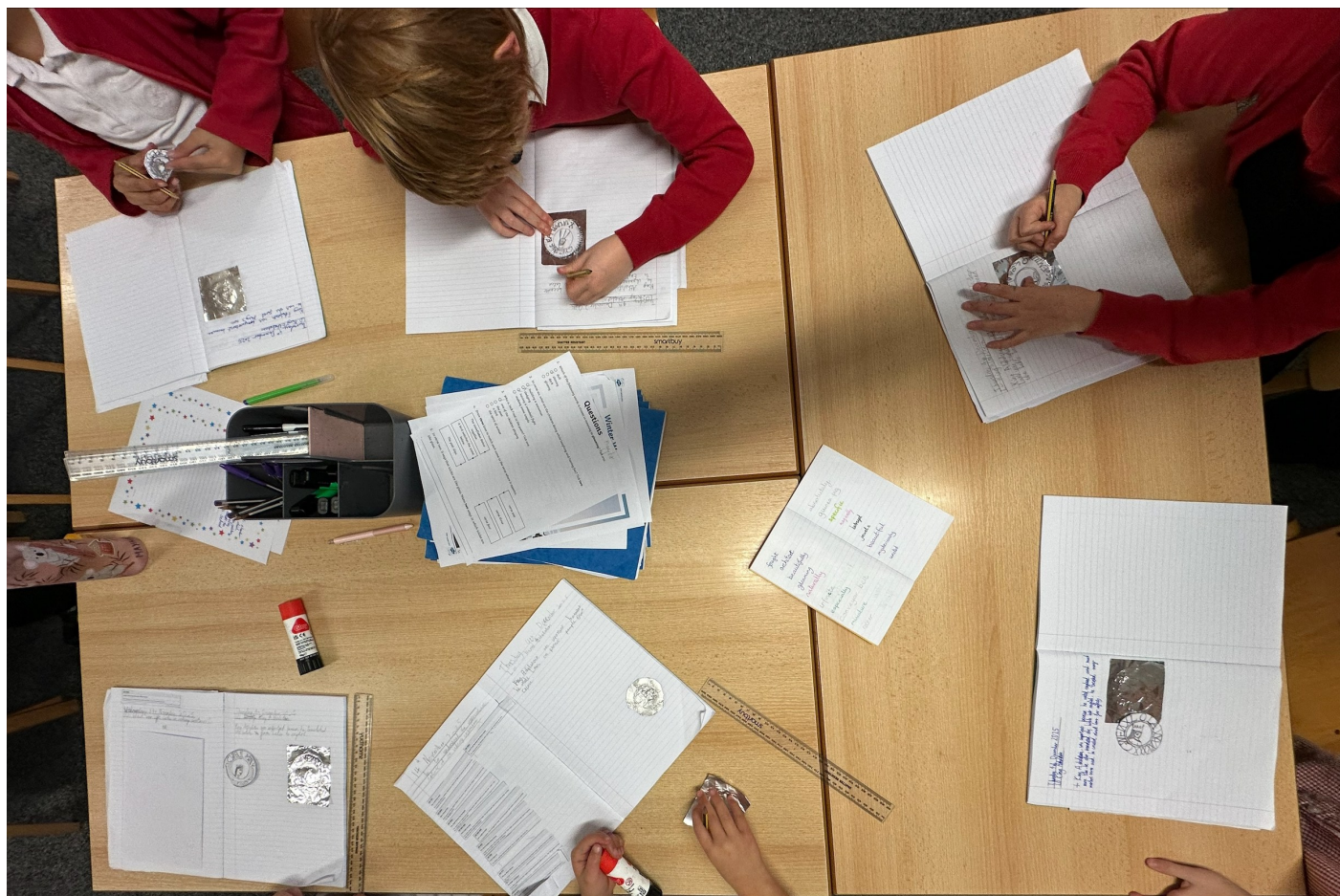
Anglo-Saxons

This week in History, Year Four children have been learning about King Athelstan, a key figure in Anglo-Saxon history and someone widely regarded as the first King of a united England. Pupils explored his rise to power, how he brought together different kingdoms under one rule, and the lasting impact he had on the formation of the country we know today.

To help bring this period of history to life, pupils looked at how King Athelstan minted coins with his name and image on them as a powerful symbol of his authority and unity across the land. The children were fascinated by this early use of coins to communicate leadership and legacy.

Pupils then had the opportunity to design and create their own replica coins, using card and tin foil to emboss their own “royal” designs — complete with names, faces, and important Anglo-Saxon symbols.





Anglo-Saxons





Phonics Fun



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 29: Goals of Education

Reception pupils have been playing a phonics game called **“Full Circle.”** The children began with the graphemes *s, a, t, p, i, n* in a bowl. The teacher sounded out a word, and the children had to find the matching graphemes to build it. They then worked through a list of words, changing just one grapheme at a time to make new ones. This activity has helped the children recognise sounds and their representations, and it will support them greatly as they begin to use their phonics in writing.

Henry THE VIII



King Henry VII was the first English monarch from the house of the Tudors having won the crown in battle. The Tudors included some of the most famous monarchs.

He married Elizabeth in 1486.

In 1471 he won the Battle of Tewkesbury.

He started the Tudor dynasty.

Henry Tudor was born in 1491.

Henry defeated King Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth on 22nd August 1485. He was proclaimed king near the Battlefield.

He reigned as king until 1547.

Tudor Monarchs

Year Five are nearing the end of their History topic on the Tudors. After studying Henry VIII in detail, pupils were keen to learn more about the other Tudor kings and queens, including Henry VIII's daughters and the ill fated Lady Jane grey.

After researching each royal, pupils worked together to create fact files explaining key events in their lives. They end results were well presented and informative.



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 29: Goals of Education

Edward VI died of tuberculosis on 6th July 1553 aged just 5 years old.

He was the son of Henry VIII and his third wife, Jane Seymour, who had died several days after giving birth to him.

Edward was raised as a strict Protestant, his father having made the church of England.

King Edward VI

In memory of Edward VI died age 5

King Edward VI

Edward was born at Hampton Court in Middlesex, England on 12th October 1537.

When his father died in 1547, Edward became King at just 9 years old.

Edward VI died at the age of 15. He never took control of England in his own right and is often known as a 'puppet king'.

Henry was born in Greenwich Palace London on 28th June 1491.

Henry became King of England in 1509 following the death of his father.

He played a major part in the Reformation of England, which began to turn the nation from Roman Catholic to Protestant.

This is a very special crown and just a word that don't touch the crown.

born in London on 28th June 1491.

Henry VIII Happy with life

do not touch please

He was the second son of Henry VII and Elizabeth of York.


In his lifetime, Henry VIII was married six times! He had two of his wives executed.

Henry VIII's health deteriorated after a poisoning accident in 1536. He died aged 55 on 21 January 1547.


Henry the 8th was Henry the 8th



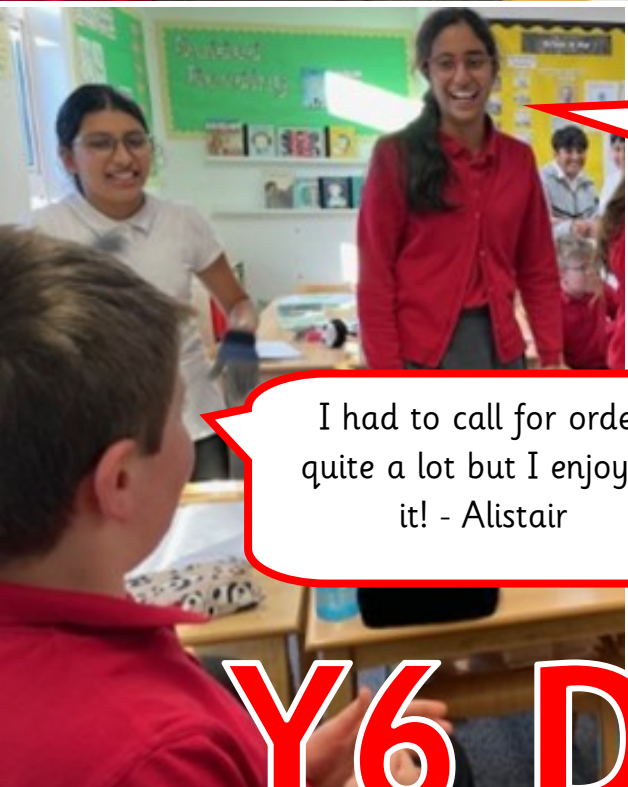
Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 29: Goals of Education



I felt good when I was the speaker and I was in control most of the time - Bea



I felt calm and quite powerful when I was the speaker - Avani



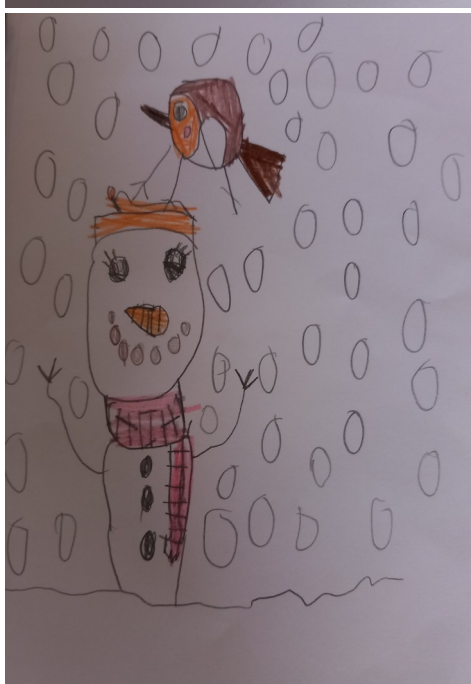
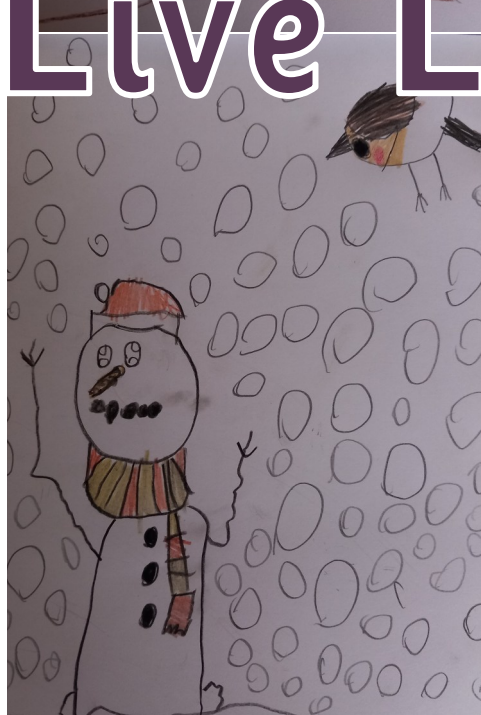
I had to call for order quite a lot but I enjoyed it! - Alistair

Y6 Debate

In PSHE lessons, Year 6 have been learning more about parliamentary debate and the role of the Speaker in the House of Commons. Pupils took turns as Speaker during a debate about an important topic—which flavour of ice cream is the best!

The Speaker's role is to:

- Chair daily business and must be politically impartial. They cannot take part in debates.
- In the House of Commons, no MP can speak unless called by the Speaker. They set time limits and interrupt if necessary.



Live Lesson

This week, Year One took part in a live lesson with beloved author and illustrator **Michael Foreman**.

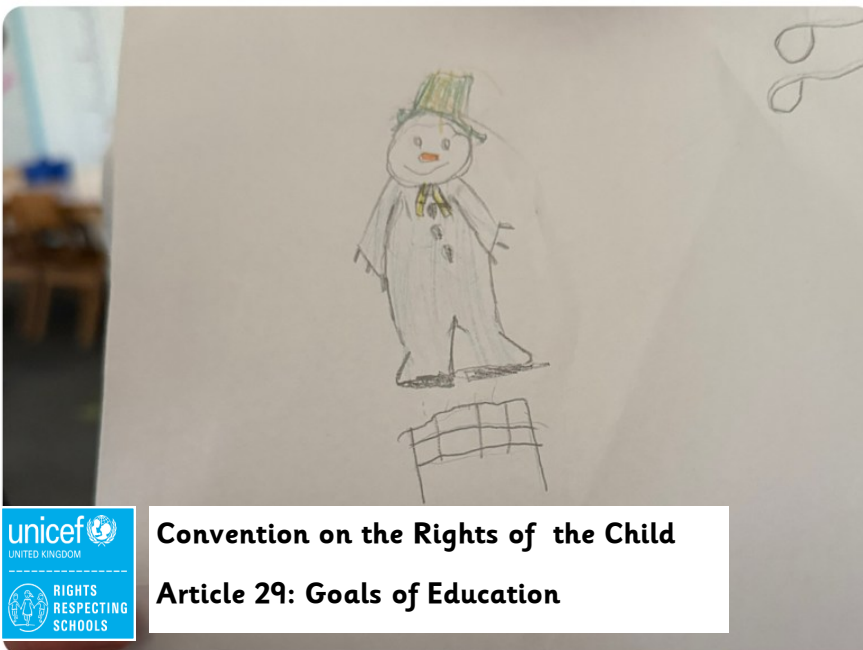
Michael read from his book *The Snowman and the Robin*, dedicated to his friend and fellow author and illustrator, Raymond Briggs. The story is set in London at Christmas time and features many famous landmarks, including Buckingham Palace and Piccadilly Circus.

Pupils will be learning more about these well-known places during their next topic, *Bright Lights, Big City*.

Michael also shared early sketches from his book, and the children enjoyed drawing along with him, creating some wonderful illustrations inspired by the characters in the story.



Live Lesson





Magnificent Monarchs



This term, our Year 2 children have been exploring the fascinating world of monarchs through stories, history, and lively class discussions. Inspired by their learning, they designed and created their own 3D clay sculptures, bringing kings, queens, crowns, and castles to life with imagination and creativity. From shaping the clay to adding fine details, each piece reflects their growing skills and their understanding of how monarchs have influenced the past. It has been a wonderful blend of art, history, and hands-on learning!





Year 6 visited St Mary's church this week to experience an interactive retelling of the Christmas Story. The children were split into smaller groups and moved around different zones meeting characters from the Christmas Story, before coming back together at the end. It was also a great opportunity to visit a local place of worship too!



Church Visit

SYDENHAM PRIMARY PTA
PRESENTS THE RETURN
OF OUR:

Present Wrap Room

11th, 12th & 15th of December



During school hours your child will be
taken to choose their grown up a
surprise gift which they will wrap and
decorate!



£3 per gift - max 2 gifts per child

Available on Parent Pay from Monday

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are able to help with
either a morning or afternoon
slot

9:00-12:30 or 1:00-3:20

please let us know

sydenhampta@welearn365.com

Festive

Arty Party

Crafting Club

FREE, WEEKLY AFTER SCHOOL ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB

Every Monday leading up to Christmas your child will get the chance to learn new art skills and make wonderful festive art to take home!

Start date: Monday 1st December

Time: 03:45pm - 04:30pm

Ages: for school age children 4-11

**Kingsway Children and Family Centres,
Baker Avenue, Leamington Spa, CV31 3HB
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Limited to 8 spaces!

NO NEED TO BOOK - DROP IN

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with their children.**

Term Time Only

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Changing lives.



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& FAMILY
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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

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 chidders 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.



St Mary's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

Encountering God Rooted in Christ Transforming Lives



For unto us

a child is born!



Sunday 14th Dec at 6.30pm

St. Mary's Carol Service

Carols by Candlelight & Mince Pies

Wednesday 24th December at 4pm

Christingle Service

Thursday 25th December at 10.30am

Christmas Day All-Age Service

with Holy Communion

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SUPPORTING MUMS NAVIGATING MOTHERHOOD

***“A life-changing experience, full of
support and love”***

Project Matrescence Participant

**Six-week therapeutic groups nurturing and
supporting mothers in motherhood.**

For all mums 6-12 months postpartum.

Warwickshire-wide.

2026 DATES | TIMES | LOCATIONS

JAN 9TH - FEB 13TH | 10-11.30AM | WARWICK
APR 10TH - MAY 22ND | 10.30AM-12PM | RUGBY
JUN 5TH - JUL 17TH | 10-11.30AM | STRATFORD
SEP 11TH - OCT 23RD | 10.30AM-12PM | BEDWORTH
NOV 6TH - DEC 18TH | 10AM-11.30AM | LEAMINGTON

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SUPPORTING MUMS NAVIGATING MOTHERHOOD

Connect with self, with other mothers, to better understand, creatively explore and support the real impact becoming a mum (matrescence) has on you, your identity, relationships and emotions.

“It has made me a better person and mother, for myself and my family”

Project Matrescence Participant

MOTHER-CENTRED SPACE
CRECHE PROVIDED
FREE TO PARTICIPATE

Psychotherapist-led, non-judgemental spaces.
Research-based.

Creative activities include clay-work, drawing, collage, journalling and poetry. No experience needed.
All art supplies provided.

To take your space, visit or contact:
www.projectmatrescence.org
hello@projectmatrescence.org
[IG/projectmatrescence](https://www.instagram.com/projectmatrescence)





A FOCUS ON SUPPORTING PARENTS TO WORK TOGETHER

Parenting Together Virtual Sessions

Monday 19th January

17:30 - 19:30

Friday 6th February

12:30 - 14:30

Parenting can be tough—especially when there's tension between co-parents.

Parenting Together

Our 2 hour Parenting Together workshop is an ideal starting point for navigating conflict and co-parenting.

Working it Out 4 Week Virtual Programme

Monday January 12th -

February 2nd

9:30 - 11:30

Tuesday February 24th -

March 17th

13:15 - 15:15

Working it Out - Co-parenting in a Positive Way

Our newly revised 4 week programme helps parents and carers build more positive ways of communicating and reducing conflict that put children first.



**Warwickshire Family
and Relationship
Support**

Book your **FREE**
place



For further information, or if a workshop is full, please email:

ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk

Please note that it is essential to have a working camera during all virtual sessions.

Diary Dates

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.
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, Friday 12th and Monday 15th December	PTA Present Wrap Room.
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	



Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One

Enjoy the weekend.
Best wishes from Miss
Glenny



Key Stage Two