

# Happy VE Day



This week, pupils have been celebrating VE Day which marks the historic moment that the Second World War ended in Europe. Year Two Swallows suggested a special red, white and blue MUFTI day which we held today. Everyone looked fantastic!



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







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During the week, pupils attended a special assembly to learn about the significance of VE Day. They studied original photographs from June 1945 and thought about the joy and relief felt by thousands of people across Europe on VE Day.





Pupils were greeted at school by a wonderful display of balloons, kindly donated by Jagga's parents. Please use the QR code at the end of the newsletter if you're hosting a celebration and need extra-special balloons.





# St John's Museum



On Thursday, Year One went to St John's Museum in Warwick to learn about childhood and school days in the past. The children visited a Victorian school room which was much stricter than Sydenham Primary School! They also played with old fashioned toys and learnt about wash day in Victorian times.



**WASH DAY**—First, pump the water and heat it over the fire.



Next, fill the wash tub and grate the soap.



Then, use a dolly and washboard to clean the clothes.

Finally, squeeze all the water out using a mangle.



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## THE SCHOOL ROOM



Pupils wrote with chalk on slates in copperplate handwriting.

Talking was not allowed in the school room—silence is golden!



Children who slumped in their seat had to wear a back straightener!







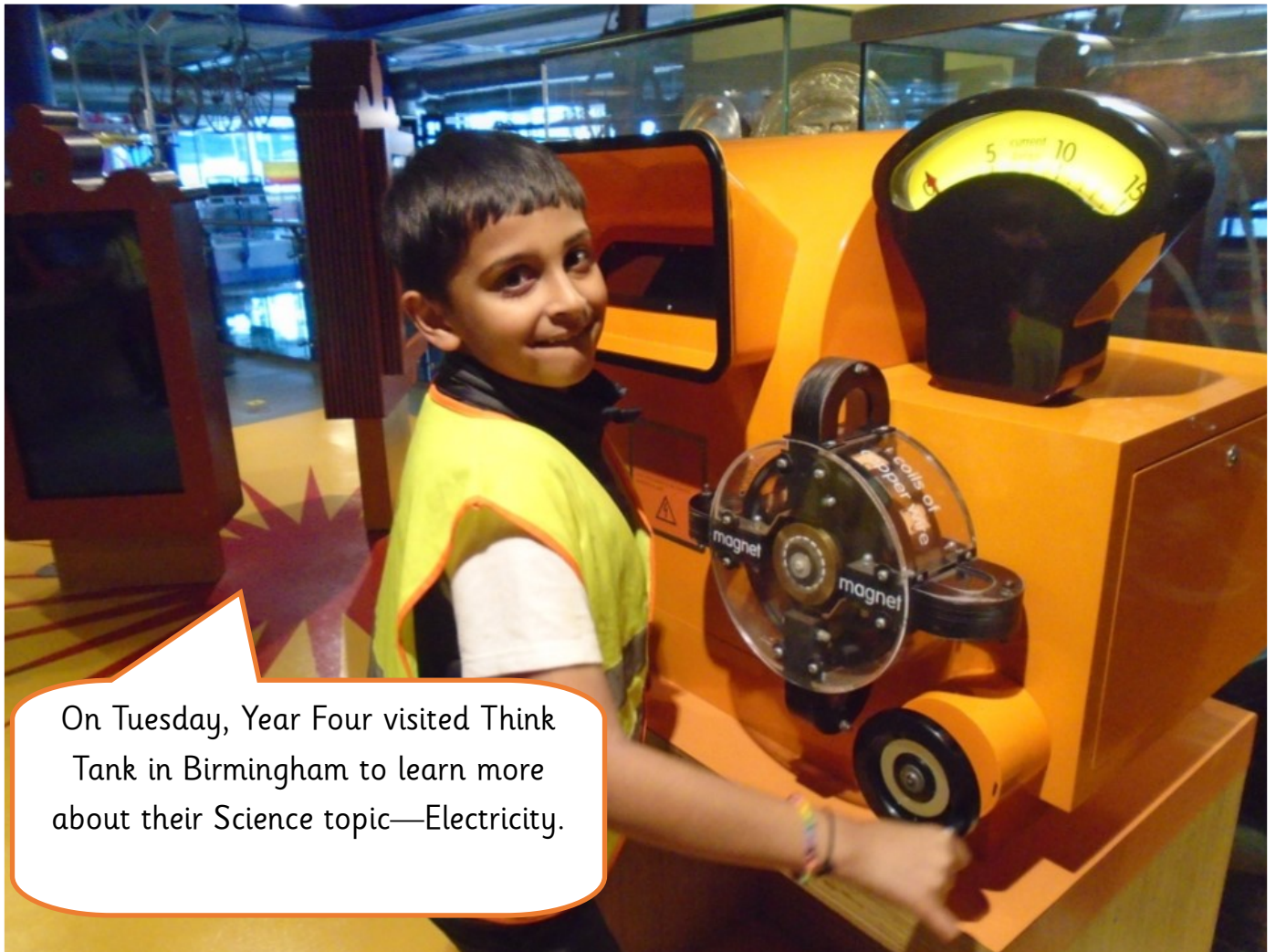
**Victorian pupils learnt Reading,  
Writing and Arithmetic.**



**At school, cleanliness was next to  
godliness and children were  
taught that their elders were  
their betters.**

**St John's Museum**





On Tuesday, Year Four visited Think Tank in Birmingham to learn more about their Science topic—Electricity.



# Think Tank





Pupils spent time in the Science Garden. They also visited different floors in the museum including Wild Life and Marine Worlds, Our Changing Planet and the Spitfire Gallery.



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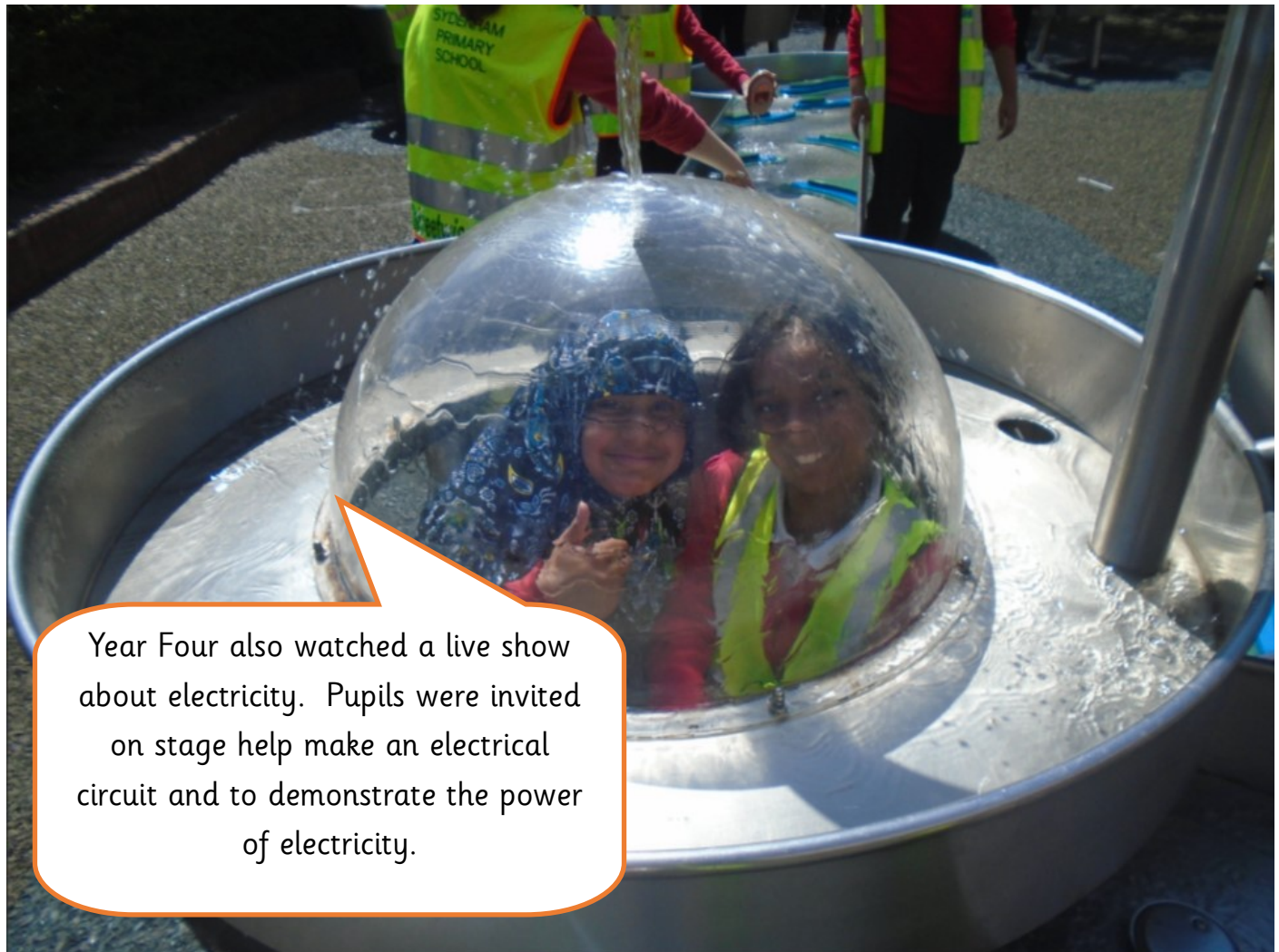
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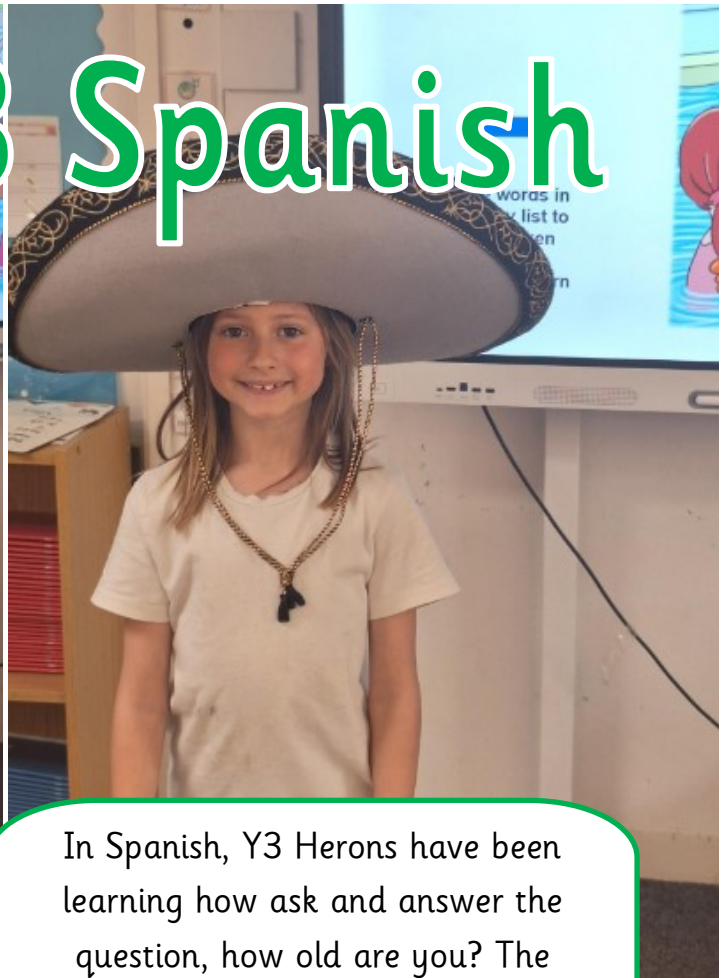
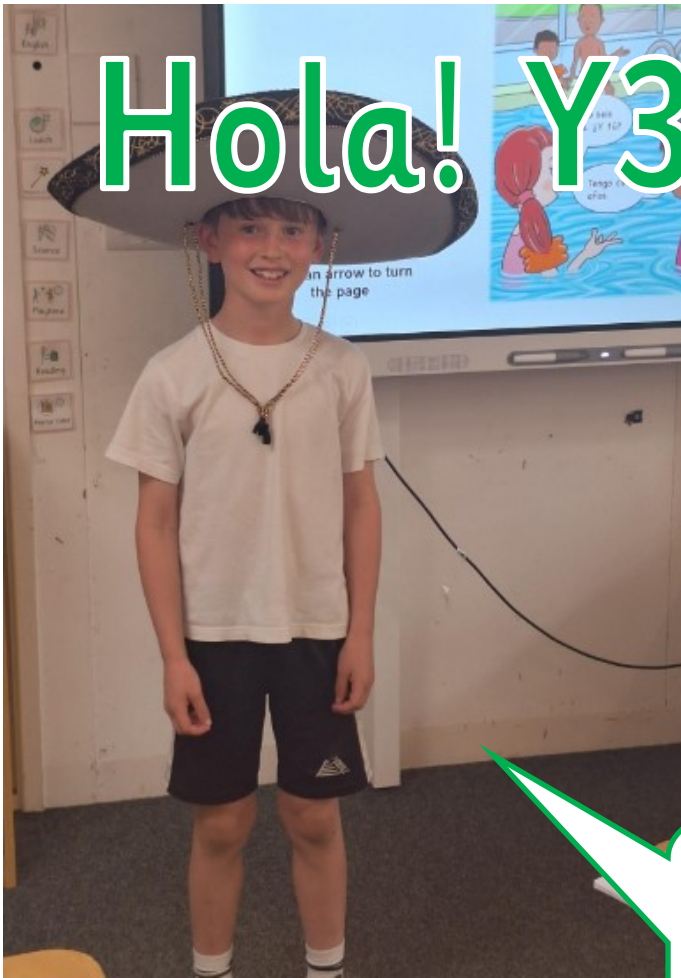
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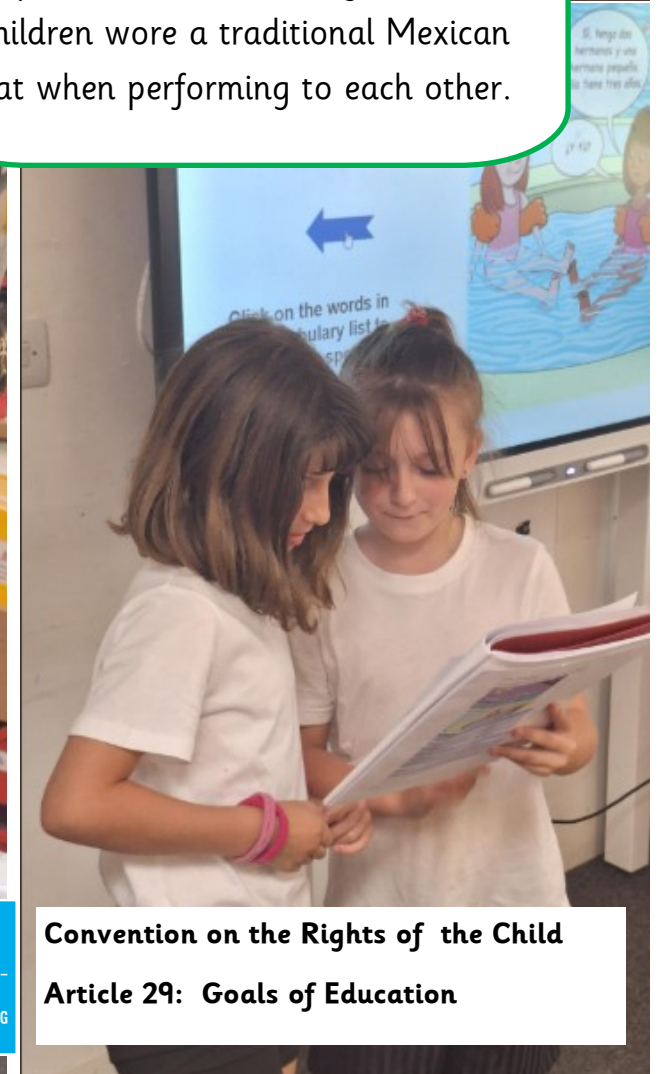
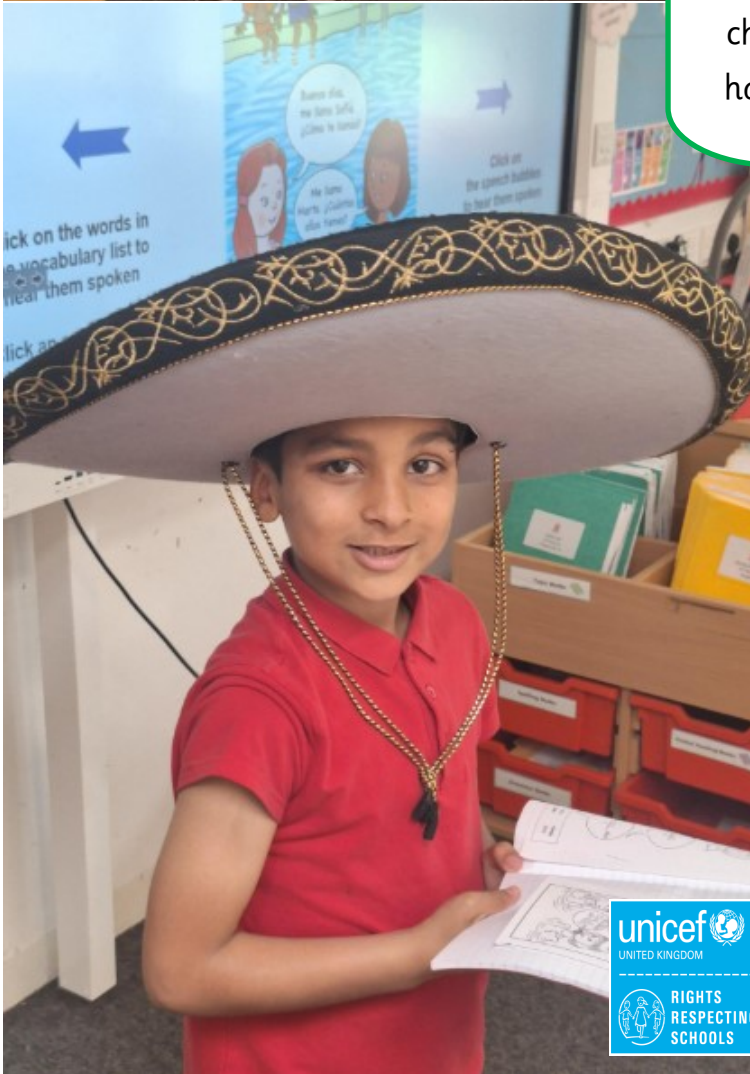
Year Four also watched a live show about electricity. Pupils were invited on stage help make an electrical circuit and to demonstrate the power of electricity.



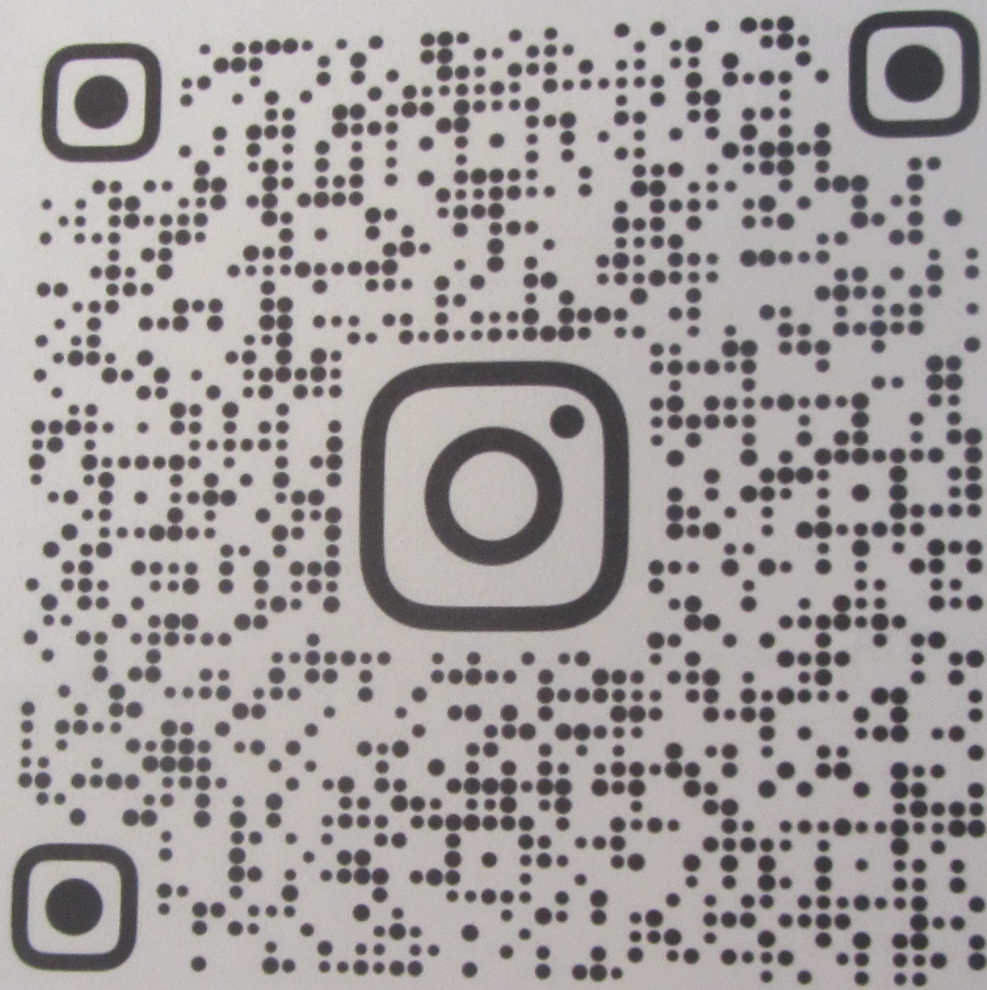
# Hola! Y3 Spanish



In Spanish, Y3 Herons have been learning how ask and answer the question, how old are you? The children wore a traditional Mexican hat when performing to each other.







**@THE.BALLOON.ARCHIST**

**If you saw the amazing display of balloons at school today and have been inspired, please use the QR code above to get in touch with The Balloon Anarchist!**



# HOLIDAY CAMPS

# May Half Term

## Active Kids and Football Courses!

27th to 30th May

TIMES 9.30am to 3.30pm

Early drop off & late pick up  
available + £3.50 each



Fun, active, and flexible  
childcare for ages 5 -11

ONLY  
**£20** per day

**Warwick**

Aylesford School

**Stratford**

Stratford School

**Kenilworth**

St. Augustine's Primary School

Book now at [onsidecoaching.co.uk](http://onsidecoaching.co.uk)



# Family Support Drop In Sessions



Would you like the opportunity to speak to a Family Support Worker?

Family Support Workers can offer support with

Developing Routines and Boundaries  
Understanding your child's behaviour  
Behaviour Management  
Health and Wellbeing  
Childrens Mental Health

Join us for a consultation with a Family Support Worker at  
Kingsway Children and Family Centre  
Every Tuesday  
1pm - 3pm



Phone: 08926 454 144  
Option 1, then 2 for Family Support.  
Available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm







The Sikh Cultural & Sports Community Centre

## VETERANS DAY STREET PARTY

EVERYONE WELCOME, PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR VE DAY  
FREE TO ATTEND

On May 16th. 2025

From 4:00 to 8:00 PM

Venue: The Sikh Cultural & Sports Community Centre  
17A-17B Queensway Trading Estate Queensway, Leamington Spa  
CV31 3LZ



FOOD, SOFT  
DRINKS  
TALKS, STALLS  
LIVE MUSIC AND  
MUCH MORE...

NO SMOKING OR  
ALCOHOL ALLOWED  
DURING THE EVENT

Supported by:



**APNA DAYCARE**  
Remembering social, physical & emotional wellbeing





Lillington Health Hub & Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church, 120 Valley Road, CV32 7SJ

## Lillington Health Hub Community

# OPEN DAY

**Saturday 10 May**  
**11am to 3pm**

- Celebrate our official opening
- Fun free activities for all ages
- Meet local health and wellbeing teams

## ALL WELCOME!

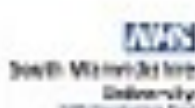
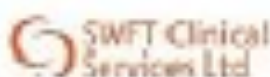
- Free refreshments (first come first served basis)
- Small petting zoo
- Therapy Dogs
- Rowing machine challenge
- Bike zone
- Art activities
- Sunflower planting
- Fun with nature
- Physical health taster sessions & mental health talks (booking advised)



For more information and to book, scan the QR code or visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)



Please be aware that our car parks will be closed in order to safely host activities.





# **10,000 Sunflowers 2025**

**We're back and everyone is welcome to  
get involved again.**

**The Big Planting Out Day**

**31st May**

**HQ at Lillington School  
Playing Fields  
10am onwards**

Come and spread sunflower joy all around Lillington and  
Cubbington; Potting up days 27th April and May3rd/4th.  
Contact: [matt.black@pop3.popteLorg.uk](mailto:matt.black@pop3.popteLorg.uk)

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# SEW DO IT

## COMMUNITY SEWING

### NEW COURSE



### Free Beginners Sewing Course

Starting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 for 8 weeks

(no class on 27<sup>th</sup> May for half term)

At Lillington Community Centre

Tuesday 10am—12pm

Places are limited so you must be able to commit to the whole course.

Contact: [artspancic@gmail.com](mailto:artspancic@gmail.com)

(You will need to show proof that you are receipt of benefits)





# SEW DO IT

## COMMUNITY SEWING

### NEW COURSE



## Free Intermediate Sewing Course

For those who have some sewing experience

Starting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 for 8 weeks

(no class on 29<sup>th</sup> May for half term)

At Lillington Community Centre

Thursday 10am–12pm

Places are limited so you must be able to commit to the whole course.

Contact: [artspancic@gmail.com](mailto:artspancic@gmail.com)

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# Diary Dates

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| Monday 12th May   | Y6 SAT's week.<br>Monday: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.<br>Tuesday: English Reading<br>Wednesday: Maths—Arithmetic and Reasoning<br>Thursday: Maths—Reasoning |
| Monday 19th May   | School photographer—class portraits.   |
| Monday 19th—Tuesday 21st May  | Arts' Ambassadors working in school with Big Gobs Puppets in preparation for the SPLAT! Festival.  |
| Tuesday 20th May  | Firefighter visit, Year Five.  |
| Wednesday 21st May  | Firefighter visit, Year One.   |
| Friday 23rd May   | MUFTI (non uniform) Day—bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes to school.  |
| <p align="center"><b>School closed for the Whitsun holiday</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Monday 26th—Friday 30th May</b></p> |  |
| Monday 2nd June   | Y4 Multiplication Check all week.  |
| Monday 2nd June   | Y6 residential to Longridge Activity Centre.   |
| Tuesday 3rd June  | RSC Director Mentor working with Y2.   |
| Wednesday 4th June  | Y3 performing at The Bridge House Theatre in Warwick with Motionhouse.   |
| Monday 9th June   | Y1 Phonics Screening all week.   |
| Friday 13th June  | Special MUFTI (non uniform Day.) Wear yellow for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.  |
| Tuesday 17th June   | Y2 visit to Oxford Botanical Gardens   |
| Wednesday 18th June   | RSC Playmaking Festival  |





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| Monday 23rd June               | Y1 trip to the West Midlands Safari Park.      |
| Thursday 26th June             | Instrumental concert at 2.15pm.                |
| Monday 30th June               | Y5/6 Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am.               |
| Tuesday 1st July               | Y1/2 Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am.               |
| Wednesday 2nd July             | Y3/4 Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am.               |
| Friday 4th July                | YR Sport's Day, 10.00—11.00am                  |
| Friday 4th July                | PTA Summer Fayre.                              |
| Week beginning Monday 7th July | End of year reports emailed to parents/carers. |
| Tuesday 8th July               | Idris Caldora (chef) in Y5.                    |
| Wednesday 9th July             | Level 1/2 Bikeability.                         |
| Thursday 10th July             | Y5 Residential—Kip in a Ship.                  |
| Friday 11th July               | Y6 Leavers' assemblies.                        |
|                                | Swans at 9.45am                                |
|                                | Moorhens at 1.30pm                             |
| Monday 14th July               | Rocksteady concert at 2.30pm.                  |
| Friday 18th July               | Break up for the Summer holiday.               |

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# Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One



Key Stage Two





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