

Year 6 Residential



This week, Year Six pupils spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Blists Hill Victorian Town in Ironbridge. They enjoyed touring the town, participating in workshops and experiencing a traditional fun fair. The children stayed at Coalport youth hostel which was brilliant fun.



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At the Victorian town, children visited the grocery shop, the milliners, the chemist and the dentist (which looked quite scary!) All of the shops were original and pupils enjoyed talking to educators who told them lots of interesting things about Victorian life.





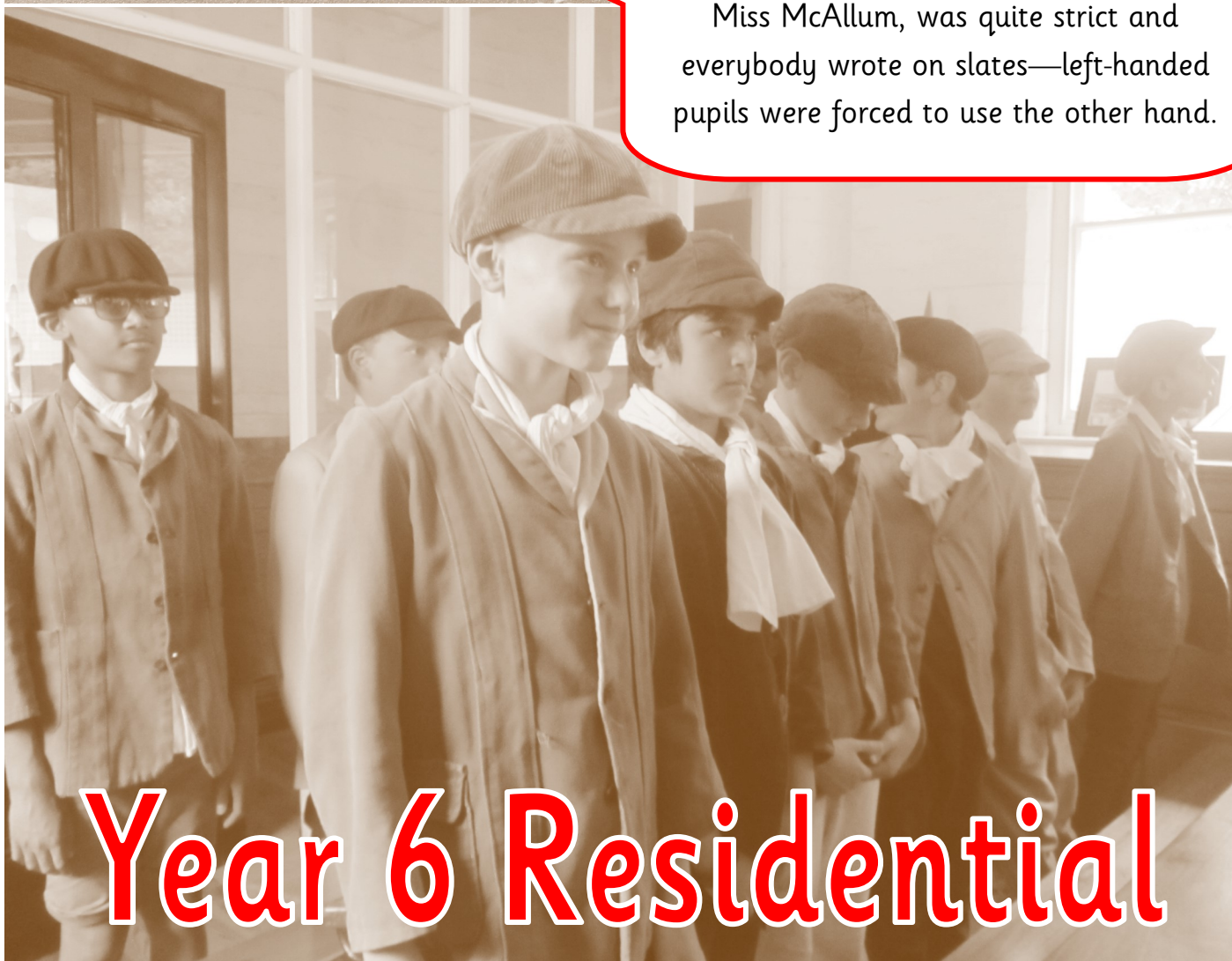
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The children also visited a plasterer's shop, a bakery, a bank, a pub and even an undertaking business!



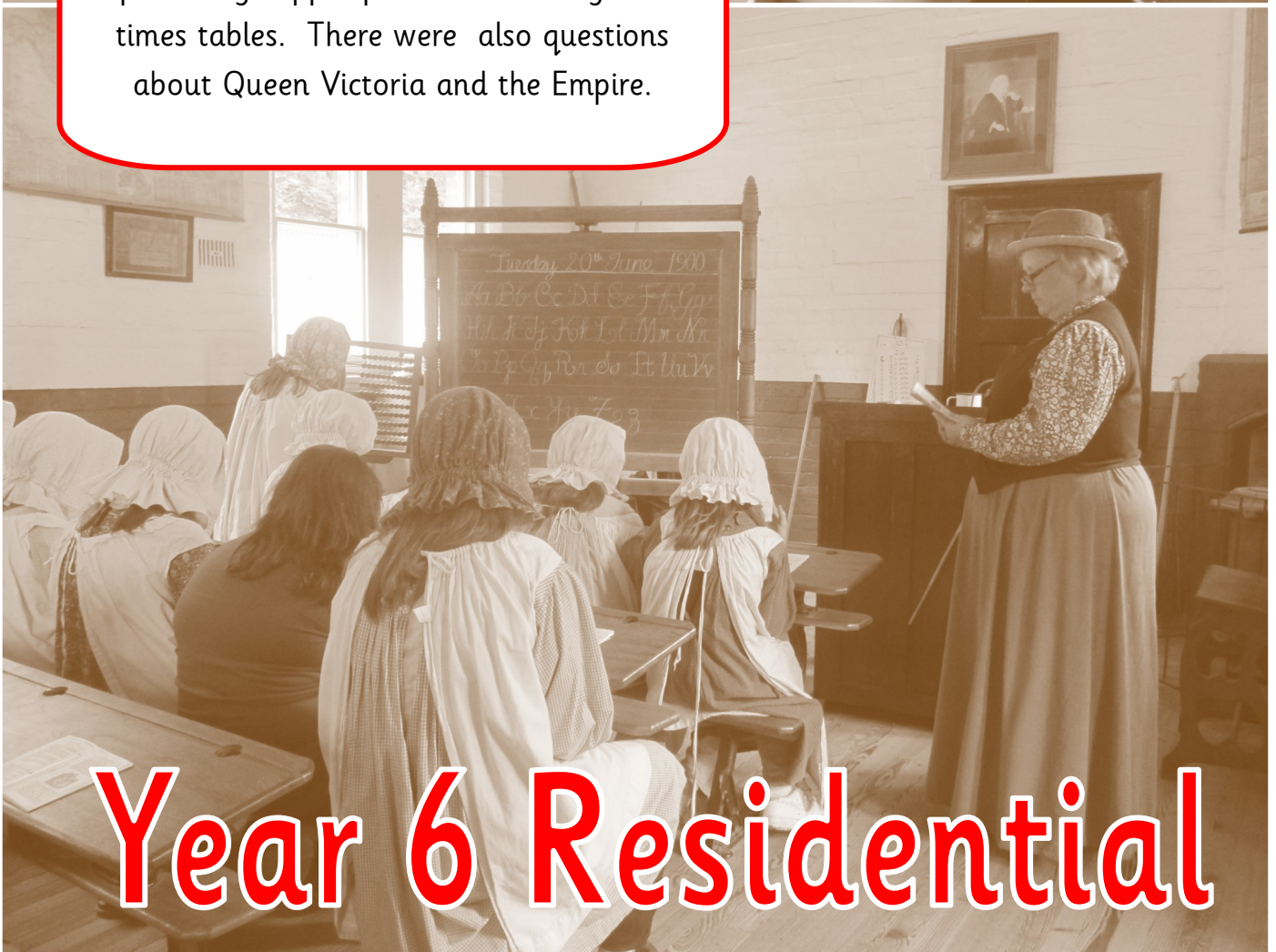
In the school room, the children had to be silent and very well behaved. The teacher, Miss McAllum, was quite strict and everybody wrote on slates—left-handed pupils were forced to use the other hand.



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The Victorian lesson involved reading, practising copper plate handwriting and times tables. There were also questions about Queen Victoria and the Empire.



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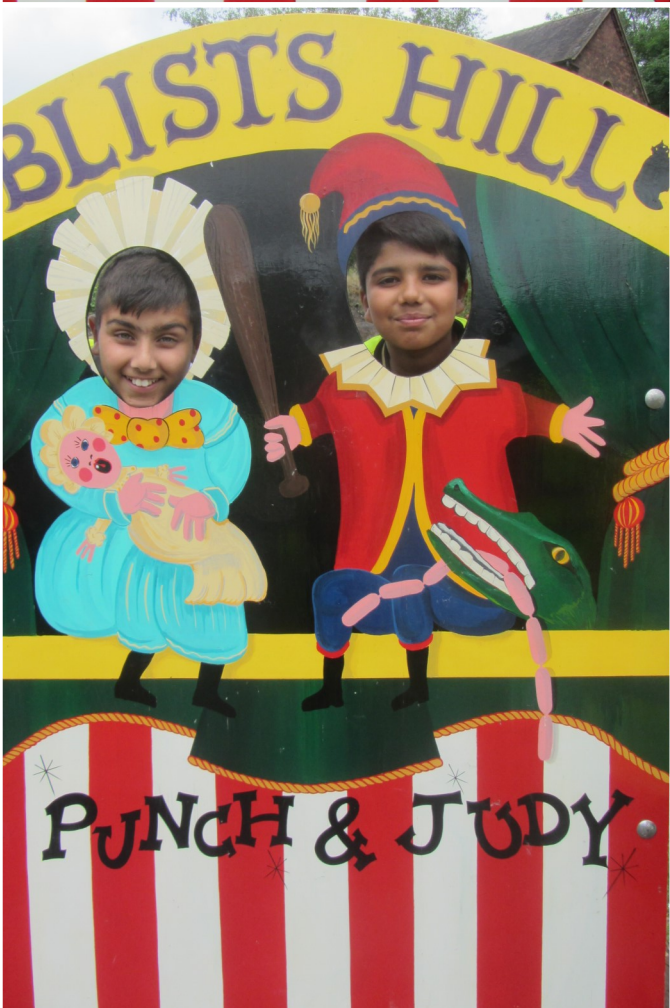


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Pupils enjoyed all the fun of the fair as well as an adventure playground.

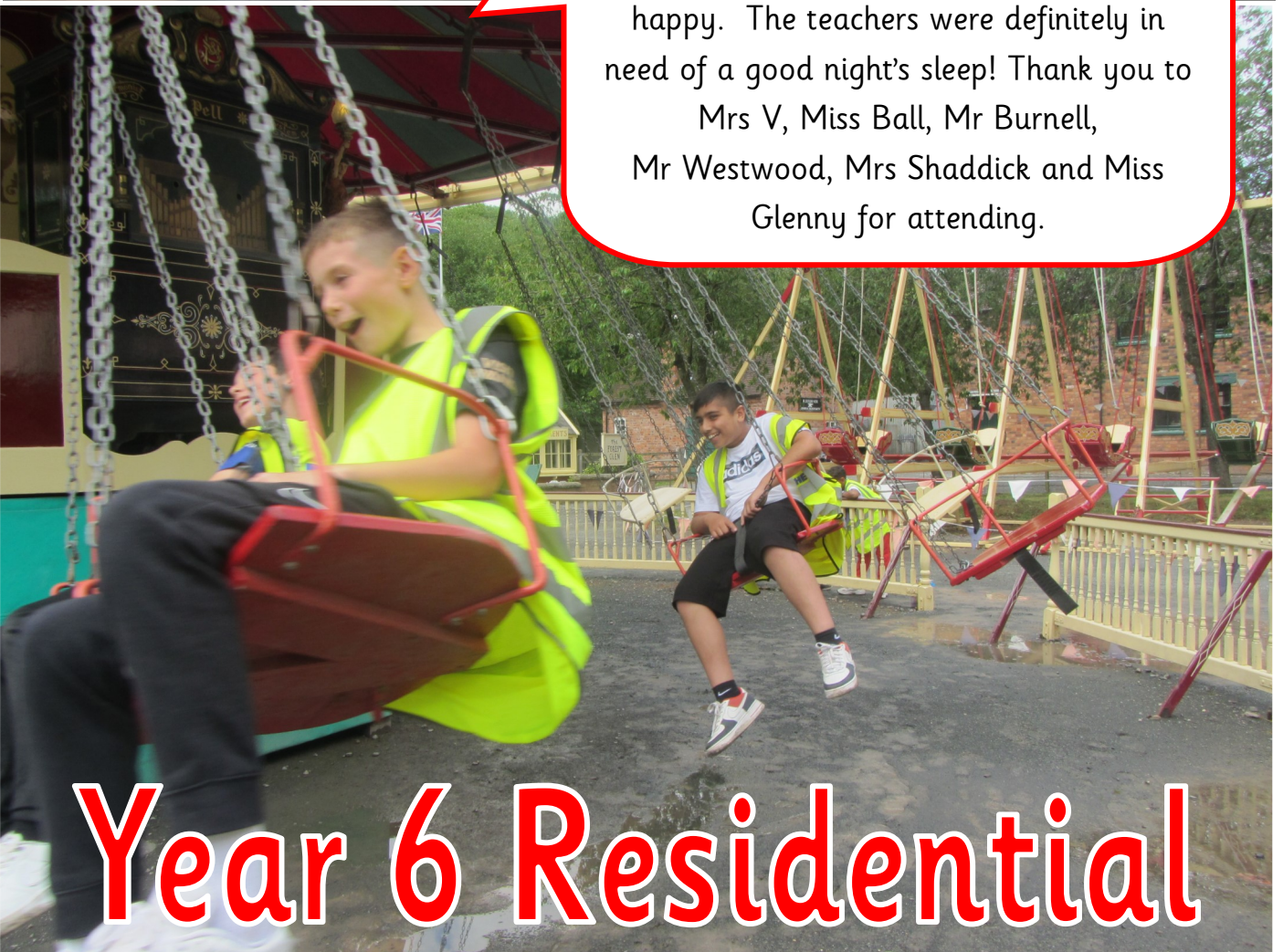


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The residential trip was great fun and pupils really extended their learning about Victorian life. Everybody returned tired but happy. The teachers were definitely in need of a good night's sleep! Thank you to Mrs V, Miss Ball, Mr Burnell, Mr Westwood, Mrs Shaddick and Miss Glenny for attending.



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Journalism Club

This week, Journalism Club interviewed chess champion, Anvika. Here, she shares some of her winning moves.

How did you learn to play chess? My mum started teaching me when I was about four or five years old. She told me the names of the different chess pieces and explained the eight “golden rules.”

Why do you like chess so much? It’s a fun game and it uses lots of quick thinking, memory power, strategy and tactics. I really like the challenge and I enjoy going to Coventry Chess Club because I’ve made some friends there.

Have you won any chess competitions? I won the British Chess Mega Finals which is a competition for under-11’s and I’m playing in the Jiga Finals next week in Manchester. I feel nervous but really excited and can’t wait to see who my first opponent will be. If I get through the Jiga Finals, I can compete in the Tera Final.

Do you have to train hard? Yes. I practise for an hour every day with my mum and I also use an app. After each game, my Mum and I analyse it and discuss tactics.

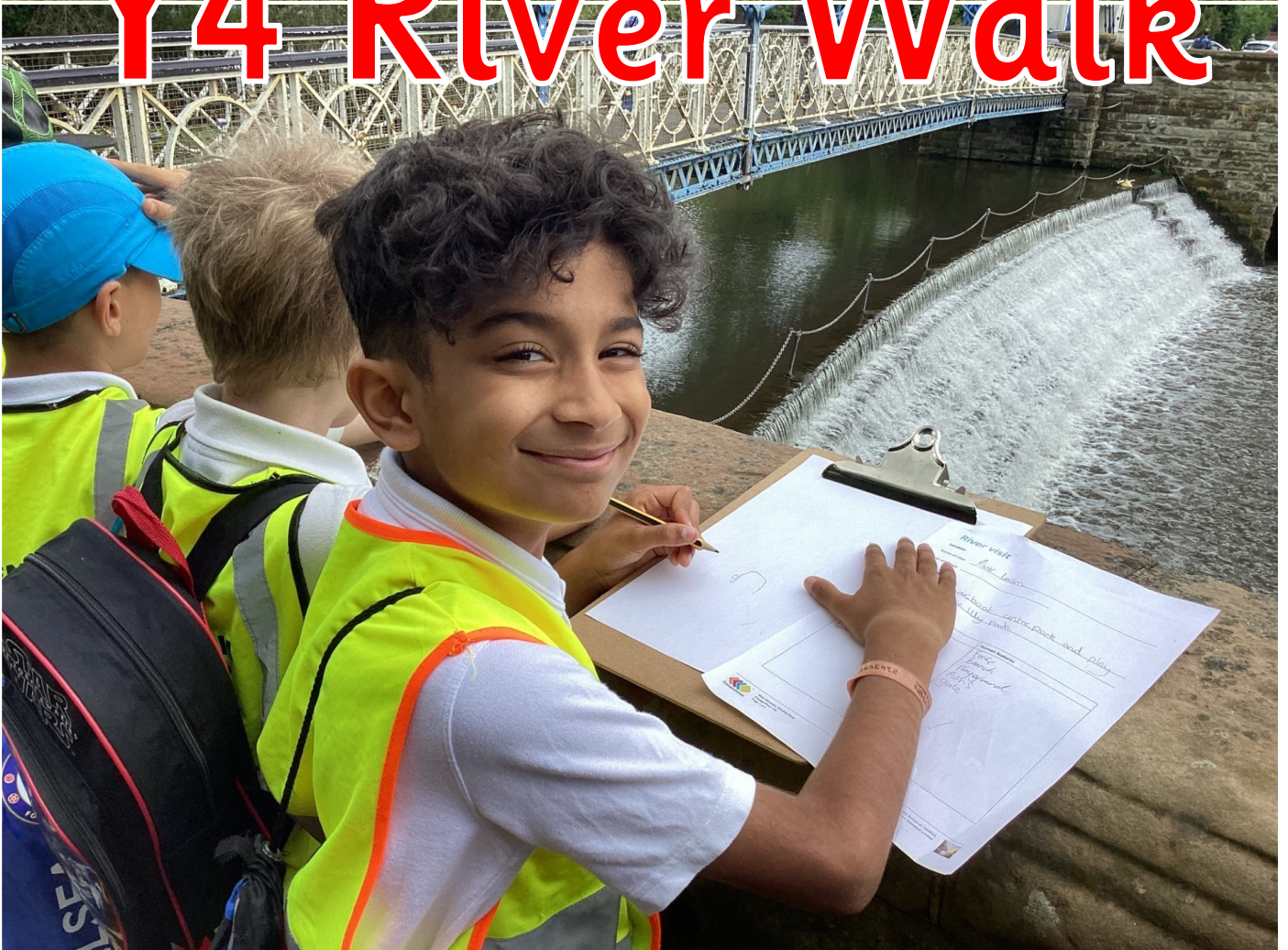
Who is your chess hero? Magnus Carlsen. He’s Norwegian and has been world champion for ten years. I like his style and unusual moves. I also like Ding Liren who is a Chinese grandmaster.

What’s the hardest thing about playing chess? You must train hard to play good moves and there’s a lot to remember. Sometimes I don’t feel like playing and this can be difficult. Mostly though, I love playing chess!

Thank you for sharing your passion for chess, Anvika. Good luck for the Jiga Finals on July 1st. We hope you win.

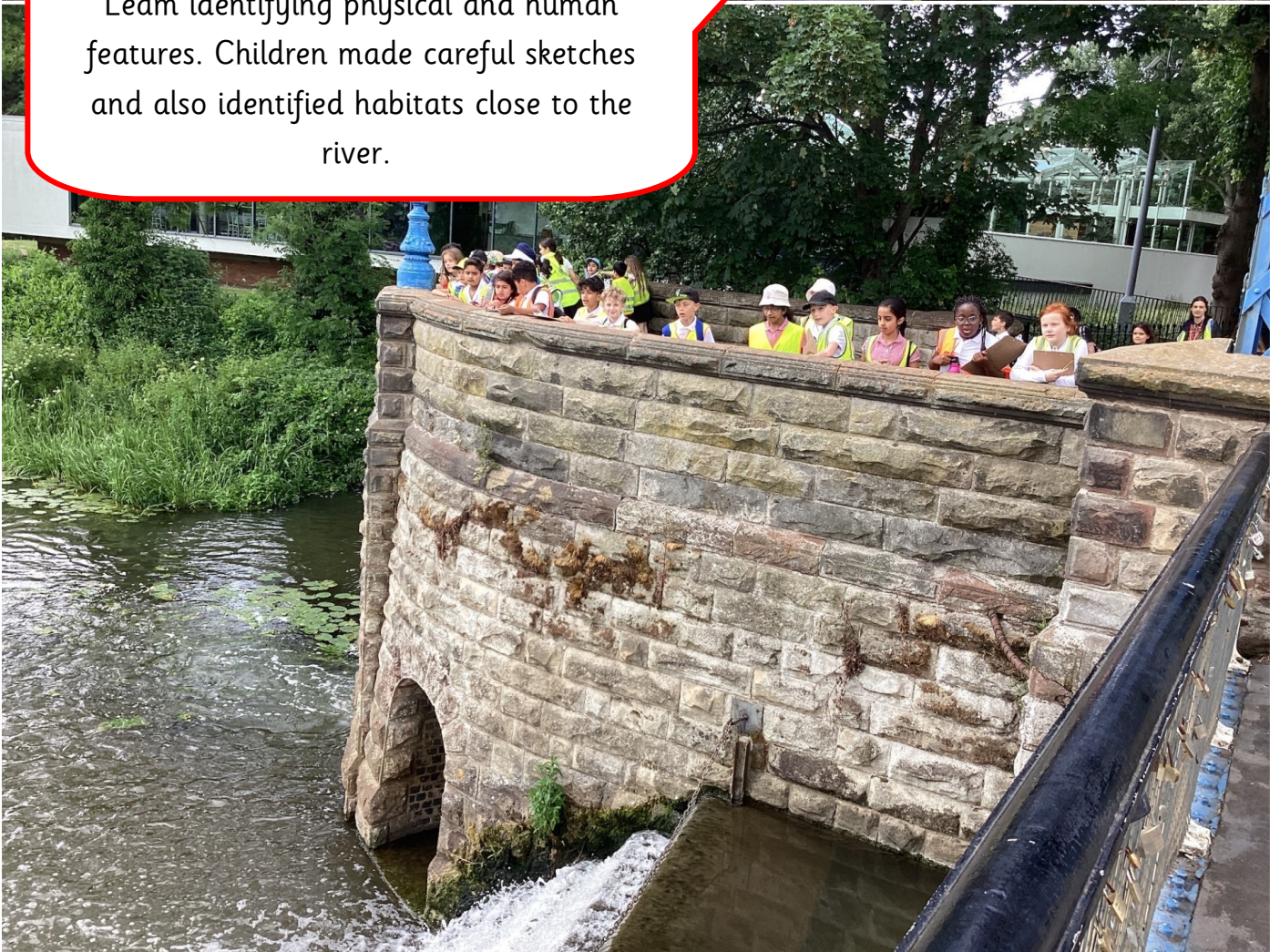


Y4 River Walk

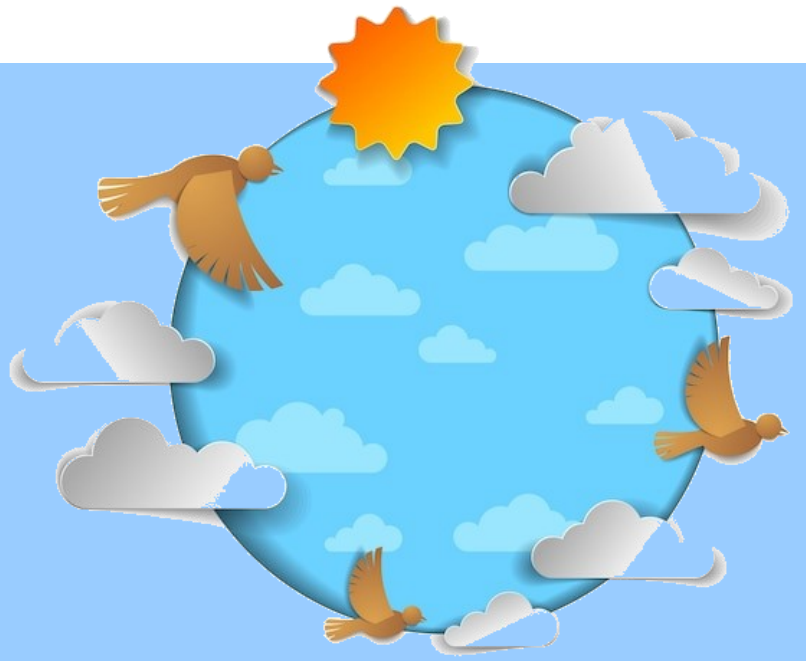




On Monday, Year Four walked the River Leam identifying physical and human features. Children made careful sketches and also identified habitats close to the river.



Calm



You feel like you're drifting across the sky, your body full of joy inside. Boom, boom, boom! The sound of your heartbeat slowing down, at ease.

All the negativity washed away and nothing but positivity for the rest of the day.

For a split-second, all your worries and thoughts disappear, leaving your mind blank.

It's comforting, that feeling in your bones that gives you the impression you are free to do anything.

As you close your eyes, you can hear the universe around you, From the birds tweeting to the sound of complete silence.

By Tayyaba

Year Five

Our school poet Laureate has written this lovely poem for our newsletter. Sit back and relax...

We are very pleased to announce who your child's class teacher will be for the academic year 2023/24.

Current Class 2022/23	New Teacher	Class Name 2023/24
YR Robins Ms Knight	Emily Lee	Kingfishers
YR Goldfinches Mrs Har-rad/Mrs Cox	Kate Gillespie/Chantelle Daly	Puffins
Y1 Kingfishers Mrs Lee	Charlotte Prager	Wrens
Y1 Puffins Mrs Emmett/Ms Daly	Lucy Mason	Swallows
Y2 Wrens Mrs Prager	Josie Lloyd/Laura Rastall	Heron
Y2 Swallows Miss Mason	Jon Lee	Doves
Y3 Doves Mr Lee	Sharon Madahar	Wagtails
Y3 Herons Mrs Lloyd/Mrs Rastall	Roh Keys	Starlings
Y4 Starlings Mrs Keys	Jordan Ellershaw	Kittiwakes
Y4 Wagtails Mrs Madahar	Sarah Dalton	Woodpeckers
Y5 Kittiwakes Ms Ellershaw	Jane Van der Sterren	Swans
Y5 Woodpeckers Ms Dalton	Charlotte Ball	Moorhens

Your child will get the chance to spend the day with their new teacher/s on Friday 14th July. They will be accompanied to their new class by the teaching assistant who supports their current class.

On the 14th July, please drop-off and pick-up your child from their current class at the usual times. Year Six will be taught by Onside Coaches in the morning so will need their PE kit in school. In the afternoon, Y6 pupils will be taught by Mrs Cox and Ms Knight. Reception pupils will not have PE on this day because they will be with their Year One teachers.

All of our teachers are keen to work in partnership with you as parents and carers and they are very much looking forward to meeting your child. All relevant records for your child will be passed up to the receiving teacher/s to ensure a smooth transition and teachers will participate in hand-over meetings in preparation for the new academic year.

Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll also qualify for the HAF holiday and activity programme which provides healthy food and enriching activities to children during some of the school holidays

Food vouchers may also be available through the Household Support Fund. Details of these initiatives can be found at www.gov.uk

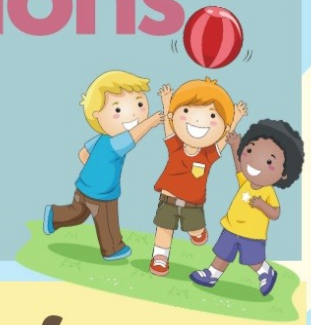
If you think you may be eligible, please copy the following link into your browser to apply.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/warwick>

All children who are eligible for free school meals attract pupil premium which is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of eligible pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. For further details on our Pupil Premium Strategy can be found at www.sydenhamprimaryschool.co.uk



Raffle Prize Donations Needed



**Would you like to donate a prize for our
Summer Fayre raffle?**

**Do you have any unused or duplicate gifts
that are in as new condition?**

**Your contribution would be hugely
appreciated and would help us to Raise money
for our BIG PLAY PROJECT**

**Please leave donations in the box in reception
from Monday**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FAYRE
FRI, 14TH JULY**

**AS WITH PREVIOUS EVENTS WE CANNOT
RUN WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT.**

**Please email us if you can help
sydenhampta@welearn365.com**



#SALUTEOURFORCES

**Saturday 24 June
2023**



I'm supporting

ARMED FORCES DAY

armedforcesday.org.uk

FREE

Family Fun Day

Trampolines | Inflatable slide | Music from a Regimental band

FREE hot dogs and ice cream | Information stalls*

Fun town museum trail Sports activities *while stocks last

**St Nicholas Park,
Opposite 2nd Warwick Sea Scout HQ
Warwick, CV34 4QY
Saturday 24 June, 12pm to 3pm**



For further information contact:

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Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

26th June - World Wellbeing Week

LISTENING

Listening is our ability to understand and interpret the meaning of words. We can listen both actively and passively. A **passive listener** may hear what has been said but not give their full attention to understanding the words, therefore they may not respond. An **active listener** might ask questions, remember what you said, smile and nod whilst you are talking, and stay engaged in the conversation.

Our tips for practicing active listening:

1- Telephone Game

Start by sitting in a line/circle. One person whispers a sentence to the person next to them and this is passed on until the sentence reaches the last person. The last person says out loud what they heard. Think about how much the sentence has changed!

2- Changing the Story

Read the class a short story. Then read it again but change 5 things (e.g., events that happen, characters names etc.) Ask the children if they can identify any changes, see if they can find all 5!

3- Weekend Catch-up

In pairs, partners should take it in turns to talk for 1 minute about their weekend. Children should then ask each other questions each about their weekend, to see if the listener could remember what they did! Each partner can score points for each question they answered correctly.

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate!

thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

Diary Dates

Monday 26th June	Y1 trip to West Midlands Safari ark.
Thursday 29th June	Y3 online lesson delivered by Lapworth Geology Museum .
Friday 30th June	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Bring 50p if your child comes to school in their own choice of clothes.
Tuesday 4th/Wednesday 5th July	New playground marking being installed.
Tuesday 4th July	Induction day for Y6 pupils transitioning to Campion.
Tuesday 4th July	Y3 LR Herons class assembly at 9.15am.
Tuesday 4th July	Y3 JL Doves class assembly at 10.15am.
Wednesday 5th July	School closed due to strike action.
Wednesday 5th July	KES induction day for Y6.
Friday 7th July	School closed due to strike action.

As per Miss Glenny's email, school will be closed due to industrial action on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July.

Sport's Days—see Miss Glenny's email for more information.

Wednesday 28th June, 10.00—11.30am—Years Three and Four

Friday 30th June, 10.00—11.30am—Reception

Friday 30th June, 1.30—3.00pm—Years Five and Six

Tuesday 4th July, 10.00—11.30am—Years One and Two

Diary Dates

Monday 10th July	Campion, Myton, Aylesford induction day for Y6.
Monday 10th—Tuesday 11th July	RSC National Playmaking Festival, Stratford.
Tuesday 11th July	Y5 JE visit to Pizza Express.
Tuesday 11th July, 9.30—11.15am	Stay and Play sessions for Reception pupils 2023/24.
Thursday 13th July	Y6 leavers' trip to Harry Potter World.
Friday 14th July	Pupils spend the day with their teacher for next year.
Friday 14th July	PTA Summer Fayre, 3.20—5.30pm.
Monday 17th July	Rocksteady Concert at 2.30pm.
Wednesday 19th—Thursday 20th July	Y5 residential to Kip in a Ship, HMS Belfast, London.
Friday 21st July	Y6 JvS leavers' performance and certificates, 9.30—10.45am
Friday 21st July	Y6 CB leavers' performance and certificate, 1.45 –3.00pm
Tuesday 25th July	Break up for the Summer holiday.

Pupils return to school on Monday 4th September 2023

INSET DAYS 2023/24

School will be closed for in-service (teacher) training on the following dates during the next academic year

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 2nd October 2023

Monday 4th December 2023

Monday 8th January 2023

Monday 3rd June 2024



Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One



Best wishes from
Miss Glenny

Key Stage Two