

Puppet Parade

This week, Sydenham Arts Ambassadors put their creativity to the test by making their very own puppets. As you will see, each one was different and developed its own unique personality.



Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture





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For three days this week, our Arts Ambassadors have worked with Johnny Nicholds from Big Gobs Puppets. Sydenham pupils were joined by their Arts Ambassador friends from St Patrick's Primary School for this project.

Using cardboard, felt, wool and ping-pong balls, the children made amazing puppets, all with their own unique personalities.





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The children's puppets will be displayed in our SPLAT! pop-up gallery at Art in the Park which is held in Jephson Gardens every year during the first weekend in August.

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On Day Three, there was a puppet show featuring a song written by the Ambassadors called, "Oh Yeah!" The puppets magically came to life and performed the song!




A group of children are lying on their stomachs on a blue carpeted floor, focused on drawing on a long, continuous white sheet of paper that stretches across the room. They are using pencils and some are looking up towards the camera.

In their final session with Motionhouse this year, pupils were given the chance to reflect on their experiences.

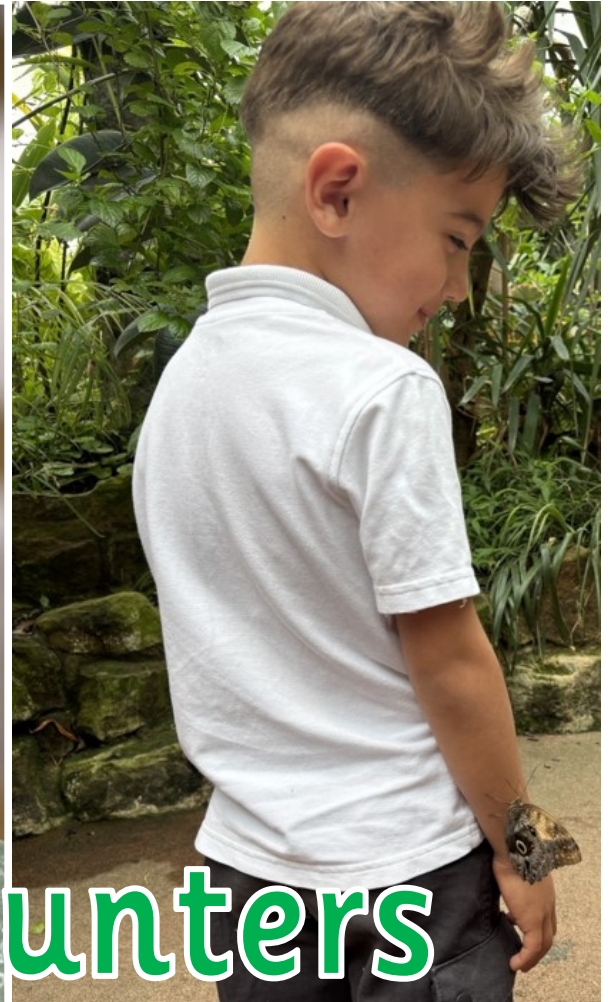
Motionhouse

A wide shot of the classroom shows many children in white school uniforms lying on the floor, working on the same giant roll of paper. The paper is unrolled across the entire length of the room, and the children are spaced out along it, all intently focused on their drawings.

On a giant roll of paper, they recorded what they had learnt and how they felt about their sessions.

A close-up view of several children in the foreground, showing their concentration as they draw. They are using pencils on the white paper, and their faces are close to the work. The background shows more children further down the roll.

Everybody agreed that the sessions were great fun and they had all grown in confidence and learnt new skills.



Butterfly Hunters

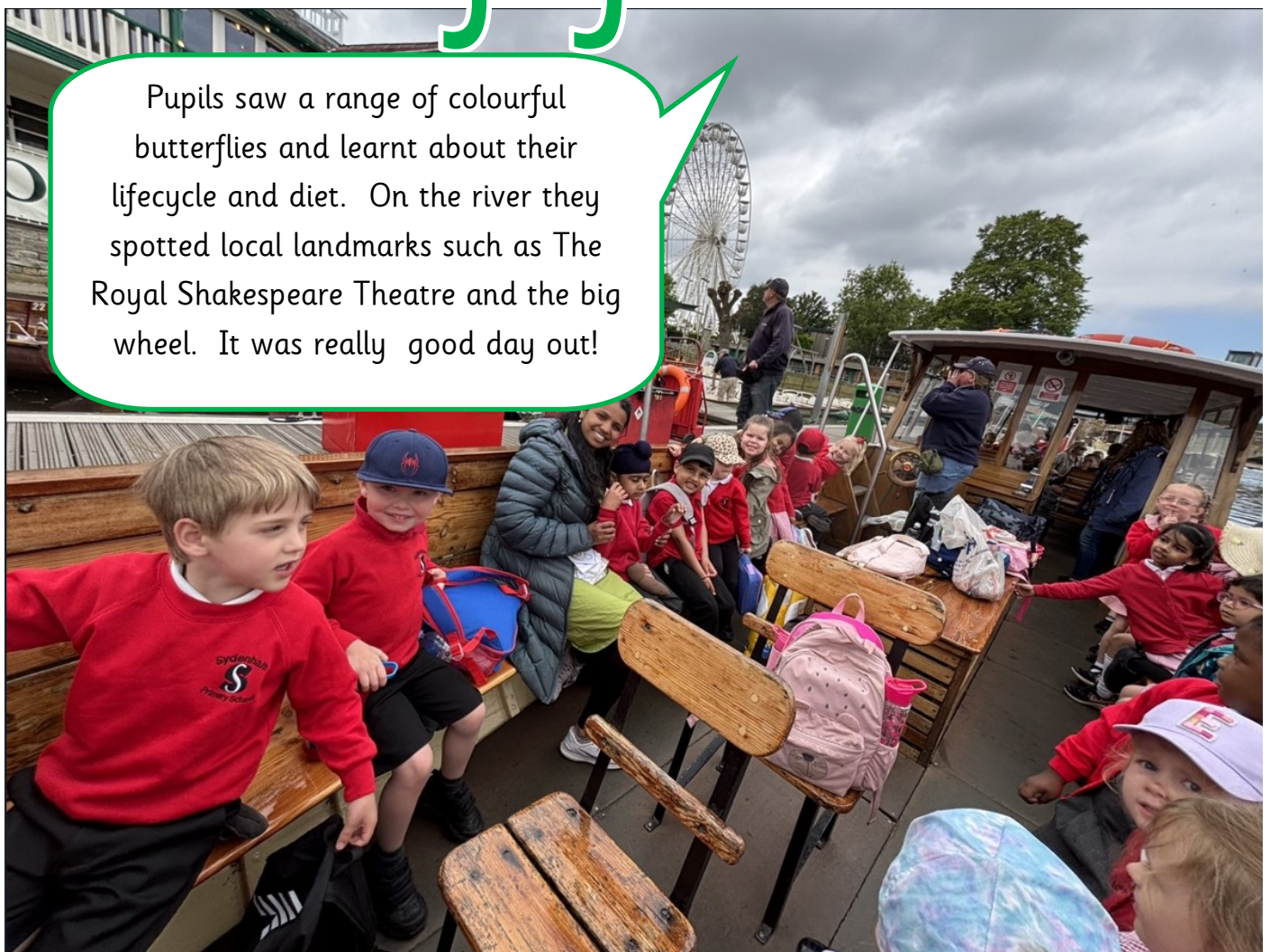
Reception went to Stratford-upon-Avon this week. They visited the Butterfly Farm, took an exciting boat trip on the river and enjoyed ice creams.

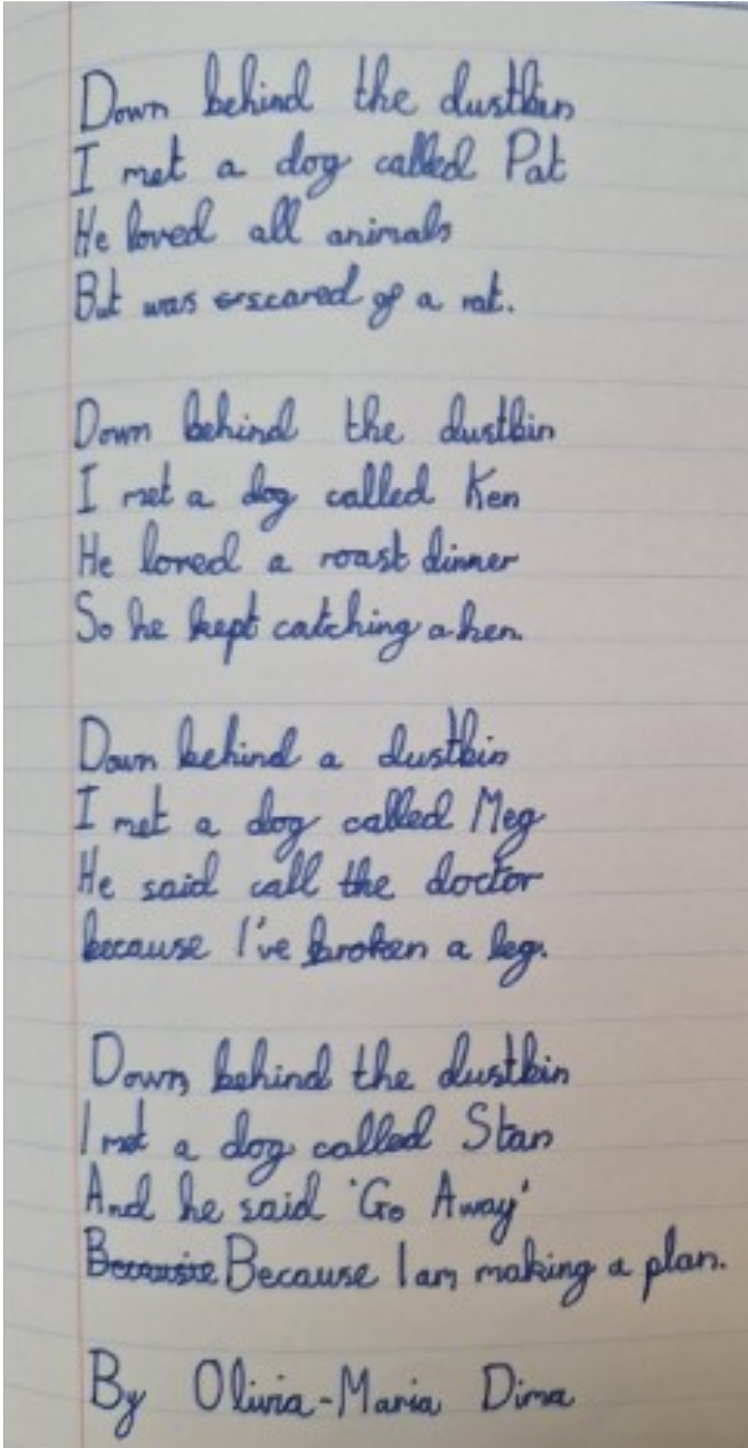




Butterfly Hunters

Pupils saw a range of colourful butterflies and learnt about their lifecycle and diet. On the river they spotted local landmarks such as The Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the big wheel. It was really good day out!





Year Three Herons have been writing poems inspired by Michael Rosen's verse, "Down by the Dustbins." His original poem is a funny tale of different dogs. It goes like this:

**Down by the dustbins I met a
dog called Sid,
He could smell a bone inside
But he couldn't lift the lid.**

Pupils innovated the poem to include ideas of their own. Their challenge was to maintain the rhythm and rhyming pattern of the original poem and, as you can see from Olivia's example, they did incredibly well.



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Article 29: Goals of Education

Year Three Poets

a lazy sleeper
an antelope devourer

a great swimmer
a nocturnal hunter

a mane washer
a loud roarer

a pride stayer
a violent killer

a flesh consumer
an amazing chomper

a jungle shelterer
an oasis sipper

a proud carer
a zebra pouncer

a stealthy protector
an aggressive fighter

by Maddie.

In Year Three Doves, pupils have been writing kennings. A kenning is a form of figurative language using two words to describe something. For example, the sun could be described as a "sky light" and a dog could be described as a "tail wagger."

A skilled killer

A desert drinker
a meat gobler

a lazy sleeper
a smart sneaker

a load slurper
a plant drink

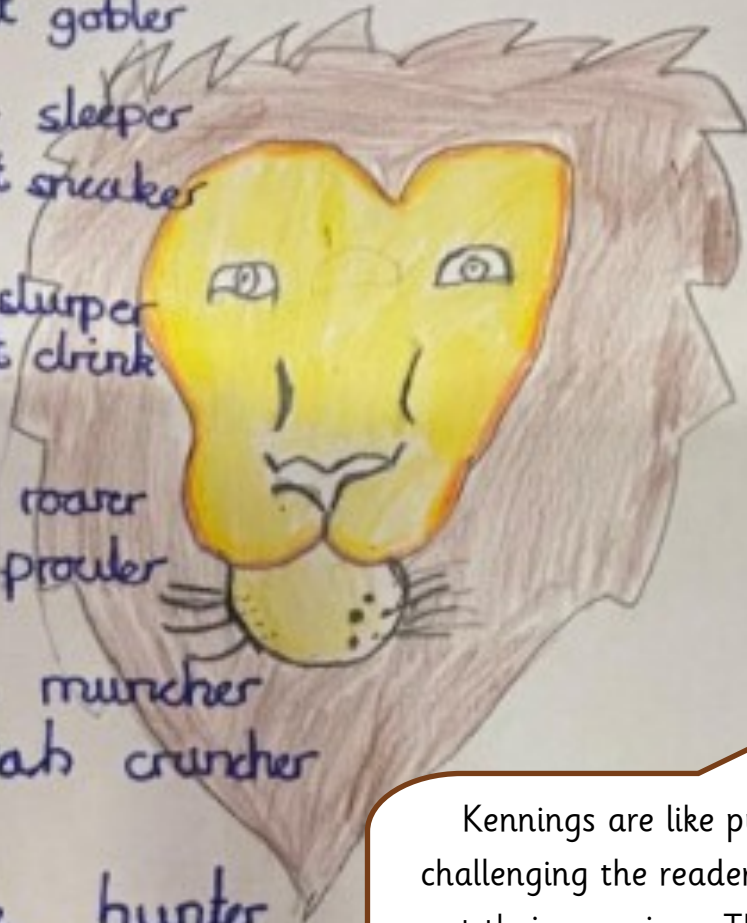
a scary roarer
a pray prouder

a Zebra muncher
a cheetah cruncher

a wildlife hunter
a savannah reigner

a buffalo biter
a blood thirsty creature

a grassland sprinter
a dedicated lighter



Kennings are like puzzles, challenging the reader to work out their meaning. They were popular in Old English and Norse poetry.

Year Three Poets

by Srikar

Year Three Poets

a loud roarer

a food stealer

a night hunter

a buffalo gobbler

a desert survivor

a zebra chaser

a trained catcher

an animal killer

a good sneaker

a thirsty drinker

a family carer

a meat lover

a lazy sleeper

a water drinker

by Janvi

Y3 Doves wrote their kennings about a lion. Could you have worked this out if you hadn't seen their illustrations?



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Children at Butterflies After School Club were invited to enter an art competition to create a new and exciting mythical creature. We are thrilled that all of the children who entered the competition have been chosen by Young Artists to be published in their new book series, "Mythical Madness."

Here are a few of the AMAZING designs by a some of our very talented young artists here at Sydenham Primary School. I am sure you will agree they are very creative!

Mythical Madness



Half Fire

Half Water





Children in Year 3 have been learning about body movement in sacred places. They demonstrated great knowledge and understanding of how movement helps their prayers and were able to share their own experiences of visiting church, temple, gurdwara and mosque.

Sacred Spaces

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Article 14: Freedom of Thought, Belief and Religion



Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Listening

Listening is an important skill that helps us to feel connected to others and the world around us. When we listen, we can learn new things, solve problems and interact with people around us. This is great for our mental health as we are using our minds and connecting with people.



Try out these games to test your listening skills:

1 - Sound hunt!

Close your eyes and listen carefully to the sounds around you. See how many sounds you can identify in a minute.

This type of listening activity helps us to connect with the world around us, which can help us to feel calm.

2 – Weekend catch up

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

3 – I went to the supermarket, and I bought a...

As a class, sit in a circle. The first person says, "I went to the supermarket, and I bought a..." and they choose an item, for example an apple. The next person has to repeat that sentence and choose their own item to add. For example, "I went to the supermarket, and I bought an apple and a book". Keep going around the circle adding items. If someone forgets an item, you move onto the next player. It gets harder as you go!

These two games encourage 'active listening', where you are taking in the information you are hearing. This is a useful skill to practice. You can also practice this at home, trying to remember what you have heard on a programme or video!

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

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.





do it in yellow

Cystic Fibrosis Trust

#CFweek
9–15 June 2025

**wear
yellow
day**
Friday 13 June

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A person with blonde hair, wearing a bright yellow t-shirt and a yellow bucket hat, is posing dynamically against a white background. They are holding two large, fluffy yellow pom-poms, one in each hand, and their arms are extended outwards. They are also wearing grey trousers and black shoes.



#SALUTEOURFORCES

**Saturday 28 June
2025**



I'm supporting

ARMED FORCES DAY

FREE

Community Event

*Free activities & food for children - hot dogs, burgers and ice creams**

*Free Indian vegetarian food (Sikh Langar)**

Paid food & drink vendors including coffee, pizza and a bar

Music from Ruby Ann Sings | Military reenactors & vehicles

Military heritage village | Tri-Service competition

Find out more about a career in the military

Flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight - Avro Lancaster

*while stocks last

**Saturday 28 June, 11am to 3pm
Pump Room Gardens,
Leamington Spa, CV32 4AA**



For further information visit: warwickdc.gov.uk/armedforcesday



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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



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

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Diary Dates

School closed for the Whitsun holiday

Monday 26th—Friday 30th May

Monday 2nd June	Y4 Multiplication Check all week.
Monday 2nd June	Y5 swimming lessons in the pop-up pool (for three weeks.)
Monday 2nd June	Y6 residential to Longridge Activity Centre.
Tuesday 3rd June	RSC Director Mentor working with Y2.
Tuesday 3rd June	Firefighter visit, Year One.
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
Friday 20th June	Soccer Aid—make a donation to Unicef via ParentPay if you choose to wear a football shirt or sport's top to school. There will be football activities for all classes to enjoy, arranged by Mr Lee.

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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