

New Recruits



Congratulations to Destiny and Aveer who have been chosen to work in the school office every day next term from 8.00—8.30am. Destiny and Aveer will be answering the telephone and taking messages. They were hand picked because of their wonderful manners, excellent communication skills and ability to get out of bed early! Well done to them both for being fantastic role models—we're very proud of you and know you'll do a brilliant job.



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Year 5 had an amazing time at the National Space Centre in Leicester earlier this week. They started their trip off with a show in the UK's largest planetarium!



Y5 Space Cadets

Pupils also spent some time exploring the exhibits, designing their own rockets, dressing up as astronauts and controlling a Mars Rover!

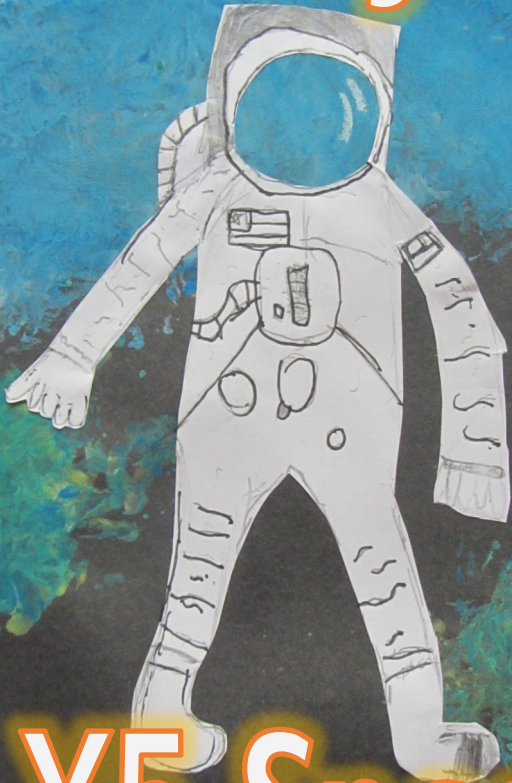




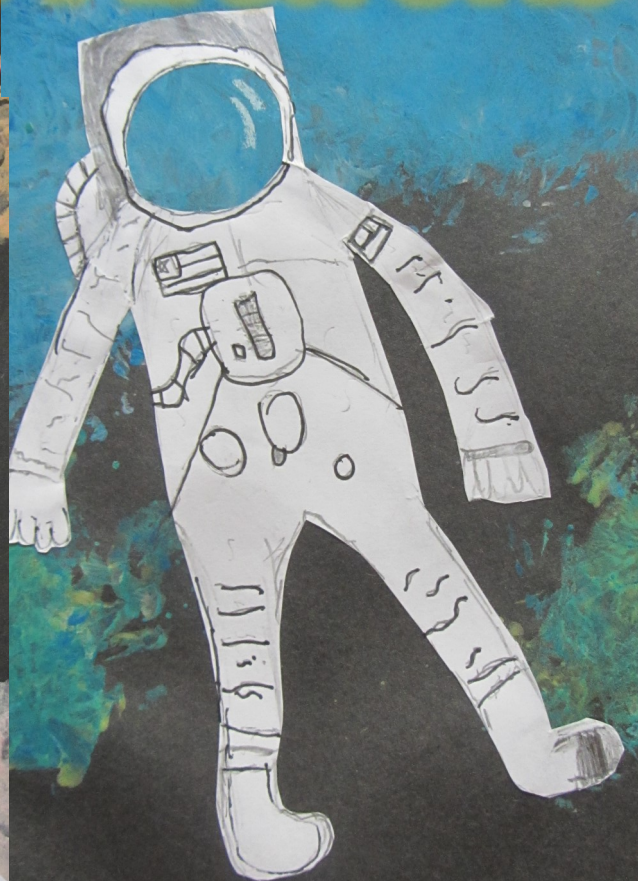
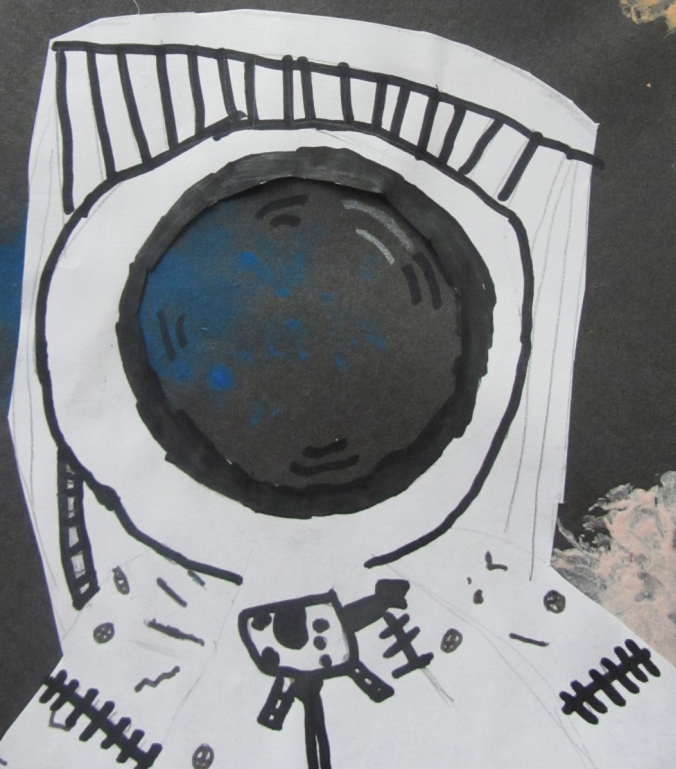
Pupils also had an 'It IS Rocket Science' workshop which explored the laws of motion and how different chemical reactions can create mini rockets!



Out Of This World!



Y5 Space Artwork





Reception celebrated Diwali this week by holding a party for the children and their families.

As part of the Festival of Light, pupils enjoyed writing their names using sparklers!

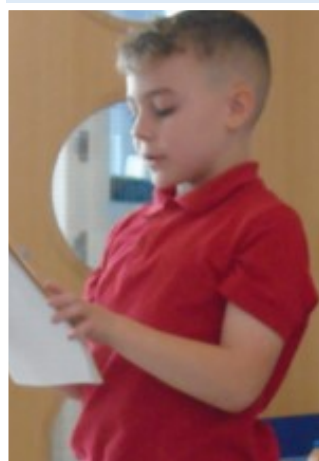
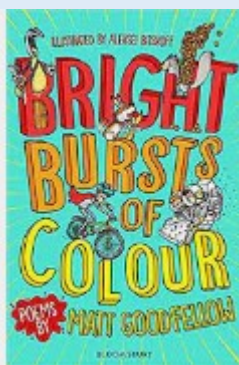


Reception Sparklers



Y4 Poetry Slam

Year Four have been writing poems, taking their inspiration from Matt Goodfellow's collection of verse, "Bright Bursts of Colour." On Wednesday, they performed their work to each other and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm and confidence.





This week, Year Four were visited by Gurtaran's mum and dad who spoke to the children about their religion, Sikhism. Pupils learnt about the Five K's and the lives of some of the Guru's. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Atwal for sharing your faith in such a fascinating way.

Sikhism Visit

Halloween Night



On Halloween night,
Arrive the ghastly ghouls,
The witches scream and cackle,
As the zombies dribble and drool.

On Halloween night,
The monsters roar and screech,
With the howling werewolves
Within their reach.

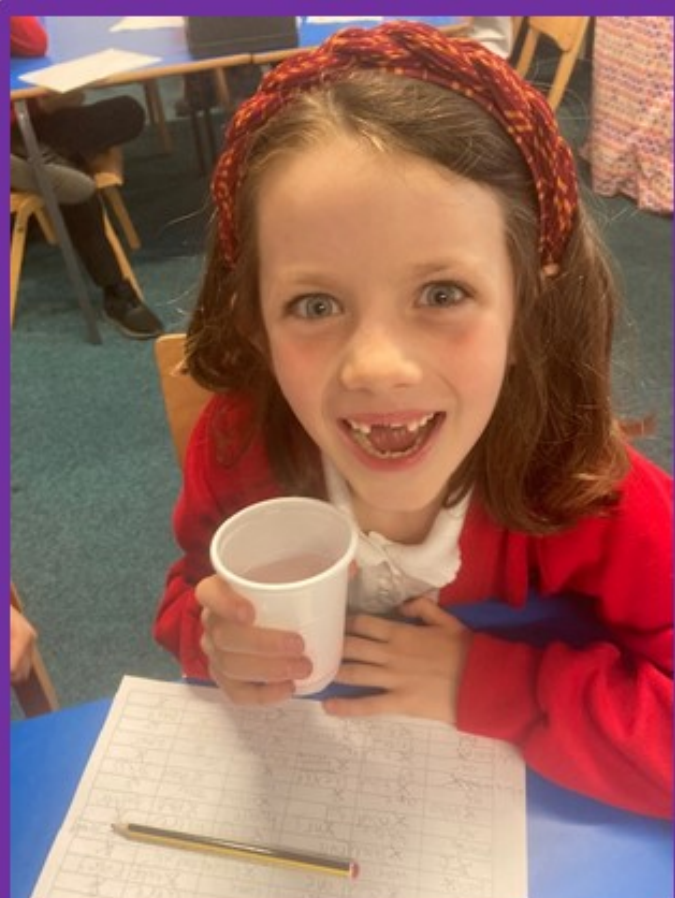
On Halloween night,
The mummies mutter and groan,
The graveyard is filled with darkness
While the zombies mumble and moan.

By Hargunjot and Jacy (Year Five)



Hargunjot and Jacy have written this fabulous, spooky poem. They did it in their own time—well done girls!





Year Three made smoothies this week as part of their topic, "Scrumdiddlyumptious." The carefully prepared the fruit, blended it until it was thick and creamy and then enjoyed the results!

Ice Palace

The ice palace is frosty,
With infinite ice,
You cannot destroy it
With one little slice.

The ice palace is tall,
Like towering mountains,
Its garden is full
With spraying fountains.

The ice palace is shimmering
With sapphire lights,
One little movement
Can make you dance all night.

The ice palace is sleeping
Under golden stars,
They are guarding the palace
From afar.

By Jacy, Hargunjot and Dhanya (Year Five)

Here's another poem from
Hargunjot and Jacy, this time
working with Dhanya.

Well done!



Positive

Tayyaba has written another super poem for us this week, describing the power of positive thinking.

The hard times rush through our brains while we try to get them out,

Just take them away, calm yourself down and do your breathing exercises,

Think the best thoughts and keep yourself in a good mood,

Smile and laugh but also talk to others about how you feel,

Tell somebody if you're not OK and cheer yourself up by doing things which make you relax,


Be positive and reach out to us,

We will hold your hand and make you feel safe,

You will never be alone again.

By Tayabba (Year Five.)

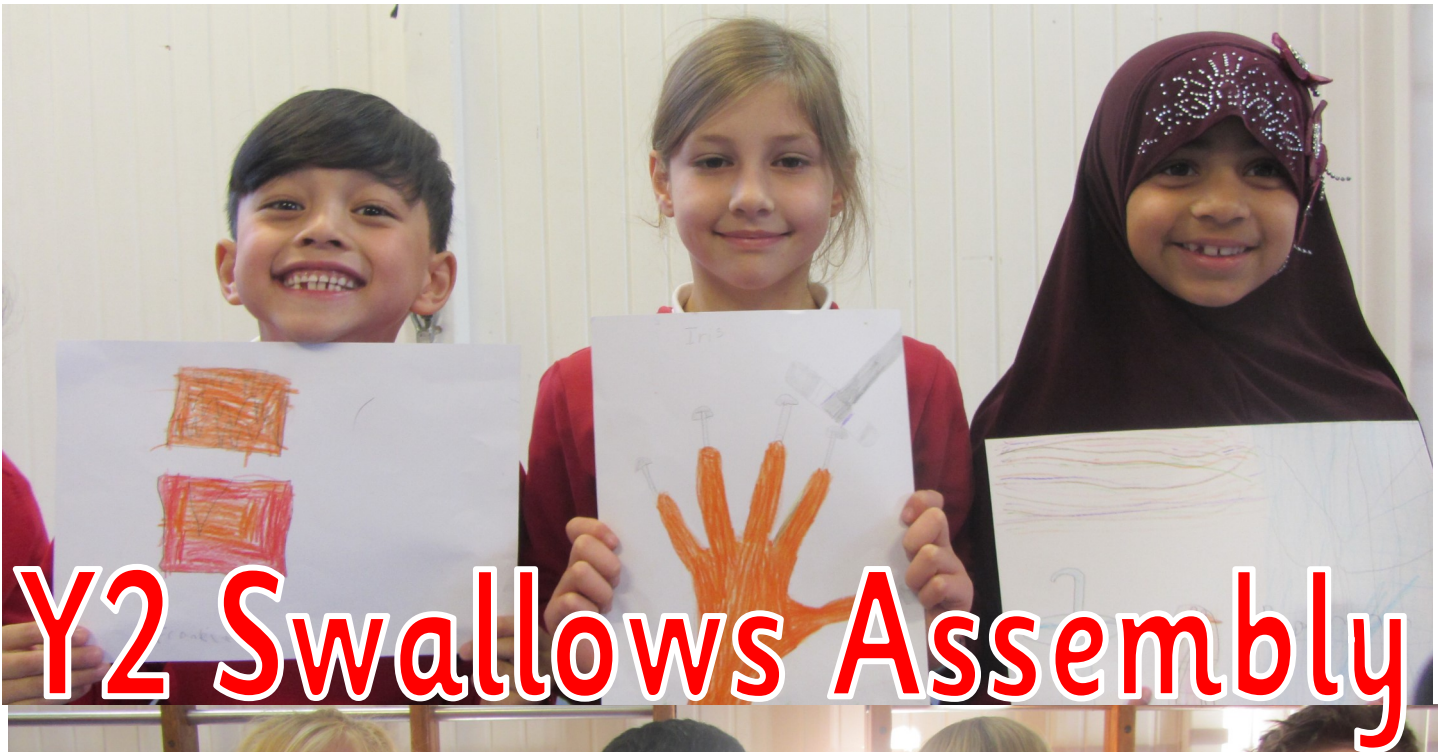




Y5/6 celebrated Diwali on Friday with food, dancing, diwa making, rangoli and mehndi.

Y5/6 Diwali Party

Thank you to Aggie, Vasundra and Ramandeep for organising the party.



Y2 Swallows Assembly



Well done to Y2 Swallows for their lovely poetry assembly on Tuesday. The children shared some wonderful poems and pictures with their parents and carers and we felt very proud.





On Tuesday, Peter Timms visited Y6 Swans to train the children in the skill of peer mediation. Peer mediation uses the principles of restorative justice to empower children to solve their own disputes in a peaceful way. The process involves active listening, negotiation and problem solving and is an invaluable life skill. We hope to see peaceful football matches from now on!



Peer Mediation



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Ladies of Gee's Bend

As part of their Black History studies, Year Two learnt about the women of Gee's Bend, Alabama who recycle old clothing to make beautiful quilts just as their ancestors did. Year Two had a go at making their own, paper quilt which you can see below.



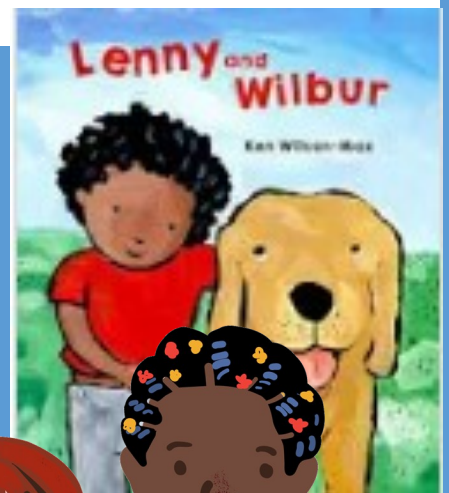
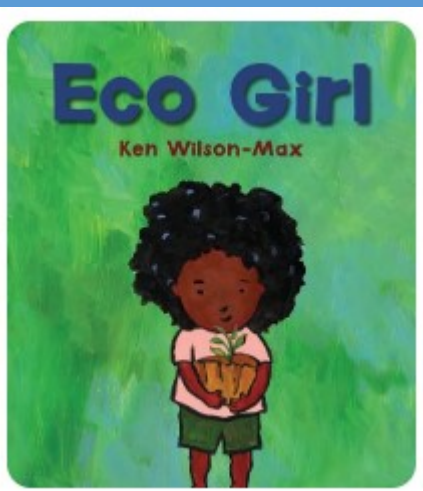
Black History
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Meet the Authors

On Saturday, I was lucky enough to travel to London to visit the CLPE Literacy Library. As I am sure you can guess, I was in my element being surrounded by bookshelves crammed with hundreds of beautiful children's books. But more exciting than that was having the opportunity to hear both Ken Wilson-Max and Michael Rosen speak about their experiences growing up and becoming authors, and how we can inspire children to want to become confident readers and writers themselves.



Ken Wilson-Max is both author and illustrator of his books. His belief which he strives to celebrate is that “people are more similar than they are different”; and so his books include diverse characters so that children of all backgrounds are able to “see or read themselves within the pages.”



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Article 30: Children from minority or indigenous groups

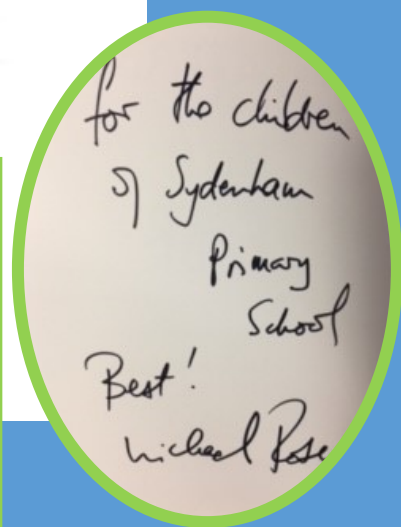
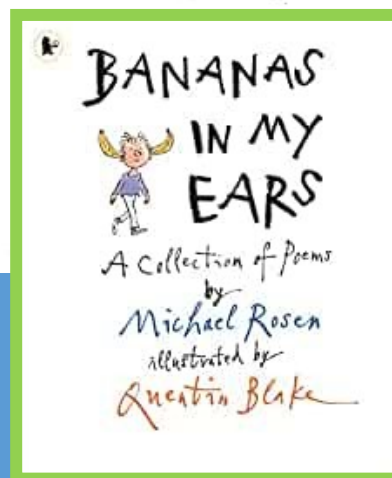
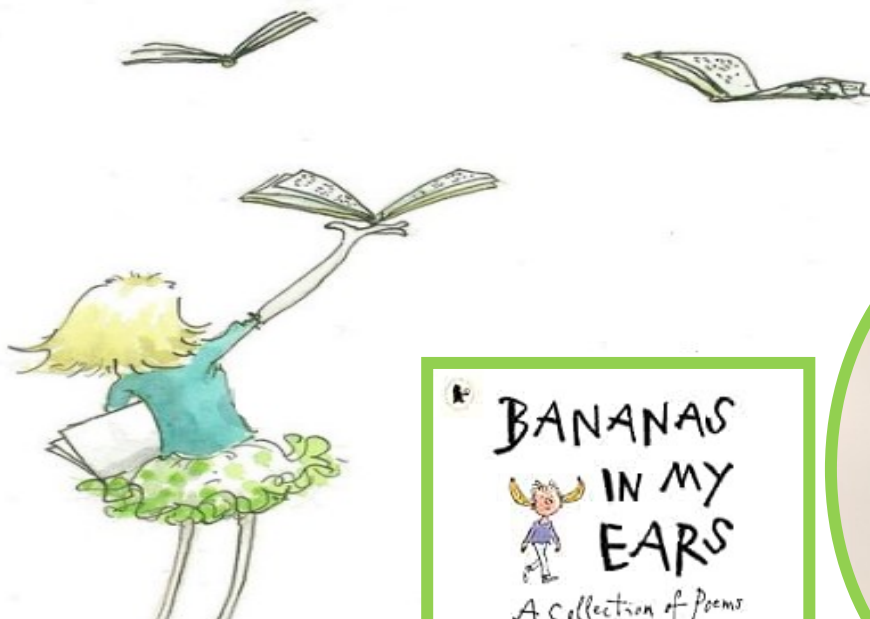
Michael Rosen has long been a favourite author of both poems and stories for teachers around the world, and so it was an honour to get the chance to hear him talk about what being creative really is.



Library

I promise that this is true
you know that I'm not lying
but in the library down the road
all the books are flying.

Round the room they fly
looking for a place to land.
Think of the book you love
and the book will land in your hand.



Both Ken and Michael signed books for the children, which I cannot wait to share with them after half term!

Reading Incentives

Please do continue to send in photos to our Admin email address of your children enjoying their poetry bags and teddies in suitcases. It is lovely to see and hear about the impact that this has on the children's enjoyment of reading, and the photos are helping to create a lovely display for us in school. Thank you!



J-U-M-P into Reading!

Well done to **all** of the children who read every day for 10 days during the Jump In competition window, and **congratulations** to the children who were lucky enough to receive the Jump In passes.

If your child received the pass, we would love to see some photos of your child having fun!

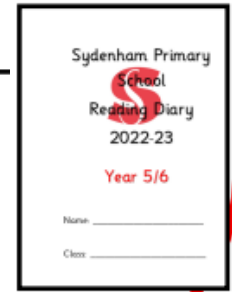
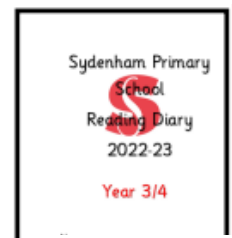
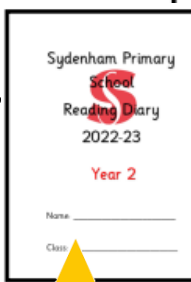
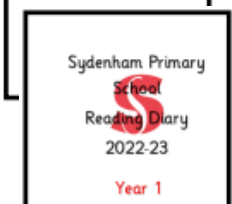
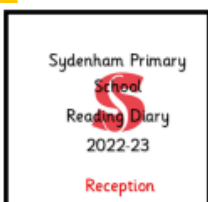


Half term reading challenge!

Has your child been working hard on their reading since September? Whether they are reading books with just a few words, or will happily get their teeth into a novel, I hope that you have been noticing a real difference in their fluency and confidence.

If your child reads on 7 occasions over the half term break - a total of 9 days - they can come to my office with their signed reading diary for a reading certificate and a little prize!

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Don't forget to sign your child's reading diary every time they read!

Happy reading, everyone!

Miss Challand



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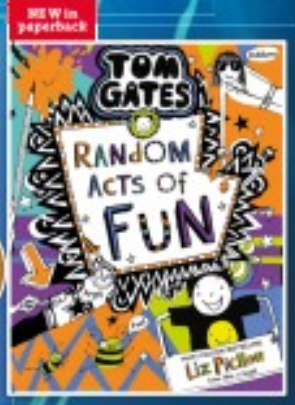
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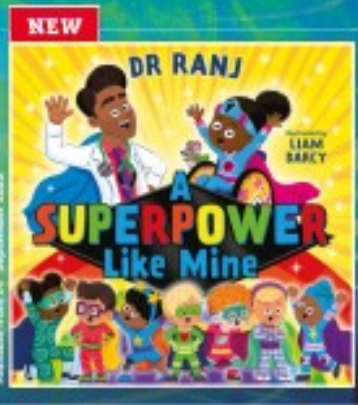
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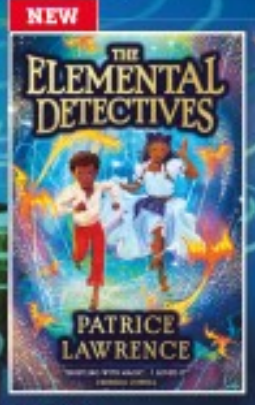
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We will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair on Monday 28th - Wednesday 30th November in the main hall from 3.20-4pm, so please pop in and have a browse!

Christmas Theatre Visit Year 3 and Year 4

Jack AND THE Beanstalk



This year's legendary Belgrade pantomime is the enchanting tale of Jack and the Beanstalk.

The children will be travelling to the village of Prickly Bottom where the evil giant Blunderbore is causing havoc! What the village needs is a hero brave enough to climb up to the giant's castle and send him packing. Will Jack and his mysterious beanstalk prove to be the heroes we are looking for? There's only one way to find out!

Jack and the Beanstalk will feature spectacular scenery, stupendous costumes, magical mayhem and a show stopping giant that make a trip to the Belgrade panto an unmissable Christmas treat.

Funny, festive and extremely feel-good, don't miss out on this absolute GIANT of a show.

On Thursday 24th November at 10.15am

The children will travel by coach to The Belgrade Theatre. School pick-up time will be at 3.20pm, as usual.

The cost of this visit is £14.0 Please note that school will be subsidising the cost of the trip and meeting the costs for all adults. When costs have been confirmed, parents and carers will be able to pay in instalments via Parent Pay.

Christmas Theatre Visit Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

We are very excited to have booked tickets for the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to visit Warwick Arts Centre On Thursday 8th December at 10.30am to see Stick Man
The children will travel by coach to Warwick Arts Centre. They will eat lunch when they are back in school, and school pick-up time will be at 3.20pm, as usual.

The cost of this visit is £14.00

Please note that school will be subsidising the cost of the trip and meeting the costs for all adults. When costs have been confirmed, parents and carers will be able to pay in instalments via Parent Pay.

JULIA DONALDSON AXEL SCHEFFLER



What starts off as a morning jog becomes quite the misadventure for Stick Man: a dog wants to play fetch with him, a swan builds a nest with him, and he even ends up on a fire! How will Stick Man ever get back to the family tree?

This award-winning production, from the team behind *Zog*, *Tiddler* and other *Terrific Tales*, and *Tabby McTat* features a trio of top actors and is packed full of puppetry, songs, live music and funky moves.

Christmas Theatre Visit Year 5 and Year 6

Charles Dickens' festive tale of redemption and compassion. One of the most loved short stories ever written.

On Tuesday 8th November at 7pm.

The children will travel by coach to The RSC.

This trip costs £14.00

Please note that school will be subsidising the cost of the trip and parents and carers will be able to pay in instalments via Parent Pay.



The smash hit of Christmas past returns to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre by popular demand following sell-out success in 2017 and 2018.

Adrian Edmondson will play Ebenezer Scrooge in David Edgar's critically acclaimed adaptation of Charles Dickens' much-loved classic, A Christmas Carol.

In 1843, Charles Dickens decided to write a political manifesto, exposing and condemning the abject misery of the Victorian poor. Instead, he wrote one of the most enduring popular short stories ever written. In one ghostly Christmas night, miserly businessman Ebenezer Scrooge discovers the limitations of his life and beliefs. He learns to pity himself and to love his neighbour – but is that enough?

A Christmas Carol is the perfect accompaniment to the festive season for ages seven to 107.



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Diary Dates

Friday 21st October—break up for Half-Term.

Monday 24th—Friday 28th October school closed for Half-Term holiday.

Pupils return to school on Monday 31st October.

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| Tuesday 1st November | YR and Y6 height and weight checks |
| Tuesday 1st November | Y6 Health and Wellbeing Questionnaire, delivered by the School Nursing Service. |
| Tuesday 8th November | Y5/6 theatre visit to see The Royal Shakespeare Company's production of "A Christmas Carol." 7pm performance. |
| Tuesday 8th November, 9.00—9.15. | Y6 JvS Swans class assembly in the main hall — parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend. |
| Monday 21st November | School closed for INSET (teacher training) - rehearsal room pedagogies, led by The Royal Shakespeare Company. |
| Tuesday 22nd November | School closed for INSET (teacher training) - Emotion Coaching, led by Dr Louise Gilbert. |
| Wednesday 23rd November | School closed for INSET (teacher training) - Attachment theory and PACE, led by The Educational Psychology Service. |

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| Thursday 10th November | Maths workshop for YR parents/carers, 4.30—5.00pm. |
| Thursday 17th November | Maths workshop for YR parents/carers, 9.30—10.15am. |
| Thursday 24th November | Y3/4 theatre visit to The Belgrade Theatre to see “Jack and the Beanstalk.” 10.15am performance. |
| Monday 28th—Wednesday 30th November | Scholastic Book Fair. 3.20– 4.00pm |
| Wednesday 30th November | YR Robins and Goldfinches Nativity performance—Receptions parents/carers are warmly invited to attend. |
| Thursday 1st December | Pop-up planetarium for Y1. |
| Wednesday 7th December | Y1/2 carol concert—parents/carers are warmly invited to attend. |
| Thursday 8th December | Y3/4 carol concert—parents/carers are warmly invited to attend. |
| Thursday 8th December | Recorder players performing in the local community. |
| Friday 9th December | Y5/6 carol concert—parents/carers are warmly invited to attend. |
| Friday 9th December | Christmas jumper day! Wear a festive outfit to school. |
| Thursday 8th December | YR/1/2 theatre visit to see “The Stick Man” at Warwick Arts’ Centre. 10.30am performance. |

Friday 16th December—break up for the Christmas holiday.

Monday 19th—Friday 30th December school closed for Christmas holiday.

Monday 2nd January—school closed for bank holiday

**Tuesday 3rd January—school closed for INSET—Inclusion training, led by
The Education Psychology Service.**

Pupils return to school for the Spring Term on Wednesday 4th January



Sydenham Superstars



EYFS & Key Stage One



Key Stage Two