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Dear Parents/Carers, Happy November

This week, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable residential visit to Willersley Castle, where they demonstrated resilience, independence and teamwork throughout. It was wonderful to see the children stepping out of their comfort zones, supporting one another and creating memories that will stay with them for many years to come. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school, displaying excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and maturity at all times. A special thank you goes to the staff, Mr Young, Mrs Kailey and Miss Softic, who gave up their time away from their own families to make this experience possible. Their care, commitment and encouragement ensured that every child was able to make the very most of this fantastic opportunity.

Have a lovely,

Mr Ray

Each week, we share a new word with the children to develop their vocabulary. Could you use it at home this weekend?	
Word of the Week	spectacular
Definition	it is extremely impressive, exciting, or beautiful to look at
Synonyms	amazing, magnificent, remarkable

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Thursday 3rd December	Reception Parents	Christmas Craft (2.45pm start)
Thursday 3rd December	Whole School	PTA Movie Night (After school - 4:55pm pick up)
Wednesday 9th December	Choir	Choir singing at Cannon Park Shops (2pm start)
Thursday 10th December	Musicians	Christmas Music Concert (2pm start)
Thursday 10th December	Year 1/2	Y1/2 Christmas Play to Parents (5pm start – children to return to school at 4:30)
Thursday 17th December	Whole School	Last day of school for the Autumn Term
Friday 18th December	Whole School	Training Day – School is closed

Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Children who normally have a packed lunch KS1 & KS2	Christmas Menu!
Whole School	Movie Night

Charity Calendars

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our School Ambassadors, we have already sold lots of calendars! If you would still like to purchase one, please send £1 into school with your child. School Ambassadors will be selling calendars in classrooms from Monday 23rd November. Thank you for your continued support and to everyone who has already bought a calendar. Every purchase helps to support our school community. For more information, please speak to Mrs Amphlett.

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Planting Trees

This week, Mr Ray and Mr Wood took a group of Year 5 children down to the Spinney to plant some trees, which were kindly donated by the Tree Appeal from Trees for Schools.

Celebrating our Learning

Reception

The children in Reception have had another busy and exciting week of learning! This week, we have based lots of our learning around the story '*Elmer*'. We worked as a team to create a large collage of Elmer and enjoyed creating mini-Elmers using our creative skills. We found out lots of amazing facts about elephants and used a map of the world to find different countries they live in. Did you know that when elephants go swimming, they use their trunk as a snorkel? In maths we have been learning to count 1 more and 1 less, and the children showed a good understanding when using the nursery rhyme '5 current buns' to support this. It was so lovely to see the children independently set up a shop together to sell the current buns! We also created a Cannon Park bus together and supported our understanding by counting the children on and off the bus! In phonics, we have continued to practice blending the sounds we already know and have learnt new sounds 'ck' and 'e'. The children enjoyed lots of fun and engaging activities to support their understanding. We created rockets and had so much fun outside flying with them and even pegged socks onto a washing line! We have also been recognising some more tricky words (words that have sounds that we can't blend). There is a great tricky words song on YouTube to support them at home with these. The weather is now getting colder, and we will still take some of our learning outside so please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves.
At home, please support your child with zipping up their coat and putting on their gloves so they can be more independent in school. This would really help us too! Have a great weekend, and we are looking forward to another exciting week of learning. Miss Swain, Miss Williams & Miss Thompson











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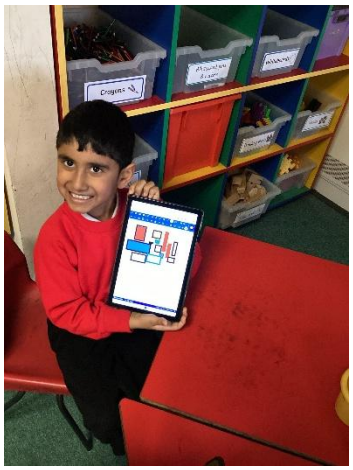
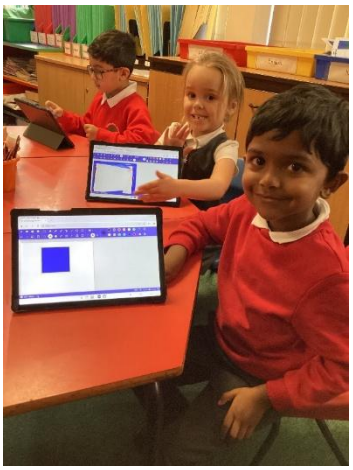
Year 1

What an exciting week we've had in Year 1! After returning from our Christmas show rehearsals, we were shocked to discover that different vegetables had been tied up around our classroom! We put on our detective hats and discussed who might be responsible for such a mysterious crime. Just then, Miss Brett found a book that had been left on her desk. We read the story carefully to see if it contained any clues that could help us identify the culprit. From the story, we learned about a mischievous character called Evil Pea, who had previously trapped vegetables and could only be defeated by a superhero named Supertato. Soon after, we discovered a CCTV picture of the culprit and, to our surprise, it was none other than Evil Pea himself! We were able to confirm that Evil Pea had trapped the vegetables and that Supertato had left the book on Miss Brett's desk to help us work out how to stop him. On Friday, we received a letter from Supertato, along with some potatoes, asking us to create our own superhero potatoes to help defeat Evil Pea once and for all! In maths, we completed our unit on addition and subtraction within 10. We learned how to use a number line to help us subtract and practised adding and subtracting one and two from a given number. We also worked on explaining our mathematical thinking, spotting patterns in number facts, and developing our confidence when solving calculations independently. In science, we used our scientific enquiry skill of *observing over time* to investigate whether it gets dark at the same time every day. We learned that the Earth's rotation and its journey around the Sun cause the seasons to change, which is why the number of daylight hours varies throughout the year and differs in other parts of the world. In computing, we have been enjoying our unit on digital painting. We explored the work of Dutch artist Piet Mondrian and learned how to use shape and line tools to recreate his distinctive, abstract style. We then used our new skills to create our own colourful abstract artwork on the iPads. In history, we explored why and how Guy Fawkes became famous. We sequenced the key events of the Gunpowder Plot, deepening our understanding of what happened and why it remains significant today. In RE, we continued to explore how people express their worldview to others, this week focusing on Sikh worldviews. We read *The Many Colours of Harpreet Singh* by Supriya Kelkar and explored how the different colours in the story symbolised Harpreet's feelings and emotions. We then linked this to how people with Sikh worldviews may wear a head covering, such as a turban, as a sign of respect, identity and commitment to their faith. We discussed how both the colours in the story and the wearing of a head covering can help people express important parts of who they are and what they believe. This helped us understand that people can communicate their values, beliefs and feelings in many different ways. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday. Miss Brett, Miss Delargy, Mrs Akthar and Miss French







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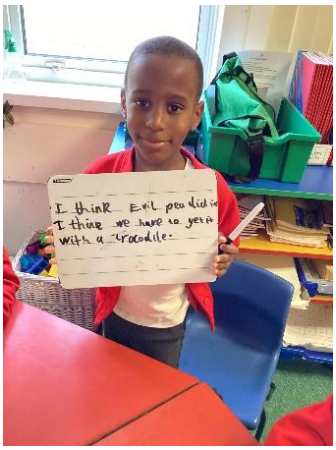




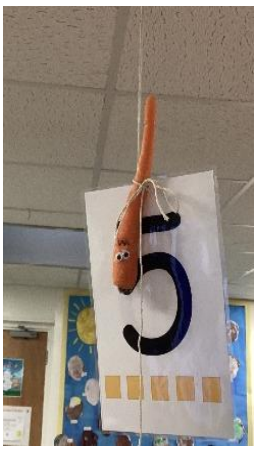

Year 2

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 2! Alongside Year 1, we have been full steam ahead with our Christmas play rehearsals. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence grow throughout the week as they have practised their lines and stage directions. Well done, Year 2! We would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported their child in learning their lines at home. Please continue to practise together, with a particular focus on speaking loudly and clearly. In Maths, we have been exploring mixed addition and subtraction number sentences. The children worked hard to identify whether a question required addition or subtraction and discussed the clues that help us to recognise this. We also compared number sentences using the greater than (>), less than (<) and equal to (=) symbols. The children learned the importance of solving each number sentence first before deciding which symbol was needed. In English, the children began the week by planning their tiger character descriptions. On Tuesday, they wrote their own descriptions and really impressed Miss Bullock and Mrs Akthar with their creativity and confidence, particularly when using adjectives and conjunctions. On Wednesday, we started our exciting new class text, *The Pirate Cruncher* by Jonny Duddle. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating treasure maps and designing their own pirate captains before writing fantastic character descriptions. It was brilliant to see the progress in their writing, with many children confidently using expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and even adverbs to begin their sentences. In Computing, we continued our learning about digital photography. The children were introduced to portrait and landscape formats and explored when each might be most suitable. Using tablets, they took a variety of photographs around the classroom and discussed the differences between the two formats. We concluded that portrait orientation is often best for taller subjects, while landscape orientation works well for wider scenes. In RE, we explored the learning question, *"Was Jesus a Christian?"* The children learned that Jesus and his followers were Jewish and followed the Jewish faith. We discovered that Jesus was a teacher, known as a *Rabbi*, and explored the Bible to learn about the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The children found it interesting to learn that each Gospel tells a slightly different account of Jesus' life. This week was also Anti-Bullying Week, and we focused on the theme 'Break the Silence'. The children discussed the importance of speaking up if they witness or experience unkind behaviour and knowing who they can talk to if they are worried. We reflected on how listening, showing kindness and supporting one another can help make our school a safe, happy and inclusive place for everyone. What a wonderful week of learning it has been! We are incredibly proud of all the children and the enthusiasm they have shown across the curriculum. We hope you all have a restful weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday. Miss Softic, Miss Bullock and Mrs Akthar

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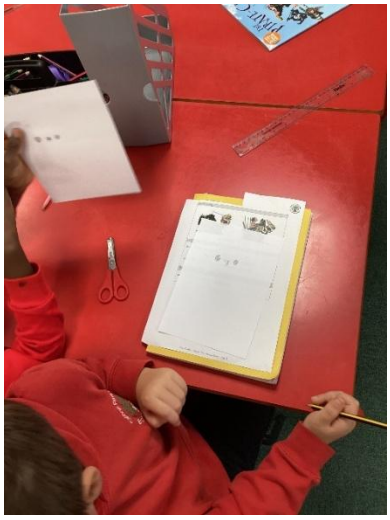



Year 3

We have had another fantastic and memorable week of learning in Year 3. On Monday, we enjoyed making our own delicious hot chocolates as part of our English lesson! It was the perfect warm treat for the chilly weather and a wonderful way to inspire our learning. Throughout the week, we have been exploring the features of instruction texts. We have learned how to write clear introductions, use time adverbials, and include imperative verbs to give precise instructions. We are excited to put all of these skills together next week when we write our own *How to Make Hot Chocolate* instruction texts. As mathematicians, we began our new topic of multiplication and division. This week, we focused on making equal groups, representing multiplication using arrays, and revisiting our knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Next week, we look forward to starting our learning on the 3 times table.

To mark Anti-Bullying Week, we discussed the importance of breaking the silence when something is wrong and knowing who to turn to for help. We explored what bullying is, how it can make people feel, and why showing kindness and respect to others is always the right choice. During P.E, we learned the rules of handball and enjoyed taking part in games. We practised throwing while jumping and worked on improving our accuracy when passing and shooting using an overarm technique. As budding animators, we created our own flip-book animations and discovered how a sequence of pictures can create the illusion of movement. We loved sharing our animations with the class. In our learning of science, we started our new topic, *Forces and Magnets*, by investigating the different forces we encounter in everyday life. As geographers, we explored how volcanoes are formed along tectonic plate boundaries and used world maps to locate famous volcanoes from around the globe. Well done, Year 3. Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs Nagra and Miss Palmer






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Year 4

At the end of last week, the children had a fantastic Friday afternoon when they visited The Spinney for their Children in Need treat. They had the option to do a blind-folded walk with a friend; make a map of the area; sketching; or a scavenger hunt. On Monday, Year 4 had an exciting start to the week. They designed and made their own monsters! The monsters that they made will form the basis of their writing over the next few weeks. In our maths lessons, we have continued our learning on multiplication and division. This week we have focused on the multiplication and division facts for the 11- and 7-times tables. Next week, we will be working on the 12-times table and the linked division facts. Please keep encouraging your child to practice their times tables at home. As geographers the children compared the climate in Catalonia, Spain to Coventry. It was certainly a much nicer day in Barcelona on Tuesday than in a very rainy Coventry! In our PE lessons, the children have been developing their batting skills and have been working in groups to develop a dance based on the Nutcracker. In PSHE, they have discussed ways to stay healthy; in RE, they have learnt about different difficult journeys people from a range of religions have been on; and in computing, they have developed programmes to make letters. Well done, Year 4 – another great week! Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett and Miss Palmer













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Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic week of learning. In Maths, we have been learning about fractions. We practised converting improper fractions into mixed numbers and vice versa, as well as adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. In English, we focused on using inverted commas accurately for speech and explored how dialogue can help move a story forward. We also developed our descriptive writing skills by using verb-person sentences to show what characters are doing and feeling. On Monday, Year 5 spent the day working with Colleen from Highly Sprung in an immersive workshop created in collaboration with the RAF. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring our science topics through dance, drama and exciting space missions. In History, we discovered the many incredible inventions the Victorians were famous for. We were amazed to learn just how many innovations from this period transformed everyday life and continue to influence the world today. On Friday, we set off early for the Black Country Living Museum. What a fantastic day we had! We fully immersed ourselves in Victorian life, experiencing a Victorian classroom, homes, industries and shops. The children demonstrated all of our school values throughout the day and were a real credit to the school. They will certainly have lots to tell you about their trip at home! We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill, Mrs Cleveland and Miss Uzzaman







Year 6

Our residential trip to Willersley Castle has undoubtably been the highlight of the term so far and we are incredibly proud of how well all of the children represented our school for the duration of their stay. From the moment they arrived, they demonstrated outstanding teamwork, discipline and enthusiasm, embracing every opportunity with positive attitudes and great determination.

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One of the most memorable activities was the blind trail challenge. Working in pairs, the children navigated each other through a muddy obstacle course in the dark, relying on clear communication, trust and encouragement. They showed fantastic teamwork and resilience as they helped one another complete the course successfully.

The children also enjoyed a scenic walk into Matlock Bath, taking in the beautiful surroundings along the way. During the walk, they stopped to admire waterfalls, spotted a koi pond and learned about the area's fascinating history during the war. The trip into town was rounded off with a visit to the amusement arcades, where the children had great fun spending some of their pocket money on games and prizes.

There were plenty of opportunities to challenge themselves through a range of outdoor activities. The class took part in low ropes sessions, archery and axe throwing, demonstrating focus, perseverance and confidence. One of the biggest highlights was undoubtedly the zip line, with many children enjoying the thrill of whizzing through the air and encouraging their friends to have a go too.

The delicious food was another talking point throughout their stay! The children certainly made the most of the three hot meals served each day, with the cooked breakfast proving especially popular each morning. The addition of a self-service salad bar at lunchtime was also a welcome feature this year and was enjoyed by many of the children.

The fun did not stop when the outdoor activities ended. The children settled brilliantly into their dormitories, showing increasing independence as they organised their belongings and looked after their rooms. We were particularly impressed by the kindness, consideration and courtesy they showed towards one another throughout the trip, creating a positive and supportive atmosphere for everyone.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in preparing the children for this experience. We know that residential visits can be an anxious time not only for children but also for families, and we hope your children returned home with many wonderful memories and exciting stories to share.

Finally, a huge thank you to Miss Softic and Mrs Kailey for helping to make the trip such a success. Their care, dedication and support ensured that the children had an enjoyable, rewarding and unforgettable experience at Willersley Castle. Mr Young and Mrs Kailey



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A Christmas Carol

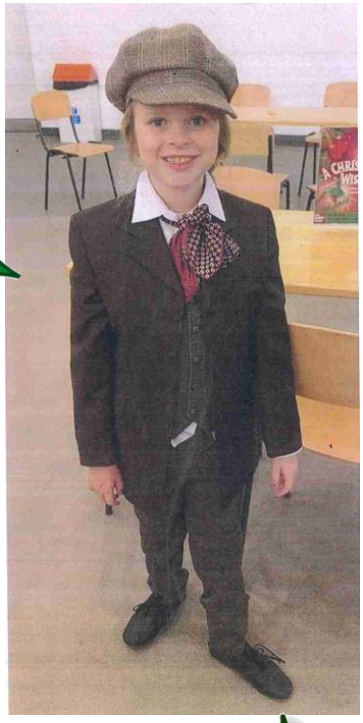
We have had the fantastic news that Bridie in Year 4 will be playing the role of Tiny Tim in the production of the festive classic A Christmas Carol. She will be performing at the Albany Theatre in Earlsdon on the following dates:

Sunday 6th December 2pm
Saturday 12th December 7pm
Saturday 19th December 7pm
Wednesday 23rd December 2.30pm.

Please follow the link if you wish to book tickets. Good luck Bridie, we're all so very proud of you!

https://www.albanytheatre.co.uk/a-christmas-carol-is-back-for-2026/

THE ALBANY theatre



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

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Donation Request for Raffle!

We are supporting a local fundraising effort for the Colts team at Earlsdon Rugby Club, who are preparing for an exciting rugby tour to Spain!

The tour will give the young players a fantastic opportunity to develop their rugby skills, represent their local club, build friendships and enjoy a memorable experience together.

To help raise funds towards the cost of the trip, the team is organising a tombola and raffle, and we are asking our school community if they would be willing to support this local cause.

We would be extremely grateful for any donations of tombola or raffle prizes. These could include:

* Chocolates and sweets
* Toiletries and gift sets
* Bottles and food hampers
* Gift vouchers
* Any unwanted gifts in good condition

No donation is too small, and every contribution will help towards making this tour possible for the boys, please bring any donations to the school office.

Interested in rugby?

Children are also very welcome to come along and join Earlsdon Rugby Club. It's a fantastic way to make friends, learn new skills, build confidence and be part of a team. New players are always welcome!

Thank you so much for your kindness and support. It is wonderful to see our local community coming together to support young people and grassroots sport.



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Our Achievers for the week ending 20th November 2026





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Our Stars of the Week for the week ending 13th November 2026



Our Stars of the w/e 13th November 2026



Year 1 - Eason
Year 2 – Ryuga
Year 3 – Avaní
Year 4 – Rayan
Year 5 – Umar
Year 6 – Dhíaan



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Our Stars of the Week for the week ending 20th November 2026





Our Stars of the w/e 20th November 2026



Year 1 - Dylan
Year 2 – Caden
Year 3 – Farhan
Year 4 – Rosallie
Year 6 – All of Year 6!



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16th November 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

We shall be providing a special menu to celebrate Christmas for the whole school on Wednesday 16th December 2026!



Main Choices will be:

Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy

Or

Festive Cranbury & Cheese Pinwheel

With

Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes,
Yorkshire Pudding, Sprouts, Carrots,
Parsnips & Cranberry Sauce

Dessert

Festive Biscuit



Jelly or Fruit

If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to try our Christmas menu, please log onto MCAS to consent and pay. This meal will be free for any children in KS1, but we still need you to consent before 4th December.

If you require the vegetarian option, please inform the school before Monday 4th December.

Thank you







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Congratulations!





Attendance Chart w/e 20/11/26

Year		Percentage
1st	2&5	97%
2nd	6	96.9%
3rd	3	95.2%
4th	4	94.2%
5th	1	93.2%
6th	R	82.7%

Well Done Year 2&5



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Clubs Autumn Term 2026

Start Date	Day	Activity	Year Groups	Led by	Cost
2nd November	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Lego 	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Monday 12:30 – 1:00	Spanish	Y1-3	Joy from Bilingua Sing	£4.75 per class
3rd November	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Arts & Crafts 	Y1-3	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Football	Y4-6	Mr Ray	£5 for half term
	Tuesday 8.00 – 8.45	Dance	Y1-6	Liz Wison Dance	£5 per session
	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	Football 	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	Sugar Craft	Y4-6	Midge Smith	£135.00 Per Term
5th November	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Master Chef 	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Netball	Y4-6	Mrs Amphlett	£5 for half term
6th November	Friday 3:30 – 4:30	Fun & Games 	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Music Lessons offered during the school day:				
	Wednesday Thursday/Friday	Drums Flute/Keyboard	Years 2 – 6	Coventry Music Service	Please see website for cost

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Term Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term (2026)

Tuesday 1st September	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 2nd September	Staff Training Day
Thursday 3rd September	First day of term
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Children return to school
Thursday 17th December	Last day of term
Friday 18th December	Staff Training Day
Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term (2027)

Monday 4th January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5th January	First day of term
Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February	Half Term
Monday 22nd February	Children return to school
Thursday 25th March	Last day of term
Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term (2027)

Monday 12th April	First day of term
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June	Half Term
Monday 7th June	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 8th June	Children return to school
Wednesday 21st July	Last day of term