

# NEWSLETTER

## 17 October 2025

*Ephesians 3:17 Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love*

### Message from Mrs Herrero

Where has this half term gone? Only one more week left to go!

I hope you will enjoy reading this week's successes and triumphs. The boys' football team has done particularly well (no spoilers, read for yourself!) and there have been some great cross country results.

Some fantastic learning has been going on right across the school. The year 4 artwork is certainly worth a mention.

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to the following classes who had the highest attendance since the last newsletter;

**EYFS and KS1— Meerkats 99%**

**Lower KS2 – Llamas 98.7%**

**Upper KS2 – Seahorses 97.4%**



### Important Attendance Information to all Parents

All unauthorised Leave of Absence requests and any other unauthorised absences will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council

Please also note medical evidence is required for us to be able to authorise absences due to illness of more than 4 days.

# SPORTS NEWS

## Football Fixtures

On a glorious, sunny Monday evening, Holy Trinity hosted Alveston Primary School in two football fixtures.

The first match saw our girls' teams go to head with head. This was our first match without last year's very talented Year 6 players, but thankfully we have recruited two new excellent additions to the squad in Lottie and Pearl who both made very assured debuts. Our girls battled valiantly against a very physical opposition, and we came up against some very good goalkeeping. The game was decided on two excellent strikes from our opponents which gave Ellie in goal no chance of saving. On another day, our performance may well have been good enough for a positive result but that's sport! So sadly, a 2-0 loss to start the season but we go again next week!

As for our boys, it was a much different story. Playing together as a 9 a side team for the first time, you'd have been forgiven for thinking this is a side who've played together for years. The intricate passing and free flowing football quickly saw the boys take a 3-0 lead. To their credit, our opponents didn't let their heads drop and managed to get a goal back. However, our boys continued to go from strength to strength in the second half, with standout performances from nearly every player on the pitch making it impossible to give them all a mention! A special mention must also go to Ellis' Dad, Paul and Seb's Mum, Dani, who kindly looked after the side for me (Mr Shuker) whilst I was refereeing the girl's match. A brilliant 8-1 victory to start what will hopefully be an exciting season.



## Football Match Reports

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October saw Holy Trinity host another double header as our boys and girls competed in fixtures against St Gregory's School. Our girls got their goal tally and winning streak going with an excellent all round performance. At Half time the score was 3-0 and a few girls playing in some new positions showed a really good understanding of their new roles. In what was also a good show of sportsmanship, our girls allowed the opponents to play a few extra players in the second half to help them gain further experience. The full time score was 4-1, an excellent result.

The boys were involved in a classic for the ages as we came up against a very strong St Gregory's side. A back and forth match, with some fantastic goals as well as incredible defending, saw us come out on the wrong side of 5-4 score line. On another day, 3 or 4 excellent chances would have gone in the back of the net but credit must go to their goalkeeper and defenders for multiple saves and goal line clearances. Most pleasing, was our boys attitudes after the match, which were not ones of feeling sorry for ourselves or anger. Instead, they congratulated the winning team with smiles on the faces, clearly in the knowledge that they had been involved in a brilliant game of football.

## Football Tournament Success

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, our Y6 boys football team were crowned South Warwickshire Champions in a tournament hosted by Claverdon Primary School. During our group stage games, the boys opened up with a comfortable 2-0 win before drawing their second game 1-1. The boys had every right to feel a little aggrieved after a couple of questionable refereeing decisions. However, they were encouraged to let their football do the talking and that's exactly what they did from that moment on. They concluded the group stage by playing some exceptional football, resulting in a 6-0 victory and progressing to the final. The boys form on the evening continued to go from strength to strength, with some superb strikes seeing us go 3-0 up in the final. With just a couple of minutes to go, the result was put in slight doubt as a result of two, very quick own goals. However, the boys saw out a 3-2 victory to be crowned very worthy winners. Congratulations to all of the boys involved, we are very proud of your achievement. Squad: Adam, Kacper, Rabindra, Oskar, Henry B, Henry S, Oscar and Nicholas.



# SPORTS NEWS

## Cross Country race

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, just under 300 pupils from across 20 different primary schools gathered together to compete in the first South Warwickshire Cross Country race of the year.

Our school had 19 children from Years 3 – 6 turn up to compete, we are very proud of every single one of them! A special well done to all of the Year 3 pupils who were experiencing cross country racing for the first time.

We hope you come back for more in the future!

### Top 10 results

Year 3 Boys – Henry Walton 2<sup>nd</sup>

Year 4 Boys – Petros Nita 6<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 Girls – Yasmin Tatli 5<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 Girls – Pearl Sedgwick 6<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Boys – Elijah Nourse 10<sup>th</sup>



# PRESCHOOL NEWS

## Preschool update

The Preschoolers have been delighted with our new garden loose parts, which were kindly funded by the Willows Friends. Last week, the children explored how to connect the pieces together to create something that doesn't fall over; and this week, have discovered that the tyres roll much further when rolled down a ramp!



## CLASS NEWS

### Reception learning

Reception have absolutely loved their Forest School adventures during this half term. The crisp air and golden leaves have made the perfect backdrop for exploring, playing and, at times, getting delightfully muddy!

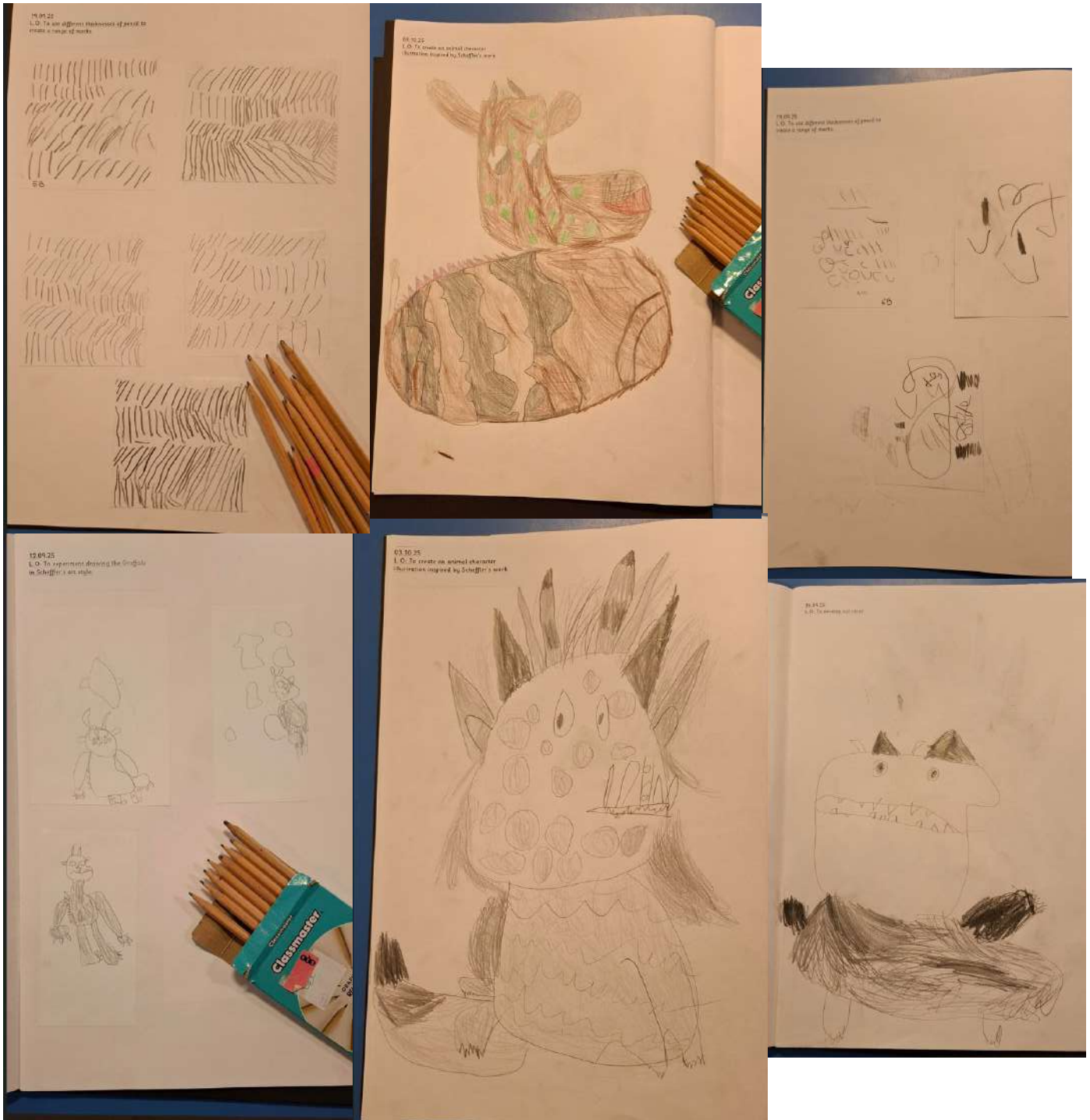
Whether they have been building dens, spotting bugs, or simply enjoying the freedom of being outdoors, the children have approached sessions with joy and curiosity. It's been a real delight watching them grow in confidence each week.



# CLASS NEWS

## Year 1 Learning

Year 1 have been learning about Axel Scheffler in Art. We examined the features of his style. We also experimented drawing the Gruffalo, using different thicknesses of pencil, to create a range of marks. We then enjoyed creating our own animal character illustrations, inspired by Scheffler's work.

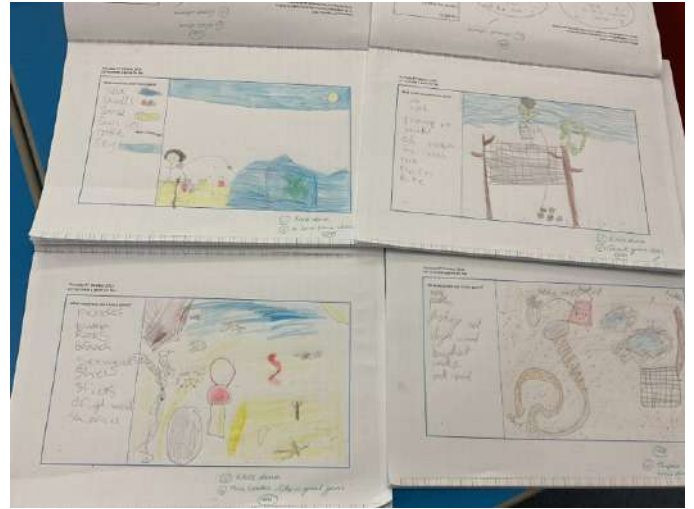


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## Year 2 Learning

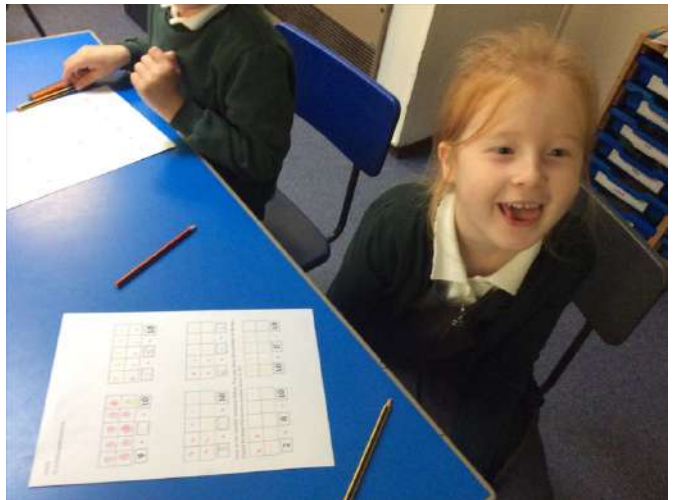
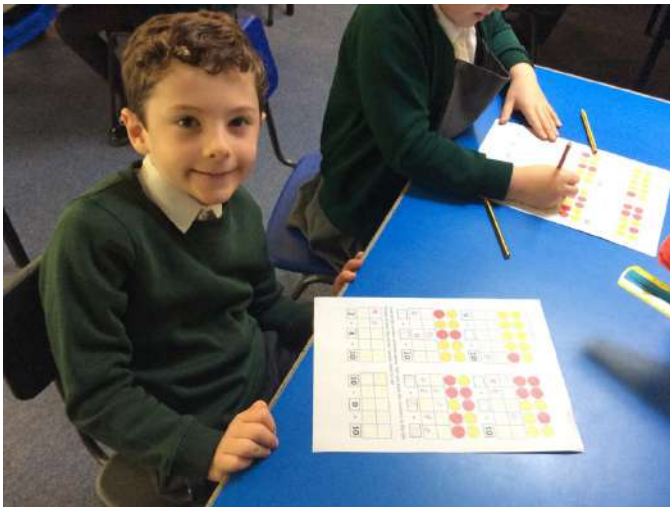
Year 2 have been busy creating a game for a book character. They could only use things that they might find on a beach. There were some super ideas!

Well done Meerkats and Puffins



## Maths

In Maths this week, Year 2 have been revisiting their number bonds to 10. They represented their bonds pictorially, before progressing on to solve a puzzle, which required a lot of patience and problem-solving skills!

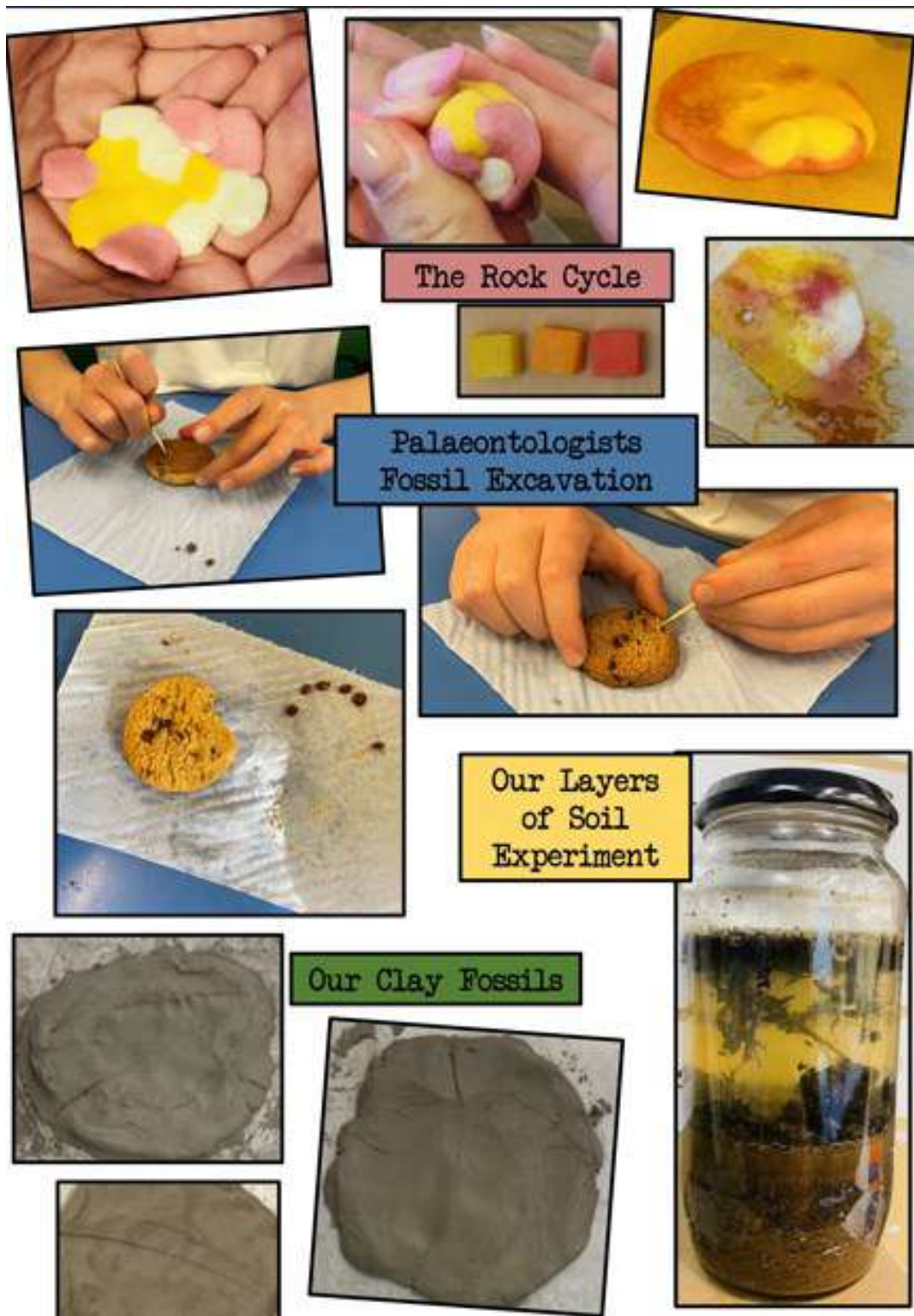


# CLASS NEWS

## Year 3 Learning

Year 3 have had some really exciting Science lessons learning about rocks, fossils and soil. As part of this learning the children have created the rock cycle with sweets, made our own fossils, become palaeontologists excavating fossils (chocolate chips) from rocks (cookies) and investigated the layers of soil.

We have really enjoyed our first Science topic this year and are looking forward to lots of more exciting learning!



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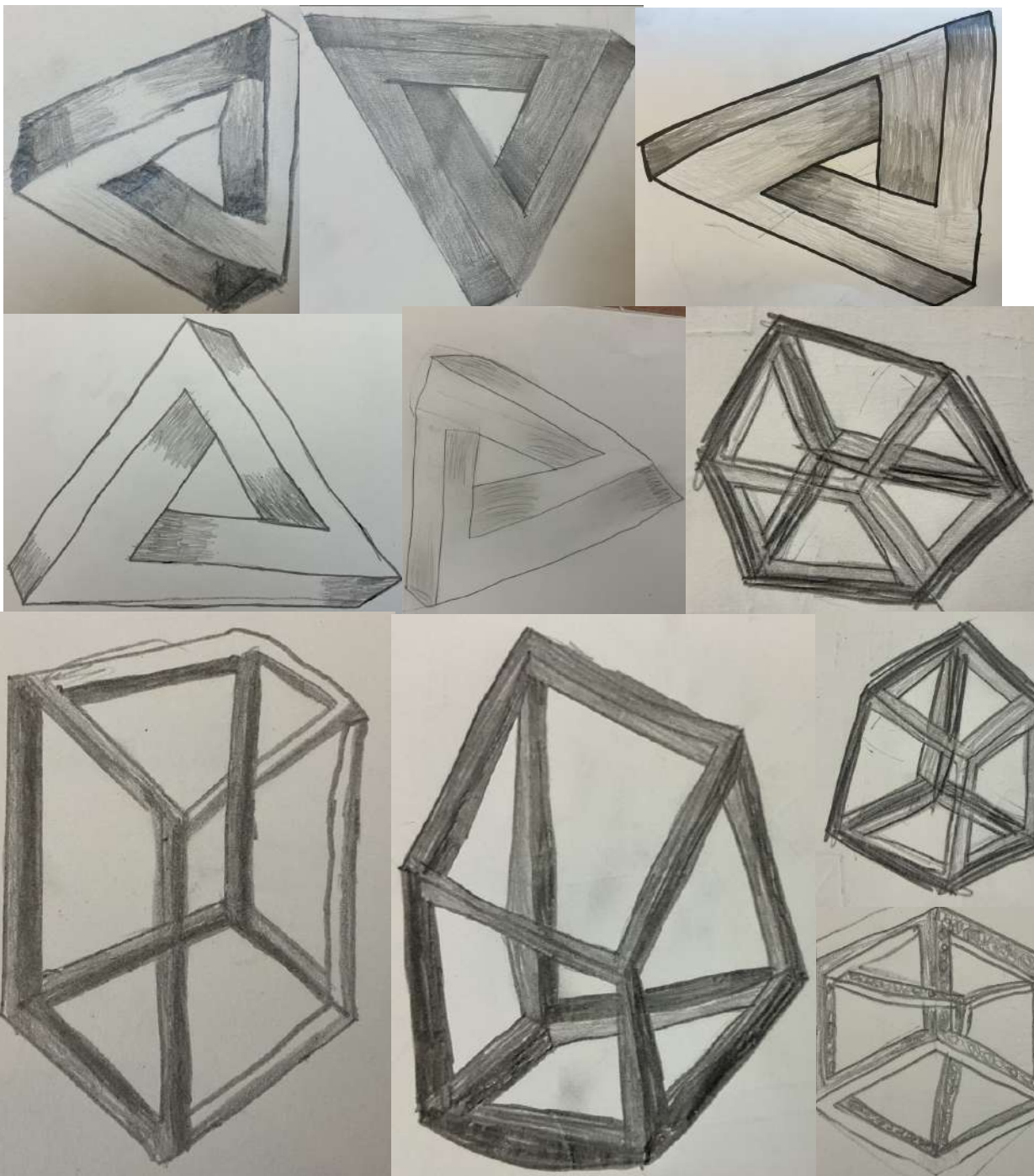
### Year 4 Get their Heads in a Twist (Artistically!)

Year 4 have been exploring the weird and wonderful world of M.C. Escher, the artist who loved to bend the rules of perspective.

We've been practising how to shade like pros, experimenting with different pencil hardnesses and creating optical illusions that make your eyes do a double take!

From impossible staircases to topsy-turvy towers, the children have shown brilliant creativity and focus.

Have a look at their amazing artwork - though you might need to look twice to work out what's up and what's down!



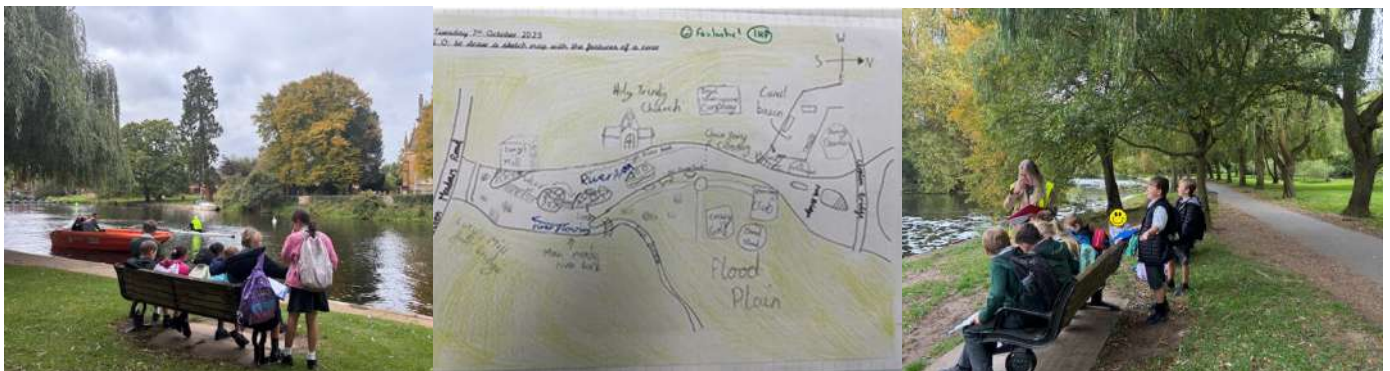
# CLASS NEWS

## Year 5 River Walk

On Tuesday, Year 5 went down to our local river for some fieldwork.

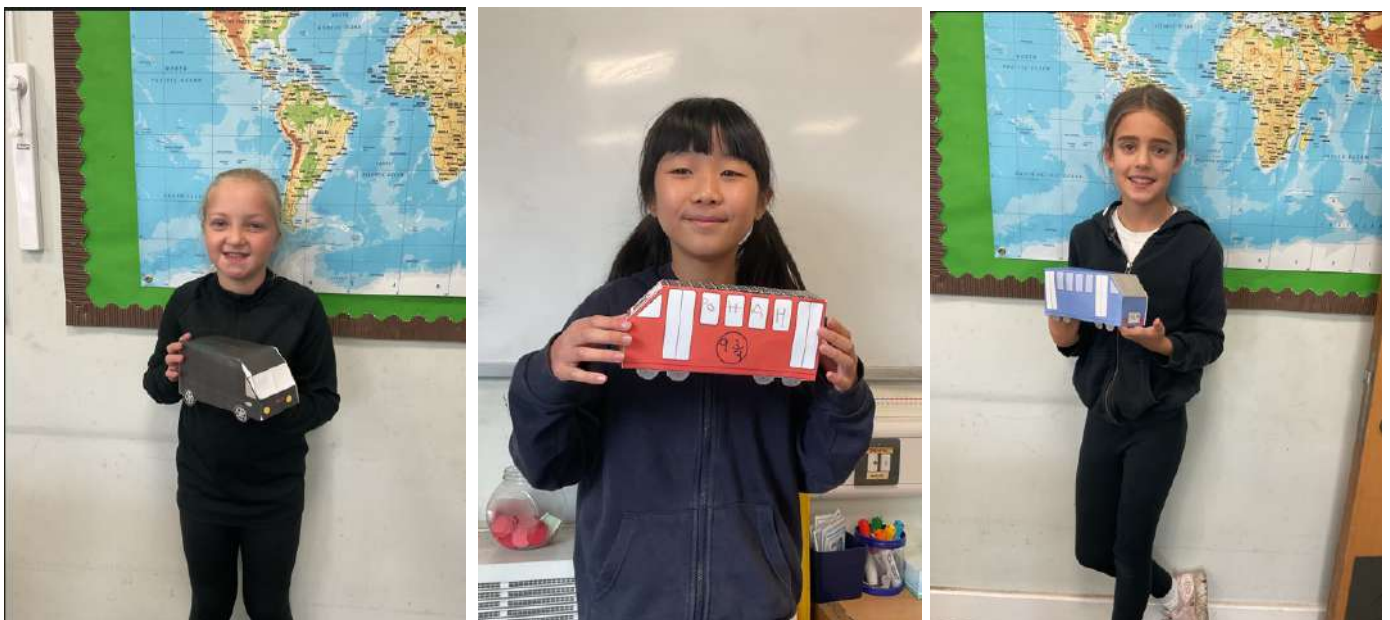
Through our enquiry question of 'How do rivers impact the surrounding environment?', we noticed features of the river, including a little tributary the changing river bank, the flood plain and the direction of the river flow. We also spotted the man-made features that have been put in place to protect the river bank and control some of the river flow.

Year 5 were absolutely brilliant on our walk and they produced some fantastic sketch maps that labelled these features.



## Year 5 Learning

In Computing, the Year 5 children used Purple Mash to design and create their own 3D vehicle models. They explored the 3D modelling tools to change shapes, experiment with different designs, and personalise their vehicles by adding patterns, shapes, and text. Many children showed great creativity by including realistic features such as headlights and registration plates. Once they were happy with their digital designs, they printed out the nets of their 3D models and carefully cut, folded, and constructed them to build their vehicles in real life.



# CLASS NEWS

## Year 6 Bellboating

Year 6 were treated to their fabulous, annual day of bell boating!

Every year, Year 6 are very lucky to have the opportunity to enjoy a day of bell boating on The River Avon by Olympian rower Andy Train. He is a sprint canoeist and marathon canoeist and represented England in the Summer Olympics 5 times in the 1980's and won 5 silver medals and 2 bronze medals! His father David, also a former Olympian canoeist, invented the bell boat in 1991. His vision was that anyone can enjoy canoeing and water sports so inventing the bell boat made it accessible for all.

As you can see from the photos, the children had a fabulous day on the river and even got the opportunity to 'catwalk' down the middle of the boats! Some of the children, who took to it like ducks to water (sorry for the pun!) will even be competing in a competition against other schools next week.



## GENERAL NEWS

### Harvest Eucharist

On Wednesday 8th October, Reverend Matt Ford and Children & Families Minister, Phil Harper led our Harvest Eucharist. The children sang beautifully during what is always a very special service.

Many thanks to all of the generous donations that have now been sent to Stratford Foodbank and will make such a huge difference to those who need it most. As a community, our donations weighed in at an incredible 188kg!



## GENERAL NEWS

### Pupil Achievement

Isaac Wrench in Llamas is fundraising for Birmingham Children's Hospital throughout October. He has pledged to do cycling, walking or hiking every day and so far he has been smashing his targets (initially 62 miles and £150). If you would like to donate please click on the link below.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Isaac1758225886472?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Isaac1758225886472?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

### Thankyou from Stratford Foodbank

Stratford Foodbank would like to say a huge THANK YOU for your Harvest Festival Donations. They weighed a whopping 188kg which is the equivalent of £520.76 worth of stock.

Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank are so grateful for schools like ours who share a vision for a future where no one goes hungry. Your donations will be weighed, date checked and then head straight out into the community to go to families that need some extra help this Harvest time.

They are so thankful for the difference you are making to vulnerable people here in Stratford-upon-Avon. Keep up the good work and together we can ensure that there is help for people who need it most.



## Amazing Harvest!

## Holy Trinity Primary School

Thank you for your Harvest Festival donations, weighing 188kg.

Your dedication and support are making a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Isla Stroyan  
Fundraising Officer

## GENERAL NEWS

### Halloween Special Menu

On Friday, 24th October, our kitchen team will be serving a special Halloween-themed menu. They'll be dressing up and decorating the space to create a fun and festive lunchtime experience for all the children.

Children who have one of the main 14 allergies will have their chosen meal from the special diets menu but will still be able to join in all the fun.

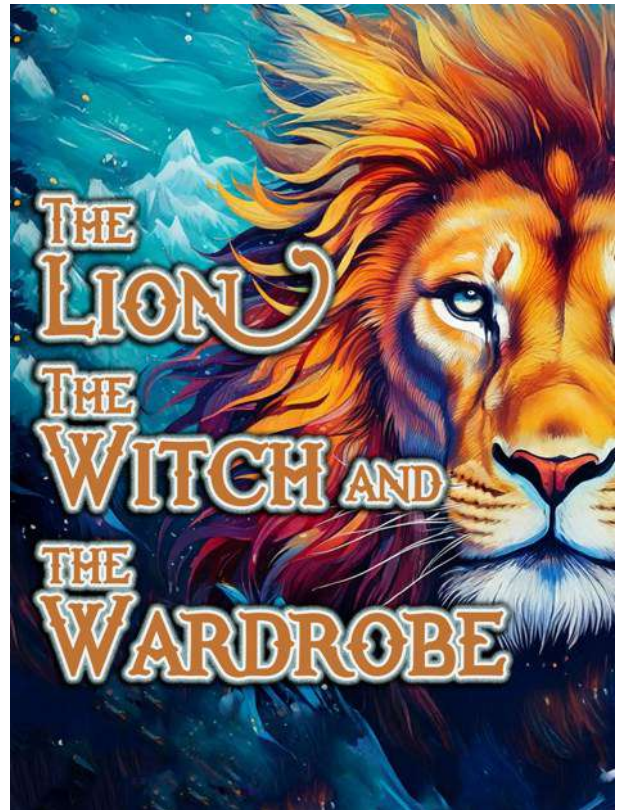


## GENERAL NEWS

Former Holy Trinity pupils **Hal Sandle-Keynes, Harry Sinclair, Alice Sedgwick and Eva Mason** are starring in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* at The Bear Pit Theatre from **5-14 December 2025**. Hal plays Edmund, Harry is Peter, and Alice appears in the ensemble. And our very own **Mr Frerichs** is Mr Tumnas!

This classic tale by C. S. Lewis (adapted by Adrian Mitchell) swirls us through winter's icy grip, magical wardrobes, talking beasts & the ultimate battle of good vs evil. It's perfect for all ages.

Tickets are selling fast — snag yours soon before they disappear! <https://www.thebearpit.org.uk/whats-on/the-lion-the-witch-and-the-wardrobe/>



### Reception 2026 Open Days

We will be holding our Open Days on 21st and 23rd October and 12th and 13th November at 9.45am.

Please contact the office on 01789 205811 to book a place

## GENERAL NEWS

### New Art Installation at the Welcome Hills Obelisk

All of the children at Holy Trinity Primary School have been contributing to an exciting new art installation coming soon (see picture) A selection of children will be invited to attend the official opening at the start of November, after which the installation will be a permanent fixture. I'm sure that the children would love to visit it to see what they have created together



## FUNDRAISING NEWS

### Willows Friends—Parents Lottery

The Willows Friends are now registered with The parents lottery. A weekly draw with prizes of up to £25,000 to be won whilst supporting the school.

Please follow the link, search 'The Willows Friends' and register today.

<https://www.theparentslottery.org>

### Easyfundraising

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## FUNDRAISING NEWS

HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,  
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If you are unsure what to put in the bags  
**STOP AND THINK**  
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?

Please use the clothing bag provided.  
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date: **26th November 2025**

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



## DATES FOR THE DIARY 2025/26

### 2025

|                   |                                                         |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 17 October        | Year 5 trip                                             |
| 21 & 23 October   | Reception 2026 Open mornings at 9.45am (Booking needed) |
| 24 October        | Year 4 trip                                             |
| 27-31 October     | Half term—School closed                                 |
| 3 November        | Return to school                                        |
| 4-5 November      | Parents Evenings                                        |
| 10 November       | Year 1 Trip                                             |
| 12 & 13 November  | Reception 2026 Open mornings at 9.45am (Booking needed) |
| 24 November       | Whole school immunisations (details to follow)          |
| 26 November       | Rags to Riches clothing collection                      |
| 15 December       | Reception trip                                          |
| 22 Dec—2 Jan 2026 | Half term—School closed                                 |

### 2026

|                |                                    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 5 January 2026 | Training Day—School closed         |
| 6 January 2026 | Return to school                   |
| 9-3 February   | Year 6 residential                 |
| 13-15 February | Willows Friends Panto              |
| 16-20 February | Half Term                          |
| 23 February    | Return to school                   |
| 30 Mar—10 Apr  | Half term                          |
| 13 April       | Return to school                   |
| 4 May          | Bank Holiday—School closed         |
| 25-29 May      | Half Term                          |
| 1 June         | Training Day—School closed         |
| 2 June         | Return to school                   |
| 17 July        | Last day of school year            |
| 20 July        | Teacher training day—school closed |



**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

# BUBBLE CHURCH

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**  
**9 am Holy Trinity Parish Centre**  
(Breakfast from 8:45am)

Bubble Church is a Sunday church service especially for babies, toddlers, and young families. It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-food-fuelled, 30 minute kids and families adventure.

**on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month**  
(19<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 16<sup>th</sup> Nov & 30<sup>th</sup> Nov)

Book NOW at  
[www.stratford-upon-avon.org/bubble-church](http://www.stratford-upon-avon.org/bubble-church)  
or scan



**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

# BUBBLE CHURCH

From our first two  
Bubble Church Services

### The Herald—Reception First Day at School Supplement

The Stratford Herald will be publishing their first day at school supplement (known as First Class picture special) on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

You will be able to purchase a copy of the Herald from your local newsagent or supermarket.

You can also get a digital copy of the Stratford Herald, and to celebrate the First Class 2025 picture special, parents of children in the First Class photos can take advantage of an exclusive offer just for them. You can get a full year's worth of access to the Stratford Herald premium website, their app, and all of their digital newspapers and supplements for just £20, that's better than half price, by using the offer code FIRSTCLASS at [www.stratford-herald.com/subscribe](http://www.stratford-herald.com/subscribe)

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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## CALLING ALL UNDER 10'S YEAR 5



We're on the lookout for enthusiastic players to join our age group, competing in our league and cup games.

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*The Croft School 12pm*

*TICKET PRICE : £10 for parent and child.  
£2 per extra child (max 3 children per adult)*

**[www.stratfordmusicfestival.com](http://www.stratfordmusicfestival.com)**

## COMMUNITY NEWS



# Spooky Cinema

**Avery Scholars Mews**  
CARE HOME

**Free Entry**

Come along to our spooktacular home and enjoy a family friendly Halloween movie in our private cinema with treats for the kids

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October**  
Showing times:  
11:30am & 2:30pm  
**Free Entry**



# Avery Show Times



**Hotel Transylvania**  
11:30am



**Hocus Pocus**  
2:30pm

**Scholars Mews CARE HOME**  
23 - 34 Scholars Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6HE

As spaces are limited please call to book your seats  
**01789 297 589**



**Avery Scholars Mews**  
CARE HOME

# Come Explore Our SCARECROW WALK

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**  
12pm - 4pm

23-34 Scholars Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HE  
01789 297 589



**Avery Scholars Mews**  
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**Join Our Scarecrow Competition.**

This half term why not make a scarecrow to enter into our scarecrow walk and possibly win a prize.

Come along and explore our scarecrow walk on the day and vote for your favourite one.

It's entry and free to join in !!!!

Deliver your scarecrow entry by  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October**