

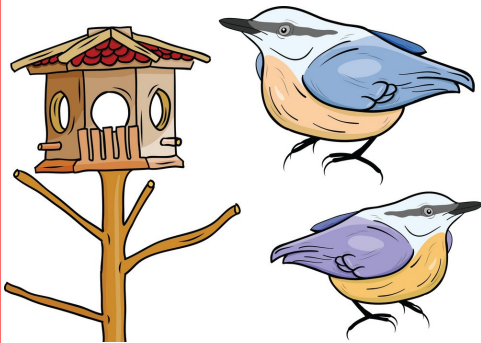


Dear Overleigh Family,

It has been lovely to welcome so many parents, carers and other family relatives to our first class assemblies of the year as our Year 6 classes, Finale, Heptatonic and Joyeux, delightfully shared their current learning with everyone. We also had a massive attendance at Year 5 Allegro's class assembly this week as Miss Axa's class took us on a fascinating tour through Maya culture. Thanks to all the children and staff who worked so hard in presenting their work. Look out for the upcoming class assembly times for the other classes in school beginning with Pizzicato on Wednesday, with a 2.30pm start in the school hall.



## Pupil Parliament



Our Pupil Parliament children have been very active in coming up with new ideas this term and one of them was to attempt to attract more birds to the school grounds on the back of the Big School's Garden Watch. As a result of this, we have kindly had numerous bird and insect houses donated to us by the local Rotary Club, in no small part thanks to two of our volunteer readers in school, Elaine and Bill. The pupil parliament team are going to team up with Mr Flynn's and Miss

Drew's gardening club to pick out locations for the boxes that they feel will best attract the desired wildlife. Our EYFS children are particularly excited about this and have started to try and pick out their own spots already.

## PTA

A big thank you also to our PTA who, along with staff volunteers, managed to complete two fantastic movie nights for the children in school to enjoy. It was great to see so many children attending and the pizza seemed to go down really well with those who were there. The PTA continue to work hard on events and it was nice to see so many parents offering their help and support. If you would like to get involved yourself in some of the PTA events then please let them know as they are always open to more support. We know that there are a couple more events in the pipeline at the moment so keep your eyes out for these once the dates are confirmed.



## Attendance

We were delighted to learn that we had won the first award for attendance for the Autumn Term within the Dee Schools Partnership, a group of local secondary and primary schools that work together to enhance education in our local area. Miss Drew, Mrs Redmayne and Mrs Martell attended the award ceremony with a selection of children, who had either significantly improved their attendance or had 100% attendance in school. Thank you to everybody who has made an effort to either improve punctuality and attendance for their child or has ensured that their child maintains an excellent level of punctuality and attendance. Obviously, we must strive to maintain this improvement in order to maximise time in school for all children and to receive similar recognition of everybody's combined efforts in the future. Well done to all the children who represented us so well at the event.



## Chinese New Year

A Happy New Year to all our families celebrating the Chinese New Year this weekend. School is marking the occasion with a special lunch on Monday 12th February. Have a wonderful time if you are joining in with the festivities. Do please share any photos you take with us at school as your classmates are always eager to find out about their friends experiences.

## Lent

It is also the beginning of the Christian Festival of Lent this week with Ash Wednesday falling on the 14th February. School will also be having a special pancake lunch on Tuesday 13th February, which is Shrove Tuesday, to mark the eve of Lent. There are more details later in the newsletter about both the above lunches and they have also been sent out on SCOPAY.



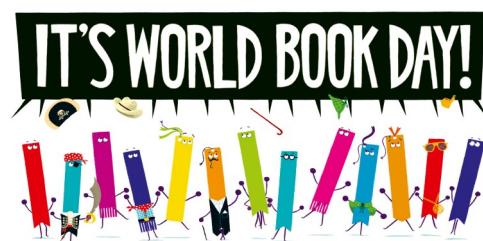
## Mathematics and Computing

Thank you to everybody who supported our Mathematics' focus day this week in support of the NSPCC. A very special mention to Mrs Dickson, who organised the day, and to Mr Mander, who kindly ran around the school field in under three minutes to provide a guess the time competition for the children. It was all the more remarkable considering that Mrs Dickson had a technical issue filming the first attempt meaning poor Mr Mander had to repeat the run. Well done, Mr Mander!



## World Book Day

On Friday 8th March 2024, we will be celebrating World Book Day. This year's theme across school is to celebrate our Love For Reading. Children will be allowed to come to school on that day dressed as a chosen character from a favourite book they have read. They must also bring the book with them as there will



be an opportunity for them to write and discuss why it is their favourite book, so they can recommend it to their peers.

If children do not want to come into school dressed up, they are to come in their school uniform but still need to bring their book with them. If they do not have the book at home, they can speak to their class teacher and we can try to order it from the library service in advance.

There will be lots of exciting activities planned on that day to celebrate our love for reading at Overleigh!

### Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents

Next Wednesday 14th February at 5.00pm in Mrs Dickson's Y6 classroom there will be a SATs meeting for parents. Any relevant information about how the SATs will be administered and any intended booster group work beforehand will be shared with parents. Mrs Dickson will also send out a reminder via SCOPAY along with any further details. This is a great opportunity to come along to find out more about how to support your child with SATs and to ask any questions.

### Key Dates:

Wednesday 14th February	Y6 SATs Parent Meeting 5.00pm in Y6 classroom
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day of Half Term – usual 3.20pm Finish
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	First Day of Half Term – Values Day - Friendship
Friday 8th March	World Book Day

Class Assembly Dates: All at 2.30pm (unless stated) in the main school hall.

Wednesday 14th February:-	Y5 Pizzicato
Tuesday 5th March:-	Y4 Maestoso
Tuesday 12th March:-	Y4 Note
Tuesday 19th March:-	Y3 Harmony
Tuesday 26th March:-	Y3 Maestro

**In Love & Peace,**

**Emma Drew and Colin Longworth**

# Alberto Giacometti

As promised in the last newsletter, here is a photo of the art display generated after our Art and DT day. It can be found outside Miss Noakes room and features representations of work from EYFS to Y6.



Alberto Giacometti was a Swiss sculptor, painter, draftsman and printmaker. Beginning in 1922, he lived and worked mainly in Paris but regularly visited his hometown Borgonovo to see his family and work on his art.

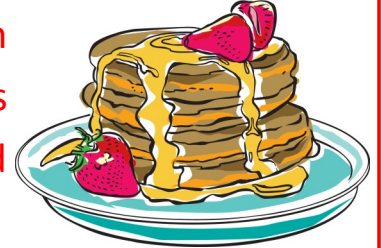
Giacometti was one of the most important sculptors of the 20th century. His work was particularly influenced by artistic styles such as Cubism and Surrealism. Although he also worked with painting and drawing, he is best known for his human figures.

# Special School Lunch Dates



On Monday 12th February we will be celebrating Chinese New Year with a special school lunch on Tuesday 13th we will have a Pancake Day special to mark the eve of the onset of the Christian festival of Lent leading up to Easter. This

Shrove  
Tuesday



has been sent via SCOPAY so please see more details there and on the poster below.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Lunch in the Canteen on 12th  
February

## Menu

- Prawn Crackers
- Sweet and Sour Chicken
- Stir-Fry Egg noodles
- Boiled rice
- Spring rolls
- Filo Pastry, Filled roll
- Quorn Sweet and sour



On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Overleigh St Marys supported the NSPCC by taking part in Numbers Day.

Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents about tomorrow. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Numbers Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. The focus for the day was 'measures' and some of the activities completed were:

- Planning and organising a party in terms of cost, space and timings.
- Measuring the length of carrots to find the longest and finding the mass of potatoes to find the heaviest.
- Estimating how long it took Mr Mander to run around the perimeter of the school field.
- Creating a class mathematical glossary from the mathematical words they chose to wear.
- Designing and making mathematical genius hats.
- Taking part in the TT Rockstars national competition.



All the children had so much fun completing the activities and joining in competitions throughout the day – it was so lovely to see them enjoying maths and talking about it so positively.



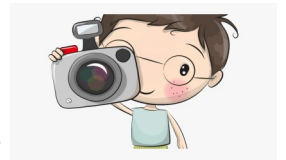
Pupil parliament collected donations on the gates and from classrooms throughout the day. They counted all the money and are very proud to announce that Overleigh raised £148.92 For the NSPCC.

Thank you for all your kind donations and support for the NSPCC and the vital services they support.

Mrs Dickson  
Maths Lead



# YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS



We have had some lovely photos sent to us of Handbridge and the surrounding area from our children. Here are some that have been sent through to us. If yours isn't here then please resend them to include in the next newsletter.



Gracy Y3

Andrea Y6




## Secrets to Success Award 2023 - 2024



Well done to all those children who completed the challenge in Spring 1 'We don't give up'.

The challenge for Spring 2 is 'Imagine'.

A copy of this can be found in your booklet.




### Spring 2

Imagine

At Overleigh St Mary's [we imagine](#)

*Successful people have ideas. They use their imagination and are prepared to be wrong. The curriculum needs lots of opportunities for children to use their imagination.*

For this challenge we would like you to invent/design a machine. You might like to design a machine that would help look after our environment. Please share your ideas with us. We can't wait to see them!



We would love to hear about all the things you have used your imagination to invent/design. Please email or upload on Seesaw any photographs or information from this challenge to your Class Teacher.

Remember that once you have completed this challenge you will receive a certificate in Celebration Assembly.

We look forward to seeing and hearing all about all your fantastic inventions and designs!

Mrs Barnes and Mrs Birchall



Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Class Assembly - PSHE

We have worked as a team, encouraging each other and showing off our individual skills and knowledge. Weve all grown in confidence and made our teachers and families proud!



Our Class Assembly...  
Crime and Punishment



We have been asked to share this poster about the upcoming scouts drama event if any of our children or parents are interested.

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**CHESTER  
GANG SHOW   
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Singing, Dancing & Laughter Fun for all the Family!  
At The Vanbrugh Theatre, The King's School

Tuesday 13th to Saturday 17th February 2024  
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# The Household Support Fund

Some information to share with you from the Government.



The government's Household Support Fund is there to support households in the most need, especially with energy costs, food, water bills and other related essential items.

The current round of funding is open until 31 March 2024 and is available to a broad range of low-income households across the borough, including families with children of all ages, pensioners, unpaid carers, care leavers and disabled people.

If you haven't already applied for support through the Household Support Fund, there is still time to do this. To find out if you're eligible to apply, visit:

<http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/household-support-fund>

There is currently no confirmation from government that the Household Support Fund will be continuing beyond 31 March 2024.

Additional support and advice is available for anyone who is struggling to pay their bills, requires debt advice or who's health has been affected by the rising cost of living.

<http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/cost-of-living>

# Friday Certificates 26.01.24



Class	Value	Comment
Crotchet	Respect	Kayhan, is constantly trying hard with his phonics sounds and blending of words. He has shown perseverance in his reading and subitising numbers to 10. He has enjoyed learning about our new topic, the Naughty Bus, and sounds out his words when writing.
Minim	Integrity	Lennox has a brilliant attitude for learning. He has especially impressed his teachers in his phonics and writing this week, he is working hard to correctly form his letters, remember recently taught phonemes and remember his finger spaces. Well Done Lennox.
Ballad	Integrity	Isabella for being a very kind and helpful member of our class. Isabella always makes super choices with great integrity. Isabella also has a great attitude to learning and always tries her very best. Well done Isabella, we are very proud of you.
High Note	Wisdom	Maliyah has been working super hard in her maths this week ordering and comparing her numbers. Well done! She is always kind to her friends and polite around school, she uses her manners and shows respect.
Melody	Integrity	Emilia always comes to school with such a positive attitude and shows everyone she is ready to learn. Emilia puts in maximum effort into all work she completes, and always shows respect to those around her. Emilia has also been putting in the effort to do extra activities like attending Welsh Club which I have heard she is doing amazingly in. Please keep up all your hard efforts Emilia. Well done!
Glissando	Wisdom	George has been working really hard at home and in school on his reading and we have seen him make huge progress recently. We are really impressed with the effort you have been putting in to your learning. Well done George, keep it up!
Harmony	Wisdom	Serena has been working consistently hard in all her lesson which has had a superb impact on the work she produces. She is also always and well-mannered to everyone she meets. Well done, Serena! 😊
Maestro	Love	Daniel is always so helpful in the classroom. He is kind and caring towards all the members of Maestro class and always tries to help when he came. I can always count on Daniel to be a good team leader and helpful to his talking partner when they work together to complete tasks. His love of learning is contagious and always helps class discussion to flow. You are a superstar Daniel and you make Maestro class proud!
Note	Love	Sharaya is the Star of the Week in Note class for the Christian value of Love. Sharaya always works hard in class but even more impressive is how helpful and supportive she is towards her learning partner and others. Sharaya is always quick to offer an explanation, gentle guidance or support with a solution. Well done Sharaya on being so kind, helpful and loving towards others in our school.
Maestoso	Love	Maia is always kind and supportive to everyone. I have chosen her this week because she has been really supportive and reassuring to another child who was going through a worrying time. What a lovely friend you are. Well done Maia!
Pizzicato	Integrity	Edgar is someone who can always be relied on to do the right thing in school and always tries his very best in everything he does. You are a superstar, Edgar!
Allegro	Justice	Hekmat is making amazing progress in all of his subjects because he is working so hard. His can do attitude is really admirable - he always listens closely to the lessons and always tries his very best to complete the work. What a superstar!
Joyeux	Wisdom	Jess is a fantastic pupil to have in my class and is always showing Wisdom every single day. She is always making the right choices and will use her wisdom to ensure other children are making the right choices. Her wisdom is also applied into her work ethic as she always has a super positive attitude to her learning.
Heptatonic	Integrity	Isla always tries her absolute hardest, even when things are challenging. We have been really impressed in recent days when she learnt and presented her words in our class assembly really confidently, and by her ever developing writing. She is using all the techniques we have been teaching and experimenting with more ambitious vocabulary. Well done Isla. Keep it up.
Finale	Respect	Mia is an incredibly helpful member of our class who strives to please and help those around her. She has been working very hard on her writing in our English lessons, and we have been particularly impressed with her commitment to editing and improving her own work independently. Well done Mia.

# Friday Certificates 2.02.24



Class	Value	Comment
Crotchet	Respect	Rowan, for producing wonderful writing by using his excellent phonics knowledge to write irregular common words and short sentences. I am so proud of your work and you should be too!
Minim	Love	Kira treats all children in our class with kindness and respect. Kira has been spotted several times this week showing kindness to others and making all children feel included in the games she is playing. She has also been gradually building new friendships with some children from Crotchet class which has been lovely to see. Well Done Kira.
Ballad	Love	Phoebe for being a kind and helpful friend. Phoebe also always tries her very best with every activity given. She is a delightful member of the class. Well done Phoebe, we are very proud of you.
High Note	Compassion	Mert is a great friend to everyone in his class, he listens to people and makes sure everybody is included when playing games. He always listens and tried his best when learning in lessons. This week he has been working hard on his writing and has written some lovely sentences - well done Mert!
Melody	Wisdom	This week's nomination is to Eva for Wisdom. Eva is someone who everyday puts in 110% effort in everything she does. However, her independent writing this week has been nothing but a pleasure to read. It really shows off all your hard work Eva. What a superstar you are! ☐
Glissando	Service and Stewardship	Lyra is such a kind and helpful member of our class. She is always looking for jobs to do to help the teachers and she will also offer support to their peers when they need it, whether that is offering to be their partner or seeking an adult if they are upset. She is an absolute pleasure to have in our class. Thank you Lyra!
Harmony	Peace	Casey's attitude to learning has improved significantly over the most recent weeks which has been brilliant. He is also displaying a real dedication to the work he has been producing and has a can do attitude. Keep up the hard work! ☐
Maestro	Compassion	Ella Grace is kind and compassionate to everyone that she meets. She is always thinking of others and making sure that everyone feels included. She is helpful around the classroom and is always willing to help other staff members with their important jobs. I can always count on Ella Grace to be doing the right thing and to help others to do so to. You are a star Ella Grace, keep being your wonderful self.
Note	Respect	TJ is the Star of the Week in Note class for the Christian value of respect. TJ is respectful towards grown-ups in school, he always follows instructions and works hard in class. TJ is also kind and respectful to the all of the children in the class and he has made lots of friends since joining our school in September.
Maestoso	Wisdom	Youseff has been concentrating really hard this week, giving well thought out answers. He has been focussing hard on his work with great results. Well done Youseff.
Pizzicato	Integrity	Ollie has been working really hard in Maths lessons recently particularly looking at how to find fractions of amounts and how to find the whole. Keep it up, Ollie!
Allegro	Wisdom	Harry has been working extremely hard in all lessons and applying the new skills that we have been taught. He always takes an active part in lesson and fully engaging with our motto ready respectful safe.
Joyeux	Integrity	Devon is a fantastic pupil to have in my class as she is always showing the value of Integrity, even when nobody is watching. She makes a conscious effort to listen to the teacher, participate in class discussion and will always encourage her peers to make the right choices. Well done Devon, keep up the fantastic work.
Heptatonic	Integrity	Isaac always listens and works hard in class and could have been chosen in previous weeks. This week is special because we have noticed a significant change in his attitude to, and performance in writing. He has been using his own ideas, ambitious vocabulary and trying to include mastery targets. We can't wait to read your finished narrative.
Finale	Respect	Adam is a very respectful and hard-working member of our class who always tries his best. He works well both independently and during group work, showing great perseverance when solving tricky problems.

# Friday Certificates 9.02.24



Class	Value	Comment
Crotchet	Wisdom	Griff for being able to subitise his numbers 6, 7, and 8 confidently. He has been producing some excellent maths work and understands the concept of one more and one less. Well done Griff!
Minim	Integrity	I am delighted to give Sofiia star of the week this week for her brilliant attitude to learning. Sofiia shows great resilience when something may be tricky for her and has even been seen helping others do the same. Her impeccable listening skills mean that she is always getting the most out of her learning. Well Done, Sofiia.
Ballad	Love	Jacob for the amazing way he has settled into Ballad class after joining in January. Jacob has made new friends confidently and embraced all aspects of school life. Well done Jacob, we are delighted that you joined our class.
High Note	Love	Isabella always shows a love for learning in class, she is always engaged and has her hand up to answer questions every lesson. Well done Isabella for always working hard, helping others and being a great friend to everyone in our class!
Melody	Compassion	Rayen always listens and tries his very best. He has been working extremely hard on his writing recently and made excellent progress. What a superstar! 😊
Glissando	Integrity	Haylin is a sensible and hardworking member of our class. She is always offering her help to the adults her peers. She is a kind friend and an absolute super star. Keep it up Haylin!
Harmony	Love	Anika is a wonderful friend to everybody in the class and is the first to check that someone is okay if they are feeling sad. What a wonderful friend!
Maestro	Wisdom	Aurora has been trying her best in all lesson this past week, especially in her reading and writing. She puts up her hand to join-in in class discussion and always contributes in small groups. She always asks for help when she needs it and isn't afraid to give something a go even if she may find it challenging at first. She is a great role model to everyone in Maestro class and we are all very proud of her!
Note	Justice	Charles can always be seen doing the right thing. He is always ready to offer his ideas in class discussions and consistently follows our school rules of ready, respectful and safe. Charles is also a good friend to others, well done Charles!
Maestoso	Integrity	Marie always tries her best, listening to instructions and conscientiously completing her work to the best of ability. I am particularly impressed that Marie is becoming increasingly confident to give answers in class. It is fantastic to have you in our class!
Pizzicato	Service and Stewardship	The nomination for Pizzicato class this week is Atiqullah Rahimi. I have been really pleased with the effort he is always putting into his work to try and improve especially with his reading at the moment.
Allegro	Wisdom	Emily is always working hard but this week I have been particularly impressed with how she has acted on feedback to her writing. She has produced a brilliant non-chronological report as a result.
Joyeux	Integrity	Sam is a lovely member of our class. He is always showing and following our school values of Ready, Respectful and Safe. Sam is such a polite young boy and has a good work ethic. He will always come into school with a smile on his face and enjoys all aspects of his learning.
Hep-tatonic	Integrity	Melani has been working so hard for weeks and weeks! She is really challenging herself to achieve more in every aspect of learning. She always tries her hardest, listens carefully and treats other people with respect. What a star!
Finale	Service and Stewardship	Daisy has been working extremely hard to be conscientious in each lesson to edit and improve her own work, especially in our recent narrative writing lessons in English. We have been particularly impressed with her perseverance and independence to spot where she can further improve her work. Well done, Daisy!

# Nursery

We have been busy learning all about zoo animals , looking at their skin, patterns, comparing sizes and using the musical instruments to make similar sounds too. This week we have also been on a trip to the zoo which was enjoyed by all and we had such a fantastic time!

To celebrate 'Maths Day' the children looked at 'more than and fewer' building towers with '1 more' and '1 less'. We enjoyed colour mixing using our hands, as well as having a completion to see who had the heaviest potato and longest carrot!



# Year R

For NSPCC Numbers Day, Reception used their measuring skills to find the correct amount of ingredients to make cupcakes. We explored 'Numbots' and found the heaviest potato and longest carrot!

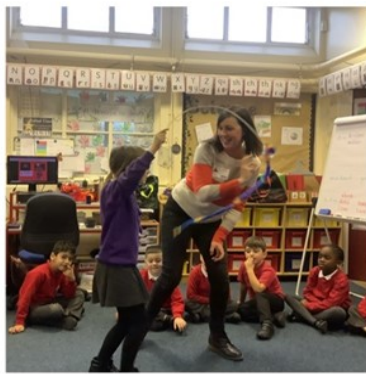
For Computing day, Reception had a go at programming their own Beebot robot. We also went on a technology photo hunt around school!



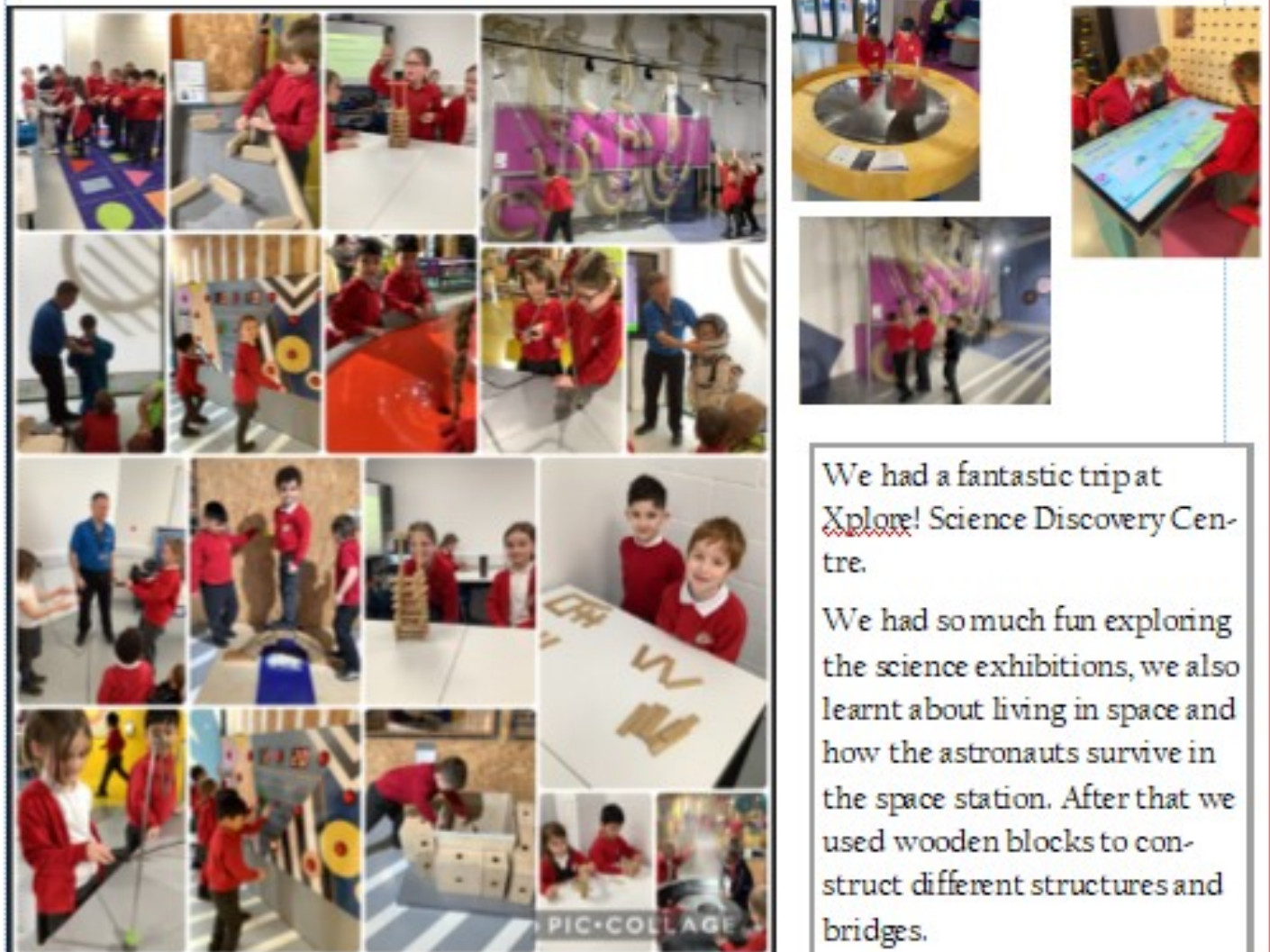


# Year 1

We have been learning all about China.  
We enjoyed a special visit from Mrs Knowlson who came into school to tell us all about the time she lived in China. We asked her questions about that time and learnt some Tai Chi.



# Year 2



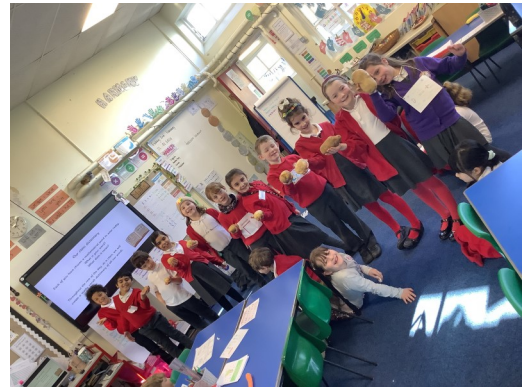
We had a fantastic trip at Xplore! Science Discovery Centre.

We had so much fun exploring the science exhibitions, we also learnt about living in space and how the astronauts survive in the space station. After that we used wooden blocks to construct different structures and bridges.

# Year 3



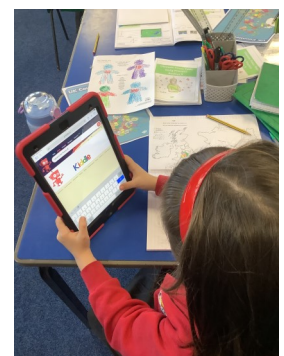
Number Day was so much fun!  
We weighed potatoes, measured  
carrots and even planned a  
party!



In DT, we have been tasting  
different sandwich fillings in  
preparation of making our sand-  
wiches. The children were very  
brave and stepped out of their  
comfort zones!



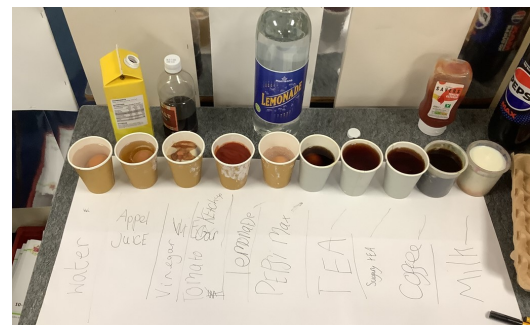
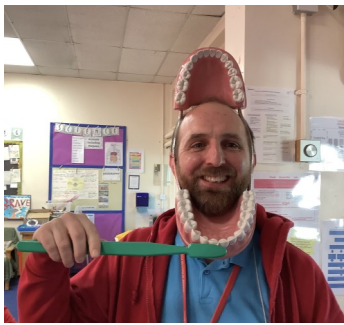
We have really enjoyed learning about  
the United Kingdom in Geography. Last  
week, we looked at counties— what they  
were and which county Chester was in.  
The children then researched amazing  
facts about Cheshire for their homework.



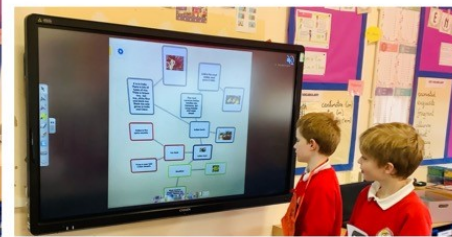
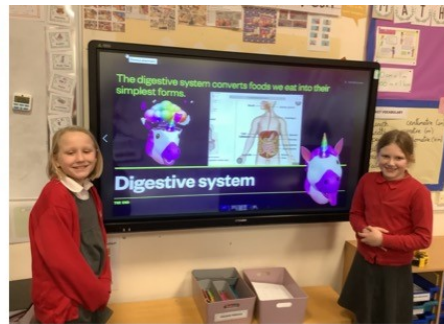
# Year 4



As part of our numbers day, children measured the perimeter of parts of the playground to see how much bunting we would need. We used different methods, including a trundle wheel, metre sticks and tape measures.



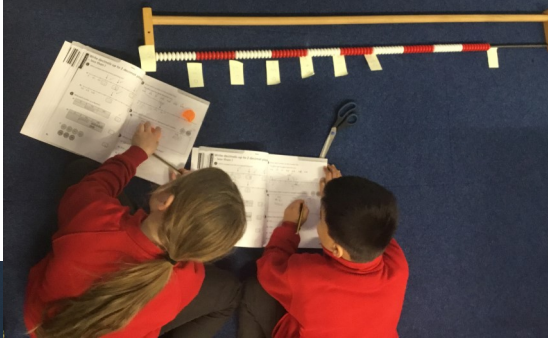
In Science we have been looking at the digestive system and have focussed on teeth! We have learnt the different names and jobs of each of the teeth and explored how different liquids can affect our teeth by leaving eggs in different liquids, then brushing them. Some of the results were quite worrying!!!



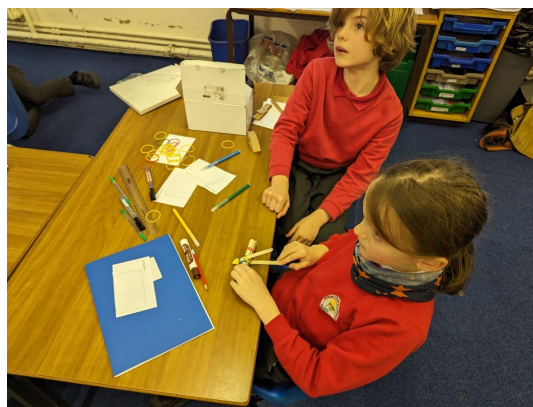
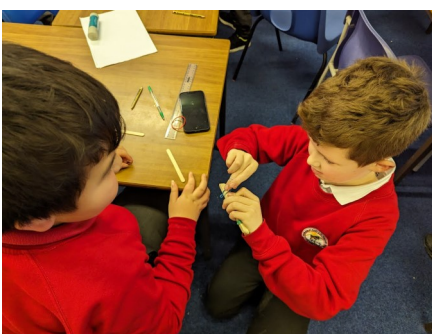
In computing, we have researched and presented information about a topic we have been studying. We then presented these to the rest of our class.



# Year 5



Year 5 enjoyed number day, we found the perimeter of our classroom using metre rulers. Some of us used the dimensions to find the area too.



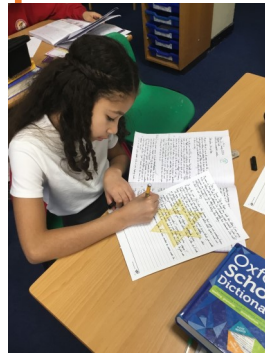
In Computing the children in Year 5 have been enjoying tackling different challenges in particular creating catapults from lollipop sticks and elastic bands.



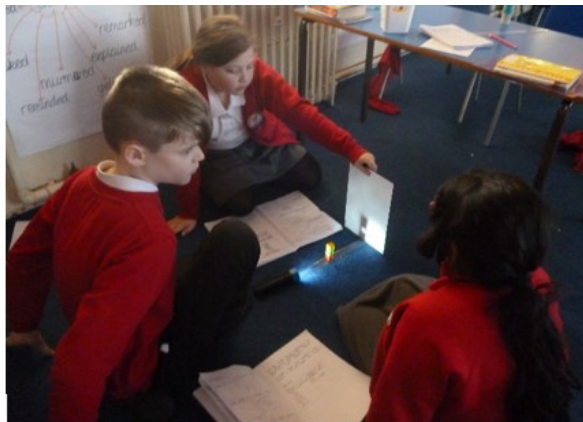
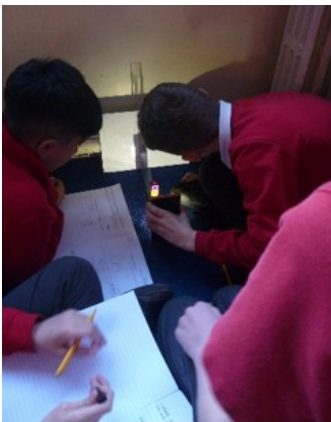
# Year 6



Year 6 have been hard at work publishing their narratives in English. We produced a first draft and then edited and improved this before writing it up in neat.



Within Science year 6 have been exploring reflection and which materials are most reflective. We also investigated how shadows can change depending on the position of the light source and how close it is to the object.



For our computing day, Year 6 spent time researching and creating factual presentations about World War II. We researched topics that interested us (such as The Blitz and VE Day) before using Key-note and Popplet to create the presentations.



# Year 6

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Below is a job description of a vacancy that has been sent through to us from Church. Please apply directly using the details below as this is not a school vacancy.

## Job Description

### Children and Families Lead



**This is an exciting opportunity to grow and develop our children's ministry working alongside an enthusiastic and committed group of volunteers. We are looking for someone with fresh vision to lead this new initiative.**

This role includes weekly attendance at Sunday Services, Storytelling (a service for pre-schoolers and their families), Messy Church (a monthly service of story, song, craft and food) and The Well (Junior Church provision during the 10:30am sung Eucharist, currently suspended), with seasonal engagement with schools and the community. There may also be occasional meetings on weekday evenings, the remaining hours being spread flexibly.

### Role and Key Responsibilities

**Coordinating and leading St Mary's children and families work, encouraging children and their families in the church and local community to become rooted, and grow in faith in Jesus Christ:**

- Building and overseeing volunteer teams to facilitate children's participation
- Contributing to the leadership team
- Exploring ways to ensure growth across work with children and families

**Growing our vision by:**

- building relationships with our local community, shaping and implementing new initiatives
- nurturing intergenerational relationships within the church family
- leading by example and helping parents and carers to nurture their children in faith, including growing partnerships with our Overleigh C. of E. primary school

**Key Responsibilities include:**

- working alongside our Safeguarding Officer to ensure compliance with Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Data Protection and other statutory policies in liaison with other stakeholders
- managing children's work budget

## Skills and Qualities

**We are looking for someone who is good at building faith and relationships. Someone who:**

is a committed, practising Christian, who is able to inspire faith in others  
can build relationships and communicate well with children and families both within and beyond the church  
can inspire, engage and pray with children  
can teach clearly by word and example, and is confident to speak and lead in gathered worship

**We are looking for someone who can plan ahead, think creatively and work well in a team. Someone who:**

has good organisational and administrative skills  
is a team builder, able to build, inspire, train, encourage and sustain teams of volunteers;  
can delegate and oversee effectively;  
is innovative and creative, demonstrating energy, passion and motivation to inspire others  
is able to use IT creatively

## Experience Required

Experience of working with children aged 0 – 11 years, ideally with experience in leading children’s work in a Christian context, working with families  
Ideally experience of leading volunteers, and of leading and working in teams is preferable.

## Working Specification

The role is 20 hours per week. We offer flexibility in the working pattern where possible. The post holder needs to be flexible, currently we anticipate around 50% of the time being spent on core activities and responsibilities, with this proportion increasing as more activities begin.

5 weeks’ annual leave plus allowance for bank holidays (the post will involve working around Christmas and Easter).

Salary range £14,040 - £14,560 annually for 20 hours per week depending on experience with the opportunity to join an employer pension scheme.

An occupational requirement exists for the post holder to be a practising Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

An enhanced DBS disclosure will be required for the successful candidate. In addition the postholder would be expected to undertake the Diocese of Chester’s Safeguarding training.

## Applications

Please complete an application form detailing experience in response to the job description.

Application Forms available from [office.stmaryschester@btconnect.com](mailto:office.stmaryschester@btconnect.com)

To be returned by the closing date of 15th March 2024

Informal questions about the role can be sent to the Children and Young Persons Lead [revmapicker-ing@gmail.com](mailto:revmapicker-ing@gmail.com)

# Information for our families regarding ongoing works in the area.

## The school have had a request to pass on the information below:-

I've attached a copy of the most recent letter sent out to the local communities confirming the programme of work for the next 12 months.

BT will be starting their work on Monday 29 January 2024 from Dee Banks to outside the Sailing Club. This section of work will take two weeks to complete and then Cadent will start Monday 12 February 2024 from Caldry Brook to Dee Banks. Our work will be starting within Jubilee Fields on Monday 19 February 2024.

Could I ask that you update any social media platforms or notice boards that you may have access to with a copy of our letter please. Parents and staff may need to follow a diversion route, so please make them aware that extra for the journeys to drop off and collect their children may be required. Pedestrian access will be provided at all times.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me on the number below.

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Severn Trent Customer

Severn Trent  
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January 2024

Dear Customer

Securing future water supplies for Chester We recently wrote to let you know we're investing over £16 million to make sure everyone in Chester receives a reliable and sustainable water supply, now and for the future. We all deserve an up-to-date, reliable water network to keep your water flowing for whenever you need it, that's why we're installing a brand-new water pipe from Huntington Water Treatment Works to Boughton Water Treatment Works.

## Important information

Before our works can start, other utilities need to carry out work, we know that this can be a nuisance so we're working collaboratively with BT and Cadent to get all work completed in one time period.

So we can complete our work as quickly as possible we'll be working longer days during the week and also over the weekends. We've explored all options to carry out our work but unfortunately, we'll need to close the road in sections. Traffic Management is there to protect everyone while we work on our water network. We work closely with local authorities and the Highways Agency and can't remove our Traffic Management until all work is completed and the area is made safe again. Please see the table over the page to find out who will be working where and when.

We'll be holding another community event closer to our works starting, this will give you the opportunity to speak to the team and to ask any questions you may have. We'll write to you closer to the time with the details.

## Retail Businesses

If you own or operate a business which receives visiting customers who purchase goods or services from you and our works are affecting your sales income, then please contact our Business Loss Team - [businessloss@severntrent.co.uk](mailto:businessloss@severntrent.co.uk) for further advice.

## Table of works

Utility Company	Location	Traffic Management	Start	End
BT	Dee Banks to Sailing Club	Road Closure	29-Jan	09-Feb
Cadent	Caldy Brook to Dee Banks	Road Closure	12-Feb	07-Mar
Severn Trent	Jubilee Fields	Pedestrian access only	19-Feb	03-Mar
Severn Trent	A51 Christleton Rd - Side of Gardeners Arms	Lane Closure	01-Mar	04-Mar
Severn Trent	Dee Banks - from Dee Banks School to Dee Banks	Road Closure	06-May	16-Jun
Severn Trent	Brassey Street	Road Closure	04-Mar	03-May
Severn Trent	A51 Christleton Rd - Side of Gardeners Arms into Sandy Lane	A51 - Lane Closure Sandy Lane - Road Closure	08-Mar	11-Mar
Severn Trent	From the A51 junction into Sandy Lane	Road Closure	11-Mar	24-Mar
Severn Trent	Chester Rd between Gorse Way & Caldly Valley Rd	Road Closure	25-Mar	12-Jul
Severn Trent	A51 Tarvin Rd	Road Closure	05-Apr	12-Apr
Severn Trent	B5130 Dee Banks - from Dee Banks School to junction Dee Banks/Sandy Lane	Road Closure	06-May	14-Jun
Severn Trent	B5130 Sandy Lane, between Dee Banks to Walmoor Park	Road Closure	15-Jun	23-Aug
Severn Trent	B5130 Chester Rd, between Caldly Valley Rd to Keristal Av	Road Closure	13-Jul	13-Sep
Severn Trent	B5130 Sandy Lane between Walmoor Park to Dee Fords Av	Road Closure	24-Aug	23-Sep
Severn Trent	B5130 Dee Bank between Keristal Av to Dee Banks School	Road Closure	14-Sep	04-Oct
Severn Trent	B5130 Sandy Lane between Dee Fords Av to A51	Road Closure	23-Sep	01-Nov
Severn Trent	B5130 Chester Rd between Gorse Way to Butterbache Rd	Multi way Signals	04-Nov	29-Nov
Severn Trent	Butterbache Rd between Chester Rd to Meadow Lane	Road Closure	04-Nov	29-Nov

**\*\*Please note all dates listed above are approximate and dates can change due to site activity\*\***

Stay up to date with progress:

- Please get in touch with me Catherine Webb, on 07971 304604 between the hours of 08:00 – 17:00 Mon – Fri.
- Visit our 'Planned Improvements' webpage to see how the work is progressing. [www.stwater.co.uk](http://www.stwater.co.uk)
- We've created a private Facebook group for residents of this scheme to get updates and ask questions on the work. You can join by <http://tinyurl.com/STChester> or scanning the QR code at the bottom of letter.
- If your query is about your water supply or sewerage service rather than this work, the number to call is 0800 783 4444 for our 24-hour Customer Operations Service Centre.

Yours faithfully,

Catherine Webb  
Community Communications Severn Trent