



Waycroft Academy Newsletter - 21st
March 2025

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A Message from the Headteacher



Thank you to everyone for supporting Comic Relief today; it was great to see everyone in red! If you haven't already done so, please try to make a donation to our just giving page via this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-waycroft-academy> .

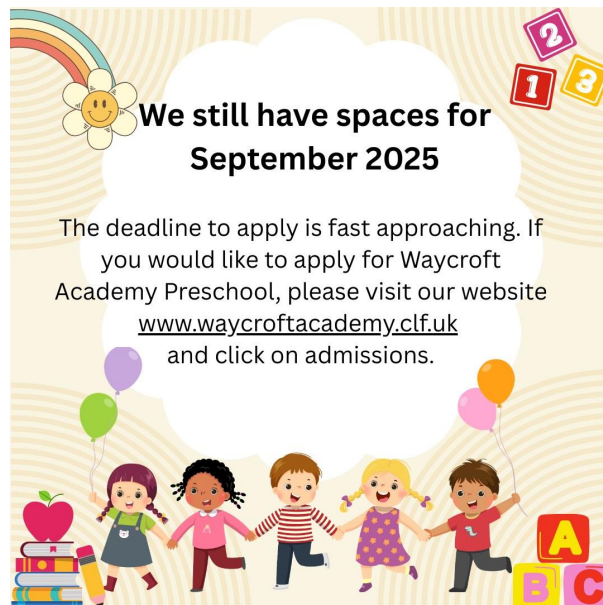
There have been a variety of additional activities taking place across our school including: Year 2 dance festival, visits to the library, Year 3 Alzheimer workshops and Year 5/6 girls football league. Whether it is from staff, visitors or people from other venues, I am constantly receiving positive feedback about the way our children are representing our school and showing our values. Thank you for the way that you are supporting your child(ren) and our school to enable the children to achieve the best they possibly can.

We continue to try and share as many school activities with you as possible, through facebook and Twitter (also via Tapestry in EYFS). If you haven't already done so, please follow our school pages and like the posts that are most relevant to you...so we get a good idea of what to continue posting in the future. One of the parents on our academy council has suggested that a school instagram account would also be useful for our community, which we are considering starting soon.

You may have seen a social media post recently about our Mary Rose 3 year old preschool; we still have some spaces for September so please share this within our community as soon as possible.

I hope that everyone has a great weekend!

Mr Smith



Health and Safety/Safeguarding



E-safety

There has been a lot of information in the news lately around keeping children safe online. More and more children are online gaming from a young age and parents need to be aware of the risks associated with these games and how they can support children to play online safely.

The NSPCC have put together a guide for **Roblox**, which is one of the most popular games, particularly for our youngest pupils. Please have a look and check that you are following the parental guidance to keep your child safe. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/roblox/>

Attendance



Week commencing - 10/03/2025

Whole school attendance - 95.6%

EYFS/KS1 class with highest attendance - Matthew 99.3%

KS2 class with highest attendance - Discovery and SSGB 98%

Week commencing - 17/03/2025

Whole school attendance - 94.8%

EYFS/KS1 class with highest attendance - Pinta 99.1%

KS2 class with highest attendance - Endeavour 97.3%

Penalty Notices

- If a child has at least 10 (10 or more) sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 school weeks, their parent/carer(s) may receive a penalty notice (a morning or afternoon is one session; a whole school day is two sessions.)
- The first time a penalty is issued within a three-year rolling period, it is £80 (per parent/carer, per child) payable within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid between 22 and 28 days. (If the fine is not paid, the parent/carer may be prosecuted for the child's unauthorised absence.)

- The second time a penalty notice is issued to the same parent/carer for the same child the amount will be £160 per parent/carer, per child (if paid within 28 days). There is no reduction in the amount if the penalty is paid early. (Again, if the fine is not paid, the parent/carer may be prosecuted.)
- Fines per parent/carer will be capped to two fines within any 3-year period. Once this limit has been reached, a prosecution will be considered. Prosecution may result in fines of up to £2,500 per parent/carer, per child.

School attendance: Is your child missing out?

	In a week means missing ...	Over a year means missing...	Over the seven years of primary school means missing...
100% attendance	No days	No weeks	No learning at all!
90% attendance	Half a day	Almost four weeks	Over four terms
80% attendance	One day	Over seven weeks	One school year and two terms
70% attendance	One and a half days	Eleven weeks	More than two years
60% attendance	Two days	Over fifteen weeks	Two years and four terms
50% attendance	Two and a half days	Almost twenty weeks	Three and a half years

SEND and Mental Health



Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Speech and Language support

Communication is a complex skill, which begins to develop even before a baby is born. There are many areas of development that build together, for a child to become a confident communicator. At Waycroft, we use the services of Sirona for some of learners who need Speech and Language support.

Sirona's website is full of information and resources for each area of Speech and Language Therapy.

School aged children: <https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/school-age-speech-and-language-therapy-service/>

Early Years: <https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/early-years-speech-language-therapy/>

If you do have any Speech and Language concerns for your child, please speak to your child's class teacher.

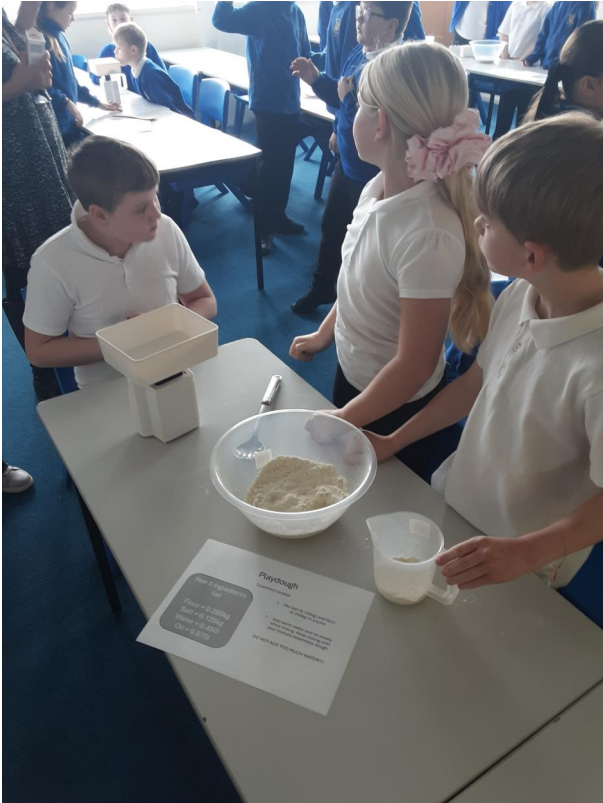
Big Day of Maths

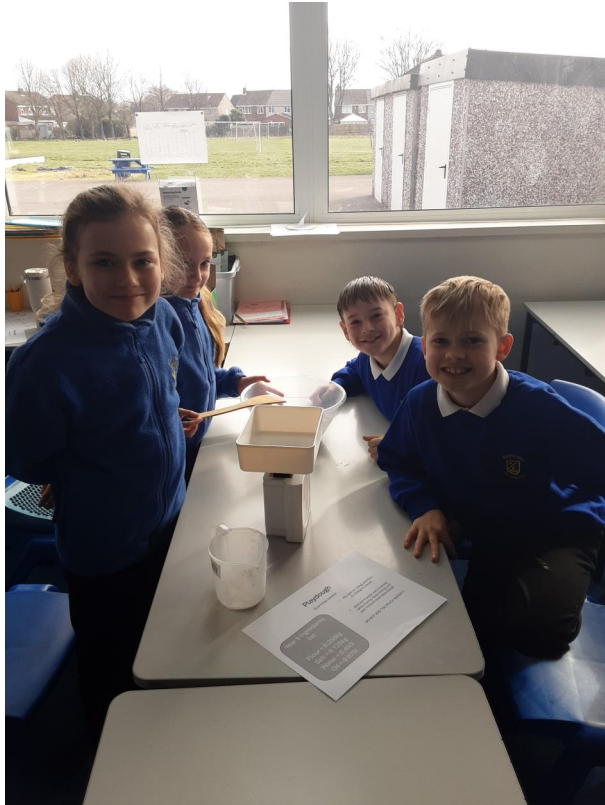


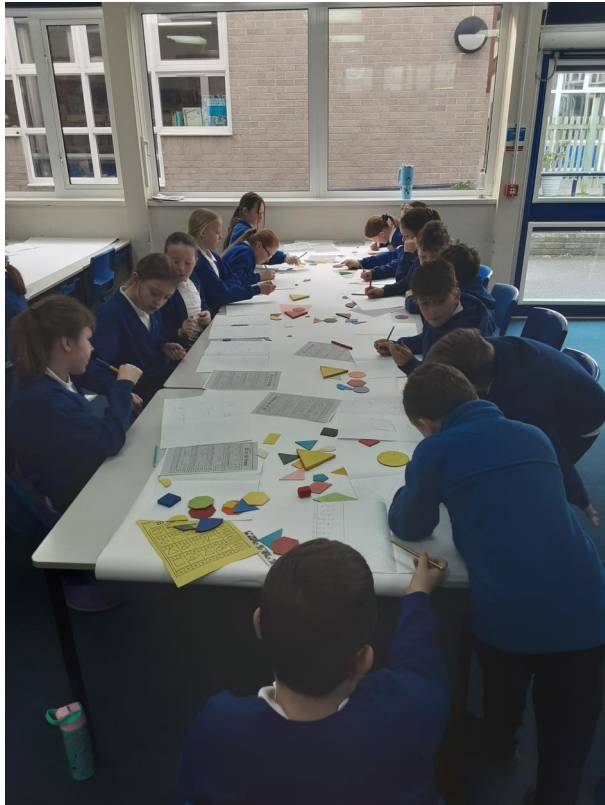
On Friday 14th March we celebrated the Big Day of Maths at Waycroft Academy. The theme this year was 'maths you can touch'. All the children displayed great enthusiasm and collaboration skills to complete the tasks set by their teachers! It was wonderful to see so many children clearly enjoying their maths learning throughout the school.

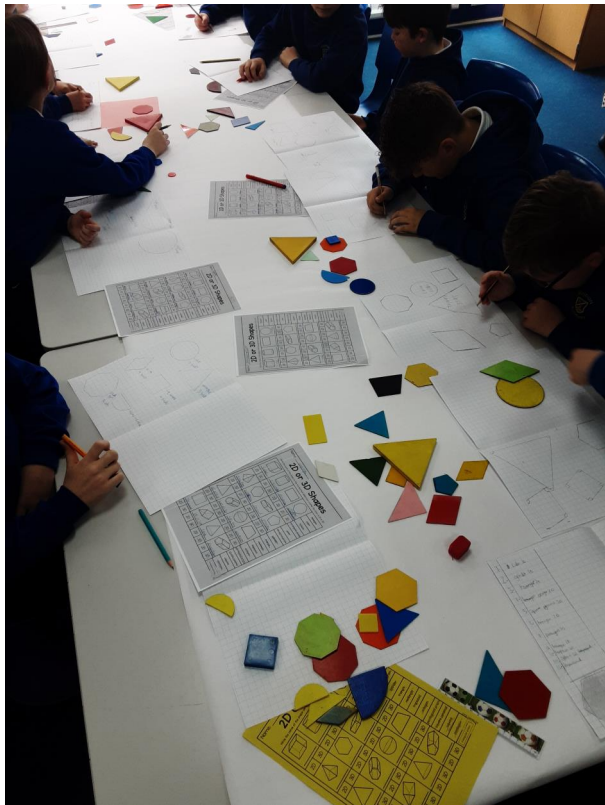


1 - Reception made numbers 1-5 with their bodies!

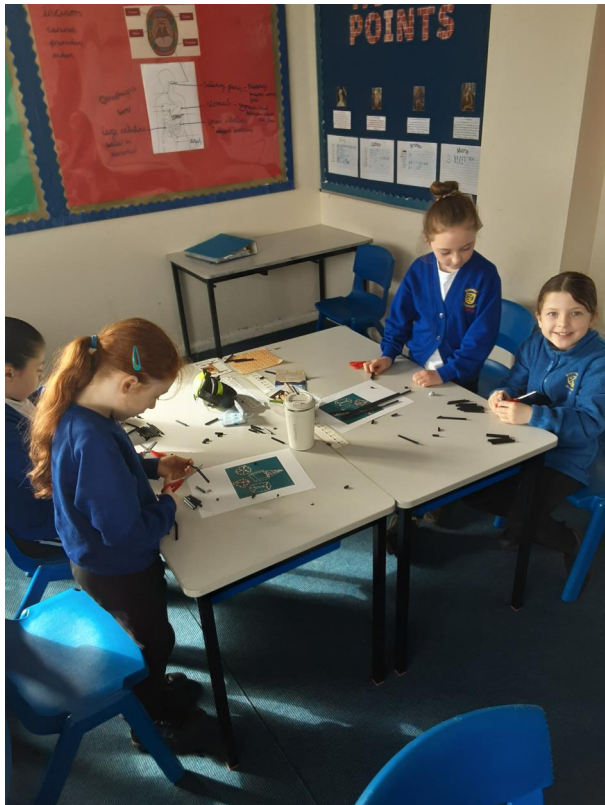


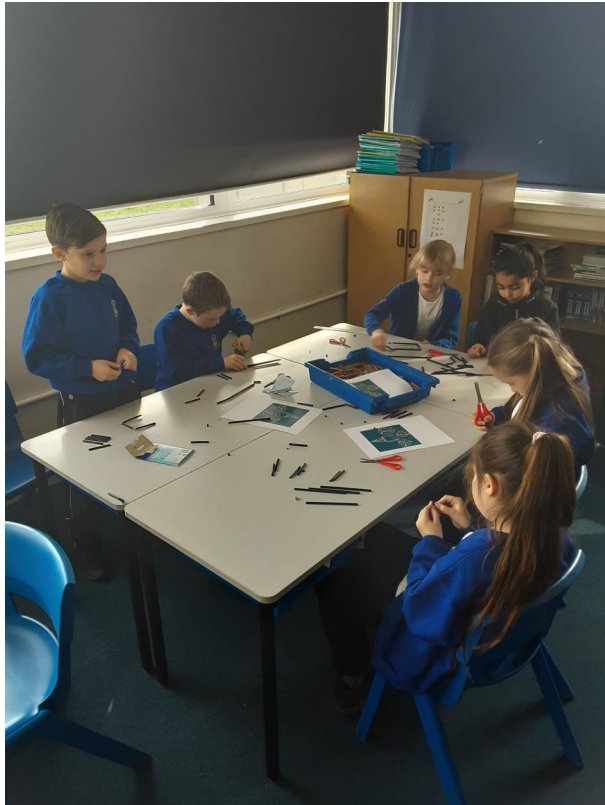






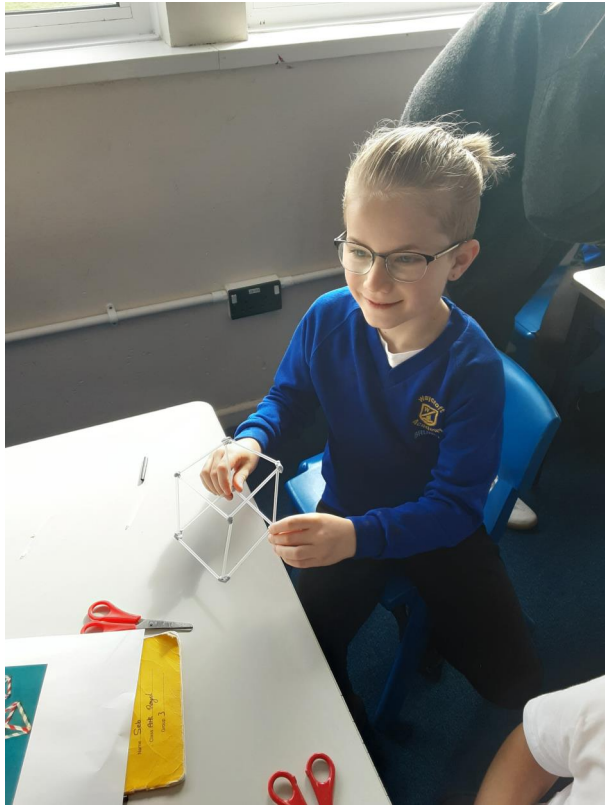






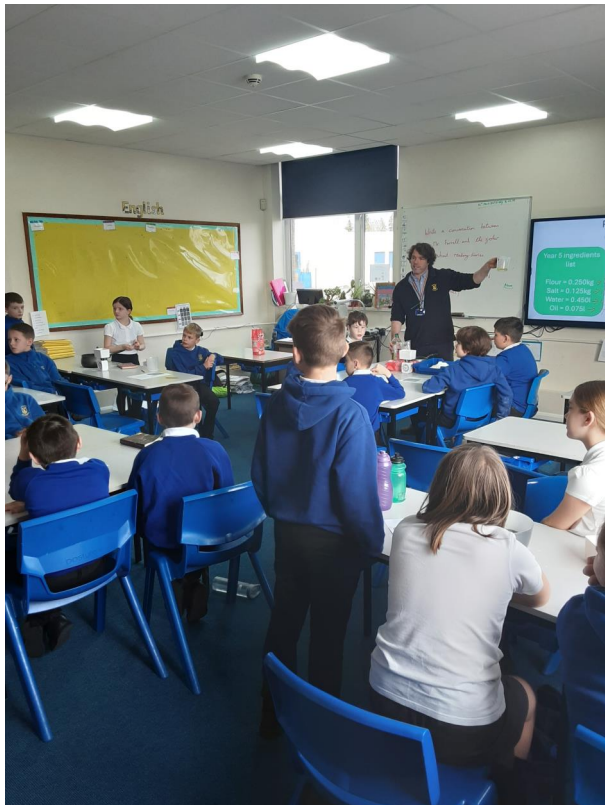


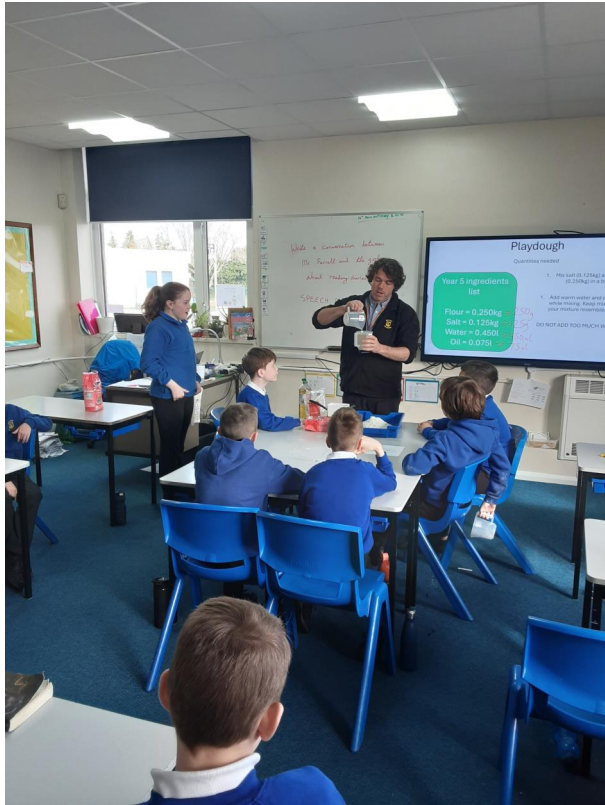












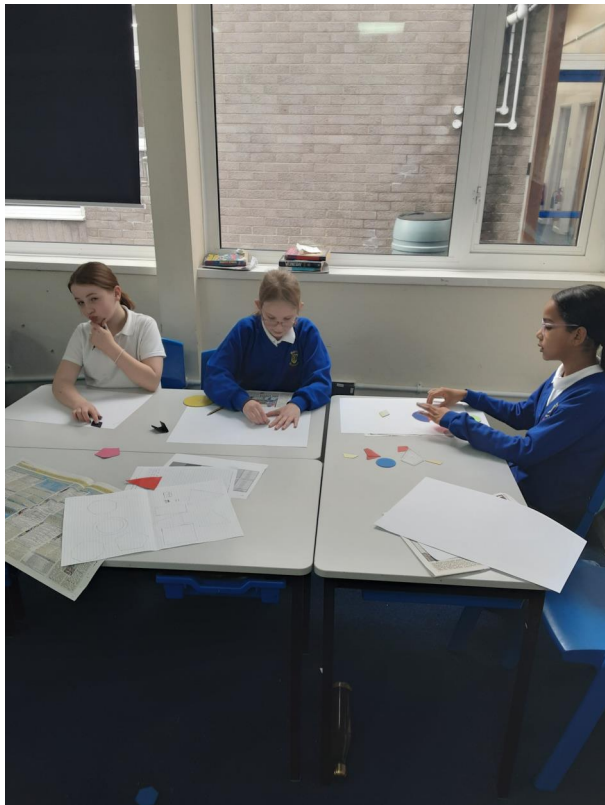












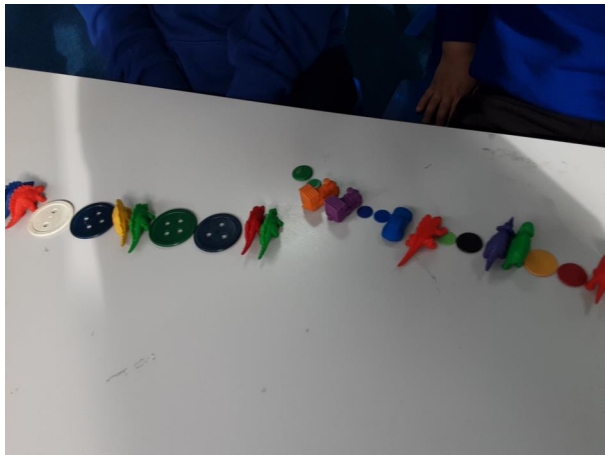




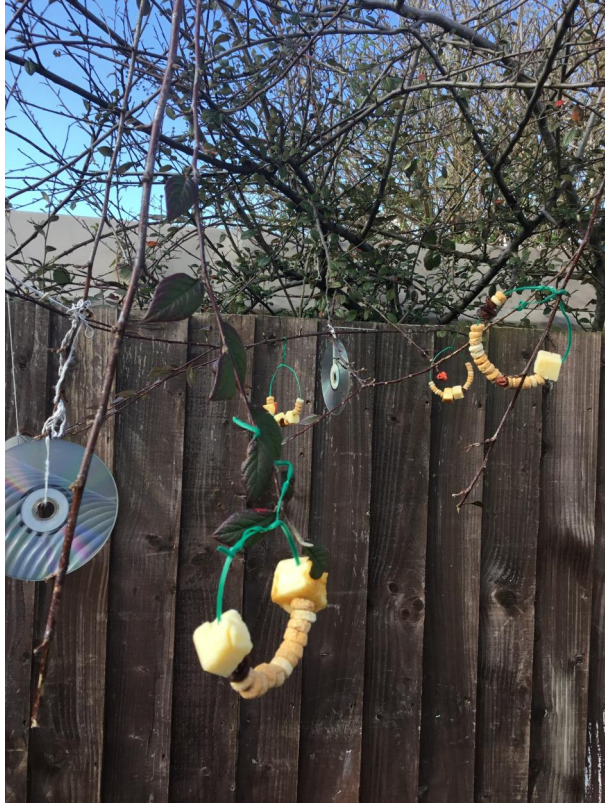






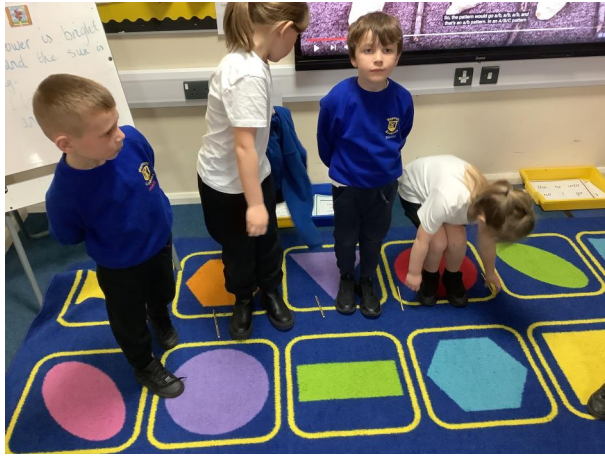














EYFS



Admiral

Admiral nursery have been finding out all about eggs and nests. We have discovered that it is not just birds that make nests and lay eggs! The children have enjoyed creating nests using natural materials, trying to balance while sitting to hatch a football 'egg' and creating feeders to help the birds who are working so hard at this time of the year. They have also loved creating collage egg art in the style of Alma Thomas, our artist of the term.

Mary-Rose Pre-School

We have had a great few weeks in Pre-School learning all about people who help us, we've had some fantastic visitors including a paramedic, a healthy eating expert, a CSI, and a midwife, thank you to our wonderful parents that have given up their time for this. We have also been learning the book Zog and the flying doctors and have been thinking about what makes a good doctor, including being kind, caring and brave. We have some incredible story recall for this, and the children have loved creating a variety of artwork relating to the story.

Reception

Over the last two weeks, our EYFS children have been exploring the exciting roles of firefighters and vets, learning all about how they help people and animals in our community. Through engaging activities, stories, and imaginative play, they have discovered the importance of these jobs and even had a go at dressing up as real-life heroes! As part of our

learning, the children have been writing about what they would like to be when they grow up, sharing their dreams of becoming firefighters, police officers, doctors, teachers, hairdressers and more. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and aspirations shine through in their writing! We had a great time at our British tea party last week. Brushing our teeth in school has been a very fun activity for the children too.













KS1



Year 1

Year 1 have been practicing how to safely chop and cut with a knife in preparation for making their fruit kebabs. We used techniques called 'the bridge' and 'claw' to confidently hold our 'food' in place so we could cut. We were all very safe and cannot wait to put the new skills to good use making very healthy snacks!

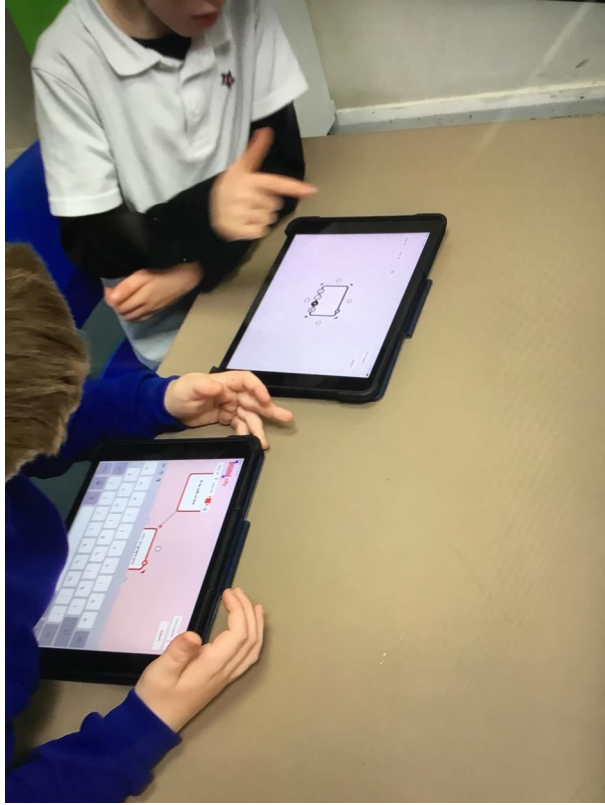
We have also been measuring in our maths lessons. We have used a lot of new vocabulary: shorter/shortest/longer/longest/taller/tallest. We are brilliant at comparing objects including each other and discussing length and height.

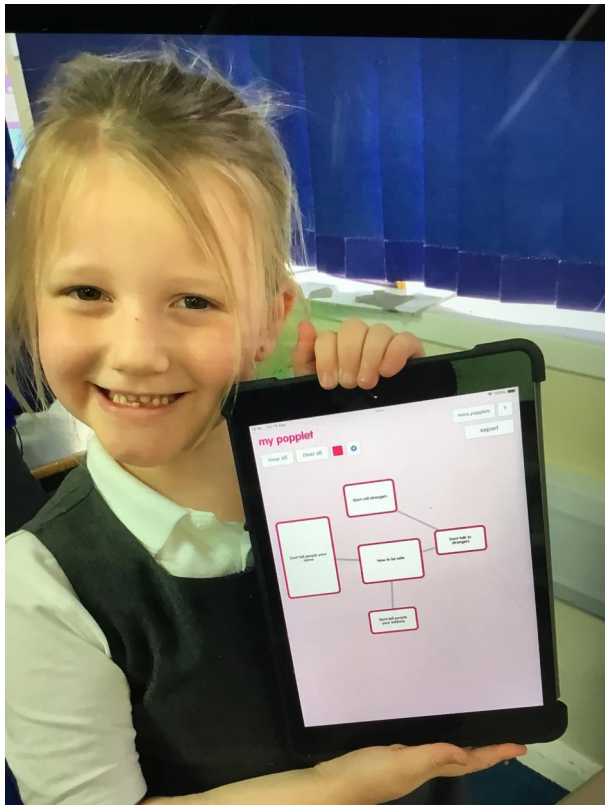
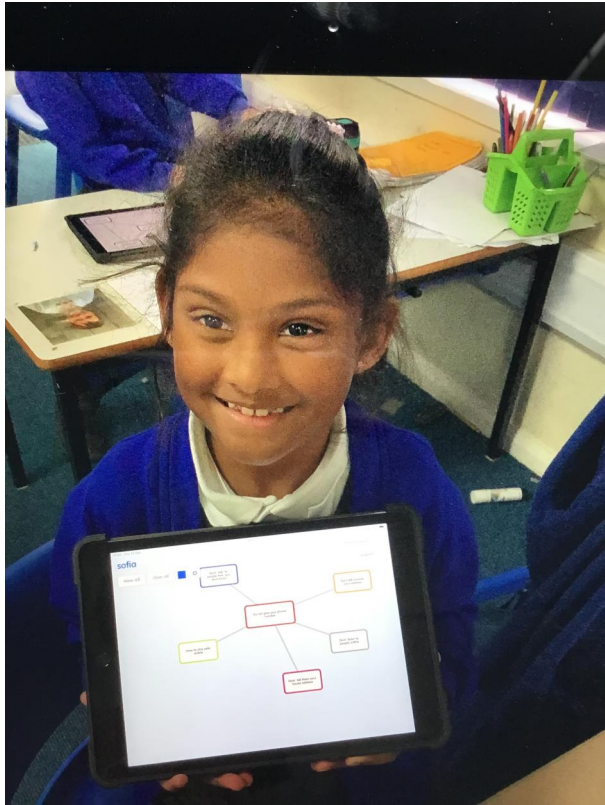
Year 2

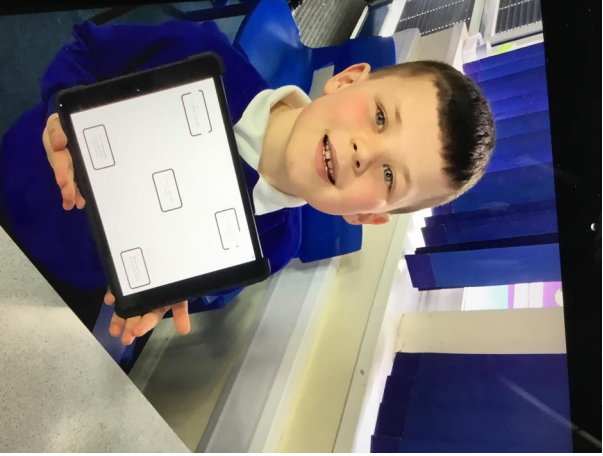
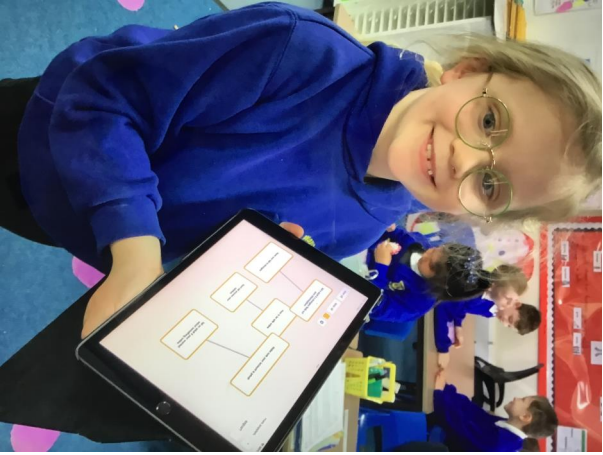
On Wednesday, Year 2 took part in the DanceFest at St Bernadette's Catholic Secondary School. Mayflower danced to 'Daydream Believer' and Matthew class danced to 'A million dreams'. The children represented Waycroft perfectly, demonstrating all our school values. Well done, Year 2!

Year 2 have also been learning how to be safe researchers. Last lesson, the children used 'Popplet' to create a mind map explaining different ways to stay safe online.





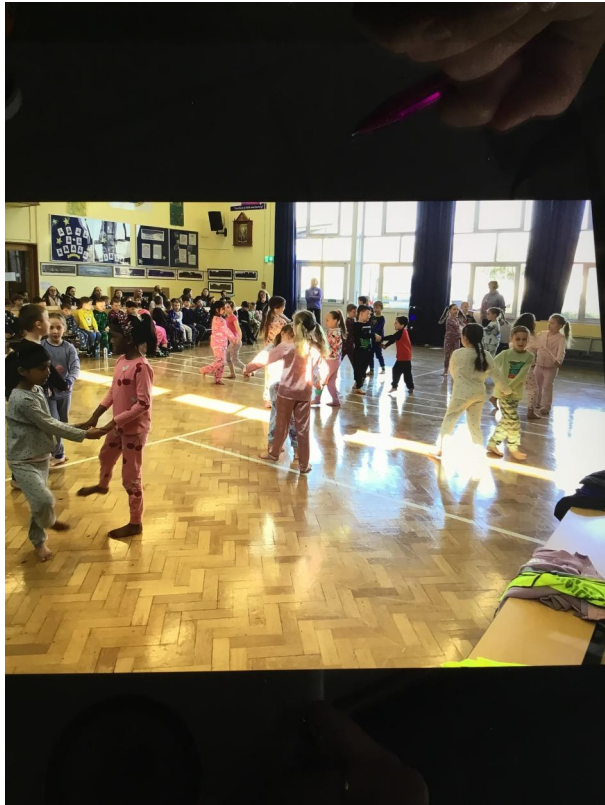










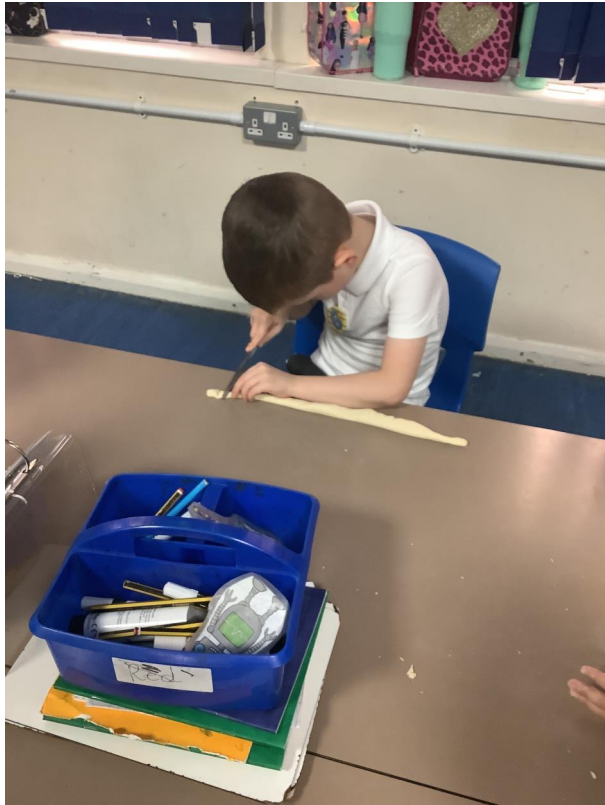


















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Year 3

Year 3 have had an exciting fortnight. On Monday, they had a visitor who taught them all about Alzheimers and how to be an Alzheimers friend. In geography, they have started a unit about Europe. They have located countries in Europe and grouped them into their regions e.g. Central Europe, Scandinavia and Mediterranean countries. In maths, they have been learning about mass and measuring in scales of grams and kilograms.

Year 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed swimming this past fortnight. For the new swimmers, they have shown bravery in entering the pool and showing a 'can-do' attitude; however, all have given it their all and are making progress. In history, children have enjoyed learning about the ancient Mayans,

UKS2



Year 5

This week year 5 have been practising their hand at debating (they made some very convincing arguments.) They've continued to persuade their teachers in English that the things they hate most should be banished to Room 101 (lots of vegetables were discussed!) They have also been creating their own dance routines linked to their geography and science topics, and we saw some really creative moves. Finally, in PE they have been having some exciting rounders matches.

Year 6

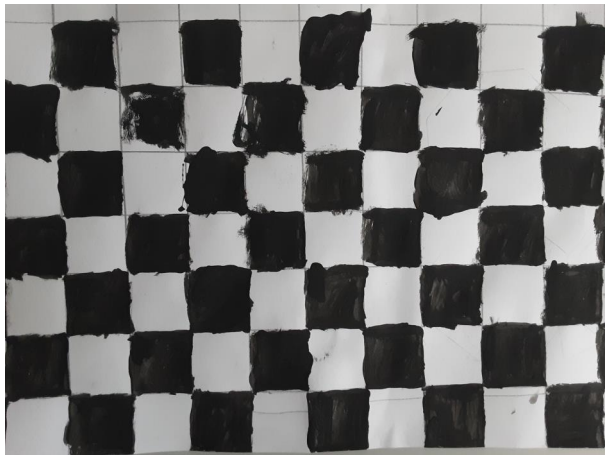
Year 6 have continued to show great resilience in their learning over the past few weeks in all areas of the curriculum. They have been writing some brilliant fantasy narratives based on short narrative Broken: Rock, Paper, Scissors. They enjoyed a brilliant, 'Big Day of Maths,' where the children learnt about tessellating shapes and created their own painted versions of a brightly coloured tessellating shapes. In our Tudors topic, the children have started to sketch their portrait of either Henry VIII or one of his wives, we can't wait for them to be painted as some of them have drawn some very detailed and realistic portraits.

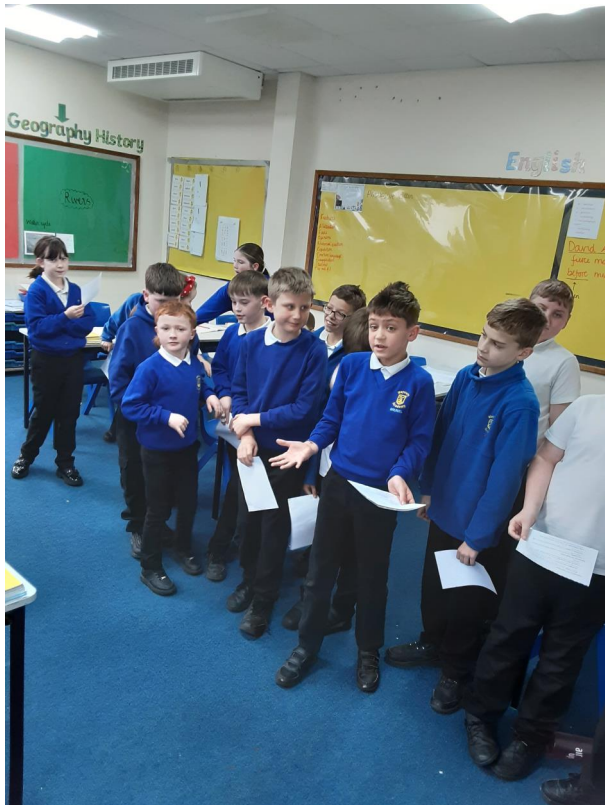












Achievement Assembly



Well done to all children who were awarded a certificate in assembly today!





Save the Dates for Term 3 and 4



Tuesday 1st April-Parents' Evening (booking is live)

Wednesday 2nd April-Parents' Evening

Monday 12th May-Thursday 15th May - Year 6 SATs tests

Thursday 22nd May - Year 5 Swimming to commence (more information to follow)

Inset Dates 2024/2025

Friday 4th July 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

Payment Reminders



Reception trip to Court Farm - £16.61 due by Friday 30th May. ParentMail sent out with further information.

Year 1 trip to Cattle Country - £19.02 due by Friday 30th May. ParentMail sent out with further information.

Year 2 camp - If you have not paid the deposit or spoken to the office, we have not included your child numbers. The suggested payment plan is £25 due 29th November 2024, £25 due 31st January 2025, £25 due 28th February 2025 with final balance of £25 due by 30th April 2025.

Year 2 camp Pupil Premium - If you have not paid the deposit or spoken to the office, we have not included your child numbers. The suggested payment plan is £10 due 29th November 2024, £10 due 31st January 2025, £10 due 28th February 2025 with final balance of £10 due by 30th April 2025.

Year 5 Swimming - £24 due 22nd May 2025.

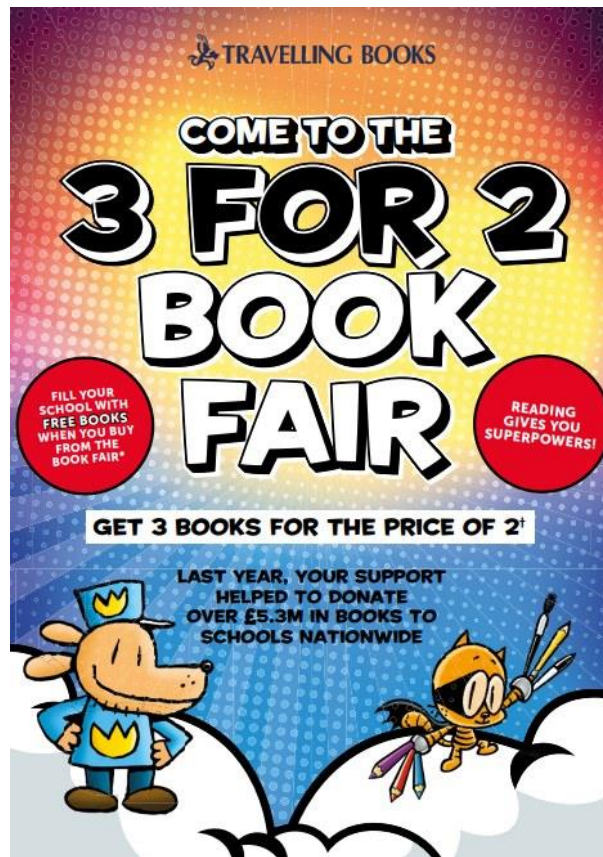
Year 6 Simonsbath camp - £50 deposit due 25th October 2024. With the suggested payment plan of £90 due 31st December 2024, £90 due 28th February 2025, £90 due 25th April 2025 with final balance of £89.58 due by 30th May 2025.

Year 6 Simonsbath camp Pupil Premium - £50 deposit due 25th October 2024. With the suggested payment plan of £40 due 31st December 2024, £40 due 28th February 2025, £40 due 25th April 2025 with final balance of £34.79 due by 30th May 2025.

Community Notices



Our Admiral Nursery would also like to put out an appeal to our families for a reclining side-by-side double pushchair, some toddler blankets, puddle suits age 3-4, dolls prams, toddler trikes and/or balance bikes. Any of these things would be greatly appreciated.



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