



ENHANCE ACADEMY TRUST

NEWSLETTER

SPRING EDITION 2025

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO, MARK RANDALL

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. Here we are at the end of the Spring Term already; the mornings and nights are getting brighter and even the weather seems to be changing for the better. This term has been another busy term, but has also been filled with exciting achievements across all of our schools.

We have received two Ofsted inspections this term: St Giles, Pontefract and Featherstone All Saints.

Featherstone All Saints has taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection. The report identifies many strengths and recognises the impact of the changes that Phil has made since his appointment as Headteacher last year. Congratulations to all of the team at All Saints.

The evidence gathered during St Giles' ungraded inspection suggested that the school's work may have improved significantly across all areas since the previous inspection. This means that if the inspection had have been a full inspection, it is highly likely the school would have been judged to be outstanding. This is an exceptional achievement and recognises the hard work, dedication and commitment of Richard and his team. A huge well done to them all.

I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks:

- To our staff, for their tireless efforts and dedication to giving our children the best possible experiences and opportunities.
- To our parents and carers, for your unwavering support, whether it's attending events or simply encouraging your children to do their best.
- To our children, for their boundless enthusiasm, curiosity, and hard work—they make every day rewarding in all of our schools.
- To our local governors and Trustees for their continued support to your individual schools and the wider Trust.

Faz Islam (Headteacher at St. Michael's) retires at the end of this term. Faz has been Headteacher at St. Michael's since the school joined Enhance in May 2013. Faz leaves the school with the legacy of his leadership, a community greatly influenced by it and the school in a safe and successful position, ready for the next stage in its development. We wish him a very happy retirement and look forward to hearing about his adventures.

Finally, we wish Eid Mubarak to our Muslim families who celebrated earlier this week.

We wish you all a peaceful and joyful Easter.

With best wishes

Mark Randall

BATLEY PARISH NEWS

GARDENDING CLUB



During the past week, our latest extra-curricular activity: Gardening Club, has started. Children across all year groups have taken part and started by learning about the identification of local plants, shrubs and trees. Furthermore, the group learnt about the benefits of plants on the wildlife and ourselves. The group then ventured outside to plant trees (donated by Woodland Trust) alongside some of our perimeter fencing discussing ways in which we can care for our natural environment.

Gardening club will also focus on recycling; they have started to reuse egg cartons and kitchen roll tubes to plant seeds, some children have even made watering cans out of empty plastic bottles!

In the coming weeks, there are plans to further improve the school grounds, including our playgrounds and some local community areas. During Summer term, a range of playground equipment will be painted including tyres that divide our Key Stage 1 playground. Again, a green fingered touch will be provided as they will be refilled and planted with new herbs and plants.



WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day allowed children from all classes to share their reading with a grown up. Parents and carers of younger children experienced a phonics session and many children shared their favourite stories in our new reading areas. In addition to this, we celebrated the children's World Book Day costumes during a World Book Day parade.



PE UPDATE

Our PE sessions this half term are in full swing. Year 1 have been developing their dribbling skills and their dance moves; they have been practising a collective dance to a pirate theme. By developing their understanding of moving in time to four beats, the children have developed their autonomy by including some individual ideas.

Year 3 have been honing their fitness techniques and Year 4 have been developing their understanding of handball.



Year 6 have been utilizing the outdoor space to improve their understanding of Tag Rugby. Having learnt the rules, they have been improving their understanding of tactics by applying these into small game situations.

CAPA COLLEGE NEWS

It has been another exciting and incredibly busy few months at CAPA College! We welcomed prospective students at two fully booked Open Days, hosted a week of auditions with over 800 applicants for September 2025, and were delighted to be named the Best State Sixth Form in West Yorkshire for A-Level results by the Yorkshire Evening Post.

We started 2025 with some fantastic student collaborations. Our Year 1 Dance Pathway and Year 2 Film & TV students worked together on a Dance Films project, producing two outstanding Dance films that will premiere at our Film Festival later this term. Also our Year 1 Musical Theatre and Production Pathway students joined forces for A Night at the Musicals, an electrifying showcase featuring extracts from Come From Away, Bring It On, and Mean Girls. The performances were outstanding, with Musical Theatre students shining on stage while Production Arts students brought the show to life through set, lighting, and sound design. This incredible team effort resulted in five sell-out performances in our in-house theatre.

In March, CAPA College made a huge impact at MOVE IT, the world's biggest dance event. Across the three-day event, our students delivered three outstanding Main Stage performances and three Showcase Theatre performances. Our faculty also hosted three fully booked dance classes, and we loved welcoming familiar and new faces to our exhibition stand—including alum Kaine Ruddach, this year's official Social Media host of the event. Another hugely successful weekend at one of the biggest industry events of the year!

However a true highlight of the term was in January, when CAPA College was invited to perform at the National Lottery's Big Night of Musicals at Manchester AO Arena, hosted by Jason Manford. Our 10 students delivered a breathtaking dance performance of Electricity from Billy Elliot, celebrating the show's 20th anniversary. Their talent and energy brought the house down, earning the only standing ovation of the night from an audience of 12,000 people!

Lastly, a moment to celebrate huge successes from students past and present! Current CAPA College student Fred Kettle gave an outstanding performance in a special episode of Emmerdale, which



saw Fred take on the role of 'Dylan' in the intense storyline on April's life on the streets.

Current CAPA College student Fatima Bojang also gives an outstanding performance as the role in Jade in the hugely successful Netflix series Adolescence by Stephen Graham, the show became Netflix's Number 1 series on the weekend of its release.



A huge congratulations also to two CAPA College Alumni; Tasha Ghouri who came runner up in BBC's Strictly Come Dancing and was crowned the Winner of the Strictly Tour!

And Bronwyn James for her role as 'ShenShen' in the most anticipated movie of the year, Wicked the Movie! It was wonderful to see Bronwyn gracing the 'Green' Carpet alongside her fellow lead actors; Ariana Grande, Cynthia Erivo and Jeff Goldblum at the London Premiere at the end of last year.

CHRIST CHURCH NEWS

YEAR 4 GREEK WORKSHOP

As part of their History Curriculum, Year 4 took part in an Ancient Greeks Workshop. The workshop took place over a morning filled with exploration, creativity, and fun which offered children a unique opportunity to learn about one of the most influential civilizations in history.

The show took them to different Greek city states to meet Greek people. They went to Athens and learnt about democracy. Then, to Sparta where they learned about soldiers and fighting. Next to Olympia where they learnt about sport and the Olympics. Finally, they met a Greek philosopher and an actor.

After the show children took part in an ancient and modern way of Greek dancing. To finish they performed two Greek myths, Odysseus and Pandora's box. The workshop provided an immersive learning experience that connected history, culture, and storytelling.



STRICTLY PENNINE

Our Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6 children took to the stage at the Strictly Pennine dance event, at the Lawrence Batley Theatre, where they performed a captivating routine to the song "Could Have Been Me" by Halsey.

Our children had the unique opportunity to showcase their talents in front of an audience of over 400 people. The energy, enthusiasm, and dedication they brought to the stage were nothing short of inspiring.

Throughout the rehearsal process and performance, our children demonstrated exceptional confidence, perseverance, and courage. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and determination displayed by all the children involved.



ROAD SAFETY IN EARLY YEARS

Our Early Years children welcomed a special guest who taught them an important lesson on road safety. The children listened to a story about Teddy, a lovable character who learns how to safely cross the road.

The children were captivated by the story as it introduced key safety concepts in a fun and accessible way, while teaching them how to cross the road safely.

They were able to explain the importance of looking both ways before crossing the street; how to use pedestrian crossings properly and the value of waiting for the green light before stepping onto the road.



DIAMOND WOOD NEWS

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

We celebrated our annual event and had almost 40 external agencies present in the school hall, offering support to our families.

The agencies included Pennine Domestic Abuse Team, Local Police, Uniform Exchange and Purple Dog First Aid Training.

The event was very well attended with over 100 parents and feedback showed that parents found the event useful and supportive.



RECEPTION'S SPACE ADVENTURE



In Reception, we have had an out-of-this-world adventure exploring the theme of transport through the much-loved story Whatever Next!

The children have been busy designing and building their own rockets using Mobilo and magnetic tiles, using their creativity and problem-solving skills.

Outside, our playground transformed into outer space as the children role-played going to the moon using large crates as their rocket ship — their imaginations truly took flight!

Our library even became the surface of the moon, where the children had a magical moon picnic after their space travels. It was a wonderful, creative journey, and we're so proud of the children's enthusiasm and teamwork!



ECO COUNCIL EXPLORES CLIMATE ACTION WITH CLIMATE DICE

This half term, our Eco Council had an exciting session using Climate Dice. Mrs Tombling picked up a set at the Ministry of Eco Education's London event, and they quickly became a favourite tool for sparking discussions about climate action.

We were particularly impressed by the creativity and passion in the pupils' climate stories, especially those focused on protecting polar bears. The enthusiasm was so strong that the group even held extra Eco Council meetings to use the Climate Dice again.

It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to explore real-world environmental challenges and think critically about solutions.



FEATHERSTONE ALL SAINTS NEWS

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL - ROBINWOOD

Our Year 5 pupils attended a 3-day residential at Dobroyd Castle in January. The pupils loved every minute of their stay and had lots of wide-ranging experiences. From the moment we arrived at Robinwood, the children were busy!

All pupils (and Mr Burton) took part in activities which are designed to push pupils out of their comfort zone with the zip wire, giant swing, caving, climbing, canoeing, the trapeze, archery, piranha pool and many more.

It was wonderful for all of the children to build their resilience, problem solving, creativity and general can-do attitudes over the time we were there. By the time we got back to school, all of the pupils were absolutely shattered and glad to see their own beds!



YEAR 4 TRIP TO MURTON PARK - VIKING DAY

Our Year 4 students recently embarked on an exciting educational trip to Murton Park, where they had the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in Viking culture. The children were thrilled to participate in a 'Viking Day,' which included a variety of engaging activities designed to bring history to life. Dressed in traditional Viking attire, they learned about the daily lives of Vikings, including their crafts, trades, and customs. The hands-on experience allowed the students to explore Viking tools, try their hand at weaving, and even participate in a mock battle, all while gaining a deeper understanding of this fascinating period in history.



The trip was not only educational but also incredibly fun, fostering a sense of curiosity and enthusiasm for learning among the students. The children returned to school with newfound knowledge and memorable experiences, eager to share their adventures with everyone. This enriching experience at Murton Park has undoubtedly sparked a lasting interest in history, and we look forward to more such immersive trips in the future.

READING AMBASSADORS



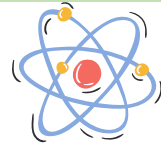
All Saints' Reading Ambassadors sent out a number of requests for supportive donations to continue to enhance our 'Love for Reading' culture. We were delighted to receive a generous donation of furniture which has allowed us to create book nooks in each classroom.

Furthermore, we have had deliveries of brand-new books for our libraries and class reading areas, alongside donations of books from our families too. We are really proud of this shared effort that is having a positive impact across the academy.



HIGHBURTON NEWS

SCIENCE-FILLED DAY WITH OUR GOVERNOR



Our school welcomed Governor Neil Hollis for a hands-on science experience! He spent time with different year groups, leading exciting experiments that had the children engaged and eager to learn.

- Year 4 and Year 5 explored the fascinating properties of Non-Newtonian fluids, discovering how some substances behave like both a solid and a liquid.
- Year 2 created their very own lava lamps, watching in amazement as colourful bubbles floated and fizzed.
- Reception and Year 1 took part in the magical Grow a Rainbow experiment, seeing colours spread and blend before their eyes.

The children were thrilled by the experiments, and we're sure many will be keen to try them again at home! A huge thank you to Neil for inspiring our young scientists—we can't wait for more exciting science sessions in the future!



GARDENING AT HIGHBURTON



Year 3 and Reception have had lots of fun with Mrs Pogson!

Year 3 weeded and cleared the big planters across from their classroom, ready for planting over the next few weeks.

Reception have enjoyed creating their very own vegetable patch and they have also made their own hanging baskets.



VISION DAY

Every person is a rainbow waiting to shine! We welcomed families in to school earlier this term for our Vision Day.

A highlight of the day was seeing the children mixed across year groups, engaging in a range of different activities linked to our school's vision and values.



RECEPTION AT THE FARM

This term the Reception children have been on their first school trip!

They took a walk to the local farm and enjoyed looking around the farm and the different animals.

They learnt lots about how the farm works, and how the different machinery around the farm helps in different ways.



HORBURY BRIDGE NEWS

TAKE A BREAK AND BAKE - A SWEET SUCCESS!



This term, we had a special event in school as Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Hammond, and our fantastic Wellbeing Warriors hosted the first-ever Take a Break and Bake! Parents from Class 3 joined their children in the kitchen (well, Church!) for a wonderful afternoon of baking, chatting, and learning about the importance of well-being.

Not only did families get the chance to whip up some delicious treats together, but our Wellbeing Warriors also delivered a fantastic presentation about mental health and ways we can support each other. They spoke passionately about the small things we can all do to look after ourselves and those around us, and their message really resonated with everyone in the room. It was an inspiring reminder of how important it is to take time for ourselves and for others.



The event was a great success, and we loved seeing so many smiles, hearing so much laughter, and watching families work together to create something special. A huge thank you to everyone who took part. There are more events like this planned, with the next one taking place next term. Keep an eye out for further details!

WORLD BOOK DAY



We celebrated World Book Day in style, and what a day it was! Instead of dressing as characters, pupils and staff came to school dressed as a word or brought a word with them – and the creativity on display was truly impressive.

From 'illuminated' to 'camouflage' and 'courageous' to 'chaotic', it was fantastic to see the range of words and the enthusiasm that everyone brought to the day.

The event was a huge success, with pupils taking part in a carousel of reading activities in their house teams of Earth, Air, Fire, and Water.

It was wonderful to see them supporting each other, working together, and sharing their love of books.

The sense of community throughout the day was fantastic, and we hope the children came home inspired to explore even more new words and stories!



LEPTON NEWS

A BUSY RECEPTION CLASS



Children in Reception Class have welcomed a range of visitors into their classroom this term - including ducklings!

The children learned all about their lifecycle and watched them hatch, it was very exciting. The children then had to show care and love towards the ducklings, making sure they were well looked after. The ducklings have now been adopted by one of our families in school and we're looking forward to updates as they grow.

Visitors from the Road Safety Team and Oral Health Team also visited the children, reminding them of the importance of keeping safe by the roads and how best to look after their teeth, including what a trip to the dentist might look like!



GARDENING CLUB

Our school garden is a real treasure and loved by all. Mr. Pegg, a grandparent and volunteer, runs gardening club every Thursday with a small team of helpers. The children plant, weed and tend to the garden, which flourishes all year around.

Recently, the gardeners achieved their Level 5 award from The Royal Horticultural Society, which is the highest accolade possible.

Children across school, right from Reception to Year 6 enjoy being part of this club.



WORLD BOOK DAY



This year's World Book Day was a fabulous day! Both children and staff embraced the day and came dressed up as one of their favourite characters from either a fiction or non-fiction text: we had many Harry Potters, lots of Roald Dahl characters plus stand out figures from the non-fiction world.

The children took part in a scavenger hunt quiz, which tested their knowledge of books and authors. KS2 also took part in the online "Booky and Footy quiz",

which was streamed live to over a thousand primary schools up and down the country. Here are some of our winners of the Best Costume Awards.



OVERTHORPE NEWS

GOLDILOCKS & THE THREE BEARS

This half term in Robins class, we've been exploring the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have enjoyed lively discussions about Goldilocks' choices and how they would feel as the Three Bears. They've also explored the forest setting and characters.

Through play, the children have developed various skills:

- Strengthened fine motor skills by handling oats and using spoons.
- Built confidence and memory through puppet shows.
- Learned about size and math vocabulary with the story's props.
- Improved hand-eye coordination by making paw marks in dough.

The play space has been filled with Goldilocks-themed activities, enhancing learning opportunities and sparking curiosity.



EXCITING YEAR 4 CURRICULUM



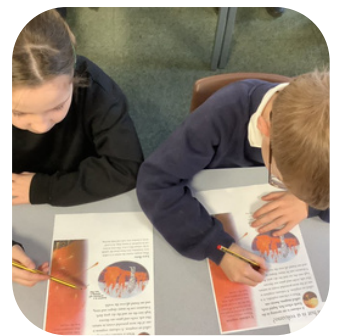
It has been an exciting and busy term in Year 4!

In English, we have written non-chronological reports about volcanoes, researching their formation, eruptions and effects on the environment. We also read the book *Escape from Pompeii*, which brought the dramatic eruption of Mount Vesuvius to life. The children loved discussing the story and the historical events, and we tied this into our learning about the Romans.

Our new coding unit has been a hit! The children have been learning how to create and use repeating patterns in code, using these skills to design simple programs. They've enjoyed the challenge of developing their logical thinking and problem-solving abilities in this hands-on unit.

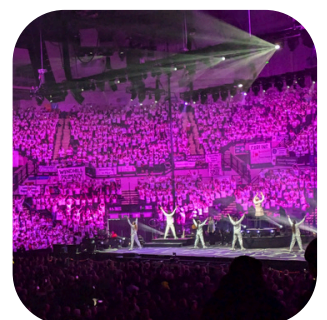
It's been a wonderful term, and the children have worked hard across all areas of the curriculum.

We look forward to continuing our learning journey in the next term!

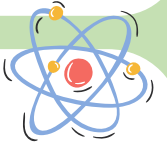


OVERTHORPE CHOIR

In the Autumn term we were extremely lucky to have CAPA College perform a range of Christmas carols for us. This ignited a passion for many children at Overthorpe to join our choir and evidently perform at Young Voices 2025. We had a fantastic time; the children behaved exceptionally well and made us all very proud. It is wonderful to see the impact this has on the children's confidence and the progression in musical ability since last year. We cannot wait for more choir outings in and around our community.



SANDAL MAGNA NEWS



SCIENCE WEEK

Miss Dwyer has arranged for all of Sandal Magna to take part in British Science Week. Over the ten-day period in March, we celebrated science, technology, maths and engineering. The theme this year was 'Change and adapt'.

All the classes completed at least 2 of the science activities over the ten-day period.

Activities varied from investigating how animals adapt in their habitats to how toilet paper changes when added to water!

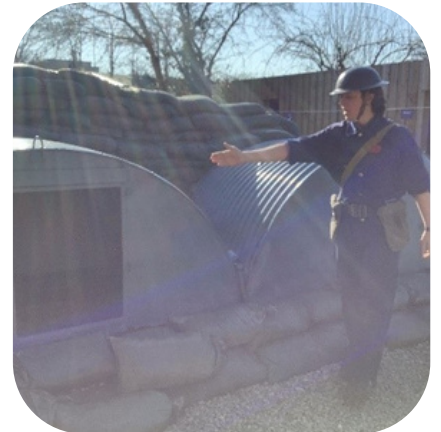


YEAR 6 TRIP TO MURTON PARK

Year 6 visited Murton Park, near York to help them learn more about their current History unit, World War II.

Over the course of the day, the class experienced what it felt like to be an evacuee in the early days in World War II. In the museum's classroom and the ARP shed, Year 6 took part in a series of activities so they could learn about evacuation, air raid precautions and daily life.

As part of the activities, children put out fires, made butter and flapjack and did the washing! We also had a gas mask drill and an air raid siren meaning we had to get in the bunker!



YEAR 4 TRIP TO COLNE VALLEY MUSEUM

In February, Year 4 went to visit Colne Valley Museum and spent the day experiencing life as a Victorian. Over the course of the day, Miss Dwyer's class took part in many activities from preparing and cooking bread, washing and cleaning clothes.

Many children were surprised by how different washing clothes was back then to nowadays. They were also surprised by how much hard work it was! One of their favourite activities was making corn dollies, which was a traditional Victorian craft.

The craft was taught to children and was passed down from generation to generation. They were normally made in the Autumn to celebrate the harvest.



ST BOTOLPH'S NEWS

TIMES TABLES ROCK STAR DAY



This term we have had a re-launch of our Times Tables Rock Stars.

All the children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite rock star and had a day of different times tables challenges.

Here are just some of the amazing outfits.



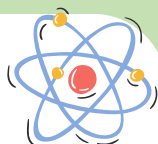
COMMUNITY NATURE GARDEN

During the Easter holidays, the parents and children will be coming together to create a school nature garden for all the children. This will include a special seating area, wildlife garden and planting lots of bee-friendly plants, linked to our sustainability topic in geography.

Year 4 pupils have been supporting with the design on this. This has been funded by a very generous grant from a local company (Enfinium) who have supported us with a donation of £2000 towards this exciting project.



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



Across school, we have been doing a range of experiments to recognise British Science Week. Year 2 have looked at the importance of dental hygiene and colour mixing using coloured solution.

During the week we had lots of fun doing a range of experiments and learning about different scientists from a range of backgrounds.



YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL AT YHA ILAM HALL

Our Year 4 pupils recently enjoyed an unforgettable adventure at YHA Ilam Hall, thanks to the fully funded Generation Green project. This one-night residential gave the children the chance to immerse themselves in nature, explore the beautiful surroundings, and take part in exciting outdoor activities.

From woodland walks to team challenges, they built confidence, developed new skills, and created lasting memories. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience a night away from home while connecting with the great outdoors!



ST GILES NEWS

GREEK DAY CELEBRATION

Our Lower KS2 students had an unforgettable Greek Day, diving into the fascinating world of Ancient Greece! Dressed in stunning Greek-inspired costumes, from togas to mythical characters, the children looked fantastic and truly embraced the spirit of the day.

The excitement continued with a delicious taste of Greece as the children sampled a variety of traditional Greek foods. From olives and feta to warm pita bread and tzatziki, they enjoyed discovering new flavours while learning about Greek cuisine.

The highlight of the day was an engaging workshop delivered by Wakefield Museums. The children explored Greek history through interactive activities and storytelling, gaining a deeper understanding of this incredible ancient civilization.

To wrap up the day, the students channelled their creativity by completing Greek art printing. Inspired by classic Greek architecture and patterns, they used printing techniques to design their own unique pieces, reflecting the artistic style of Ancient Greece.

It was a wonderful day filled with learning, creativity, and a real taste of Greek culture!



OFSTED INSPECTION

We are delighted to share the outcome of our recent ungraded Ofsted inspection, which resulted in an improving letter. Inspectors highlighted that, had it been a graded inspection, St Giles could have been judged Outstanding in all areas.

They praised our high-quality teaching, strong reading provision, and well-structured curriculum, alongside exemplary behaviour and safeguarding. This achievement reflects the dedication of our staff, pupils, and community, as well as the excellent support from Enhance Academy Trust.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a flipping good time! Known as Pancake Day, this tradition marks the day before Lent, when Christians used up rich ingredients like eggs, sugar, and butter before the fasting period began.

Students in Class 4 had a blast making pancakes, trying different toppings, and learning about the history of this fun day.



ST HELEN'S NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE EASTER STORY

Year 4, 5 and 6 joined Father Robert for a powerful and reflective experience at our Stations of the Cross event, where the children walked through the final moments of Jesus' life and resurrection. This interactive journey brought the Easter story to life, guiding pupils through a series of stations that depict key events, from Jesus' trial and crucifixion to His glorious resurrection.

Each station offers a moment for prayer, reflection, and connection to the sacrifice and love of Christ. Through readings, visual displays, and student-led presentations, the children deepened their understanding of the true meaning of Easter.

This event provides an opportunity to engage with their faith in a meaningful way as KS2 walked together in remembrance and gratitude for the hope and salvation found in Jesus.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day was a fantastic celebration filled with excitement and creativity. The children had an amazing day, dressing up as their favourite book characters in wonderful costumes.

The day began with the "Book and a Breakfast" event, where parents joined their children before school to enjoy breakfast while sharing stories. One of the highlights was the "Book in a Box" competition, where students created imaginative dioramas representing their favourite books.

Later, the whole school gathered in the hall for a spectacular fancy dress parade.

Throughout the day, children took part in book-themed activities, including storytelling, quizzes, and reading challenges. It was a fantastic event that encouraged a love for books and brought the whole school community together in a joyful and memorable way.



NORTHERN GAS NET ZERO

The Northern Gas Net Zero Energy Futures Education Team visited St Helen's to educate Year 6 pupils about their efforts to combat global warming through clean energy solutions. The session introduced the concept of net zero emissions and highlighted the role of hydrogen as a sustainable fuel alternative.

As part of the workshop, pupils conducted a hands-on experiment using electrolysis to split water into hydrogen and oxygen, demonstrating how renewable energy can be harnessed.

This engaging activity helped pupils develop scientific thinking and problem-solving skills while deepening their understanding of green energy technologies. The visit inspired students to consider the impact of energy use on the planet and encouraged them to explore potential future careers in sustainable industries.

ST MICHAEL'S NEWS

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS



As part of our World Book Day celebrations, a group of lucky pupils from St Michael's CE Academy enjoyed a wonderful trip to Waterstones Bookshop in Wakefield City Centre! These children were the proud winners of our World Book Day competition, earning themselves the fantastic opportunity to visit a real bookshop and select a book of their choice as their prize.

Excitement was in the air as the winners set off on their journey, travelling to Wakefield by bus. For some, it was their first visit to Waterstones or any specialist bookshop, making the experience even more special.

The staff at Waterstones had also kindly put together a Treasure Hunt and Book Quiz to enhance the experience for the children.

This trip was a fantastic way to promote a love of reading, encouraging our pupils to engage with books in a meaningful and enjoyable way. By allowing the children to choose their own book, we nurtured their independence and enthusiasm for reading, helping them discover stories that excite and inspire them. Visiting a real bookshop also showed them the magic of discovering new authors and genres, reinforcing the joy that reading can bring.



OUT OF THIS WORLD VISIT TO THE NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE



Our Year 5 pupils at St Michael's set off on an exciting journey beyond the classroom, visiting the National Space Centre near Leicester. This special trip was designed to enhance and consolidate their learning in Science this term, and it certainly lived up to expectations!

When the children arrived at the fascinating world of space exploration, they were able to see real rockets, experience interactive exhibits, and even step inside a giant planetarium for a breathtaking tour of the universe. One of the highlights was learning about astronauts and how they live and work in space - an experience that truly brought their lessons to life!

Throughout the day, the pupils impressed staff and centre guides with their enthusiasm and knowledge. It was wonderful to see them asking thoughtful questions and making connections to what they had learned in class.



SOCIAL MEDIA ACROSS THE TRUST



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In the Ark we are looking at people who help us and today it was all about the doctor 🩺 we had a try with the stethoscope 🩺 and how to make a bandage 🩹 the children had a great time 😊 #stgilesark #peoplewhohelpus #doctor #roleplay



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A huge thank you to everyone who came to dress our Community Tree yesterday. 🌳



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Year 5 and 6 participated in a very thoughtful and reflective Ash Wednesday service at St Helen's Church. The children were fantastic and took part in mass brilliantly. #lookingforwardinfaith



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We were invited to @BBCLookNorth today to chat about our performance on The National Lottery's Big Night of Musicals last Saturday on @BBC! ⭐

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