

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO, MARK RANDALL

As another academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the considerable achievements of all our schools and sincerely thank you all for your ongoing commitment to our children.

Summer 2 is always busy and always brings a mix of emotions – Year 6 SATs results, the excitement of end-of year events such as sports days, end of year productions, residential trips, meeting new classes and leavers' celebrations, coupled with the sadness of saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils and some valued staff.

We have been delighted with the outcomes that have been achieved at the end of this year across all key stages. We also celebrate the results of the external inspections that we have had in some of our schools this year. Most importantly, it is the day-to-day achievements that we value the most when we are fortunate enough to visit your schools and see first hand the difference you are making to our children's lives.

Looking forward to September, we welcome Dodworth St John's, St Mary's Barnsley and Royston St John's who all officially join the Trust. We also welcome Jenni Machin (Trust SEND & Inclusion Lead), Liam Pettit (Maths Specialist) and Yvette Sullivan (Headteacher at St. Michael's.)

As we head into the summer holidays, I hope you all will have the opportunity to relax, recharge, and enjoy some well-deserved, quality time with your family and friends. Thank you once again for your care and dedication to all of our children, it is hugely appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all in September refreshed and ready for the new academic year ahead. I wish you all a restful, peaceful and happy summer break.

With best wishes

Mark Randall



TRUST NEWS

INTER-SCHOOL YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

We are thrilled to report that the Year 6 football tournament was a tremendous success. With 12 of our schools taking part and over 230 children involved, the day was a celebration of teamwork, determination and school spirit.

Although it was a bit of a squeeze fitting in all of the fixtures, every match went ahead as planned, thanks to great organisation and the enthusiasm of everyone involved. From the first kick-off, to the final whistle, the pitches were alive with energy and excitement.

In the Wakefield league, St Giles were crowned boys' champions after a strong performance throughout the group stage. St Michael's earned the runners-up spot with a determined display. In the girls' competition, St Giles continued their winning form, taking top spot, while St Botolph's came in a well-deserved second place.

The Kirklees contests were especially close. Overthorpe won the boys' league, while Lepton and Batley Parish finished joint second. A dramatic penalty shootout saw Lepton progress to the semi-finals. In the girls' league, Lepton emerged as winners with Batley Parish taking second place after some excellent performances.

The knockout stages brought even more excitement. In the boys' semi-finals, St Giles narrowly overcame Lepton after extra time and penalties in one of the most gripping games of the day. St Michael's joined them in the final after a solid victory over Kirklees table-toppers Overthorpe. On the girls' side, St Giles beat an excellent Horbury Bridge team, while Lepton overcame a resilient St Botolph's to book their place in the final.

The girls' final saw a showdown between the Wakefield and Kirklees league winners. It was a closely matched game, but St Giles held their nerve and lifted the trophy. The boys' final brought the day to a dramatic close, as St Michael's made a blistering start that St Giles couldn't quite recover from, securing a deserved win in an all-Wakefield final.

All in all, it was an outstanding day and a wonderful first for our Trust — seeing all of our Key Stage 2 schools represented in one event was truly special. We're already looking forward to next year's tournament and can't wait to see who will raise the trophy in 2025-26.

A huge well done to every school, player, and staff member who took part — you made it an unforgettable day and a special thank you to Mr Grace and the team at St Giles for organising the event.



TRUST NEWS

WRITING COMPETITION

Children across Enhance Academy Trust recently took part in a vibrant and imaginative writing competition, designed to showcase their creativity and descriptive flair.

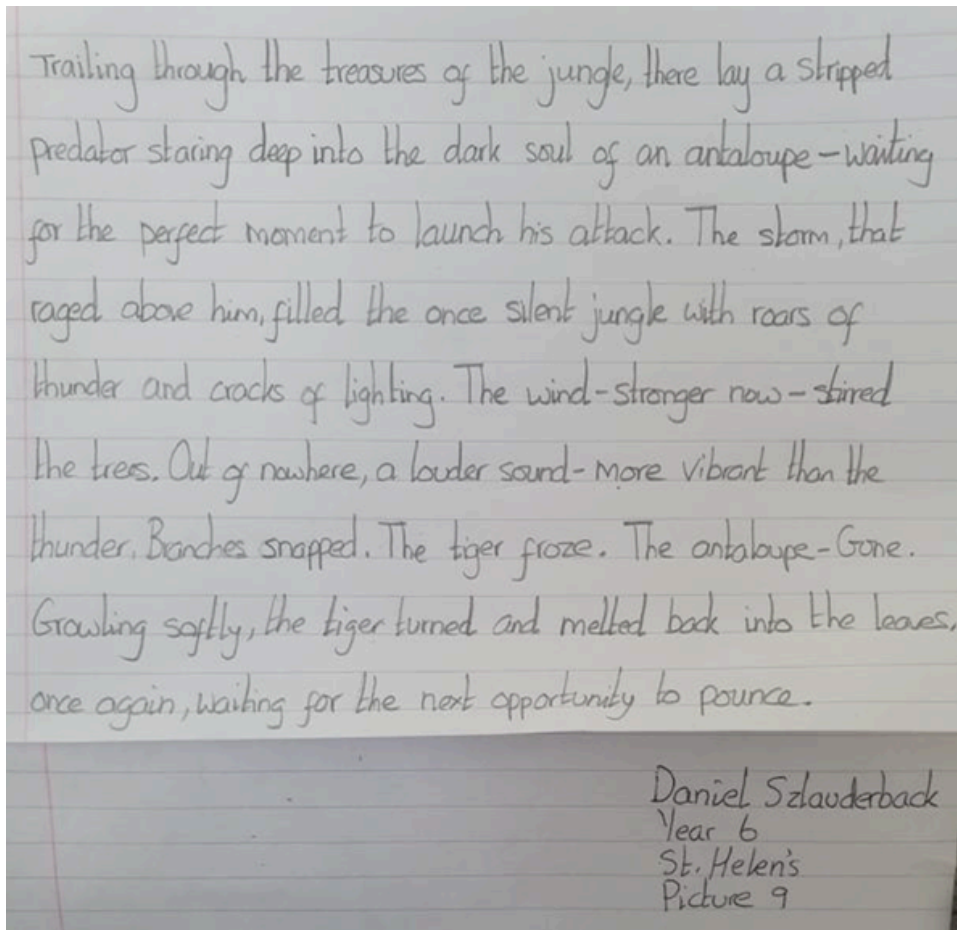
Every child was invited to write a short narrative description—just 100 words—using the images of Henri Rousseau as their inspiration.

Each school selected a winning entry from every year group, and those winners were entered into the final trust-wide judging round, where an overall winner for each year group was chosen. The standard across all entries was incredibly high and we are immensely proud of the effort, imagination and enthusiasm shown by every child.

We are delighted to announce the overall year group winners:

- Reception – Alaya, Batley Parish
- Year 1 – Amber, Overthorpe
- Year 2 – Rosie, St Botolph's
- Year 3 – Evie, St Michael's
- Year 4 – Fionn, Highburton
- Year 5 – Eshal, Sandal Magna
- Year 6 – Daniel, St Helen's

Huge congratulations to all of our winners, and a special thank you to every child who took part—you should all be incredibly proud of your fantastic writing!



BATLEY PARISH NEWS

YEAR 6 CELEBRATE WITH A TRIP TO TAG X

Following their tremendous effort towards their SATs, Year 6 were treated with a trip to Tag X.

Having used the public bus for transport the Year 6 children competed against each other to run, jump and climb.

Although very sweaty, they had a fantastic time and enjoyed some pizza and drinks back at school.



YEAR 6 ENTERPRISE FAIR

Year 6 have been, for a number of weeks, developing their understanding of profit margins, buying and selling goods within their mathematics lessons. Having been split into small groups they were then tasked with designing, buying, creating and selling a product to the local community.

This culminated in the Year 6 Enterprise Fair in which a large amount of the school community attended to raise a fantastic £700.



GREEN FINGERED

With the help of local business support, the nature area at Batley Parish has been transformed.

Following a lengthy but worthwhile 'journey' the children at Batley Parish now have a relaxed and peaceful area to use during lesson time and at lunchtime play.

A number of year groups have already carried out lessons within this area, including observing the many creatures living there!

Our 'green fingered' activities haven't stopped there with many year groups developing their understanding of planting as part of their science curriculum.

Year 5 are the latest class to investigate planting, as they have been learning about how scientists and growers take cuttings of plants to make clones that have the exact features that they want.

Year 5 have then taken leaf cuttings, stem cuttings and root cuttings to see which one produced the strongest plants.



CAPA COLLEGE NEWS

It has been another incredibly busy term at CAPA College as students from across our pathways – Dance, Drama, Musical Theatre, Film & TV and Production – shone on and off stage. This term, it has been all about our students showcasing their talents on a regional, national and even international scale.

First and foremost, full credit must go to our incredible Year 2 Students who have shown so much professionalism, hard work and dedication in their approach to their A Level exams. Last year our graduates achieved 100% A*-C with 100% acceptance to their first choice HE establishments – so the pressure was on, but the Class of 2025 were ready to rise to the challenge! With offers flooding in from near (Northern School of Contemporary Dance, University of Sheffield, Leeds Conservatoire and York School of Art) and far (Mountview, Guilford School of Acting, Central School of Speech and Drama and Institute of the Arts Barcelona), the future looks bright for these talented young creatives and performers.

CAPA College is about so much more than getting good grades and we are so proud of what the Class of 2025 have achieved during their time here. Congratulations to you all and good luck. We will be behind you every step of the way!

Outside of the exam room, CAPA College students have been making waves across Yorkshire and beyond this term with showstopping performances at CAST, Riley Theatre and BBC Leeds – showcasing everything from innovative new scripted drama to traditional Indian dance to live broadcast singing.

A particular highlight this term was Rock The World: a breathtaking collaboration between CAPA College and globally renowned Production Park and ALT (Academy of Live Technology) which saw Musical Theatre students perform iconic rock hits by Queen in a full-scale arena production to the delight of the 800-strong audience. With Production students assisting with everything from costume design to stage management and students from our Singer Songwriter programme bolstering the professional live band, it was a night to remember. A huge well done to every student involved in this spectacular performance.

From West End debuts to record-breaking Hollywood films, our incredible alumni continue to prove that CAPA College graduates do it best! Recent highlights include Bella Brown taking on the role of The Mistress in Evita at the London Palladium, Kenny Muntanga being nominated for the Emerging Artist Award at the National Dance Awards 2025, Fred Kettle joining the cast of Emmerdale by popular demand (fresh from completing his studies at CAPA College) and Bronwyn James delighting audiences as Ruffnut in the new DreamWorks movie How to Train Your Dragon. The sky's the limit for our graduates and we love seeing them flourish in their professional careers.

All eyes were on CAPA College again as AMPLIFY Arts Festival returned for a month-long celebration of talent with nine full-length shows taking place.

Showcasing the best in dance, music, theatre, film and drama, the programme for AMPLIFY 2025 offered everything from West Ends legends (Cats and The Producers) and innovative drama (New Voices and Scuttlers) to new choreography (Originals), songwriting (Unplugged) and filmmaking (Northern Lights).



CHRIST CHURCH NEWS

YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE ROYAL ARMOURIES MUSEUM

Year 4 had an exciting trip to the Royal Armouries Museum, where they took part in a hands-on workshop exploring the conflict between the Celts and the Romans during the Roman invasion of Britain.

Using drama, the children brought history to life by retelling the story of the Celtic King's death and how Queen Boudicca bravely led her people into battle against the Romans.

They learned how to give a fierce war cry, handled replica weapons, and even used face paint to transform into battle-ready warriors. Later, they picked up some Latin phrases to understand Roman military commands and marched like real Roman soldiers. It was a fun-filled day full of learning, imagination and history brought to life!



YEAR 6 VISIT LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY

Our Year 6 students enjoyed a fantastic and inspiring day at Leeds Beckett University as part of their enrichment passport programme. They had the opportunity to tour the lively campus and learn about the wide variety of courses and careers that higher education can offer.

It was wonderful to see them thinking about their future aspirations and what they might like to become. A standout moment of the day was the special graduation ceremony, where each child proudly wore a handmade cap and gown. Their smiles said it all—it was a truly memorable experience for everyone involved!



YEAR 3 VISIT BAGSHAW MUSEUM

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic and memorable visit to Bagshaw Museum, where they travelled back in time and stepped into the shoes of archaeologists for the day. The children examined intriguing artefacts, unearthed hidden treasures, and uncovered fascinating facts about life in ancient times.

A highlight of the day was an engaging workshop on the process of mummification, brought to life through dramatic role play! It was a day full of wonder, excitement, and hands-on learning that truly sparked their imaginations.



JUNIOR TAX FACTS PROGRAMME

As part of the Junior Tax Facts programme, our Year 6 pupils were visited by representatives from HMRC. During the session, the children explored the importance of tax and how it helps support vital public services. They even had the chance to get creative by designing their own taxes—sparking some thoughtful and imaginative ideas!



DIAMOND WOOD NEWS

ACTIVE BREAK

Year 2 pupils have made fantastic progress thanks to active breaks, showing improvements in fitness, behaviour and academic achievement. These short daily bursts of physical activity have also helped foster positive attitudes towards staying active.

This half term, Year 1 are excited to begin their own active break sessions during their afternoon playtimes.

At the start of the year, just 13% of Year 2 children were able to skip. Now, an impressive 91% can skip in a variety of ways using an individual skipping rope.

The children themselves have shared how much they enjoy these sessions, saying, "I like jogging because it helps me get fit and strong," and "when we finish active break I feel happy and strong."



ECO COUNCIL UPDATE

Eco Council have been very busy with the Great Yorkshire Show Veg Box Competition. This year the theme is wonderful worms! We've found out about these amazing creatures... did you know that earthworms were chosen as The Guardians UK invertebrate of the year 2024? This recognises that earthworms have a vital role in creating and maintaining healthy soil.

In science, Year 1 have dissected tomatoes to extract the seeds to grow their own tomatoes and we are hoping to add some to the veg box. Year 2 planted onions and garlic in the autumn and we will use these in our recipes. Reception have grown sunflowers, perfect for all the pollinators around Diamond Wood Community Academy. Finally, Nursery have looked after the box ensuring it's stayed hydrated during the dry weather.



YEAR 1 LOTHERTON HALL VISIT

During the Year 1 visit to Lotherton Hall, we spent the day exploring the beautiful outdoor spaces and discovering a wide variety of animals from around the world. At the Wildlife World, we were fascinated by the range of animals, including flamingos, penguins and birds. One of the highlights was watching the penguins gliding through the water.

We finished off the day with a visit to the playground, we had a fantastic time exploring all the fun equipment and enjoying the fresh air. There were swings, slides, climbing frames, and a zip line, which gave everyone a chance to be active and adventurous.



FEATHERSTONE ALL SAINTS NEWS

TIMES TABLES ROCK OFF AT STREETHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A small group of our Year 4 pupils had the opportunity to visit Streethouse Primary School this half term to take part in a local Times Tables Rock Stars competition - all of the children competed wonderfully and demonstrated how well they had learnt their times tables. Behaviour of all pupils was exemplary and they did Featherstone All Saints very proud!

There were many different competitions on the day; all of the children won their quarter finals, Molly achieved the highest score with 104 correct answers in 60 seconds and we came second overall!



SCIENCE WEEK 2025

The week started off with a falconry exhibition, where the children sat absolutely perfectly, listened intently, and were engrossed in learning about the different birds of prey.

On Tuesday, all classes were treated to a visit to the Planetarium, in the hall. Aurora Planetarium's aim is to explain the Solar System and Space beyond our small planet in an immersive theatre environment whilst inspiring minds in the process. Again, all children were incredibly excited, but our visitor was impressed with the children's behaviour and knowledge throughout each of the sessions.

Wednesday saw children in Years 2 to 6 moving around the school and taking part in a range of science related tasks and investigations. Miss Everitt in Year 2 was leading a session making 'moon sand,' Mrs Morgan-Meek led a session where the children were building bridges using various materials, following set criteria, Mrs Johnson led a session where the children were learning about, and investigating microplastics, which cause great harm to our environment, Mrs Kerr led a session designing and making catapults and with Mr Burton, pupils were making 'paper horses' which (mostly) walked unaided down a ramp.

The Science Fayre was in the hall on Thursday after school, and this was incredible! It was wonderful to see so many absolutely fantastic pieces of work which had been created at home; the efforts that everyone went to was amazing to see.

We are already excited to see what Science Week 2026 has in store!



HIGHBURTON NEWS

COLOUR FEST CHAOS - AND WE LOVED EVERY SECOND!

A huge thank you (and perhaps an apology to our school cleaners!) goes to our incredible PTA committee for organising our fantastically fun, fabulously messy Colour Fest.

The sun shone (eventually), the paint flew, and let's just say - no one, especially the Head of School, came away unscathed. It turns out, there's nothing that brings a school community together quite like the opportunity to launch handfuls of coloured powder and cold water at Mr Booth. Who knew?

The event raised a whopping £1951 - an amazing total that will go straight back into supporting our school and pupils. Thank you to everyone who came, took part, and left looking like a walking rainbow.

Staff members bravely (or foolishly?) joined in, some even looking suspiciously excited about the chance to wield a water blaster. Year 5 were cheered on during their spirited lap of honour with the teachers - a truly colourful parade of champions.

Of course, no festival would be complete without some top-notch fuel - bacon and sausage butties were inhaled between colour waves faster than we could say, "Who brought the ketchup?"

By the end, the playground looked like a unicorn had sneezed - and the colours have stuck around all week.

We're already counting down the days until the next one.



YEAR 3 CRICKET STARS SHINE AT HUNSLET NELSON!

Our Year 3 boys had a fantastic day representing the school at the cricket tournament held at Hunslet Nelson.

The team played brilliantly throughout the day, showing great teamwork, skill and determination.

After a series of strong performances in the group stages, the boys made it all the way to the semi-finals. In an incredibly close match, they narrowly missed out on a place in the final, losing in a tense bowl-off.

We are so proud of how they represented the school — both on and off the field. A huge well done to the eight boys who took part — you were amazing!



HORBURY BRIDGE NEWS

CELEBRATING OUR CHURCH GARDEN

This term, it was a real joy to open up our beautiful church garden and welcome families in to see the transformation that's taken place over the past few months.

Our pupils were so proud to show off all the hard work they've put in – and rightly so! From digging and planting to designing and decorating, they've truly made the space their own. As you'll see from the photos, they've poured care and creativity into every corner, and it was lovely to see them guiding their adults around with such pride.

It's hard to believe that not so long ago, the area was little more than a barren wasteland – and now it's a thriving, vibrant space filled with life, laughter and learning. It's been such a rewarding journey, and the joy it brings to our pupils (and staff – who may or may not be taking their gardening duties a little too seriously!) has been clear to see.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in making the garden what it is today. Whether you've donated materials, offered a helping hand, or simply encouraged the children along the way – we're so grateful. We hope it continues to be a special space for reflection, relaxation and community.



SATS - SMASHED!

What a term it's been for our brilliant Year 6 pupils! We couldn't be prouder of the way they've tackled their SATs—head-on, with resilience, determination, and a whole lot of heart. Their attitude has been nothing short of outstanding. From the moment they arrived each morning, they've supported one another with kindness, lifted spirits with laughter, and faced each challenge with maturity and good humour.

Yes, SATs are just one small part of their education—but this week has shown the very best of our Year 6s. They've worked so hard this year to prepare, and it's been a joy to watch them put that effort into action.

These children aren't just great learners—they're great people. They are thoughtful, caring, brilliantly funny, and wonderfully unique. It's been a real privilege to be part of their journey at Horbury Bridge Academy, and we know they'll carry everything they've learned with them into the next exciting chapter.

And of course, no SATs Week at Horbury Bridge Academy would be complete without a trip to Coxley Woods for a dip in the stream, a full English celebration breakfast and a slap-up burger lunch. The burgers—just like the SATs—were smashed!



LEPTON NEWS

SPORTS DAY

We were blessed with a fabulous morning of weather for our annual Sports Day.

All children across school took part in team races, including the relay, bean bag race and of course the sack race! Parents and carers joined us to cheer on their children and watch the Yellow team be victorious!

The children showed fabulous sportsmanship by both congratulating the winners but also cheering and spurring on those who found anything difficult. A true show of our school vision - Loving, Living, Learning.



MAKING DOODLERS IN DT

Both Years 2 and 5 have been learning about mechanisms in DT and they have thoroughly loved their learning - making fairground wheels and doodlers.

Year 5 invited Year 2 to come and test their doodlers out and the younger children were enthused by the creations that they made.

Both classes enjoyed sharing their knowledge of the mechanisms and some children even went home to create their own!



MAGNA VISIT

Year 3 enjoyed a magnificent visit to Magna earlier this term.

They were in awe of all the scientific learning on offer. A firm favourite was the 'fire room' which left children both mesmerised and scientifically curious.

One child said, "Wow! It makes me really want to be a scientist."



OVERTHORPE NEWS

YEAR 3 CHILDREN VISIT LITTLE DEER WOOD

Our Year 3 children had an unforgettable day at Little Deer Wood in Mirfield, where they took part in a fun-filled outdoor and adventurous experience! Set against the beautiful woodland backdrop, the children were immersed in a variety of exciting team-building challenges that tested their problem-solving skills, communication, and teamwork.

One of the highlights of the day was a particularly tricky mission – safely moving "toxic waste" without spilling a drop! With ropes, pulleys, and plenty of careful coordination, the pupils worked together to complete the task, showing fantastic perseverance and creativity.

The children also had the opportunity to try their hand at archery, taking part in a range of scoring games. There were smiles all around as many pupils proudly hit the target – with quite a few managing to score a bullseye! It was a brilliant chance for everyone to practice focus and self-control while having fun.

Perhaps the most enjoyable activity of the day was rafting along the canal. With paddles in hand and big smiles on their faces, the children loved gliding through the water and learning to move in sync with their team. Some even found the courage to stand up on the raft – much to the amazement (and cheers!) of their classmates. It was a thrilling, laughter-filled adventure that will be remembered for a long time.

From laughter in the trees to cheering each other on through every challenge, the children truly embraced the spirit of adventure. It was a wonderful opportunity to build confidence, strengthen friendships, and enjoy the great outdoors.



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO HIGH ADVENTURE

This year, our Year 6's took part in their first residential at High Adventure Outdoor Education Centre in Cowling, North Yorkshire. A great time was had by all, with our students taking part in a wide range of activities, including zip wire, high ropes, canoeing, archery, fencing, an underground labyrinth challenge and even SUMO wrestling!

We were immensely proud of our Year 6's, not only for their excellent behaviour, but because they really pushed themselves out of their comfort zone to embrace new experiences and challenges - many of them really surprised themselves with what they achieved. Alongside the activities, they developed more independence and organisation skills. It was a great visit and we are very much looking forward to the next one!



SANDAL MAGNA NEWS

KINGSWOOD

30 of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children recently visited Kingswood Dearne Valley. They had a brilliant time and took part in a range of activities such as zip lining, rafting, taking part in a camp fire and abseiling.

The children were a credit and their behaviour was impeccable.

All children were able to try new challenges and learn new skills. They came away from the residential feeling more confident and developed independence.



YORK ST JOHN'S UNIVERSITY VISIT

This half term, Year 5 visited York St John University as part of our RHE unit. Year 5 have been studying careers and higher education and as part of the unit they have been thinking about what they would like to be when they grow up.

On the visit, Class 5 were able to see what life was like on a university campus, what courses they might be able to study and what the social life is like for a student.

All children had the opportunity to create their own graduation hat decorated with their dreams and aspirations for the future so a mini graduation ceremony could be held.



SPORTS DAY

On 25th June, we held our annual Sports Day. All children gathered in their family teams (who are famous scientists this year) and worked together to collect points to see which team is the ultimate winner.

There were many events that the children took part in from shooting penalties to sprinting races to beanbag relay races.

A huge thank you to Miss Brook for organising the event and to all the parents for attending. It was fantastic to see you all and the children appreciate it when you come and see them.



ST BOTOLPH'S NEWS

YEAR 5 VISIT TO YORK ST JOHN UNIVERSITY

Our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in the exciting Mini Brownlee Triathlon, an unforgettable event designed to inspire young people to get active and enjoy sport. The children swam, cycled, and ran their way through the course with incredible energy and determination.

To top off the day, pupils had the amazing opportunity to meet Alistair Brownlee, Olympic gold medallist and triathlon legend. He spoke to the children about his journey in sport, the importance of resilience, and how hard work and passion can lead to great achievements.

It was a fantastic day that left our pupils feeling proud, motivated, and inspired. A huge well done to all who took part – future triathletes in the making!



YEAR 4 LEARN TO PLAY UKELE

This term, Year 4 have started learning to play the ukulele as part of their music curriculum – and what a fantastic start they've made! Each week, the children take part in fun and engaging lessons where they are developing rhythm, chord patterns, and performance skills.

It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they strum along to familiar tunes and begin to play in unison. Not only are they learning to read basic music notation, but they are also experiencing the joy of making music together.



KEY STAGE 1 AND EYFS HATCH THEIR OWN CHICKS!

There was great excitement in Key Stage 1 this term as pupils welcomed a special delivery – a batch of fertilised eggs ready to hatch in their classrooms! As part of their science and life cycles learning, the children have been carefully observing the eggs and were thrilled to witness the chicks hatching right before their eyes.

The experience has sparked endless curiosity, with children learning about how animals grow, what they need to survive, and how to care for living things. The chicks have quickly become part of the classroom community, and the children are taking great pride in looking after them.

It's been a hands-on, unforgettable learning experience – and a highlight of the term for both pupils and staff!



ST GILES NEWS

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN DAY

Children in Lower Key Stage 2 enjoyed an exciting Ancient Egyptian Day filled with fun, hands-on learning. They explored real and replica artefacts, studied photos and took part in creative art activities. These included making colourful collars and pharaoh headdresses as well as, writing hieroglyphics using ink on papyrus-style paper.

One of the most memorable parts of the day was mummifying each other with toilet paper, which created lots of laughter!

The day ended with a fantastic costume parade in an assembly, where children proudly walked like Egyptians to music. These engaging activities helped bring the topic to life in a fun and memorable way.



YEAR 6 TRIP TO ALTON TOWERS

Year 6 were treated to an unforgettable day out at Alton Towers to celebrate an amazing year of learning, growth, and achievement — especially their fantastic effort in the SATs! It was the perfect way to reward all their hard work.

From the moment the coaches pulled up outside the school, the excitement was electric! Once inside the park, the children wasted no time exploring the rides, from The Sea-life Centre to the excitement of the roller coasters. There were plenty of laughs, screams, and smiles throughout the day.



Not only did everyone have a brilliant time, but the pupils also showed our school values in action — demonstrating confidence, respect and responsibility wherever they went. Staff and members of the public commented on how polite and considerate the children were, which made us incredibly proud.

It was a day full of memories, and a perfect way to mark the end of primary school for Year 6.

YEAR 4 TAKE PART IN THE 'BIG SING' AT WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL

Our Year 4 pupils had the wonderful opportunity to take part in the 'Big Sing' event at Wakefield Cathedral, organised by Wakefield Music Services. It was an unforgettable experience, as children from across the district came together to celebrate their shared love of music.

Performing in the stunning surroundings of Wakefield Cathedral. The historic building provided a truly inspirational setting, and our pupils rose to the occasion with enthusiasm and pride.

The event was a fantastic chance for the children to showcase their singing talents, build confidence, and enjoy being part of a large musical community. A huge well done to everyone who took part — you made us very proud!

ST HELEN'S NEWS

ST HELEN'S DAY MASS

St Helen's Primary School recently took part in a special St Helen's Day Mass held at our parish church. The service was led by Father Robert and attended by members of the church community.

During the Mass, the children learned about the story of St Helen, her significance in the Bible, and the important links she has to our school. It was a meaningful occasion that helped deepen the children's understanding of their faith and our school's spiritual heritage.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

Our Perfect Attendance initiative rewards classes for full daily attendance. Each day earns a letter from "PERFECT ATTENDANCE."

When complete, classes receive a fun reward like movies, pyjama parties, sandwiches with tyre park time, or Forest School. It encourages teamwork, punctuality, and the importance of being in school every day.



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL ADVENTURE AT HIGH ADVENTURE

Year 6 had an amazing time at High Adventure, enjoying high ropes, climbing, canoeing, lake jumping, hiking and more.

They showed great independence by making beds and preparing meals. With brilliant teamwork, courage and behaviour, they were a credit to the school and made unforgettable memories.



LET'S GET COOKING WITH THE BDA - A HEALTHY JOURNEY!

With support from the British Dietetic Association (BDA), our children and families have taken part in the fantastic Let's Get Cooking programme.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed getting hands-on in the kitchen while learning to make healthy, nutritious meals.



ST MICHAEL'S NEWS

AN EPIC END TO PRIMARY: YEAR 6 TAKE ON ROBINWOOD!

To mark the end of their primary school journey, our Year 6 children enjoyed an unforgettable weekend away at Robinwood's Dobroyd Castle — and what a way to go out in style!

Set high on the Todmorden moors, with stunning views and 17 acres of adventure-filled grounds, Robinwood provided the perfect backdrop for a weekend of challenge, teamwork and fun. From the moment they arrived, our pupils threw themselves into every opportunity — whether it was tackling the indoor climbing wall, taking a leap of faith on the trapeze, or solving problems in the mysterious Piranha Pool!

The children took part in archery, crate challenges, obstacle courses and much more, showing resilience, bravery and brilliant teamwork every step of the way. The activities weren't just fun — they helped build confidence, taught life skills and gave our pupils the chance to push themselves in a safe, supportive environment.

We are incredibly proud of how our Year 6 pupils represented the school. Their behaviour, attitude and enthusiasm were outstanding, and they returned home tired but beaming — full of stories, memories, and a sense of achievement. A huge well done to all of our leavers — you truly made the most of this experience and ended your time at primary school on a high!



BRIGHT SPARKS! YEAR 4 BECOME ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS

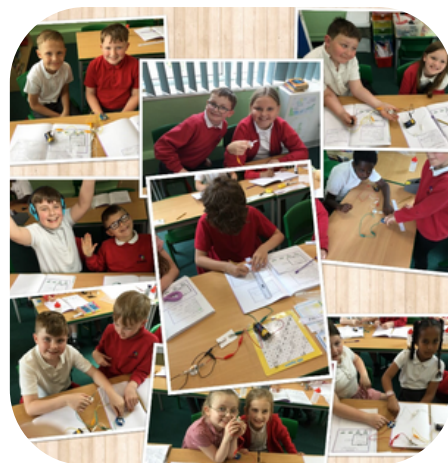
Year 4 have been busy putting on their lab coats (and safety goggles!) as they've stepped into the role of real-life scientists, diving into the electrifying world of electricity!

As part of their science learning, the children have been constructing simple series circuits. They've investigated components such as cells, wires, bulbs, switches, and buzzers — discovering how each one plays a vital role in making a circuit function.

Through hands-on experiments, Year 4 tested different materials to find out which were conductors and which were insulators. Their curious minds sparked questions, predictions, and lots of discussion as they explored how switches control the flow of electricity and what happens when a circuit is incomplete.

Now, with a solid foundation in their scientific knowledge, the children are putting it into practice in Design and Technology — designing and creating their very own working torches. They've taken on the challenge of building an electrical system, considering both form and function, to create a product that is not only practical but also uniquely theirs.

From curious investigations to creative constructions, Year 4 have certainly shown that they're bright sparks in every sense!



SOCIAL MEDIA ACROSS THE TRUST



St Helen's CE Primary School
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St Helen's pupils, with support from @BDAGetCooking have completed their introduction to cooking sessions this week. Parents joined to see their progress and to taste their healthy, nutritious meals. (They even did the washing up!)

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capacollege AMPLIFY Arts Festival 2025 is in full swing! With two incredible shows already playing to sold out audiences and six still to come, relive some of the highlights from Cats and Northern Lights and get a sneak peek of what's still to come...

Limited tickets still available. Book now! Link in bio.

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Our Year 5's are ready to assist 🚑! They have learned how to use a defibrillator, how to resuscitate and how to bandage 🧢. Thank you 1st Steps First Aid

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Yesterday, Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Whitby. They had a great time and were a great example of our school. #MakingLearningFun

