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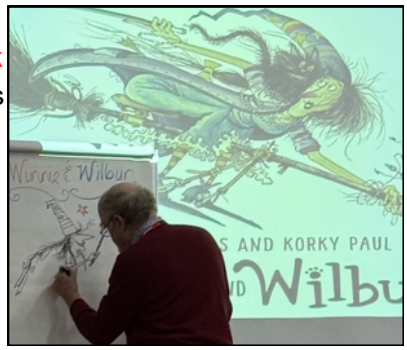
27/11/2026

Hello everyone,

We started the week enlightened by **Year 4** as they performed a **very entertaining assembly** sharing information about **Buddhism and the celebration of Vesak**. There was an opportunity for everyone to meditate, as well as a clear, strong message about the importance of kindness. **A very BIG well done to everyone in Year 4** for a brilliant assembly, and thank you to Year 4 parents/carers for all their support!

Thanks also go to our **Year 6 parents/carers** who attended the **KS2 SATs workshop** on Tuesday, as well as the **Year 3 parents/carers** who joined us for the **Road Safety workshop** on Wednesday.

Yesterday we welcomed the **wonderful illustrator K0rky Paul**, accompanied by **Winnie and Wilbur**, who shared his **new book 'The Big Storm'** with us and celebrated the Thornton Illustrators whose artwork features as endpapers at the start and end of the book! The event was made even more special as some of the Thornton Illustrators are now in Year 7 and were able to attend this special assembly to receive their own signed copy of The Big Storm and join K0rky in a live illustration session!





Thank you, K0rky - we look forward to welcoming you back for World Book Day in March!



Important dates coming up...

Monday 30th November 9-10am – Y4 Multiplication Meeting for Parents/Carers
Friday 4 December - Y3 to visit RBC Organ Studio Birmingham
Monday 7 December - 5BA and 5ST Leicester Space Museum Trip
Tuesday 8 December - 5TR and 5ZY Leicester Space Museum Trip
Wednesday 9 December - Year 4 and Year 6 Christmas Dinner Day!
Thursday 10 December - Year 5 and Year 3 Christmas Dinner Day - Y3 parents/carers invited (12.30-2pm)
Friday 11 December - Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14 December 9-10am – Y3 Nativity Assembly for Y3 Parents/Carers
Tuesday 15 December - Magic 10 Attendance and Punctuality reward session
Wednesday 16 December - Bronze Award reward sessions for each year group
Friday 18 December - *** 100% Attendance for the last week of term wins you a reward! *****
Christmas Holidays – 21 December 2026 – 4 January 2027 (TWO WEEKS AND ONE DAY)
Tuesday 5 January 8.30am – ALL children return to school

And finally, **School Councillors** have counted the votes from our 'dotmocracy' elections for the **local/national/global environmental charities** we will be fundraising for this year. Here are the results:

1. **LOCAL** charity - **Friends of Ward End Park** (186 votes)
2. **NATIONAL** charity - **Woodland Trust** (183 votes)
3. **GLOBAL** charity - **Water Aid** (191 votes)

We are now in the process of agreeing as a school what we will do to fundraise for these charities!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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Year 3

Year 3 have been very busy during the last few weeks in their **D.T. lessons**. Pupils have been exploring and examining **hanging decorations** that can be used during Christmas. Children began by evaluating designs, focusing on their purpose, function and aesthetic appeal. Pupils then sketched and labelled their own snowman design. Our budding designers followed step by step instructions, to sew, stuff and add on details to their hanging snowmen. They are now ready to be hung up to decorate any room.






Year 4

Today, the children made and evaluated their own **pizza** using healthy ingredients (product) for other Year 4 children (our user) to develop their cooking skills and understand a healthy varied diet (the purpose of the product).

Here are some snaps from our fun (delicious!) lesson.







Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about **Northern Italy** this term. This week, we focused on Venice. Did you know that the city is made up of around 118 islands? We discovered that there is a about the **Venetian tradition of holding masked balls** - so the children couldn't resist making some of their own. Here is a selection from 5ST. The masks are still in progress but already are looking amazing!



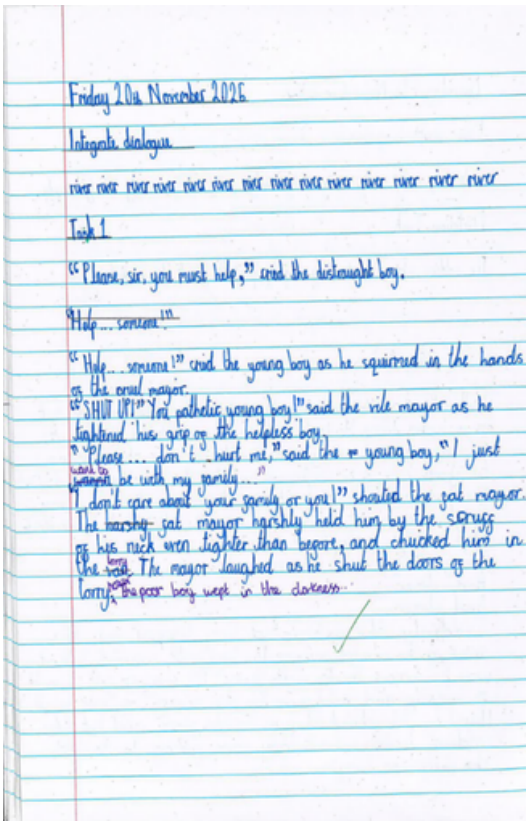
Year 6

This week in Year 6, for the writing lesson, children have been reading the book **Rose Blanche**.

They will be writing a narrative however this week they have been looking at grammatical features that they can use.

The children practised using fronted adverbials and they looked at how to set out speech.

They will be using these features when they start writing their **narratives**.



Friday 10th November 2026

Integrate dialogue

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Task 1

"Please, sir, you must help," cried the distraught boy.

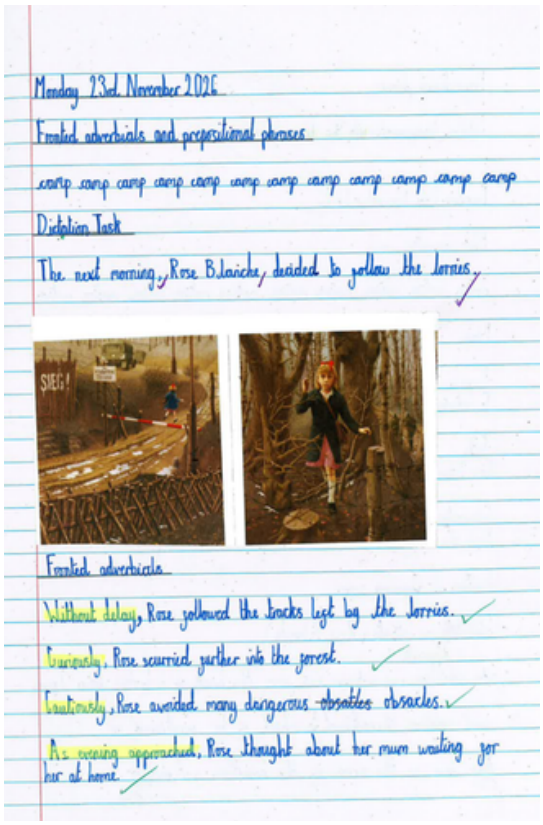
"Help... someone!"

"Help... someone!" cried the young boy as he squirmed in the hands of the cruel mayor.

"SHUT UP!" You pathetic young boy!" said the vile mayor as he tightened his grip on the helpless boy.

"Please... don't hurt me," said the young boy, "I just want to be with my family..."

"I don't care about your family or you!" shouted the fat mayor. The nasty fat mayor harshly held him by the scruff of his neck even tighter than before, and chucked him in the boot. The mayor laughed as he shut the doors of the lorry, the poor boy wept in the darkness.



Monday 23rd November 2026

Fronted adverbials and prepositional phrases

camp camp camp camp camp camp camp camp camp camp camp camp

Dictation Task

The next morning, Rose Blanche, decided to follow the lorries.

Fronted adverbials

Without delay, Rose followed the tracks left by the lorries.

Curiously, Rose scurried further into the forest.

Cautiously, Rose avoided many dangerous ~~obsatles~~ obsacles.

As evening approached, Rose thought about her mum waiting for her at home.

School Attendance

Well Done to **3SQ, 3ST,4TW,5BA,5ST and 5ZY** for achieving our school attendance target of **96%** and above for last week!

Our school attendance last week was 95.2%

Every day COUNTS!
School success starts with attendance

Full Friday Attendance Initiative

How does the full Friday attendance?

Each class has an opportunity to win a fun attendance treat!

Why have we introduced **Full Friday attendance** this term? Last academic year our lowest attendance was on Fridays... we want to improve it! So...

- If a class' attendance is **96%** on Friday then the class moves up a step on our attendance mountain.
- Every second step a class climbs up, they win a prize.
- Prizes the winning classes have won so far are:
  * Extra playtime
  * Afternoon refreshments Sitting on the bench in assembly
  * Sitting on the benches in assembly

Attendance matters - children are much happier and settled if they attend school **every day** without taking any days off. Good attendance helps your child can reach their full potential. Absence disrupts the education your child and the whole class. Thank you in advance for working with us to make every day count in your child's education.



Monday 30th November
Year 4

Tuesday 1st December
Swimming for
4TW and 4GJ

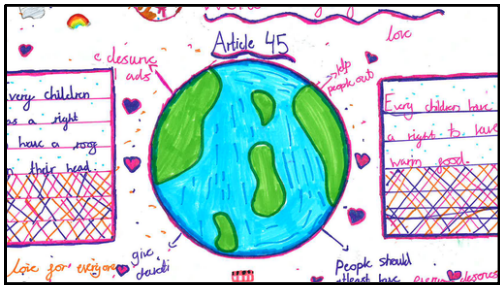
Wednesday 2nd December
Year 6

Thursday 3rd December
Year 3

Friday 4th December
Year 5

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK







November 20th is **World Children's Day** when all countries are asked to remember their duty to care for the children in their care.

In 2026, we are looking at World children's Villages. These are places where the poor and oppressed can be given food, shelter, clean water, clothing, medical care and a good education to allow them to develop into adults who can care for themselves, their families and community.

While such communities are not needed in our country, richer nations have a duty to support poorer states to help them look after their children .

The specific article we are looking at this week is Article 45. This says that non-governmental bodies, like UNICEF, can advise and support governments in providing necessary care by giving advice and assistance.

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