

Hello everyone

A BIG thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to attend the coffee morning run by **COMPASS Mental Health Support Team** on Monday. It was great to share all the ways COMPASS can support our parents/carers in accessing additional support for their child. Please take a moment to scan this QR code to read the **COMPASS Newsletter** and to find out how they can support your child's wellbeing—if you feel your child would benefit from additional support you can use the COMPASS online referral form which can be accessed using the '**request for support as a parent/carer**' section on the front webpage. If you read further on in our newsletter, you will also find out more about how you can access the **Unity Hub based at St. Margaret's Church**—there are lots of great activities for the whole family to get involved in, so please take a look...



We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers to school next week and the following week for **Parents' Evening**—please make sure you use the email link to book your appointment, thank you!

Monday 29th September — 5BA & 5ST National Space Centre Leicester trip
Wednesday 1st October 3.45-6.15pm — Parents' Evening for all but NOT 6MF
Thursday 2nd October 3.45-6.15pm—Parents' Evening for ONLY 6MF
Friday 3rd October — 5TR & 5GJ National Space Centre Leicester trip
Wednesday 8th October 3.45-6.15pm — Parents' Evening for all
Friday 17th October — Year 6 Black Country Museum trip

And finally, we currently seem to be having issues relating to children bringing bigger and bigger **water bottles** in to school, including water bottles that do not contain water! To reassure all parents/carers, **school does provide each child with their own, named, Thornton water bottle to use throughout the school day**, either in class or on the playground. We recognise the importance of access to water to stay hydrated. Therefore, please can you ensure your child only brings a water bottle into school that is:

1. transparent
2. contains ONLY WATER
3. is no taller than 25cm
4. is no wider than 10cm

Thank you in advance for support with this.

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Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

The International Day of Peace ("**Peace Day**") is observed around the world each year on 21st September.

Article 38 (war and armed conflicts) Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflict.

Article 39 (recovery from trauma and reintegration) Children who have experienced neglect, abuse, exploitation, torture or who are victims of war must receive special support to help them recover their health, dignity, self-respect and social life.

Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace.



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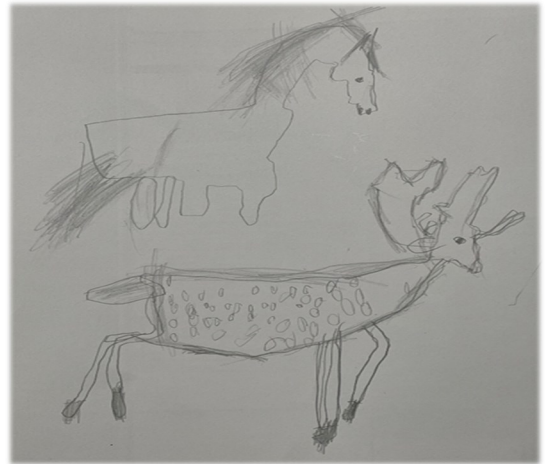
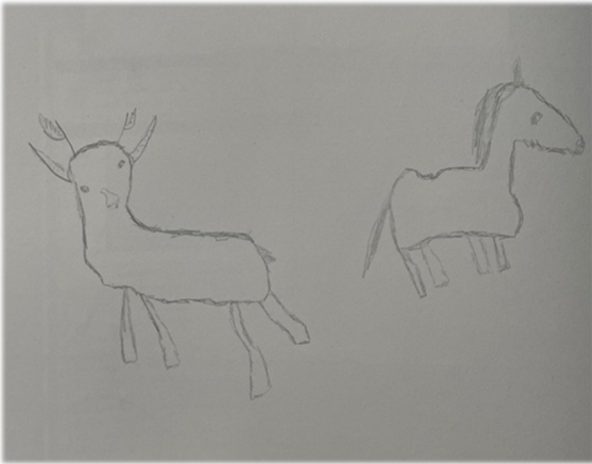
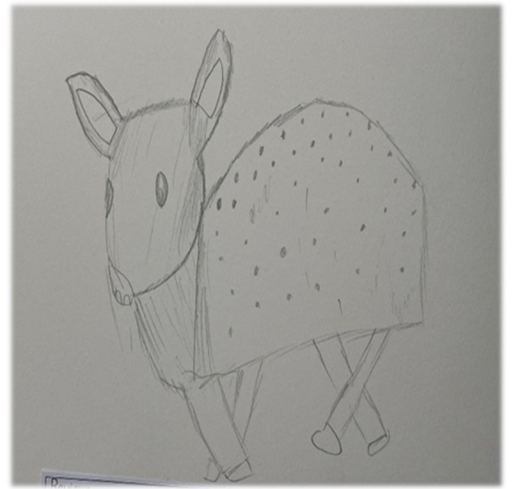
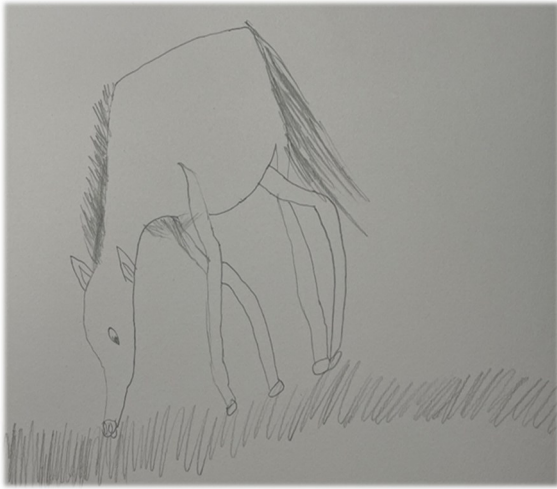
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Year 3

Check out our art work!

Year 3 pupils have been studying **cave paintings from the Stone Age**. We have been inspired by the work of the artist Edgar Degas, to develop our own observational drawings.

During the lesson, we have been thinking about sketching using different types of lines, as well as adding lighter and darker tones to develop our animal drawings.



Year 4

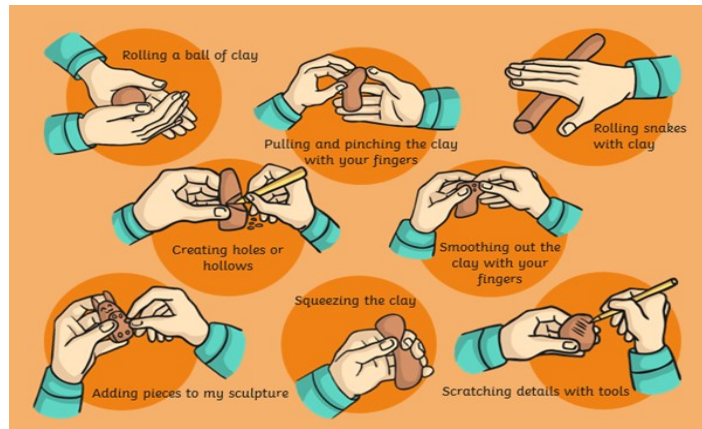
In Year four, the children have been **exploring mark making with primary and secondary colours**. They have been able to apply a range of different lines and colour combinations over the last two weeks.



Year 5

After gathering sketches of Saxon animals, Year 5 explored a range of **sculpting technique with clay**.

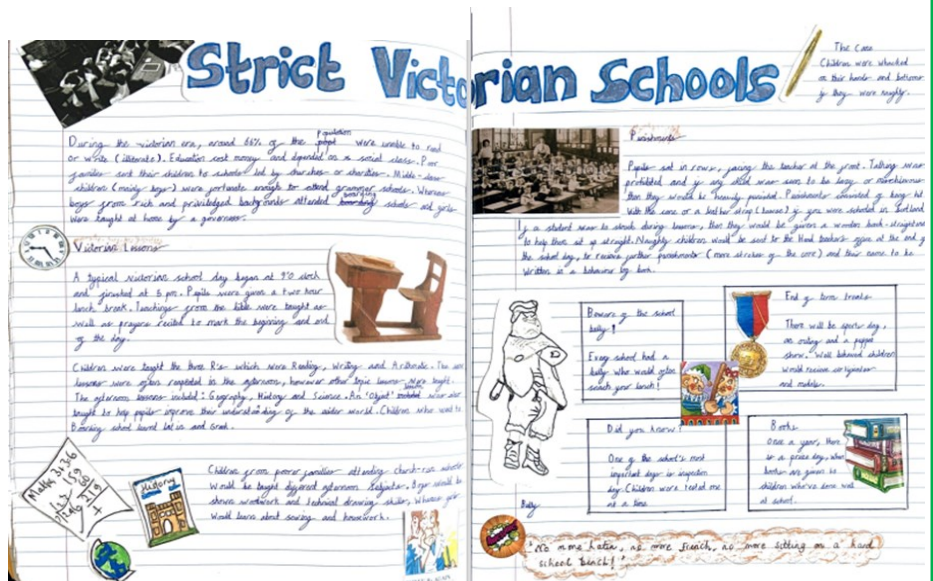
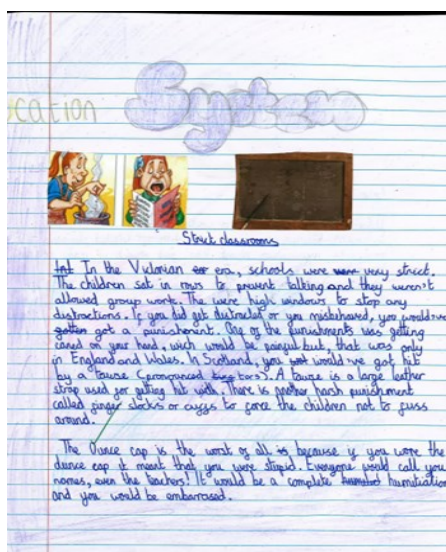
We built on our knowledge that we had already acquired in art lessons at Thornton to hone our additive and subtractive methods such as pinching, rolling, carving and incorporating "clay slip" - a watery concoction, used to help us to attach parts securely. This exploration stage will help us when we make and present our final piece. We're looking forward to showing you some of your favourite examples when we complete the unit!



Year 6

In Year 6, pupils have been learning about the **Victorian school system**. They had to research different sections on what schools were like in the Victorian Era. Pupils learnt about the lessons and the strict school rooms.

Did you know that teachers were allowed to use physical punishment to help discipline the children? The pupils in Year 6 created a non-chronological report on the Victorian schooling...



We are really pleased to be working closely with **COMPASS** again this year so we can make sure our children get all the support they need in school.

We have invited **COMPASS** to run some special **parent/carers workshops**, as well as workshops for our children. Please take a moment to see what is on offer and which of the parent/carers workshops you would like to attend across the year (you are very welcome to attend them all!):

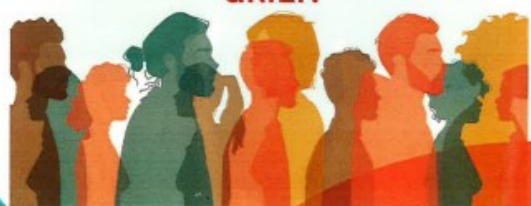


Date	Parent/carers workshop	Pupil only workshop
Monday 22nd September 9-10am Friday 10th October	Introduction to COMPASS— coffee morning	Monday 15th September—Y3 new transitions pupil workshops World Mental Health Day Assemblies for all pupils
Wednesday 12th November 8.45-9.30am	Bullying	Y5 Anti-bullying pupil workshops
Monday 8th December 8.45-9.30am	Healthy Sleep	Y4 Resilience pupil workshops
Monday 19th January 8.45-9.30	Connecting with your child	Y5 self-esteem pupil workshops
Friday 13th February 8.45-9.30am	Online Safety	Online safety day workshops and assemblies for all pupils
Tuesday 17th March		Y3 Behaviours workshops for all pupils
Friday 17th April 8.45-9.30am	Y6 SATs Anxiety	Y6 SATs anxiety pupil workshops
Monday 18th May 8.45-9.30am	Building Self-esteem	Y4 Building self-esteem pupil workshops
Friday 12th June		Y6 Transition pupil workshops
Monday 22nd June 8.45-9.30am	Supporting your child with worries	Y5 Worries pupil workshops



A safe space for you to express your feelings around grief and find comfort that you are not alone.

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EVERY FRIDAY 9:30AM-11AM

CONTACT 0121 3269983 FOR MORE INFORMATION

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, ST MARGARET'S ROAD, WARD END, BIRMINGHAM, B8 2BA

Please scan the QR code to visit the Unity Hubb website to find out what is happening in October!



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Men's Group
SEPTEMBER 2025 Programme
Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Mondays at Village Green or Allotments 10am-12pm
Tuesdays at The Unity Hubb or Allotments - 9:30am - 11:30am
Wednesdays at The Unity Hubb & Allotments - 10:15am-11:15am on 10am-2pm

Please let us know if you have any skills, gifts and talents that you would like to share with everyone, come and talk to us!

Tuesdays
 9:30am - 10:30am
 Hot 'Cook yourself' Breakfast (Food and drink provided)
 10am - 11:30am
2nd September - Welcome back with arts & crafts and puzzle books
9th September - Walk in the park
16th September - Cooking
23rd September - Dhol Drumming
30th September - Darts and Carrom Tournament
 The Unity Hubb St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Road, Ward End, B8 2BA and Ward End Allotments

Mondays
 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH
GREEN TEAM WITH FAITH FOR MEN & WOMEN
 10AM-12PM
ALLOTMENTS/VILLAGE GREEN

Wednesdays
 10:15am - 11:15pm
EMPOWERING LOW IMPACT CHAIR-DASED EXERCISES FOR IMPROVED HEALTH, STRENGTH, MOBILITY INCLUDING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING GROUP DISCUSSION
UNITY HUBB
ALLOTMENTS WITH FAITH FOR MEN & WOMEN
 10AM-12PM
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 The Unity Hubb, St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Road, Ward End, B8 2BA and St Margaret's Road Allotments, Ward End

For further information please contact Imran on 07508693159

September 2025 Ladies only Programme

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 LADIES FITNESS 11:30AM - 12:30PM UNITY HUBB	5 LAUNCH OF COMPASSIONATE CAFE 9:30AM-11AM ROMA/ROMANIAN ADVICE AND SUPPORT SESSION PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE (FOR MEN & WOMEN) 11AM-2PM UNITY HUBB	6 Please let us know if you have any skills, gifts and talents that you would like to share with everyone, come and talk to us!
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NOTES: 24TH SEPTEMBER 2025 - VISIT FROM THE POLICE COMMISSIONER SIMON FOSTER

Music Club

Thank you Thornton for all of the interest in our new Music Club. As of Monday, we have had 46 children complete forms to join in! We as a school have been working hard to come up with a plan so as many children as possible can be part of the club.

By now, children should have received an invite to a "taster session," either on **Monday 29th September or on Monday 6th October**. In this session, we will talk about what the Music Club will look like and share our interests, so Mr Jones can create groups of like-minded children to break off into various groups throughout the year.

Listen out for more to come and thanks again for everyone's enthusiasm!
Mr Jones

Important reminder

Please remember to send your child to school with a water-proof coat that has their name written inside, thank you!

Names on jumpers and cardigans are also very helpful for reuniting these with their owners!

Thank you!



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 29th September
Year 4

Tuesday 30th September
Swimming for 4TW and 4AA.

Wednesday 1st October
Year 3

Thursday 2nd October
Year 5

Friday 3rd October
Year 6

School Attendance

Class Attendance

Congratulations to class **6MF**

for achieving **100%** attendance last week and exceeding our school attendance target of 97%! The class received a surprise visit from Mrs Grace and were awarded a £25 gift voucher to purchase new classroom resources.

Well done also to classes **3MJ, 4SH and 5GJ** who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!

A huge well done to class 4SH for achieving the school attendance target for three consecutive weeks!

Reporting Absences to school

If your child is absent from school please call or leave a message on the school absence answering machine before 9am to let us know the reason. Please provide school with as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with a first aider please request a call back. Please ring the school office on **0121 327 0824** our lines are open from 8am. Thank you very much for your support.



Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer 2026

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2026 are now live on the following website:

[https://
www.birmingham.
gov.uk/school
admissions](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions)

The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. The deadline for the application is **31/10/2025**



Miquil, our school caterer, will be hosting a special Menu on **Thursday 2nd October** for all the pupils that have a school meal. If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school and would like the big fun day lunch, please call the school office to book the meal. **The cost is £2.70 per meal and this will need to be paid using ParentPay our online payment system.**

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