



# Tockwith

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another fantastic year at Tockwith Church of England Primary Academy where the children have lived life in all its fullness throughout the year. I am amazed that at the end of this year, I will have been the headteacher of Tockwith for 10 years. It, and the educational landscape, have changed a lot over the last 10 years but some things stay the same. The children remain incredible and the staff remain passionate about giving the children the best start of their educational life as they can. There is something very special about this place.

The cherry on top of this year was a visit from His Majesty's inspectorate in the form of OFSTED. I wrote to you earlier to inform you that the report will not be published until September and I will look forward to sharing it with you then. I had the pleasure of sharing our parent view with you as well ( <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/173531/13>)

This highlighted that 98% of you would recommend our school to another parent and feel that their child is happy at our school.

In our aims, we talk about inspiring children to reach their individual potential. This has been particularly evident this year with every single data point of the school highlighting that we are above the national average and in a lot of places this is significantly above. I have broken this down further for you within this newsletter but I really do think this is something to be very proud of and gives our children excellent preparation for the future.

This year saw the creation of the Einstein and Picasso class in the Early Years and we welcomed 39 children to join us this year and it has been a pleasure to see how well they have settled into life at Tockwith. Next year, we have 35 children joining us which has meant we have evolved to introduce the Inspire unit. Due to the increased numbers of children coming into the school in the future the dynamics of how the children's year groups are split will change. This will be at the forefront of strategic discussions with our Governing Board. Like our inspire unit, we will use research and we will find best practice to ensure our children get the best offer possible within the serious financial constraints that schools operate within. We also work closely within the other schools in the trust who have mixed classes.

This half term has been very busy and a lot has been around celebrating the final term of our Year 6 leavers. I feel very honoured to have known this group of children for 7 years. I still remember Mrs Loach welcoming them through the doors into their reception class. It is been a pleasure to see them develop over the years into the fine young people they are. I am very proud of them and I look forward to hearing about their successes in the future.

As I have mentioned previously we will saying farewell to Miss Cunningham this summer. I would like to thank her for all of the hard work she has put into not only into her class but into leading RE in school as well. She leaves us having delivered our best ever phonics results in the history of the school. Our new Teacher, Miss Bernard, joined us for 2 days this term and has met her new class. She has also had a really good hand over with the reception teachers and has spent a lot of time planning the Year 1 curriculum with Miss Kilvington, ensuring that the year 1 specific curriculum is delivered in both classes.

We will also be welcoming Jana Hodson who will be joining us working as a teaching assistant in the Inspire Unit. She joins us from Poppleton Ousebank Primary.

This is an epic newsletter. Thank you very much to Mrs Cook for allowing me to take some of the words and pictures from the website ([www.tockwith.ebor.academy](http://www.tockwith.ebor.academy)) I wish you all a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Justin Reeve  
Headteacher

## Message from our Chair of Governors

Well what a whirlwind year it's been. So full of activity, experiences and WOW moments. As always I am in awe of the staff and how they cram so much into every day and then come back smiling the next. I can't believe how much has happened this last term alone and all alongside providing our children with a full and balanced curriculum and producing such amazing test and assessment data.

I was at Sports Day last week and for me that day encapsulates our ethos. The whole school and community coming together, the team work and support for each other alongside the striving to do our very best and to succeed, with no child being left behind.

The Governors also had their last LGB meeting of the year last week when we talked about our moments to celebrate through the year and we noted afterwards that every moment was centred around spending time with our amazing children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Governing Body for everything they do in, around and outside school and all on a voluntary basis. You are all stars.

I love being a Tockwith School Governor. I feel privileged and honoured to be able to spend time at such an amazing place and being at school brings me endless joy. It is like coming home to the biggest and best ever family, where everyone is welcomed, cherished and appreciated. What an amazing place to be a child.

Sue Corbett

## SEND summary of the year

Key areas of focus this year have revolved around developing the role of teaching staff within key processes and regulations. This has been successful in enabling teaching staff to lead on areas that would have previously needed SENCO involvement. Next year, we will continue to develop the role of teaching staff and their leadership roles as they continue to monitor the effectiveness of our curriculum for those children with additional needs.

Thank you to those of you that responded to our parent's voice questionnaire. It has given me some useful information that we look to include next year. One of these areas is the introduction of coffee mornings. I will send out information in the autumn term to further gauge interest. Feedback from other schools in the Trust have highlighted the usefulness of these sessions in developing a community at school and a forum to share and gather information.  
Mr White

## Volunteers

We have recently had an increase in the number of volunteers who have come into school which is fabulous news. Thank you so much to everyone who was helped out at school whether that be listening to readers or helping out at the summer fair.

If you would to volunteer, we would love to hear from you.

## The interesting data section!!!!

In schools, there are many different ways we have to report to the government about children's progress. The following shows a brief outline of each assessment:

Reception Baseline Assessment — Done within first 6 weeks of school.

Good level of development — a summative assessment judgement which is made at the end of reception. 2022 National Average - 65%

Phonics Screening Test — 40 words that the children have to decode. 32 is pass mark. National Average 2022 — 75%

Key Stage 1 SATs — Reading and Maths tests that inform teacher assessment. Writing is solely done from teacher assessment.

	National average 2023	National Average 2023
Maths	72%	17%
Reading	69%	19%
Writing	61%	8%

Times table tests — year 4. 25 questions with time limits. Full marks = pass. National average 27%

Year 6 SATs tests — Reading, Maths and Grammar, spelling and punctuation tested within school. Writing results are submitted from teacher assessment.

Key Stage 2 SATs

	National average 2023	National Average 2022
Maths	73%	23%
Reading	72%	28%
Writing	71%	13%
GPS	72%	28%
Reading, Writing	59%	7%

## Moderation

We moderate regularly within school and within Ebor Academy trust and even outside of the trust to quality assure the data is accurate. This year, we were moderated by the local authority in our Key Stage 1 tests and they were very impressed with the work that Mrs Williamson had done to ensure that the data was correct and agreed with her judgements.

# Tockwith Primary Academy Data

## Key Stage 2 Data

() = National Average

	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
Reading					
Secure	84 (71)	76 (75)	85(73)	83 (74)	83 (73)
Greater Depth	36 (25)	21	31 (	36 (28)	37 (28)
Progress	1.7	0.5	1.0	0.5	
Writing					
Secure	88 (76)	83 (78)	100(78)	86 (69)	80 (71)
Greater Depth	28 (18)	24	31 (20)	45 (13)	23 (8)
Progress	1.9	1.5	2.0	4.7	
Maths					
Secure	76 (75)	83 (76)	92 (79)	86 (71)	83 (73)
Greater Depth	20 (23)	31	31 (27)	38 (22)	33 (23)
Progress	-0.2	1.8	0.5	2.9	
Gram, Punct, Spell					
Secure	80 (77)	83 (78)	88	69 (72)	87 (72)
Greater Depth	(31)	45	27 (36)	50 (28)	27 (28)
Reading Writing Maths					
Secure	76 (61)	72 (64)	81 (65)	69 (59)	77 (59)
Greater Depth	16 (9)	10	12 (11)	21 (7)	23 (7)

Times table - 79% (25)

## Key Stage 1

	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
Reading					
Secure	85 (76)	70 (75)	75 (75)	80 (67)	77 (72)
Greater Depth	37 (25)	33 (26)	32	23 (18)	39 (28)
Writing					
Secure	81 (68)	70 (70)	75 (69)	70 (58)	68 (61)
Greater Depth	16 (16)	21 (	25	13 (8)	23 (13)
Maths					
Secure	82 (75)	80 (76)	75 (76)	80 (68)	81 (72)
Greater Depth	41 (21)	40 (22)	29	23 (15)	29 (17)

**Phonic rescreening Y2 2023 ½ passed**

Year 1	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
Phonics	85 (81)	79 (82)	92	83 (75)	93 (75)

Reception	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
Good Level of Development	70 (70)	80	75	83 (65)	77 (65)



## Sports day

A little bit of rain didn't dampen the children or adults spirits on Sports Day. The morning saw the children taking part in a carousel of activities within their house teams, earning as many points as they could. Lunch was a delicious BBQ and an array of different cakes! In the afternoon, children from across all year groups took part in the sprint races. Children in upper Key Stage 2 raced in the 'Marathon' which saw them completing two laps of the school field. The events concluded with a house relay! The overall results were Rupert 3rd, Cromwell in 2nd trailing 1 point behind our winners Fairfax! Well done to everyone who took part and a massive thank you to all of our staff, governors and parents who helped make the day such a success.

As a house captain I really enjoyed helping Key Stage 1 and cheering everyone on. I also really enjoyed the races and getting lots of stickers. -Felix

I cheered everyone on even if they were falling behind in the races. I really enjoyed the races and the marathon. -Isla





## Tockwith's Got Talent

Today we saw the return of Tockwith's Got Talent - our version of 'The X Factor'! We had two acts from each year courageously step forward to perform their talent on stage in front of the whole school, and our judging panel which consisted of Mrs McBride, Mrs Poole and Mrs Hackforth. An intense hour ensued where we had act after act wowing us with their talent. From Irish dancing to solo singing, magicians and maths wizzes, what an incredible display of our children living life in all it's fullness! Thank you to everyone who auditioned, performed today or simply watched and applauded and supported our acts. Congratulations to Abbey in Y4 for coming in first place, Emily in Y5 for second place and finally Juno in Y4 in third place. Well done everyone, including the teachers and Mr Reeve for hosting the event!





## Year 6 Humphrey head

Last week our year 6 children had the pleasure of spending a week at Humphrey Head in Cumbria for their residential. The left Tockwith Primary on Monday morning feeling excited as well as a little bit anxious. On arrival the children had their packed lunches outside in the glorious sunshine and then made their way inside to find their dormitories and make their beds! An orienteering activity was next where the children were able to explore the surrounding area a little. A delicious meal by Dave fuelled the children for more exploring in the evening. What a beautiful location!

Day 2 brought with it a sea cliff traverse, a walk up to Gunners How, Bush craft activities and climbing/abseiling! An amazing day where children tried some new activities and really stretched themselves and their comfort zones! Another delicious tea preceded an evening of team games. Day 3 swapped over the activities, so all children complete the bush crafts, the lovely river walk, the sea cliff traverse and the climbing/abseiling. Evening activities included more team building challenges - this time the teams tried to assemble a tower together.

On the final full day, the children spent the whole day on the water - kayaking and paddle boarding! Games on the water were fun and I think all children ended up in the water at some point or other. Picnic in more beautiful weather and the children completed the other of the days activities. A full day on the water meant that the children were famished by tea time and demolished their evening meals (again!). Throughout the week, the children made their own packed lunches and helped with tasks when needed.

The final morning had the children exploring the outside together, packing up their clothes and heading back home after a final packed lunch. Parents were delighted to have their children back, having had a spectacular week together - all children were amazing and worked so well together. We would like to say a big thank you to parents and carers for allowing us to take your children away with us, it was such a special week and one that we will all remember for a long time. Huge thanks to Mrs Perry, Miss Perry, Mr Reeve and Mr Goodacre for giving up their own time with their families and spending the week at Humphrey Head. Mr Reeve and Mrs Perry both commented on how amazing the children had been all well and what a great week they had had together.

It was an amazing adventurous journey and there were a lots of activities. My favourite activity was the water sports because you got to go in the water and it was fun. William V





## Leavers Production

Year 5 and 6 entertained us with a fantastic production of Darwin Rocks. It charted the journey of Charles Darwin's life and his learnings on the way. The children were incredible and hosted 3 performances for family and friends. We were all amazed by the children's acting and singing. Thank you so much to Mrs Perry and Mr White for directing such a brilliant production. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the children, they really appreciated it.

'I played the part of a Commander of a ship visiting Tierra Del Fuego. I enjoyed doing it and I thought Mr White and Mrs Perry did a great job of leading us. My favourite part was scene on the HMS Beagle with the items that we could give the local population. It was lovely to see all my family come and watch me.'—Harry C





## Leaver's Service

We said goodbye to our year 6 children today in Tockwith Church, along with 6 other children that will be leaving Tockwith Primary for new pastures. Reverend Martin hosted the service where we sang two songs (Sing Hosanna and I am the Earth), some of our children read prayers and Reverend Martin blessed our leavers. What a wonderful service and some beautiful singing and lovely words. We have our second leavers service in school on Friday where our year 6 children perform for the rest of the school and we say goodbye to some incredible children. We wish them all the very best for their new adventures at secondary school.





## Demon dentist

Year one and two enjoyed a trip to the Grand Opera to see the Demon Dentist. David Williams seems to be a favourite author amongst our children and it was great to be able to watch a performance of the story. We enjoyed cheering the brave, strong characters and a few boos for the mean dentist! It's always nice to be able to show how a book can come alive on the stage and there were a few children who have been inspired to become actors!





## Harlow Carr - Year 1 and 2

Down the garden paths has been our topic this term and we all excitedly prepared to visit Harlow Carr to conclude the topic. Despite it being the first day of the Great Yorkshire Show and the weather a little autumnal at times we all had a great time. We spent the day exploring the beautiful grounds, trying hard to spot as many flowers and plants, as well as looking closely to spot any bugs... mind I think they were mostly hibernating from the rain! The adventure playgrounds have to be one of our highlights with plenty of excitement and energy shared by everyone. As usual our children represented the school incredibly and nicely shared the gardens with members of the public. Well done children, it was lovely to take you out and to see you all 'living life in its fullness'.





## Judaism Visit

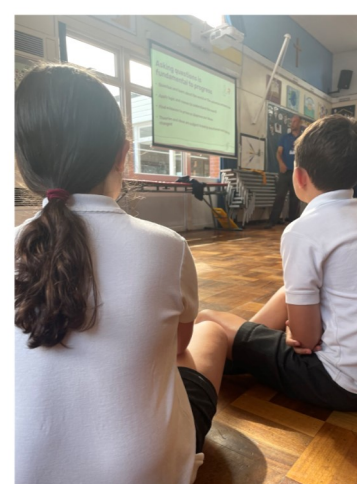
The children in years 1 and 2 were visited by a member of York synagogue. Our visitor brought in a selection of artefacts that the children were able to hold and try on. We delved deep into Shabbat and discussed why it was such an important part of the week within the religion. The children even got to make their own dreidels and play the famous game! Miss Cunningham



## Humanist visitor Year 5/6

A few weeks ago, a Humanist came to visit Years 5 and 6 as we have been learning about Humanism. We learnt about what Humanists believe in but we also learnt that not all Humanists believe in the exact same thing. Humanists are not like Christians nor Muslims because Christians and Muslims believe in a god but Humanists believe in the process of science to back up answers. There are areas where they have similarities to Christians. Both beliefs have respect as an important value. Respect for each other and the world. As a result of this, they are very keen to stay green and they love the planet. We were given cards with different problems on them that we had to try and solve from the point of view of a Humanist. Some of the problems led to very difficult conversations.

Charlotte and Emily





## T20 Tockwith does Headingly

Children and parents took a trip to Headingly this term to watch the T20. Luckily the weather held off and the children had a super time cheering everyone on with a clear favourite of 'Mighty Mike'. Some even received autographs and a picture with the mascot! What an evening to watch live sport!



## Rugby League with York City Knights

Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 have all had the opportunity to take part in Rugby League sessions coached by Mark from York Knights. The children have had lots of fun learning new skills and mini games.

I enjoyed playing rugby and especially because we did lots of little games and drills. We also got to develop our skills in a match situation. -Isla

Rugby was really fun because we got to lots of games and it was a good opportunity to learn a new sport with my friends —Felix



## Bell Boating Year 5

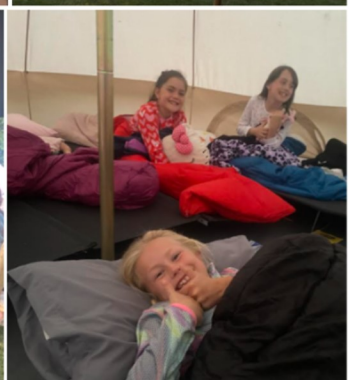
Children in Year 5 had the amazing opportunity to experience Bell Boating at Boroughbridge. Wil-  
derness Outdoor Education, the company that runs our in school residentials, came to school, col-  
lected the children and took them up to Boroughbridge. Year 5 got toggged up in their life jackets  
and had a dry run on ground before hopping aboard the bell boats. They had a smooth journey  
down the river Ure and managed to stay relatively dry whilst singing sea shanties and following the  
instructions of their demanding Captain, Rob!





## Year 3/4 in school Camping Experience

Y3 and Y4 had the amazing experience of spending the night in bell tents on the school field at the start of July! Children in Y3 arrived on Monday 3rd and after spending the day at school changed into their camp clothes and went off onto the school fields to enjoy camp life. A delicious BBQ of burgers and then smores for pudding was followed by campside games and songs. Children finally went to sleep and were woken by bird song and a beautiful sunrise. Everyone enjoyed a hearty breakfast and it was then time for camp activities. These included archery, buscrafts and team games. An exhausted Mr Goodacre and Y3 went home for a nice bath and early bed! As year 3 left school, year 4 started their overnight camp. The children followed the same timetable as Y4 and had such an amazing day. Many many thanks to Wilderness Outdoor Education for bringing the camping experience to Tockwith and to Mr Goodacre and Miss Stanton for giving up their nights to spend it with the children. Thanks also to the PTFA for funding part of the experience and to parents and carers for allowing their children to take part in the activities, and for looking after their tired children on their return from the camping.





## Curriculum Drop in session -

We've worked hard to introduce and embed Memory Lane to help children revisit and embed previous learning. We welcomed parents into our classrooms to see how we use Memory Lane to revisit previous learning in a series of topic lessons. We use the term across all areas of the curriculum and children increasingly recognise and use the term. Afterwards we were able to share the rationale behind it and the impact it has on pupils understanding. We will continue to develop this next year and this year's memory lane class book will follow the children into their next year. Mr Goodacre also explained to the parents about how we use low stakes quizzing in order to help children retain knowledge. Thanks you to all the parents and carers who attended the visit in the morning and the additional training. Mrs Williamson

Feedback from the parent included:

*Thank you for the opportunity to come in to the classrooms and see their lessons in action. We visited Year 1 and Year 5. Every single child was fully focused on their lesson, the teachers were so engaging and captivating. Was lovely to see the subjects in action, they are lucky to have such fantastic teachers!*

*For the session with Mr Goodacre and Mrs Williamson, it is wonderful to hear the teachers speak so passionately about the children and education. I liked hearing about the information that is displayed in the classrooms, and why, and the big floor books the class take with them each year sound amazing, what a brilliant idea. The quizzes and the analysis of them is so detailed - what a great way to check for any gaps in knowledge.*

*I attended the class learning session on Friday 16th June and wanted to let the team know that I found it really enjoyable and a very worthwhile session. I watched my child's class Y3 participate in a practical history lesson which was really good, subconsciously the children were learning history in a very exciting way and the whole class was enthralled by their experiment. Afterwards I was able to watch my son on his chrome book doing a revision and quiz session which I was very impressed with. I am pleased with the range of learning my*





## Pastoral at Tockwith

We all need support at times and that is what we will continue to offer our children and their families at Tockwith School

The pastoral support at Tockwith continues to grow and develop right across the school because we know that if children feel their best they are in the best place to learn.

I have found a really useful document that may help over summer.

<https://localofferwirral.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Tips-to-survive-the-summer-holidays-PDF.pdf>

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## Year 6 Crucial Crew

Schools across the county have welcomed the return of Crucial Crew for our Year 6 children. The children spent a busy morning at York College learning about how to stay safe during various workshops. These included: drugs awareness, road safety, fire safety, water safety as well as learning about various services and organisations available to support their physical and emotional health and well being.

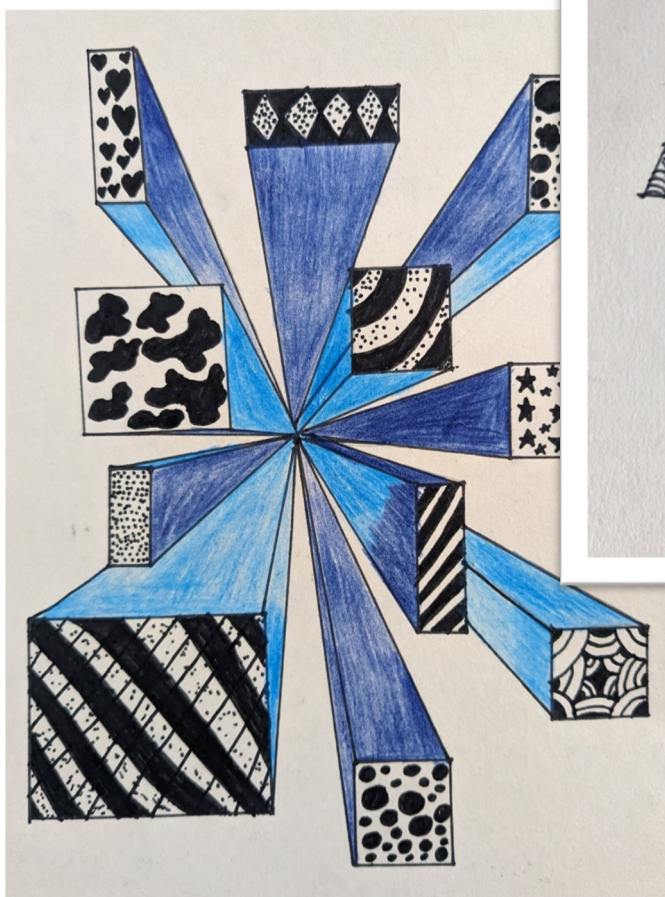
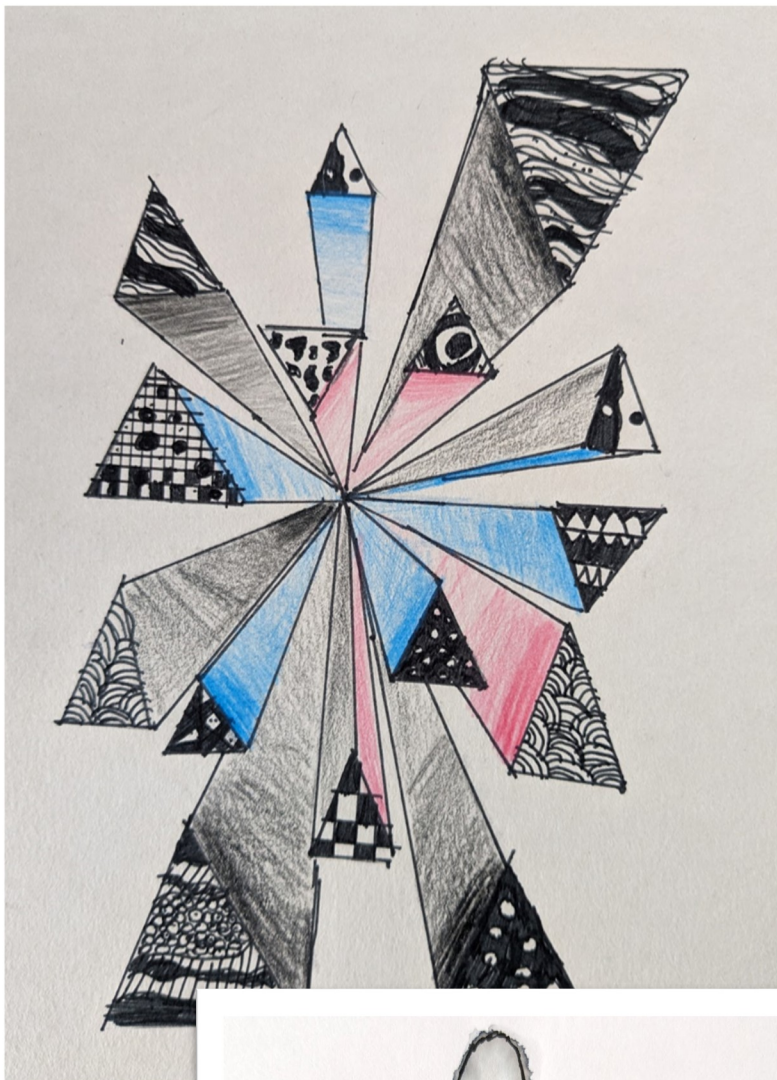
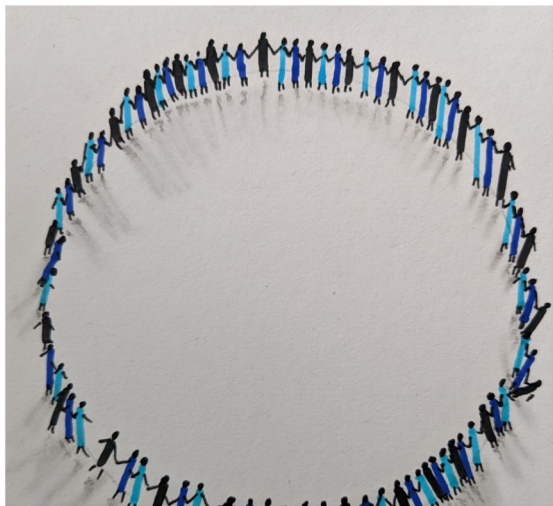
A crucial crew game can be found via their website: <https://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/your-safety/youth/crucial-crew/>





## Art Club with Mrs Starr

Another wonderful few sessions of art club with the Y5's and 6's, where we produced a variety of pieces learning new techniques and skills: Friendship Circles, One-Point Perspectives and using marker pens and water to produce flowers. I look forward to working with some of you again in September and would also encourage new members to sign up and try it. It's a lot of fun! Mrs Starr





## Leavers Party

On Thursday night all Year 6's were invited to attend a disco and water fight including an ice-cream van and pizza! Everyone got to spend quality time with each other before we go off to new schools. Not only did we get to have a great time we also got soaked. Thank you to the PFTA for paying for it and to Mrs Perry and Mr Reeve for organising it. We all had a brilliant time and we will remember that night for a very long time.

Sophie (Year 6 2023)

