

Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



We invited our Reception parents/carers into school for a stay and play session with their children – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The two sessions were great opportunities for parents/carers to see the fantastic progress their children have made, explore the Reception learning areas and understand the importance of play in their child's development. Mrs Grainger shared the Reception timetable so parents/carers could see what their children are up to on a daily basis at school and see how they are supported by staff at Tockwith Primary. The sessions were very well attended and it was lovely to see so many parents/carers in school with their children. Thank you for supporting us with this.



On Friday 21st March we saw our children and staff dress down in 1980's gear in support of Comic Relief! This year it's the 40th year that Comic Relief has been going so we supported it with dress down and a Tockwith Primary Academy joke book! Year 5 did some 80s yoga and the staff thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and embracing the 80s! We've been selling the joke books for £1 and still have some left if anyone wants to purchase one – please ask at the school office! So far we've raised an incredible £200 – thank you!



Tockwith Primary Academy celebrated World Maths Day in several different ways. Children in Y5 went to York St John University and worked with academics and trainee teachers – taking part in a range of interactive, problem solving activities. As part of the day the children enjoyed a tour of the historic campus and received a certificate for taking part. As well as taking part in the activities, the day provided a great opportunity to explore and nurture future academic opportunities and aspirations. The children also bumped into our old Y2 teacher Mr Skidmore! What a blast from the past!

Back at school children celebrated Maths in a variety of ways, from making structures out of tooth pics and marshmallows to counting with sticks and stones. Activities also included measuring different things around school, working with shapes and taking part in an escape room activity – lots of fun!



Children in Y3 and Y4 have spent the last few weeks singing with Miss Bels from York Minster. After a month of practice, the children travelled to York Minster to take part in their Mothering Sunday service. It was amazing to sing in such a beautiful place!



Last week children in Y5 and 6 who have music lessons with Mr Crilley and take part in the band, took part in an assembly in front of the whole school. The children played and sang with confidence and pride and were a delight to watch! Thanks to Mr Crilley for putting on these assemblies!



Children in Y3 and 4 took part in a Stone Age day as part of their current topic. Children and staff came to school dressed in stone age clothes and spent the day doing fun activities! The children made some stone age jewellery, played hunters and gatherers and cooked on a fire. The children had a great day and it was so great to see everyone dressed up!



As part of their Young Leaders award, children in Y5 took part in a community litter pick. The children started off in the village hall where they had a briefing from the Community Litter Picking group and then went around the village and across the sports fields collecting litter. The children found 5 bin bags of litter and did an amazing job – thanks for looking after our village



We held our annual PTFA Easter Fair at the end of term and it was an amazing success. We had so many parents, carers and family members attend supporting us. We had stalls galore, including a chocolate tombola, Easter Egg throwing, the rainbow raffle, guess the combination, a craft stall run by some of our children in Y5 and many more! We also had our very own Easter bunny hopping around helping everyone. The PTFA made an incredible £1000 so thank you so much for your support.



This year, we had four Easter Services and the children were amazing. It was lovely to see the different performances from Team Grainger, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. It was lovely watching the enthusiastic singing in Mrs Grainger's class and the mix of singing and narrating in Key Stage 1 which was performed perfectly.

In Key Stage 2, the children told the story of Easter through our Christian Values in our school. The children were incredibly professional and produced an amazing 40 minute performance which really impressed the audience. I had many comments after all services about how amazing the children and the staff were!

Thank you for the donations to the church, they really support us and work closely with the school and I know the additional finances will be much appreciated.



Upcoming Events:

5 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
12 – 15 May	SATS Week
19 – 20 May	Y5 Bikeability
21 May	Y3 Overnight Camping
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23 May	School Closes for Half Term