

Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



All year groups have settled into school routine really well, including our super star Reception class, who have been learning about Life in Space, spending time at Forest School, getting involved in The Nativity and much more. Mrs Grainger and the team could not be prouder of the progress they have made!



In November we had our lovely Grandparent lunch. With over 100 Grandparents in attendance, the school hall was bustling with warmth and joy. Everyone enjoyed spending that special time together and it was a pleasure to coordinate and host such a wonderful event. Many thanks to the wonderful catering team, carers and staff that supported the lunch.

We have been really enthusiastic about our topics so far this term!

Year 1 and 2 have been learning all about Space, focusing on the importance of the mission to the Moon. This topic tied in perfectly with the recent Harvest and Beaver Moons that shone brightly over Tockwith! The children also had an incredible experience when the Planetarium visited school, giving them a realistic insight into the wonders of space.

This term, they have moved on to exploring "Terrific Tockwith!" — diving into local history and discovering more about our great village. The children have particularly enjoyed learning about Tockwith's links to World War II, which connected beautifully to our reflections on Remembrance Day.



Year 3 and 4 have had an exciting half term delving deep into their Geography topic on volcanoes and the Earth's structure. To bring their learning to life, the pupils worked hard to design and create their own volcano models, using a mix of creative materials and scientific knowledge. They particularly enjoyed watching their volcanoes "erupt" during a fun and messy experiment that showed how pressure builds up beneath the Earth's surface!

As part of their topic, the classes also visited Stump Cross Caverns, where they were able to explore underground caves and see stunning rock formations up close. The children were fascinated to learn about how stalactites and stalagmites form over thousands of years and how the caverns link to the wider story of our planet's geology.



Children in year 5 were invited to Wetherby High School to take part in a Hockey Skills event! The children travelled across to Wetherby by coach and when they got there were able to try various hockey related activities – shooting, dribbling and stopping the (tennis) ball! A great time was had by all and many thanks to Wetherby High for inviting us!



The Year 6 children have done a wonderful job raising money for charities recently. Selling Poppies in the playground for Remembrance Day and more recently, collecting donations for Children in Need. Tockwith Primary supported Children in Need through a fitness challenge in the school hall with their class, where they did a brilliant job of keeping moving for 25 minutes without stopping! This was either in a circuit training session or a Just Dance workout. At break and lunch time, the school council also organised a treasure hunt around the school grounds which was a huge success and lots of fun! Thank you so much to everyone for supporting us by allowing your children to dress in sports gear and



bring in a donation. Watch this space to find out how much we raised and to see some pictures from the day!

We have more events coming up over the Christmas period, including:

5 Dec	PTFA Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto
9 Dec	Nativity at Tockwith Church 2pm & 6pm
10 Dec	Nativity at Tockwith Church 9:30am
10 Dec	Student Christmas Lunch
11 Dec	PTFA School Disco
12 Dec	Teach training day – School closed to Children.
16 Dec	KS2 Christmas Songs in School
17 Dec	Whole School Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty
18 Dec	Reception & KS1 Christmas Party
19 Dec	KS2 Christmas Party