



Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Well this year has flown by, and it has, once again, proven to be a very successful year in so many ways.

I always feel the litmus test of our school is the year 6 who leave us to go to high school. They are a fantastic group of children full of personality and confidence. They have been wonderful buddies to their reception children and excellent role models across the school. All the way through the years I look at them as they leave and ask if we have fulfilled our school aim.

Fulfilled their individual potential - Passed - over 20% above national average for Combined Reading, Writing and Maths.

Through our Christian Values - Passed - just a cracking set of children who live out our values every day.

Prepared for the future - Passed - IT literate, emotional intelligent and confident in their own abilities.

Sadly, this is a time when we have to say goodbye to some of our members of staff. We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Starr, who leaves us after over 20 years of dedication to the school. When I first met Mrs Starr she supported effectively in the classrooms but it has been so lovely to see her develop into leading art across the school and teaching classes as a higher level teaching assistant. It is not goodbye but see you next year as Mrs Paintbrush!

Miss Penfold will be leaving us this year and I am sure she will continue to shine in her next post. Miss Penfold has taught pretty much every year group in our school this year which is very impressive. We will miss Miss Penfold's commitment and dedication to the school.

Where we have goodbyes we also have welcomes and we are saying hello to 38 amazing new starters and their families. They will be starting their journeys at our lovely school. I am sure they will quickly learn about John 10:10 and living life in all its fullness. They have such an amazing transition I am sure they are good to go as soon as they walk through the door.

We will also be welcoming Mrs Walker who will be joining us in the reception class and Miss Watson who will be supporting Year 5.

Thank you for all your support for the school. Primary schools are successful when everyone works together for the benefit of all the children in the school. I am a very lucky head teacher to work in such a lovely school and community. I would like to send a massive shout out to our amazing staff and governors who support the school.

Enjoy your children this holiday. They are very special young people.

Justin Reeve



Scores on the Doors

Results are part of life at primary school and they inform you, the government and OFSTED how well the children are performing in our school. This is one measure, it doesn't tell you how resilient the children are, how emotionally intelligent they are or even how good they are at sport or the piano.

Below are the results for this year, it is important to recognise how well our children do across

	2026	Compared to current national
Y6 SATS		Average where available
Reading		
Expected Level	90%	+15%
Greater Depth	45%	+12%
Writing		
Expected Level	84%	+11%
Greater Depth	30%	+17%
Maths		
Expected Level	90%	+15%
Greater Depth	42%	+16%
Reading, Writing and Maths combined		
Expected Level	84%	+21%
Greater Depth	23%	15%
Y4 times table check	57%	+20%
Y1 Phonics	89%	+9%
Good level of Development	81%	+13%

Governor Corner

Well what a whirlwind year it's been. So full of activity, experiences and WOW moments. As always I am in awe of all of our 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 broad and balanced curriculum

I, like everyone involved with the school, have had a very busy couple of weeks. Last week Lis Wainwright, Mr Reeve and I were at an Ebor Academy Event where we reflected on our successful year and talked about plans and focus points for the next couple of years. At the session it was lovely to be able to meet up with key leaders, Trustees and members of other LGB's and to plan together for our future.

I have also been to London with Year 6 (what a day!), had a meeting with Mr Reeve, a finance meeting, School Improvement meeting, a full Governors meeting, helped at Sports Day and watched the Year 5/6 Production (awesome).

On Thursday, I had the joyous task of helping to judge Tockwith's Got Talent and what a lot of talent we saw. What we also saw was every child in the school supporting, focussed, engaged and rooting for each other. You must be so proud of your amazing children.....it was truly inspiring.

Thursday afternoon I also attended the Church Leavers Service to say goodbye to our Year 6 children who are moving one more step along the road. They have been a great cohort and I, and the Governors, wish them every success for the future. As they move on to their next big adventure we very much hope that they, alongside other children and members of staff who are leaving, will keep us travelling along with them.

The Governing Body have spent quite a bit of time this year trying to make ourselves more visible and accessible to you, our fabulous school community, and we very much hope to build on this next year and are looking forward to all the new opportunities and challenges September will bring.

Sue Corbett
Chair of Governors

At the end of every Governors Meeting we always take time to think about our moments to celebrate. As you can imagine these are many and varied. Here are reflections from Lis Wainwright (Vice Chair and Foundation Governor)) and Laura Stubbs (Parent Governor).

I had the pleasure of spending some time in school recently, watching many of the children in Reception and Key Stage One enjoy a variety of stories being read to them. It was wonderful to see the enjoyment on their faces as they listened with anticipation to hear what would happen to the characters. This year is the National Year of Reading, so it was encouraging to see how much our children have already developed a love of reading at such an early age. You will find the mobile library outside the village hall on Monday, 3rd and Monday, 28th August this summer, from 1:45-2:45, if you fancy browsing for some new reading material for the summer.

Lis

I honestly don't know where to begin when reflecting on this term! Looking back, it's incredible to see just how much our children have experienced. From football celebrations and camping adventures to exciting trips to London, the opportunities they've been given have been fantastic. For me, one of the standout moments was Sports Day. Even in the heat, the atmosphere was amazing. It was wonderful to see every child getting involved, encouraging one another and having the chance to shine in so many different activities. I thoroughly enjoyed being there and seeing the smiles, determination and team spirit on display throughout the day.

As a governor, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our staff. The time, care and enthusiasm they put into creating these opportunities for our children never goes unnoticed. Their dedication is what makes Tockwith such a special place and ensures our pupils really do have the chance to *'live life in all its fullness.'*

I hope everyone has a wonderful, well-deserved summer break, and I look forward to seeing what the new school year brings.

Laura

Sports Day Success!

A huge well done to all of our pupils from Reception to Year 6 who took part in our fantastic Sports Day! Despite battling the heat, the children showed incredible resilience, worked brilliantly within their teams, and cheered each other on with wonderful sportsmanship all day.

An event like this wouldn't be possible without a massive team effort, and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our enthusiastic pupils, our supportive parents cheering from the sidelines, the excellent Sports Leaders from Wetherby High, our wonderful volunteers, and our dedicated staff who worked tirelessly to make the day run smoothly.

Finally, a massive congratulations to **Cromwell**, who are this year's official Sports Day champions!



Y5/6 Production

Our amazing Years 5 and 6 served up an amazing performance of the Pirates and the Currybean. 3 different audiences enjoyed watching our children shine in extreme heat!

The production was very impressive. I had a number of parents comment on how amazing the singing was, especially the soloists and the duet.

A massive well done to Mrs Darley and Mr Goodacre for turning this basic script into an hour and a quarter spectacle that had the community of Tockwith smiling all the way through it.

In school, we put on a very special production. Everyone had a brilliant time and children in our class particularly enjoyed: making people laugh, acting, singing and even running from monkeys and rats (A.K.A the year fives)! All the parents were a great audience and understood the jokes clearly. We would like to give a great thank you to the wonderful staff for directing the show, all our parents for coming to watch and finally all the students that performed with us! Once again Tockwith have put on another outstanding year 5 and 6 production! -Isaac and Charlie



Year 6 do London

Our early morning start saw us catch the train from York Station at about 8am. We played lots of games, chatted to our friends and enjoyed the ride. Once we arrived at King's Cross, we jumped on a Tube to Westminster - it was a really good experience but pretty busy so we had to make sure that we all got off at the right stop - one of the groups nearly stayed on a bit longer than they should have done! Mr Reeve took us on a walk down by the River Thames, where we saw the boats, the London Eye, some people taking wedding photos on a bridge and Big Ben. We went on a tour around the Houses of Parliament to see where the government make their decisions about how the country is run and went to the House of Lords, where we weren't allowed to sit down on the seats! After our workshop here, we got back on the Tube to Leicester Square, where we had lunch at Piza Hut. There was so much to eat and drink and the best bit was definitely the buffet because it was all delicious and there was so much choice. "The pizza was outstanding - it was so cheesy!" (Harmony).

After lunch, we went into the Lego shop, which had loads of incredible creations like a car you could sit in, a flying dragon and a model of Big Ben. We also had the chance to play table football and win a trophy, see Darth Vader do 6,7 and create our own Lego football characters. We spent quite a lot of time playing, building, creating and exploring before heading off on a tour around London, stopping off at lots of different landmarks: Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, China Town, Mayfair and lots more. "The best bit was when we all started waving at the security guards in the posh shops and cheering when they waved back" (Amy). We had a bit of time to relax in the park near Buckingham Palace before tackling the Tube in rush hour - it was SO busy but we managed to squeeze on and make it back to King's Cross to get our train to York.

Thank you to all of the staff and governors who helped to organise and run this trip; it was definitely a day to remember!

Amy and Harmony



World cup celebrations—It was coming home!

Our World Cup Breakfasts were a phenomenal success! It was incredible to see so many families gathering early in the morning to share a meal, soak up the vibrant tournament atmosphere, and support the team together. During these breakfasts, we watched highlights of the England games, helping our pupils catch all the exciting action and key moments at a sensible time of day.

Whether you came to support, help out, or simply enjoy a morning coffee with fellow parents, your presence added immensely to the school's community feel. Thank you for your enthusiasm and for waking up early to join the fun!

It was equally wonderful to welcome so many of you into our outdoor areas for our World Cup Stay and Play sessions. These special outdoor sessions were packed with fantastic football activities designed to build up excitement for the big England matches.

The children had a brilliant time showing off their skills, and the energy on the field was incredible. Thank you to all the parents for taking the time out of your busy schedules to get involved, and a huge well done to our pupils for participating with such wonderful sportsmanship and enthusiasm!

Events like these simply cannot happen without a massive team effort. We want to say a huge thank you to all of our school staff who worked so hard behind the scenes and outdoors to organise and run these activities.

Mr Finan



Year 4 Residential

As we travelled up to the campsite on one of the most liveliest of buses people were nattering away about what exciting adventures were waiting for us down in the valley near the many reservoirs surrounding us. When we arrived we were all buzzing with excitement and anticipation to what was going to happen when we got to the campsite. It wasn't just us kids that were excited though it was the teachers as well, especially Miss Rawcliffe because this was her first time. Our first activity was rock climbing and abseiling. We had the time of our lives watching the teachers stumble down the cliff face squealing because they thought they were going to crash into a rock! Our second activity was archery and crate stacking. We had so much fun trying to see who could get highest in crate stacking or if you could touch the roof of the barn we were in. In archery we had a game where we had to see if we could hit the sweets on the target and if you did you got the sweets(even if you didn't hit some sweets you still got some for trying your best) which most people did.

The final activity was by far the best...giant paddle boarding. We had a brilliant time jumping off the giant paddle boards into the water or splashing each other with the cold water. At the end of the giant paddle boarding sessions we got to run along them and flip off them at the end.

Thank you to: Miss Stanton, Mrs Maclellan, Miss Rawcliffe and Mrs Slack who took us on the awesome adventure of a lifetime. We all agree Y4 residential was great and we desperately want to do it all again.

Thank you! - Max Sharp



Year 3 Camping Experience

Our Year 3 students traded their classrooms for tents last week for our highly anticipated overnight camp on the school field! We enjoyed our delicious evening BBQ, even watching England play as we ate! Later, the field came alive with the ultimate camp experience: toasting marshmallows on the campfire, sipping warm hot chocolate, and singing some classic campfire songs. It was a wonderful evening filled with giggles and great teamwork.

The fun didn't stop there! The next day was packed with action, starting with a series of team-building activities that put the children's skills to the test. A massive highlight was the outdoor bushcraft session, where the children rolled up their sleeves to make their own bread dough and cook it directly over the open fire. To wrap up an incredible experience, they took aim and channelled their inner Robin Hood during an archery session.

We are incredibly proud of how our Year 3s embraced every challenge, looked out for one another, and showed fantastic independence throughout their first school sleepover. A brilliant, unforgettable time was had by all!

Mr Finan and Miss Berry



Year 5 Stay and Boat!

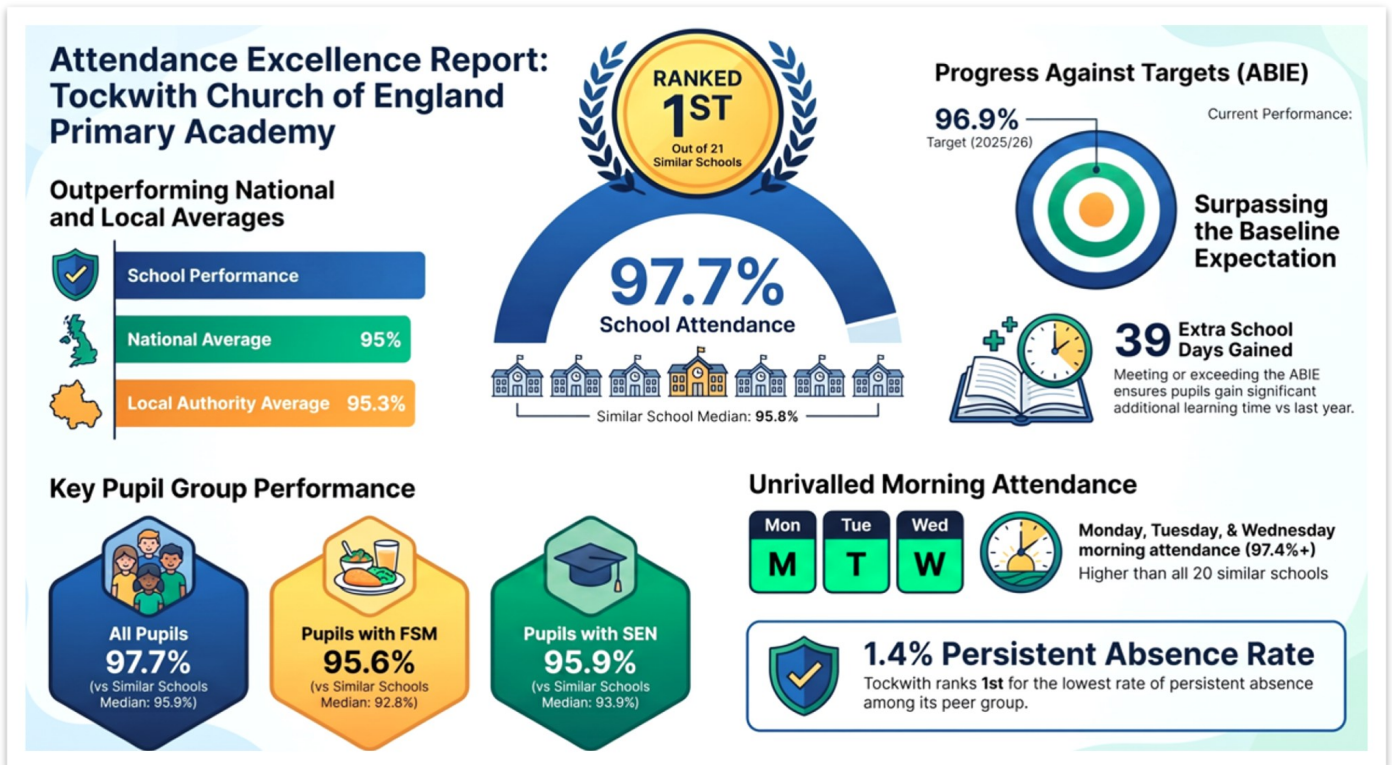
Our Year 5 pupils took to the water recently for a fantastic Bellboating adventure along the River Ure and the canal in Boroughbridge! Working together to paddle our twin-hulled boats, the children navigated the waterways beautifully while taking in some truly stunning local scenery and spotting a variety of riverside wildlife. The journey was filled with laughter as we played games on the water, sang songs to keep our paddling rhythm going, and shared friendly waves and "hellos" with all the other boaters we met along the way. It was a wonderful day of teamwork, fresh air, and community spirit—well done to all our brave paddlers!

Mr Goodacre



Attendance

Thank you so much for all your support with your children's attendance this year. As you can see from the data below, our data compared to similar schools is the best it can be. As you can see from the data, being in school does have an impact. In the last year I mentioned home visits,. We have looked at this in detail with the governors and we have decided not to follow up on this.



Crucial Crew

The other week, the year 6's went on a school trip to Queen Ethlebergers to do Crucial Crew! First, we got separated into two groups. Then we went into separate classrooms with our groups and learnt about different things and jobs in the emergency services! People such as; firefighters; police officers; and lifeguards came in to explain their jobs. We also learnt about how to stay safe around trains and water!

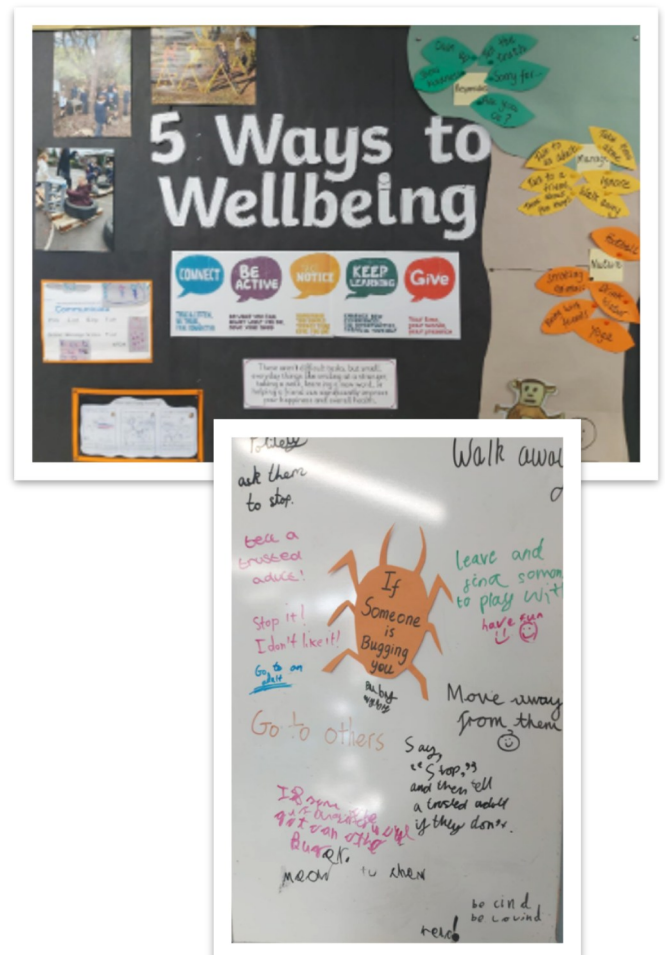
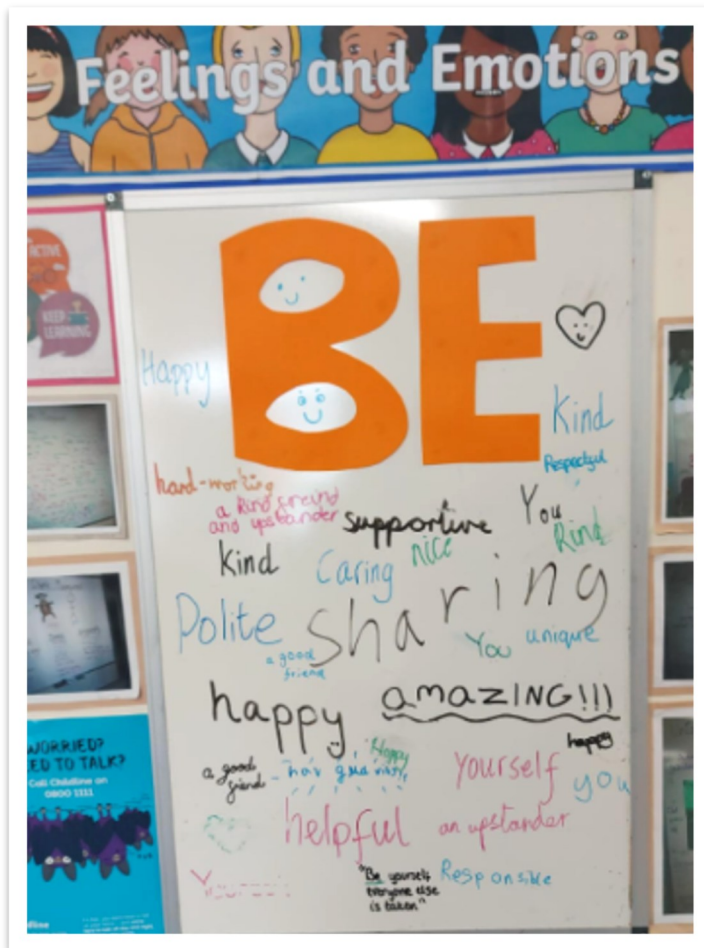
Personally, I loved going on the school trip, as I enjoyed learning about other people's jobs and how they help us!

FUN FACTS! Did you know that if you go near an electric train wire, you could die of immense shock! Warning: do not go near them without a trusted adult!

Pastoral

We continue to help children across the school , throughout the day, to understand and manage their emotions which helps them to develop healthy habits for life.

Have a lovely summer break -
Mrs Slack



Under 5's

It's been another wonderfully busy term at Tockwith Under 5s! Every Tuesday morning, the school hall has been buzzing with toddlers, parents and grandparents enjoying time together. We've had lots of fun exploring crafts, messy play, role play, construction activities and so much more, as well as making the most of our fantastic sandpit and Forest School sessions. This term, we'll also be saying goodbye to some of our regular children as they start school in September. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow in confidence and benefit from spending time in the school environment, and we wish them every happiness as they begin their new adventure. If you have a child aged 0-5 and would like to join us, we'd love to welcome you! We meet every Tuesday from 9am in the school hall, with our first session back after the summer holidays taking place on **Tuesday 15th September**.

School Council

The main focus for the school council this half term has been creating the first edition of our new school newspaper, Tockwith Times. The children worked as researchers, interviewers, photographers, columnists and editors to write sections of the newspaper, focussing on some of this year's highlights for each class. They found out about children's favourite lessons, what school values had been put into practice recently, what they are enjoying about lunch and break times and what they are looking forward to when they move into their next classes.

They also collected some pupil voice, using suggestions boxes in the classrooms, to find out what improvements and ideas the rest of the class had to help us move forward. Some of these ideas included developing the resources we have available for Opal, having more music lessons, spending more time with buddies and holding a donation day for a homeless charity.

As well as this, the school councillors had the opportunity to work with Mr Pozman to promote watering some of the newly planted trees and the hedges over the summer holidays. Look out for their posters around Tockwith!

Fed up of loose change rattling around in your purse and falling out when you go to pay for things? Over the summer holidays, please save your 1ps, 2ps and 5ps for something we've got planned in the new academic year!

As a huge thank you to our wonderful school councillors (Amy, Harmony, Amy, Duncan, Reeva, Frankie, Mila, Eli, Lincoln and Jessie), we treated them to a forest school session with s'mores - they completely deserved it for being so amazing. As well as raising over £600 for charity, they have represented their classmates and contributed to lots of important decisions over the year.

"I really enjoyed doing school council this year because we got to do different activities. I especially enjoyed showing visitors around school and interviewing. Thank you Mrs Schippers and Mrs Curry." Harmony Y6

"I've enjoyed working as a team to help our school become a better place. I've enjoyed the fun experiences we have had, like choosing and testing things for Opal and definitely the inflatable!" Amy Y6

"What I loved about being in the school council was that we got to test the bouncy castle!" Mila Y3

"I have loved being in school council. I liked interviewing and having fun. Thank you." Eli Y3

Thank you for all of your hard work and commitment to the role.

Mrs Curry and Mrs Schippers



Year 5 and 6 Mosque visit

Our Year 5 and 6 children had a wonderful, eye-opening trip to the Leeds Grand Mosque recently as part of our RE curriculum. We were treated to a truly brilliant talk by the mosque's hosts, who welcomed us so warmly and guided us through the beautiful space. The children were absolutely fascinated to learn about the rich history behind Islamic traditions, and it was wonderful to see them making connections as they discovered just how many similarities there are between Islam and Christianity. From shared stories to common values of kindness and charity, it was an amazing learning experience that sparked some incredibly thoughtful discussions. A huge thank you to the volunteers at the mosque for hosting such a memorable and inspiring day!



Year 6 Martial arts

Year 6 were visited by Chris from the Knaresborough Martial Arts & Leadership Academy. Chris showed them some moves and stretches and got them to practice some controlled punches and kicks. You can see from the photographs that the children really enjoyed it and had fun with the padding and different combinations of strikes.

If you are interested in your child learning more about Martial Arts, please check out Chris's website - <https://www.kmala.co.uk/>



Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Month

Every June since 2008, people from across the UK have celebrated Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month. The theme for this year was 'Onwards With Hope' and focussed on exploring how transformative hope can be and how people from the traveller community can work together to build a brighter future.

Three of our pupils helped to present an assembly, which looked at some of their traditions and cultures as well as what it's like to be a traveller in 2026. It was fantastic to see how proud all of the boys were about their heritage and how positively they spoke about being part of their community. John Joe said he enjoys playing massive games of hide and seek with his friends who live on site.

Gary told us that it was 'loads of fun' being a traveller and Luke made us all feel hungry when he talked about stove tatie, which is a dish made from sausages, beef and potatoes. Perhaps the best thing that came from talking to the boys was that they enjoyed and valued living near to their friends and family because they were all so close to one another and could support each other. It was interesting for everyone to find out a bit more about the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community, learning about their similarities to non-travellers and celebrating their differences.

A huge thank you to Gary, John Joe and Luke for contributing to and delivering the assembly to mark this month.



African drumming

The whole school went on a musical journey this half term during our fantastic African drumming and dancing workshops! Each year group (from our youngest in EYFS all the way up to Year 6) got involved. The children filled the school with energy as they learned to play traditional djembe drums and mastered some high-energy dance moves.

It wasn't just incredibly fun, it was also a brilliant hands-on music lesson. The children explored key musical concepts in action, experimenting with rhythm and tempo (speed), discovering the unique timbre (tone quality) of the drums, and practicing dynamics. It was wonderful to see the entire school community connecting through music, finding their rhythm, and having an absolute blast together!



Bastille Day

Tockwith celebrated la fête nationale in style. To celebrate Bastille Day (la fête nationale) all children had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities. We had a football shoot out, boules, throwing a beanbag at a French football player, guessing the number of pompons, finding Paris on a map of France and many crafts including bracelet making and bookmarks. A massive **merci** to Amy, Charlotte, Ella, Max, Doug, Teddy, Ewan, Ellie, Sophie, Saphie, Dilly and Connie for all your help in making la fête nationale a success. If you would like to know more about French at Tockwith, please email jane @ papillions2020@gmail.com



PTFA

What a Busy Term!

What a fantastic term it's been for the PTFA! We've enjoyed lots of fundraising, fun and community events, and we'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us.

Special Person's Day

Just in time for Father's Day, we held our Special Person's Day, where children enjoyed decorating some delicious chocolate treats for their special person.

Summer Fair Success

Our Summer Fair was a brilliant afternoon, packed with activities and laughter. Highlights included:

Mr Reeve and Mr G getting a soaking!

Archery & nerf guns, balancing a lemon, poo in the loo - new games this year!

Heidi's Hot Dogs, which went down a storm!

The ever popular bottle tombola!

Thank you to everyone who came along, volunteered and helped make the day such a success. Along with the amazing raffle, of which lots of you entered, we made £1500.

Thanks to your generosity, we've been able to provide:

African drumming workshops for the whole school.

World Cup Breakfast, where parents and pupils came together to enjoy breakfast, listen to the national anthem and watch the tournament highlights.

Inflatables for the children to enjoy.

The finished sandpit on the field has continued to be a huge hit from our funding.

Your support really does make a difference to enriching the children's school experience.

As always, we're always looking for new volunteers and fresh ideas. If you'd like to help in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Nicola Arthur 07955 665562.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting year of fundraising and making great memories together.

Have a wonderful summer!



Art Club

The past few weeks with Year 5 have seen us produce some wonderful pieces - bright and bold Erik Abel inspired bears with geometric shapes and bold lines, radial art patterns created with felt tipped pens on paper napkins and our lovely abstract windows, which demonstrated to the children how amazing pieces could be created in only 45 minutes!

It has been a pleasure for me to teach and inspire your children with their art journeys during lessons and in extra curricular art club sessions over the last few years. For your information, my Art With Mrs Paintbrush workshops will be continuing in the village hall and I will also be starting a new art club in school from November, so please keep your eyes peeled for relevant information. Wishing you all a lovely summer and thank you to all of the children for being so amazing with their art. See you soon, Mrs Starr / Mrs Paintbrush

