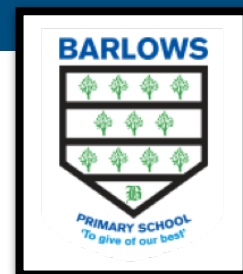


Barlows Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our End of September 2023 Newsletter.

In this newsletter, we've captured some of the curriculum highlights from this month. This includes some activities from our new CUSP curriculum which we look forward to sharing with you at Parents' Evening.

Thank you to the many parents who attended our 'Meet the Team' sessions this month. We hope you found these useful and look forward to you joining us at other sessions in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely
Miss S. Feenan
Headteacher



Girls' Football - Outstanding Performance!

Our girls football team gave an outstanding performance at their first LSFA League Hub tournament this year.

The team played 4 league matches, winning 3 and losing one (which Mr Mattocks said was a close game!)

The girls demonstrated great resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the games in true Barlows style!

Well done girls!

Boys' Football - Fantastic Performance!

Our fantastic Under 11 footballers attended the first LSFA league competition of the year.

The team played really well, showing their sharp football skills and great sportsmanship.

Staff were especially proud of their team ethic and all round teamwork!

Well done boys!



Curriculum Highlights

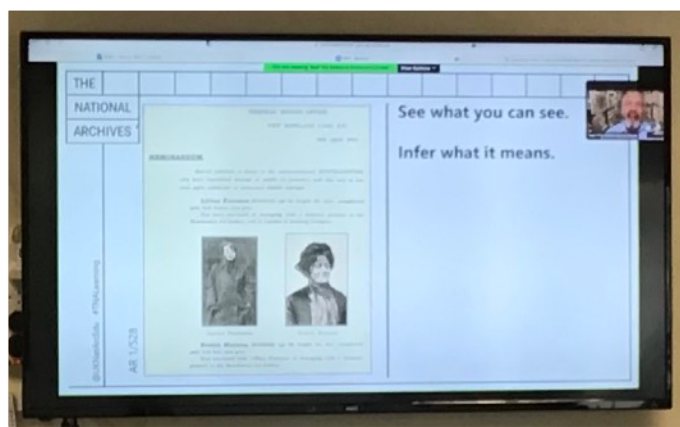
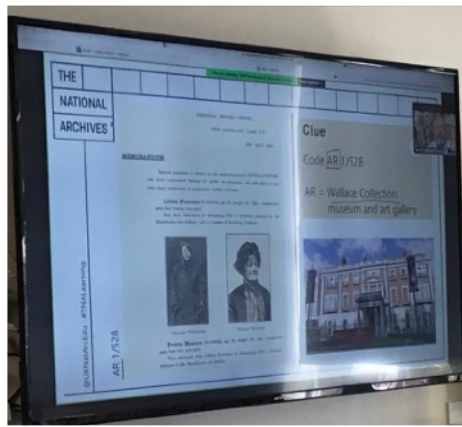
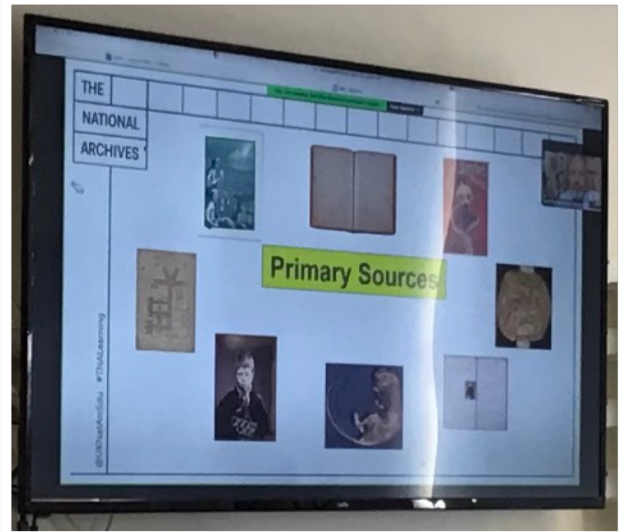
Year 4 & Year 5 - A Virtual Workshop from the National Archives

15th & 18th September 2023

Organised by Deputy Head, Mrs Kirby-Foy, our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils enjoyed learning from history experts during a virtual workshop with the National Archives.

Pupils developed their historical enquiry skills looking for clues in primary and secondary sources that can tell us about the past.

The children thoroughly enjoyed investigating 'history mysteries', as they were expertly guided by National Archives staff who delivered this exciting workshop.



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Year 1 Understanding the Christian Faith in RE

In Year 1, the children have started to learn about the Christian faith and what Christians believe.

The children developed their understanding of the Bible as a special book in the Christian faith.

They further developed their understanding of Christianity by exploring what the story of "The Prodigal Son" means to Christians.

The children continued their discussions on the topic of forgiveness and recognising when to apologise or ask for forgiveness in everyday life.

The children demonstrated their wonderful listening skills as they listen to each other's contributions and added to the thought provoking discussion.



Welcome to Barlows Reception!

Our wonderful Reception pupils have made an excellent start to their Barlows journey! The children have been learning lots of new school routines to help them become more independent within their classrooms.

They have been enjoying exploring the continuous provision and made an excellent start to our Little Wandle Phonics lessons.

Lunchtime has been a huge success with the children enjoying some social time over a bite to eat!

A great start Reception!



Reception Applications Deadline

The application process for Reception places starting in September 2024 closes on **January 15th 2024**.

Applications should be made through the council website for your home address. You can find out which website to use on the following link:

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Tectonic Plates in Geography - Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils have been studying tectonic plates in our new CUSP Geography curriculum.

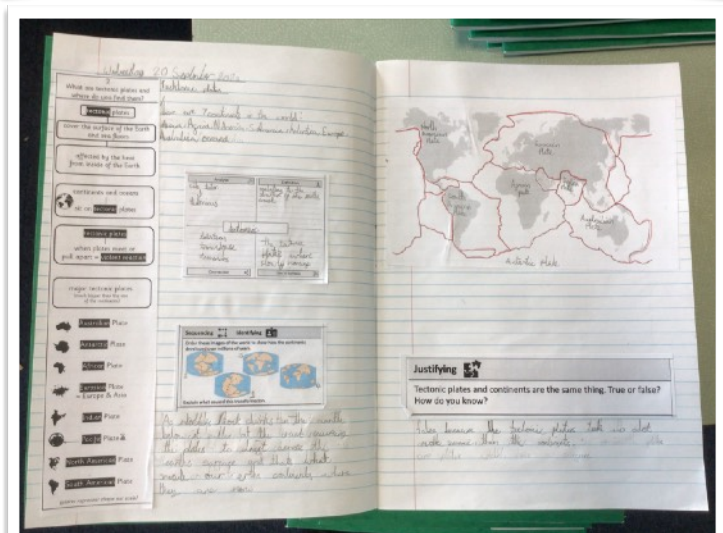
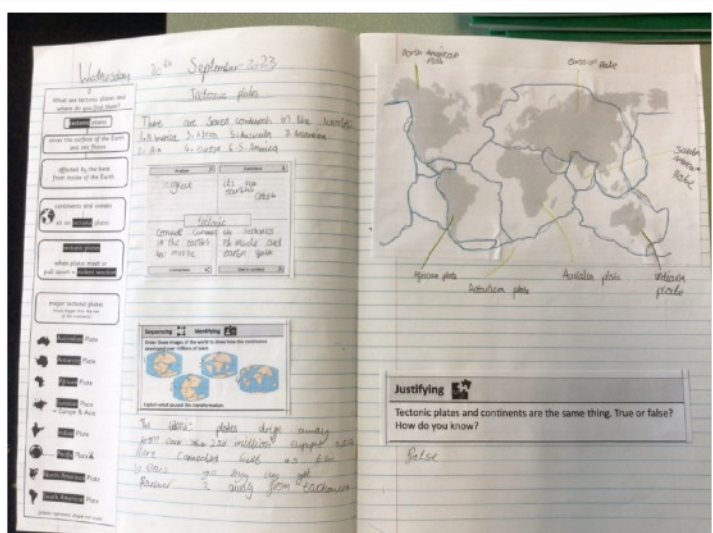
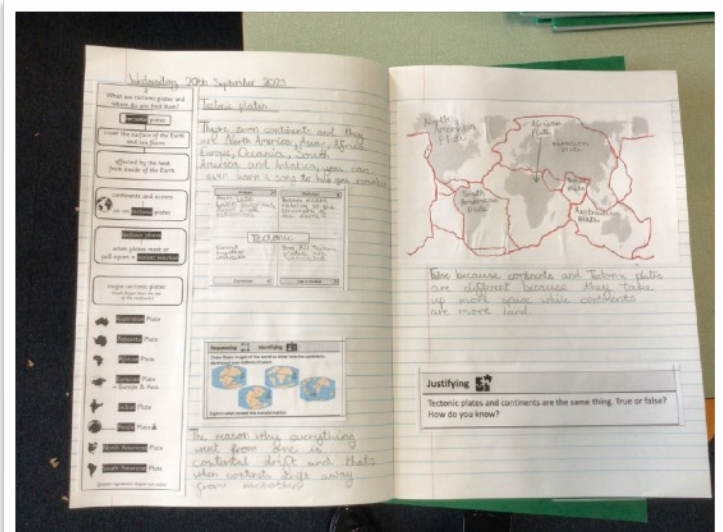
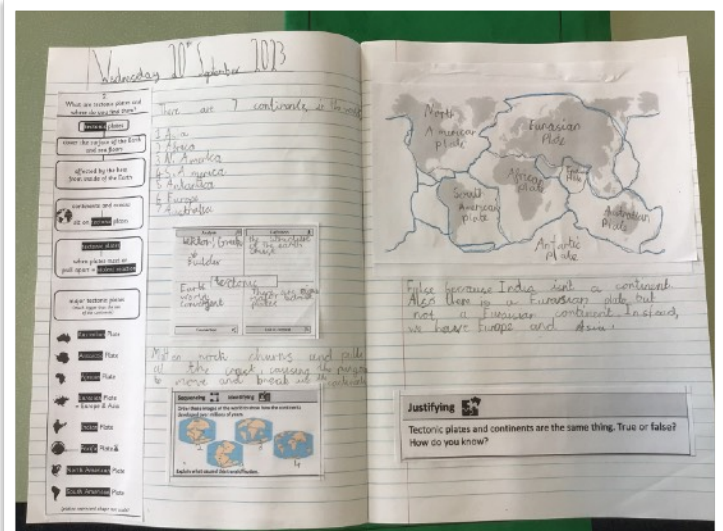
As part of this work, the children developed their understanding of key vocabulary for example, tectonic - which comes from the Greek work 'rekonon', meaning 'to build'.

The children used maps to identify tectonic plate locations and explored where they cross continents. The children used our new online text books, Curriculum Visions to support their understanding.

The children also discussed and explained the difference between continents and tectonic plates and how they know this as part of a 'thinking hard task'.

Our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed using the knowledge notes provided, to develop what they know and remember. They were able to explain how they used these to build on prior knowledge and revisit learning throughout the unit.

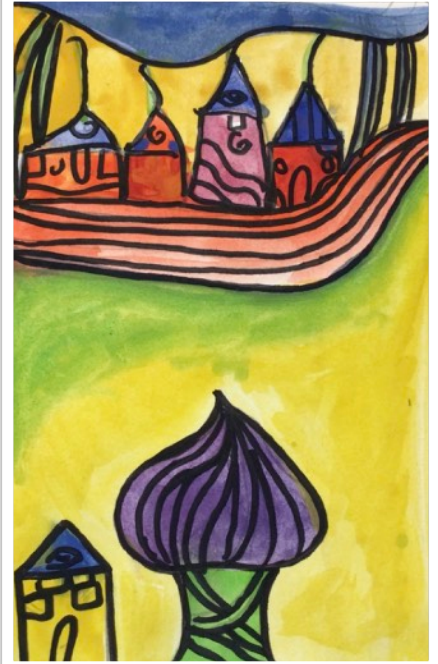
Good work Year 6.



Studying Chroma with Austrian Artist and Architect Hundertwasser - Year 5

Our Year 5 pupils have been studying the strength of colour (Chroma) used by the Austrian artist and architect, Hundertwasser in his abstract landscapes.

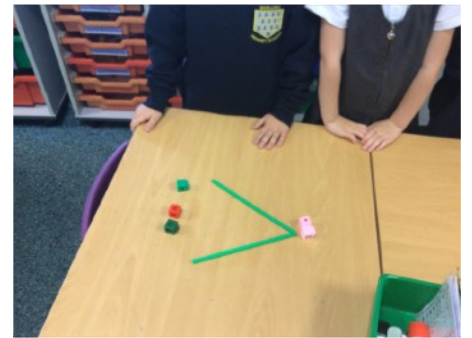
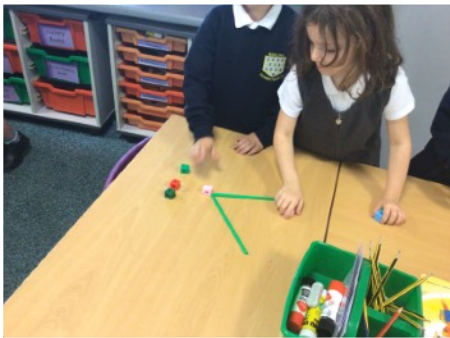
The children used a viewfinder to enlarge part of his painting and experimented with watercolours, to replicate his technique and style.



Comparative language in Mathematics - Year 1

Its been a busy month in Year 1 this September. The children have been developing their understanding of the mathematical symbols for: greater than $>$, less than $<$ and equal to $=$.

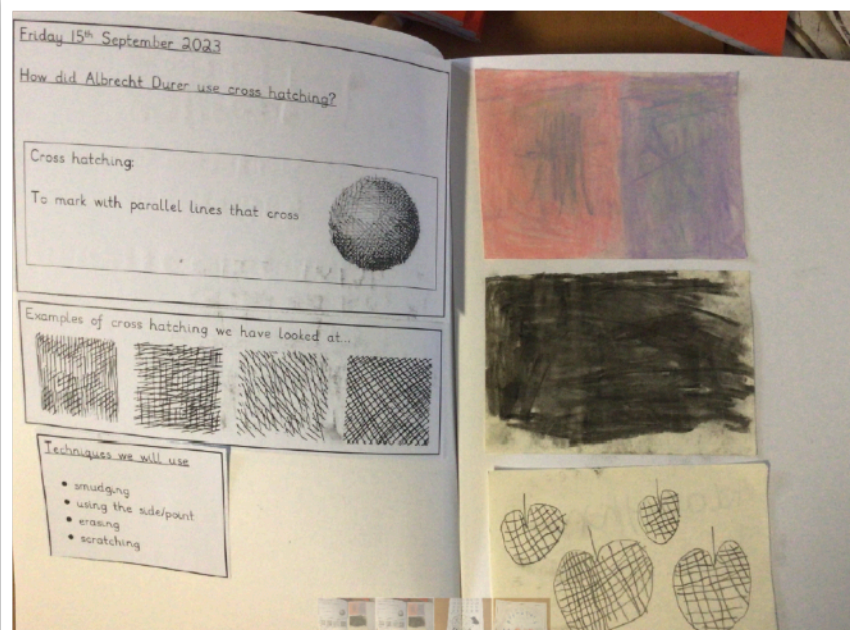
The children use manipulative to explore and demonstrate their understanding with some fantastic explanations.



Art and Design - Year 1

Year 1 have been developing their sketching skills in Art and Design.

The children explored the use of crosshatching, scratching and smudging with oil pastels, pencil and graphite.



Nursery - We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

It has been an exciting start to our Nursery class this year. The children have been exploring Michael Rosen's book, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt."

Using this as a starting point for developing their communication and language skills, the children created their own bear caves in our outdoor learning environment.



Scale and proportion in Art and Design - Year 6

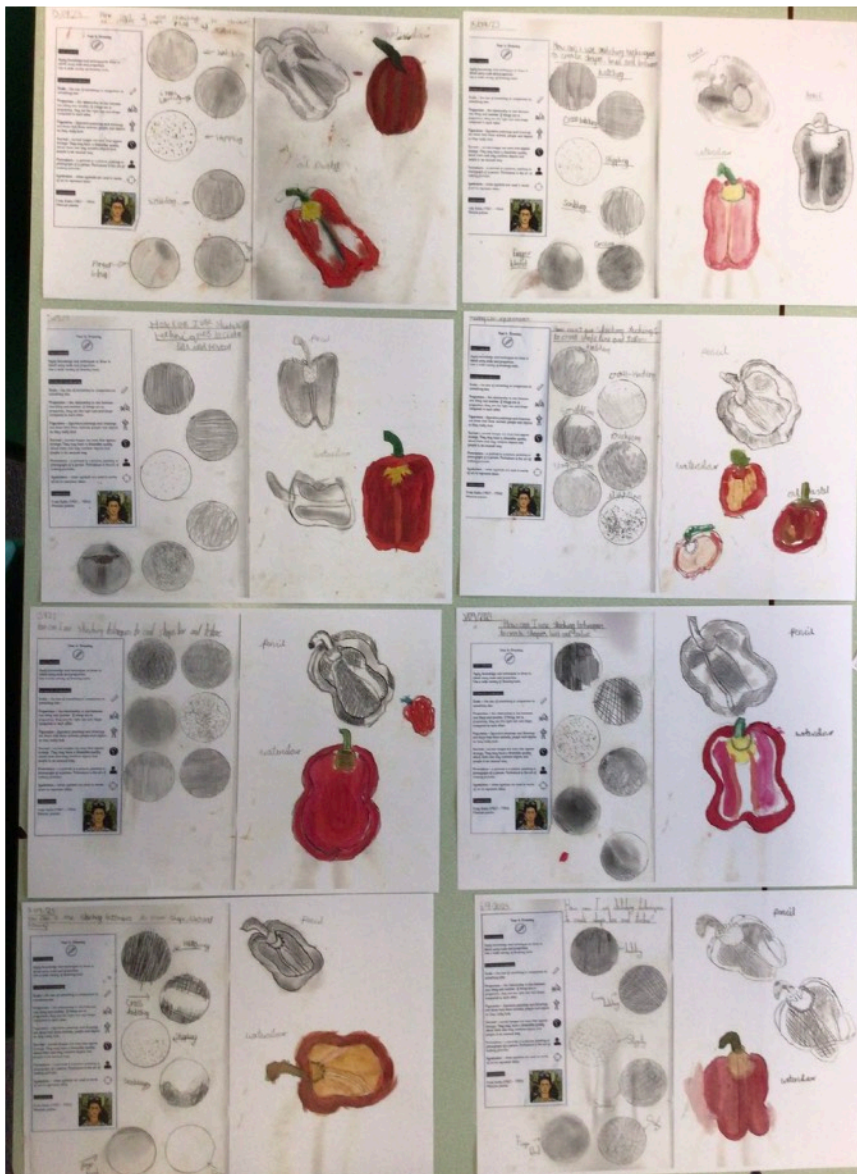
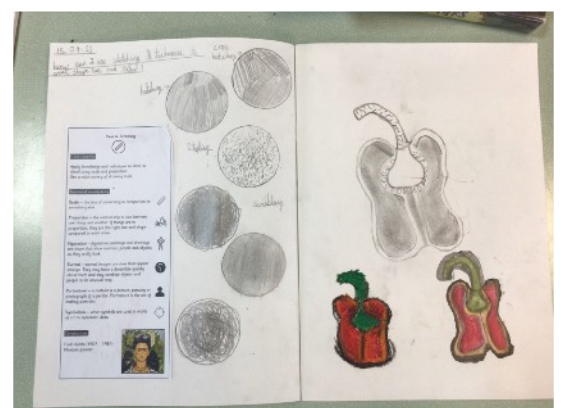
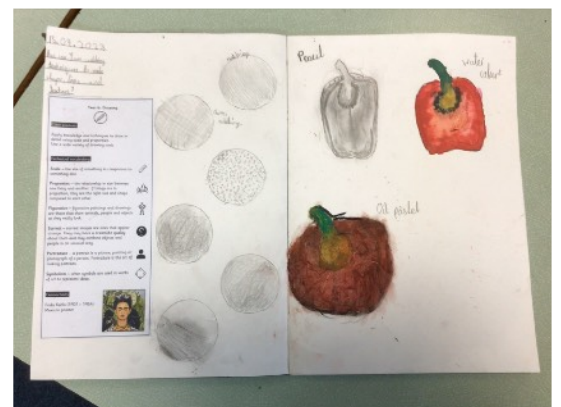
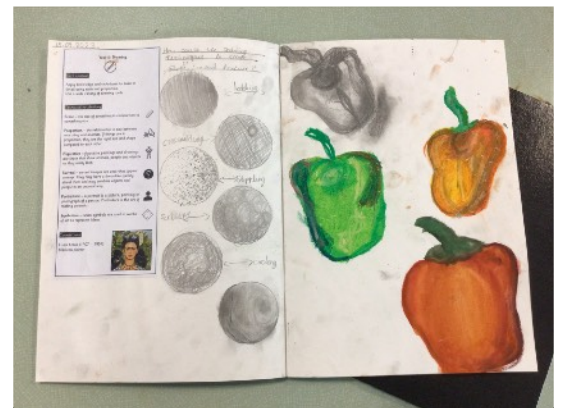
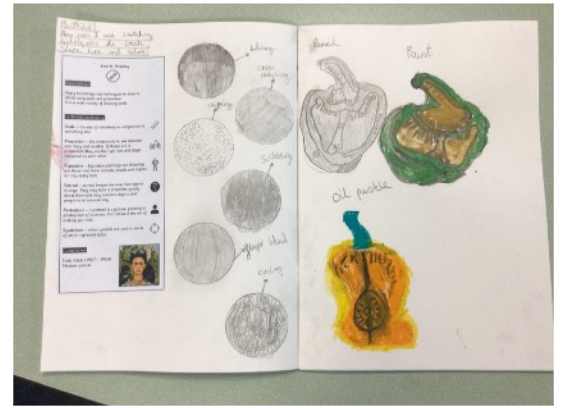
Year 6 have been working hard with their drawing skills in Art and Design.

The children applied different drawing techniques to give a sense of scale and proportion when drawing still life.

Their work was inspired by the artist, Frida Kahlo, a Mexican painter known for her brightly coloured self portraits.

The children were able to explain the techniques they had selected and how their work had been influenced by the artist.

Well done Year 6!

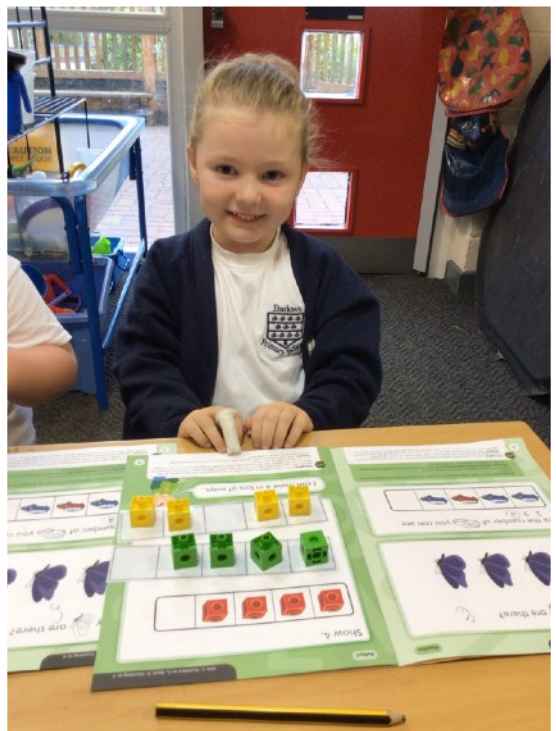


Working hard during Maths and Reading in Reception!

This week, during their maths sessions, our lovely Reception children have been busy exploring the number 4. The children have focused on the cardinality of 4 and practised the skill of one-to-one correspondence to find out how many are in a set. The children examined different representations of 4, knowing that the blocks could be placed in any order on a five frame, yet it still represented 4.

The children worked really well explaining their work and using a range of manipulative to demonstrate their learning. Well done Reception!

During their daily Phonics sessions, the children have been continuing to learn a new phoneme each day, followed by a recap session each Friday. They have worked hard to develop their knowledge and recall at the end of the week!



Shackleton's Journey in Reading - Year 5

Our Year 5 pupils have been reading Shackleton's Journey as part of our new ambitious Reading curriculum. Shackleton's Journey is the story of Ernest Shackleton's landmark expedition crossing Antarctica from one pole to the other. The text uses the use of exploded diagrams and fine details to help the reader envisage themselves on the journey with Shackleton.

Year 5 have been developing their inference skills to extend their understanding of the text. With a strong focus on vocabulary development as part of our new CUSP Reading Curriculum approach, the children have enjoyed exploring vocabulary that has included:

endurance, peril, arduous, testament, temperament, corrosive, hostile, primitive and more.

The children have enjoyed understanding the etymology of morphology of vocabulary for example:

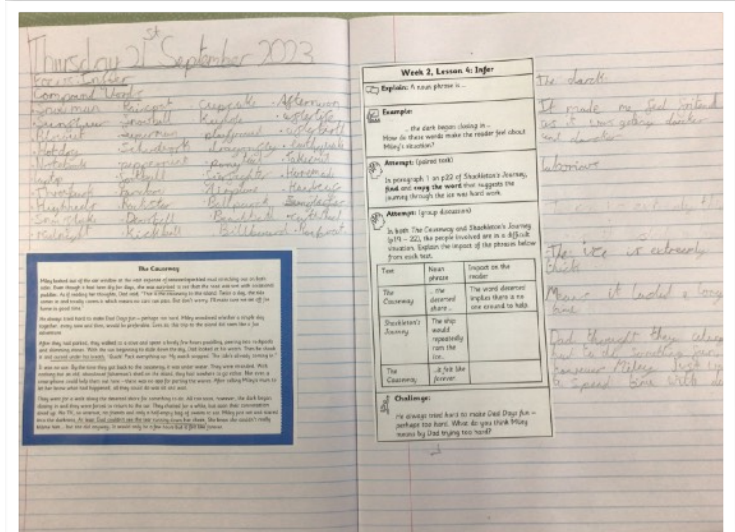
Perilous - from the latin 'periculum' meaning danger.

Good job Year 5!

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Good job Year 5!



Dodgeball - Year 6

Some of our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a taste of 'Dodgeball' at a recent LSSP competition. These competitive sports opportunities are part of our Sport Premium Plan to engage pupils in competitive and developmental sports. The children represented the school very well demonstrating resilience, determination and an eagerness to learn and perfect their game. Well done Year 6!



Music - Year 1

Our Year 1 pupils have been identifying the structures and features of different nursery rhymes, discussing how they are similar and different.

The children also enjoyed incorporating actions to help learn and recall lyrics during their music lessons.

Online Safety - Self Image and Identity - Year 2

Our Year 2 pupils have been learning about self image and identity as part of their online safety lessons within Project Evolve.

The children learnt about the use of avatars and discussed how to keep their personal information safe.

The children drew their own avatar and discussed how sometimes people use avatars rather than photographs or real life images.

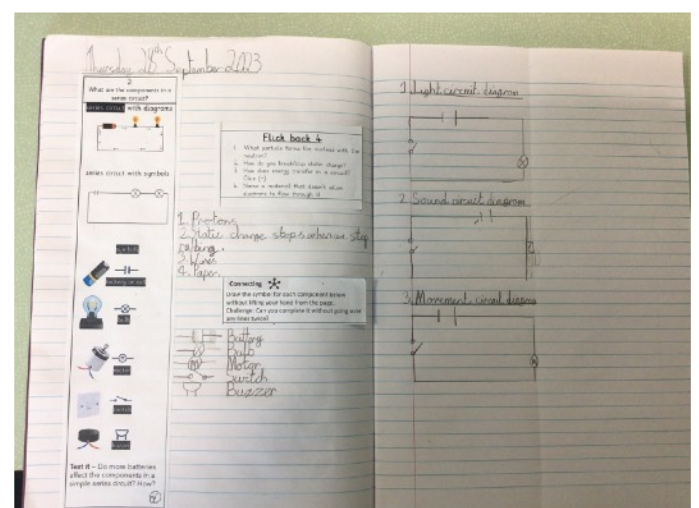
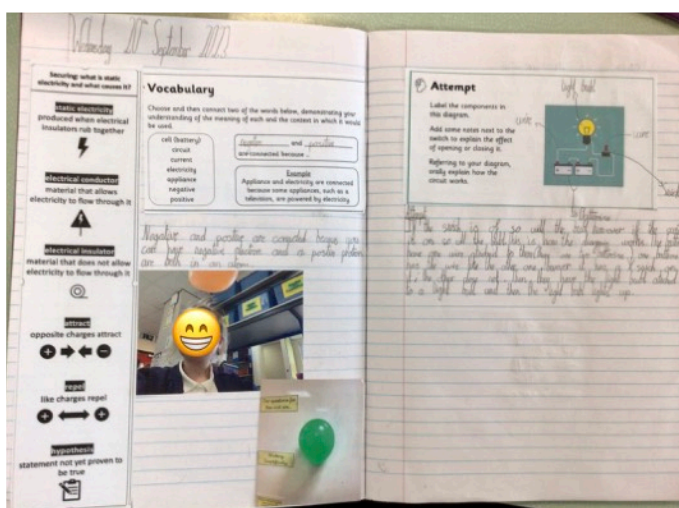
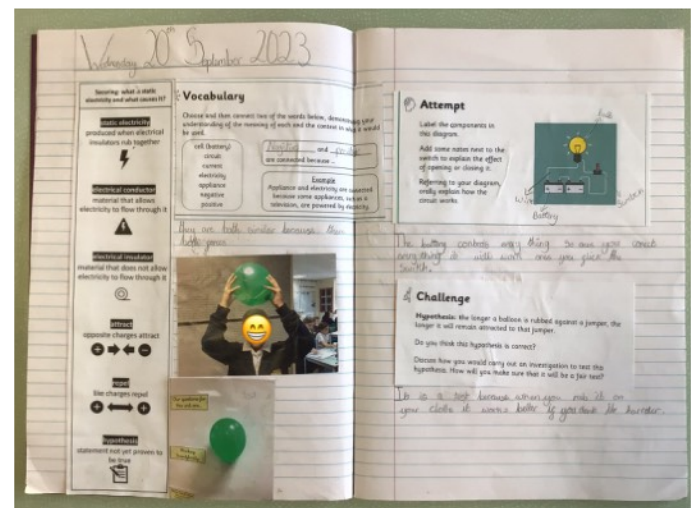
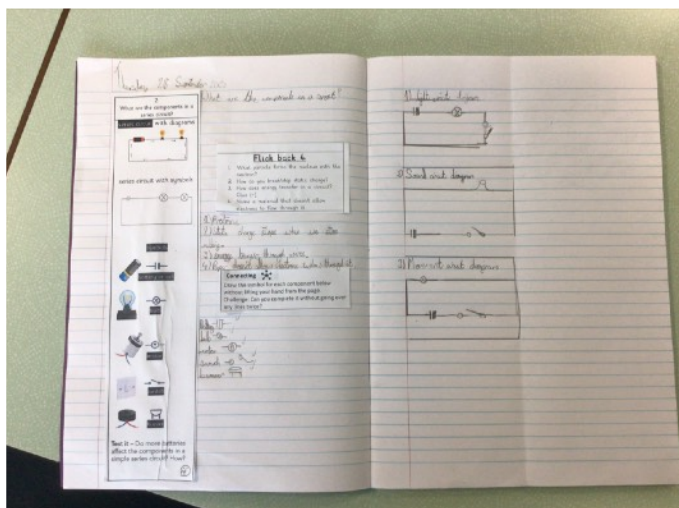
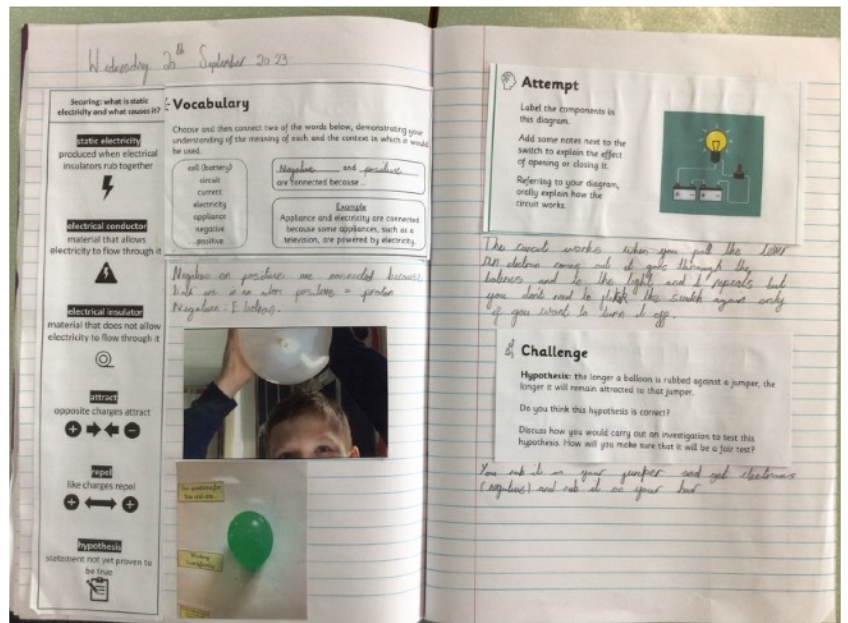


Investigating Circuits in Science - Year 6

This month, our Year 6 pupils have been using their Science knowledge notes to help develop their knowledge and practical work in Science.

The children used practical equipment to test out their predictions for different circuit diagrams using bulbs, motors and buzzers.

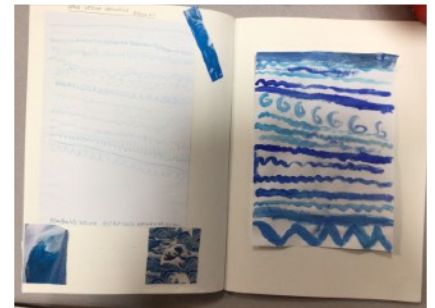
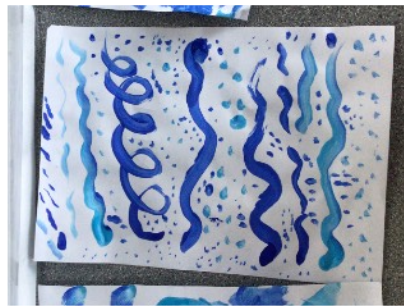
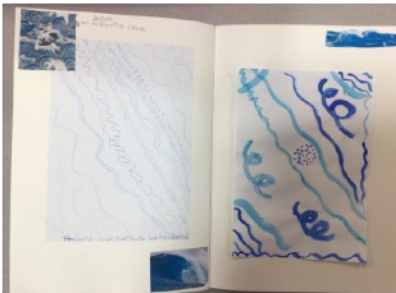
They used 'flick back' activities to revisit prior knowledge before moving forward with their new learning.



Art and Design - Year 2

Our Year 2 pupils have been developing their understanding and representation in art.

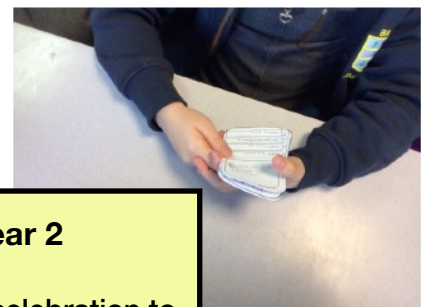
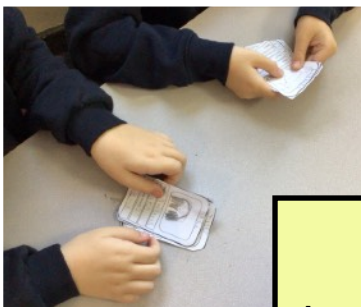
The children listened to the piece of music, 'Fingal's Cave Overture' by Mendelssohn and used this to inspire their painting brushstrokes and reflections in discussion.



Understanding the feeling of being proud in PSHE - Year 1

As part of our Jigsaw PSHE curriculum, Year 1 pupils have been understanding what it means to be proud of themselves and others.

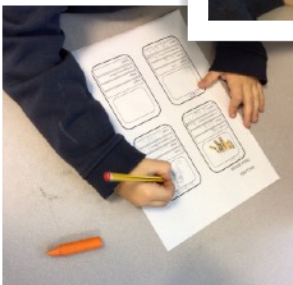
The children received tickets that told them how we at Barlows are proud of them and discussed the types of things that make people feel proud.



Liverpool Maths Party - Year 2

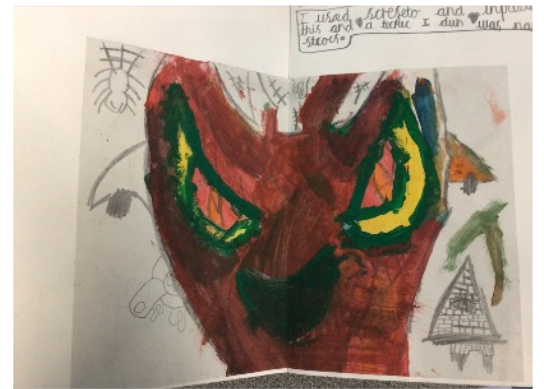
As part of our Liverpool Maths Party celebration to promote a love of maths, our pupils enjoyed creating their own games of number based 'Top trump cards' linked to animals.

Pupils had to research their numerical facts in order to create their cards before enjoying playing using the cards in a competitive game!



Year 3- Art and Design

Our Year 3 pupils have enjoyed exploring different drawing and painting techniques this month. This has included: impasto, scrafitto and tonking. Taking inspiration from the Quangle Wangles Hat, the children used their imagination to create their own Quangle Wangle's focussing on one specific facial feature.



Reminders

Autumn Term Dates

The Autumn Term dates are as follows:

Autumn 1 Term:
05/09/23 - 27/10/23

Autumn 2 Term:
06/11/23 - 21/12/23

Pupils will be welcomed back to school after the Christmas break on 08/01/24.

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Year 6

Liverpool Secondary School Application Deadline

A reminder that the Year 6 to Year 7 admissions transfer application window is open. The window will close at 11:59pm on 31/10/23.

Please ensure you have applied for your child's secondary school place (current Year 6 pupils only) by 11:59pm on 31/10/23.

Applications are to be made using the link below:
www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions



Children's University

Children's University Clubs

Children's University Clubs began the week commencing 25/09/23 and will run until the end of this half term (Friday 27/10/23).



As part of our Children's University, we are offering a range of extra-curricular school activities. These are delivered by our School staff, who kindly give up their time to provide extra opportunities for the pupils to extend their knowledge and experiences.

Places for each activity are limited and therefore it is important that you inform us if your child no longer wishes to access the place they have been offered. This is to ensure it can be offered to another pupil on the waiting list.

Please be aware that when children put themselves forward for an after school activity, they will not be guaranteed a place unless they receive a letter. We do monitor the club places to ensure we offer places as fairly as possible for all pupils throughout the year.

A copy of this half term's clubs has been included below for your information, individual letters will follow this week.

Barlows Primary School Children's University Clubs - Autumn 1 2023



	MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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YEAR 1	Children's University Clubs for Year 1 begin in the Spring Term				
YEAR 2	3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y2 Board Game Making Club Mrs Mwasile 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y2 & Y3 Sewing Club Miss Evans 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y2 & Y3 Book Club Mrs Berry			3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y2 & Y3 Multisports Club Miss Bakstad	
YEAR 3	3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y2 & Y3 Book Club Mrs Berry 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y2 & 3 Sewing Club Miss Evans			3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3,4,5,6 Choir Club Miss Murphy 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3 & 4 Sphero Coding Club Mr Lauder	Lunchtime Club Y3 & Y4 Boys' Football Mr Mattocks Kit needed: Football Boots, Shin Pads, Jogging Bottoms in a small bag
YEAR 4	Lunchtime Club Y4, 5 & 6 Girls' Football Mr Mattocks & Miss Feenan Kit needed: Football Boots, Shin Pads, Jogging Bottoms in a small bag		3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y4,5,6 Performing Arts Club Mrs Lawrence, Miss Kelly & Mrs Fox	3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3,4,5,6 Choir Club Miss Murphy 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3 & 4 Sphero Coding Club Mr Lauder	Lunchtime Club Y3 & Y4 Boys' Football Mr Mattocks Kit needed: Football Boots, Shin Pads, Jogging Bottoms in a small bag
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Events for October - Reminder

Phonics Parent Workshops



Miss Evans, our Early Reading and Phonics Lead will be running parent workshops on Phonics.

The sessions will run in the school hall as follows:

Thursday 12/10/23 - Reception
Thursday 19/10/23 - Year 1 & Year 2

The sessions offer parents and carers an opportunity to gain an understand of how Phonics and Early reading is taught at Barlows Primary School.

You will also learn more about how you can help your child at home, including how to access support materials.

Year 6 Residential to Robin Wood



Following parental consultation, our Year 6 residential will take place between 04/10/23 - 16/10/23 this year at Robin Wood Activity Centre in Wrexham.

The trip is being organised by Mrs Taylor, who will be happy to answer any queries you may have. Ms Collette Moon, our Admin Assistant will be happy to assist with any payment queries.

Children's University Assembly Monday 2nd October 2023



Children will welcome colleagues from Children's University in to school to relaunch the initiative for this academic year in a special assembly.

During the assembly, pupils will learn about the exciting opportunities available to them for learning outside of the classroom in our local area and within the wider city.

Children's University Parent Session Monday 2nd October 2023



Parents and carers are invited to join us in an after school meeting, with representatives from Children's University, to find out more about the initiative.

Parents will find out how their child can gain credits in their 'Passport to Learning' and how to access information on extra-curricular activities across Liverpool and further afield.

Scholastic Book Fair



The scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Barlows on week commencing 10/10/23. This is being led by our English Lead, Mrs Taylor

There will be over 200 books at the book fair for all reading levels and interests. Payment will be accessible at the book fair using an online payment link.

We hope you can join us at one of the following sessions

Our English Lead, Mrs Taylor, and Early Reading & Phonics Lead, Miss Evans, have booked

Tuesday 10/10/23 Nursery & Reception
Wednesday 11/10/23 Year 1 & Year 2
Thursday 12/10/23 Year 3 & Year 4
Friday 13/10/32 Year 5 & Year 6

Early Years Stay and Play

Our Reception and Nursery teams look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our October Stay and Play sessions:

Reception:
Thursday 19th October 2023 9am-10am

Nursery:
Thursday 19th October 2023 9am-10am
Thursday 19th October 2023 2:30pm-3:30pm

We kindly ask that only adults attend these sessions as we are unable to accommodate for children who are not pupils of the school.



Events for October - Reminder

SEND Parent / Carer Meetings with SENDCO - IEPs (Individual Education Plans) Week Commencing 02/10/23 & 09/10/23

As part of our developments in SEND, Miss Bakstad (SENDCO) will be offering each family with a pupil on the SEND register, an appointment to discuss their child's IEP (Individual Education Plan) which forms part of their SEND provision.

Appointments are available as follows:

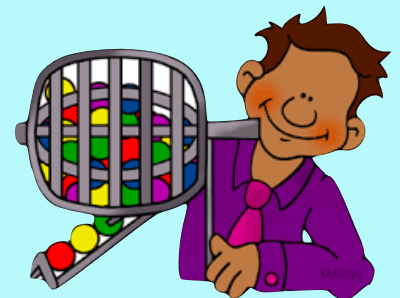
Monday 2nd October: 8:00am - 8:45am & 3:30pm - 7:15pm
Tuesday 3rd October: 8:00am - 8:45am
Wednesday 4th October: 8:00am - 8:45am & 3:30pm - 7:15pm
Thursday 5th October: 8:00am - 8:45am & 3:30pm - 7:15pm
Monday 9th October: 8:00am - 8:45am
Tuesday 10th October: 8:00am - 8:45am
Wednesday 11th October: 8:00am - 8:45am
Thursday 12th October: 8:00am - 8:45am

You will be sent a link through ParentMail to book your appointment in the coming days.

Times Tables Bingo! Monday 16th October 2023

Families with pupils in Year 2 to Year 6 are invited to join us for Times Tables Bingo! The event, led by our new Maths lead (Miss Davis), will be held in the school hall from 3:45pm-4:15pm on Monday 16/10/23.

There will be lots of opportunities for stickers and small prizes as we develop our knowledge of the multiplication tables together!



Flu Vaccinations Monday 9th October 2023

The Merseyside NHS Vaccination and Immunisation team will join us in school on Monday the 9th October. This is the first year that Nursery pupils are also included in the initiative, so the offer is available to all of our pupils.

Further information around this will be sent out in the coming days via ParentMail.

Please complete the form on the following link, even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine:
<https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/>

Events for October - Halloween

Pumpkin Carving Competition Thursday 26th October 2023

Are you an expert at pumpkin carving or are keen to have a go? Get involved in our Pumpkin carving competition!

How to enter

To get involved and enter the competition, send your carved pumpkin in to school **on Thursday 26th October 2023** with your **£1 entry fee**. As part of your £1 entry fee, we will provide you with a battery operated tea light to go inside your pumpkin.

Please remember to include your child's name and class with their pumpkin.



Come and see the entries

The pumpkins will be put on display in the school hall, ready for you to view from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. (Pumpkins can then be taken home on the Friday).

Certificates

Certificates will be awarded for each entry so remember to include your name or family name if it is a group effort!

Voting

At the viewing (Thursday 26/10/23 3:30pm-5:30pm) you will be given a slip of paper to vote for your favourite designs. The winner will be revealed in assembly on Friday 27/10/23.

All entries will be entered into a prize draw that will be drawn with the children on Friday 27/10/23.

Halloween Disco - Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Friday 27/10/23

As part of our fundraising activities we will be holding a halloween disco for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 on Friday 27/10/23, 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Entry is £1 per pupil - Fancy dress is welcome but not essential.

A tuck shop will be available - maximum spend £1



Halloween Disco - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Friday 27/10/23

As part of our fundraising activities we will be holding a halloween disco for Y3,4,5 & 6 on Friday 27/10/23, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Entry is £1 per pupil - Fancy dress is welcome but not essential.

A tuck shop will be available - maximum spend £2



October Competitions Reminder

Design a Christmas Card for Metro Mayor of Liverpool City Region, Steve Rotheram Submit to school by 9am on 06/10/23

We are delighted to have been invited to take part in the Metro Mayor of Liverpool's 'Design a Christmas Card Competition.

Children are invited to create their design for the Christmas Card. Children may wish to consider how to capture

"all six of the Liverpool City Region's boroughs, its culture, its stunning assets and the mood of the season" in their design

Designs should be A4 and cannot contain elements such as tinsel, real baubles etc as they will need to be scanned.

Designs must contain the following information on the reverse of the design:

Child's Name:

Child's Class:

School: Barlows Primary School

All designs should be submitted to school no later than 9am on Friday 06/10/23.



Design a Christmas Card for MP, Dan Carden Submit to school by 9am on 20/10/23

We are delighted to have been invited to take part in Dan Carden MP's 'design a Christmas Card Competition.

Children are invited to create their design, which if selected, will become MP Dan Carden's Christmas Card for 2023.

Designs can be in the format of a drawing, painting, collage, or something else!

Designs must contain the following information on the reverse of the design:

Child's Name:

Child's Class:

School: Barlows Primary School

All designs should be submitted to school no later than 9am on Friday 20/10/23.



Term Dates



Term Dates 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Friday 1 st September 2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 4 th September 2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 5th September 2023	All pupils in Years 1-6 Return to School
Monday 30 th October – Friday 3 rd November 2023	Half-Term
Monday 6 th November 2023	All Pupils Return to School
Thursday 21st December 2023	Last Day in School
Friday 22 nd December 2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 25 th December 2023 – Monday 8 th January 2024	Christmas Holiday
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 73 Total number of staff days = 76	

SPRING TERM 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 8th January 2024	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February 2024	Half-Term
Monday 19th February 2024	All Pupils Return to School
Friday 29th March 2024	Bank Holiday
Monday 1 st April – Friday 12 th April 2024	Easter Holiday
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 54 Total number of staff days = 54	

SUMMER TERM 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 15 th April 2024	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 6 th May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024	Half-Term
Monday 3 rd June 2024	All Pupils Return to School
Thursday 18 th July 2024	Final Day of the School Year for Pupils
Friday 19th July 2024	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 22nd July 2024	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 63 Total number of staff days = 65	

Total number of pupil days for the academic year = 190
Total number of staff days for the academic year = 195