



# Newsletter

February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This half term has been filled with exciting learning opportunities, with a special focus on empowering our children to stay safe in different ways. We were pleased to invite several representatives from the emergency services recently to visit our EYFS classes to talk about “People Who Help Us” and Year 6 had a week of “Bikeability” training to learn how to cycle safely on our local roads.

Our KS2 science workshops sparked curiosity and creativity, with pupils exploring what it means to be a superhero—from discovering real-life scientific heroes to understanding their own strengths.

Daffodil Class also held their very own Superhero Day!

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Open Door Afternoon, sharing in the children’s achievements.

Well done to all our learners for their enthusiasm and hard work.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term.

Kind regards

Mrs Shenston



We marked Valentine’s Day with a Wear What You Love Day raising funds for the PTA!

## Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Mr and Mrs Harris, who are now the very proud parents of a beautiful baby girl!



## Daffodil Class Super Heroes



Inspired by the books about Supertato, Daffodil Class spent a day at the Super Hero Academy and made smoothies from lots of different fruits as they tasted super foods for Super Heroes.





### Young Voices 2025



It was a night to remember for Bluebell Class as they joined other schools from around the country for a mass choir concert at the O2 Arena in London.



### Year 6 Bikeability



Bluebell Class braved all weathers to get out on their bikes for a week of cycle proficiency training.

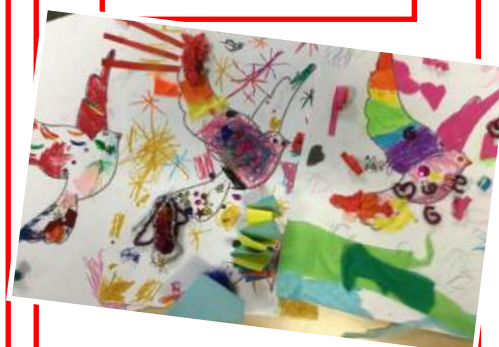
The week was designed to teach them to cycle safely on our local roads and give them confidence to do this in preparation for secondary school next year.

## Year 1 Science



Snowdrop Class have been exploring Everyday Materials in science and took part in a number of experiments to test the absorbency of various materials such as aluminium foil, hessian, plastic bags and cotton fabric.

## Year 2 PHSE



Sunflower Class have been practising their team work in PSHE. They had to work together in groups to create a dream bird for their garden, deciding as a team who would design the different parts of the body.



## Year 4 English



Daisy Class are currently studying *The Crown* by Emily Kapff as their English text.

In the story a girl wears a crown made from rubbish passed down to her by previous generations.

The children were inspired to make their own crowns from materials they could find in school and around the school grounds.

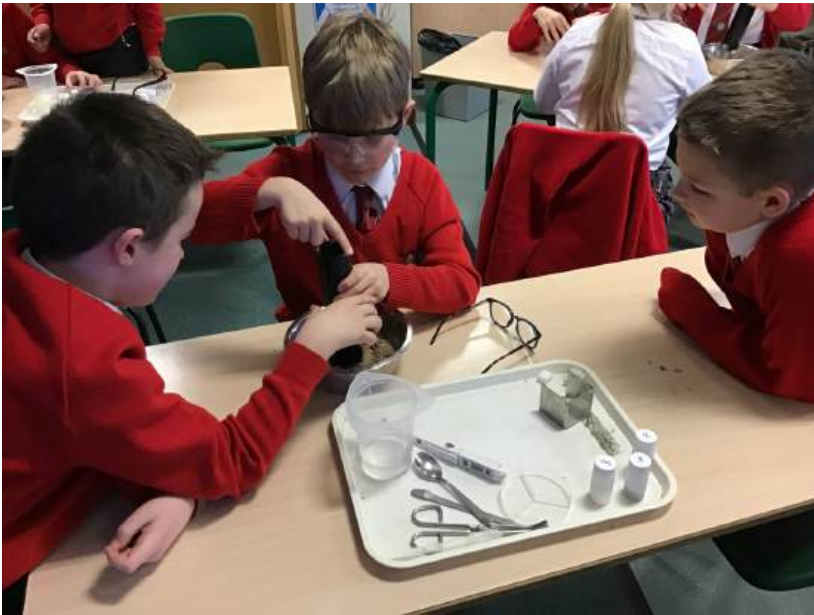




Daffodil and Clover Classes have welcomed some very important visitors recently as they learn about the People Who Help Us. We've been very lucky to have visits from representatives of the Police, Ambulance and Fire Services—all bringing interesting equipment to explore and try on!

**EYFS VIP visitors**





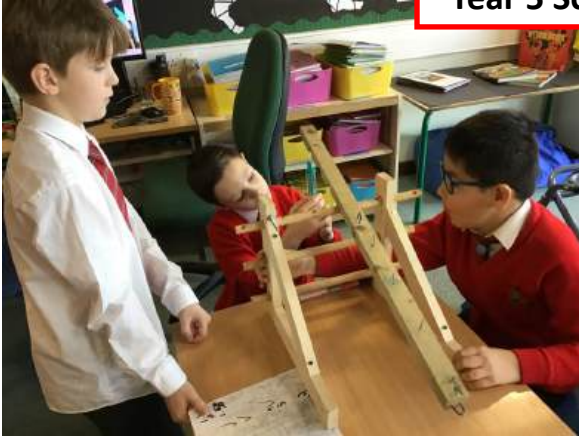
## Year 4 Science Workshop



Year 4's science workshop "Escape from the Science Laboratory (States of Matter)" was run like an escape room challenge. Armed only with their science equipment Daisy Class had to apply their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to investigate and solve puzzles to discover the codes to unlock boxes and retrieve the "deadly poison" and escape the science laboratories.



## Year 5 Science Workshop

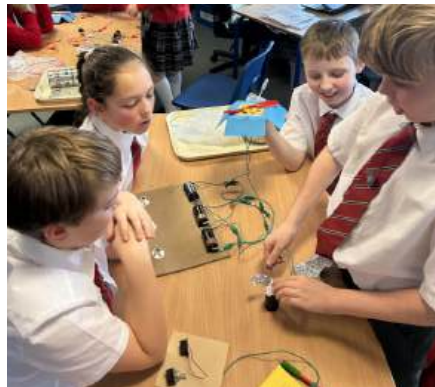
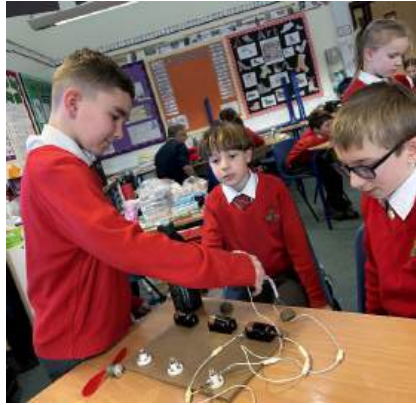


In Year 5's science workshop, Buttercup Class spent the whole day hunting down a villainous Lego thief, Fred "the force" Newton, using their knowledge of forces.

The children tracked down the plastic criminal using their knowledge of air resistance, water resistance, levers, pulleys, gears, as well as an investigation into the varying effects of friction.



## Year 6 Science Workshop



Set around the theme of saving planet Earth, Bluebell Class took part in an Electricity workshop, investigating circuits, switches, resistance and solar power as well as exploring how energy is made by burning, investigating conductors and insulators, replicating a voltaic pile - the first chemical battery invented by Alessandro Volta and finding out the four different types of energy you can make using a balloon!





**Year 3  
Science  
Workshop**



The science workshop for Tulip Class focussed on Rocks, Soils and Fossils. The children used microscopes to examine real fossils and then made models of them. They explored the properties of a variety of rocks and modelled the processes that create sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks. They also had fun making exploding volcanoes!



## Author visit



We were delighted to welcome Robyn Wilson-Owen for an assembly with Years 1-4. Robyn is a published artist, illustrator and author and is currently Artist in Residence at Bishop's Stortford Library.

She introduced us to her newest book, *Hedge Lion*, about a lion who wants to hide from the world and a little girl who is determined to find his roar!

Whilst reading the story, Robyn encouraged the children to join in with sound effects and actions. The children were then all given paper and a pencil and Robyn explained how a book is made and they all copied Robyn as she showed them how to draw two of the characters from her book.

## Readers of



## the Week



## Sports News



### Gold Glory for Jacob!

Many congratulations to Jacob in Year 5 who recently travelled up to Sheffield with his Pro Karate Squad to compete in the EKF Kyu grade Children and Veterans Championship.

He was in a very difficult category competing with 27 other children from around the country, but he battled through five tough rounds to take the top spot and win his first competitive Gold medal. Well done Jacob!



Sunflower Class have been busy practising their gymnastics skills in PE with Mr Webb.



Teams from Year 6 and Year 4 recently took part in Sportshall Athletics competitions, with the children each taking on individual events to win points for the school.

### Sportshall Athletics

