



# ALL SAINTS CHURCH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025

### Message from Mrs Bowditch

Dear Parents and Carers,

Oh, how spirits are lifted when the sun shines! ☀️

Today has been a fantastic day, our children have been making the most of learning outside. Yesterday morning began with an inspiring assembly led by Gary Hunt and his assistant from Carymoor Recycling Centre. Gary passionately spoke to our children and staff about their 'Schools Against Waste' program, followed by engaging workshops with Class 2 and Class 3.

### A very busy week ahead!

#### **National Careers Week**

Starting Monday 3rd March 2025, we begin our National Careers Week activities! This is a wonderful opportunity to broaden our pupils' horizons, inspire aspirations, and help them understand the diverse career paths they can pursue. A big thank you to Mr. Wood for organising this event.

#### **Cake Bake for Playground Art Equipment**

On Monday, 3rd March, it's Class 5's turn to donate cakes to raise funds for playground art equipment for the entire school. Our Art Lead, Mrs. O'Donnell, is thrilled with the progress so far, with a total of £330 raised! Cakes will be sold for 50p each. Let's keep the momentum going and make this fundraiser a huge success!

Art Competition

We are absolutely delighted with the entries for the art competition and can't wait to share them with you! Join us on Wednesday, 5th March at 3:15 PM for an art exhibition in our school library, showcasing all the entries. Please enter through the main entrance. Winners will be announced after the event. A big thank you to Mrs. O'Donnell and her team of art ambassadors for organizing this event.

### **World Book Day**

Class 6 librarians are excited to invite all children and staff to dress up for All Saints World Book Day on Thursday, 6th March. You can come as your favourite book character or simply wear your coziest pyjamas and bring your favourite book. No need to buy or make elaborate costumes—World Book Day is all about celebrating our **love of books together.**



**A massive thank you to Mrs. Westcott for her incredible work in creating wonderful Roald Dahl characters!** These delightful creations are now proudly on display in our school reception area. Be sure to check them out and enjoy the magic of Roald Dahl's world brought to life!

Best wishes,  
Mrs Bowditch



# Choir Perform at Wells Cathedral!

**Our All Saints Choir  
had the incredible opportunity to perform with  
Armonico Consort's latest concert  
'Supersize Polyphony 2' at Wells Cathedral.**

The music was technical and Christopher from Armonico described it to the children as being 'incredibly tough but great fun to learn'. The children rose to the challenge and did a fantastic job of performing in the concert.



# Acorns Class

**Acorns have had a very busy month** looking at people who help us. We have had some amazing visitors. The children loved meeting the calves and getting to climb up into a tractor. We then had a police visit. Thank you so much to all our visitors, it really does help to bring our learning to life and make it memorable.



**We looked at Chinese culture and the New Year.** Mrs Game showed us how to create Chinese numbers and we tried some rice crackers and noodles. The best part was sharing our Chinese dragon at our Praise and Share Assembly.

**In RE we have learnt about God and the story of creation.** This half term we will be starting to look at Easter and why it is important to Christians.

**In Maths we have been looking at length and weight.** The children have been measuring items using bricks as well as comparing the size of items.

**In Literacy we have been enjoying Wacky Races!** We designed our own wacky racers and clever inventions to win the race. We also explored 'Speak up,' a book that looks at how we can help ourselves and others by speaking up and finding our voice.

**Thank you for all the reading you have been doing over the half term with the children.**

**Best wishes,  
Mrs Sullivan and the Acorns Team.**



## Class 1

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Again for February's news please use your Login to j2e

# Class 2

**Class 2 have been very busy with Art during February.** Our unit of work has been called “Be An Architect.”

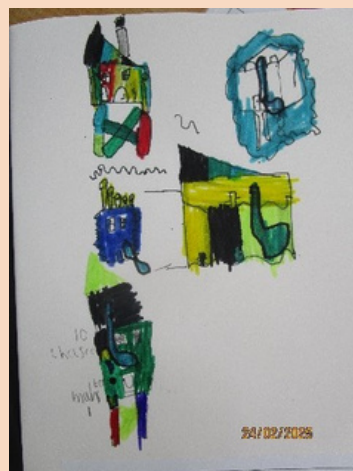
We have learnt what Architects do, how they use their creativity to design buildings for a purpose. We then used the skills we had learnt last term to draw simple line drawing of different pieces of architecture.

**We looked at an Austrian artist Friedrich Stowasser,** better known by his pseudonym Friedensreich Regentag Dunkelbunt Hundertwasser (1928 – 2000). We looked carefully at the range of buildings he had designed and what made them similar and different to buildings we had seen.

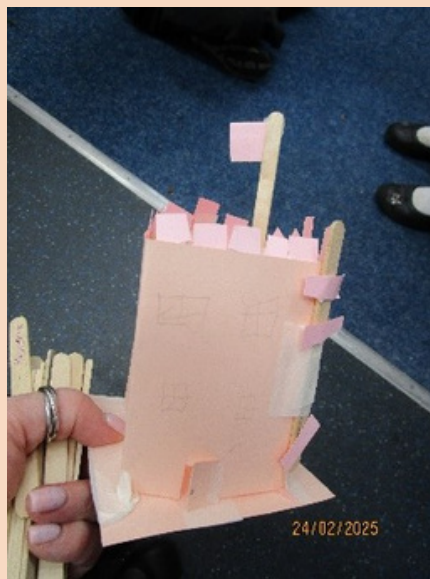
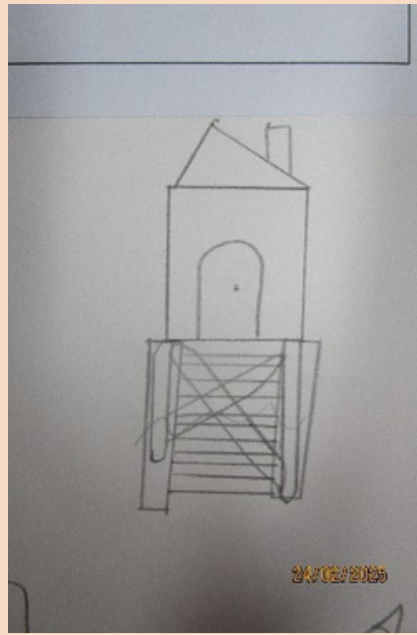


**We then designed and created our own architectural inventions.**

We had to design and build a freestanding building using only card and masking tape. Before we started making, we spent time to begin to understand what different materials can do and how they can manipulate materials and fasten them together.



We learnt how to create towers, firm structures, clean edges and corners.



**Best wishes,  
Mrs Smith, Miss Daniel & the Class 2 Team.**

# Class 3

Class 3 have been very busy!

In Art the children finished the unit 'Telling Stories through Drawing and Making' by making birds using clay, wire, collage and feathers. All the finished birds are on display in the library, but here are some examples for you to see!



In DT we have been designing **cushions**. Last week we learnt all about embellishments and how we can attach them to material.

Most of us used fabric glue, but some children chose to sew on their embellishments. It was really fiddly and we were very impressed with the results. Our next job is to pin the material together and sew them up!

In English the children have been learning how to persuade. They were remarkably good at it! Their final written task was to think of an object they could persuade someone to buy. Here is Afia's

The Magic coat  
Are you a child interested in new clothes?  
Do you want to be happy at school?  
If so, you need the Magic coat!  
Don't be cold at lunchtimes. (It really helps)

The Magic coat is the ideal gadget because it changes colour.

Firstly, it has a body warmer.  
Additionally, it has a fluffy hood.  
This amazing gadget has the added benefit of making you invisible!

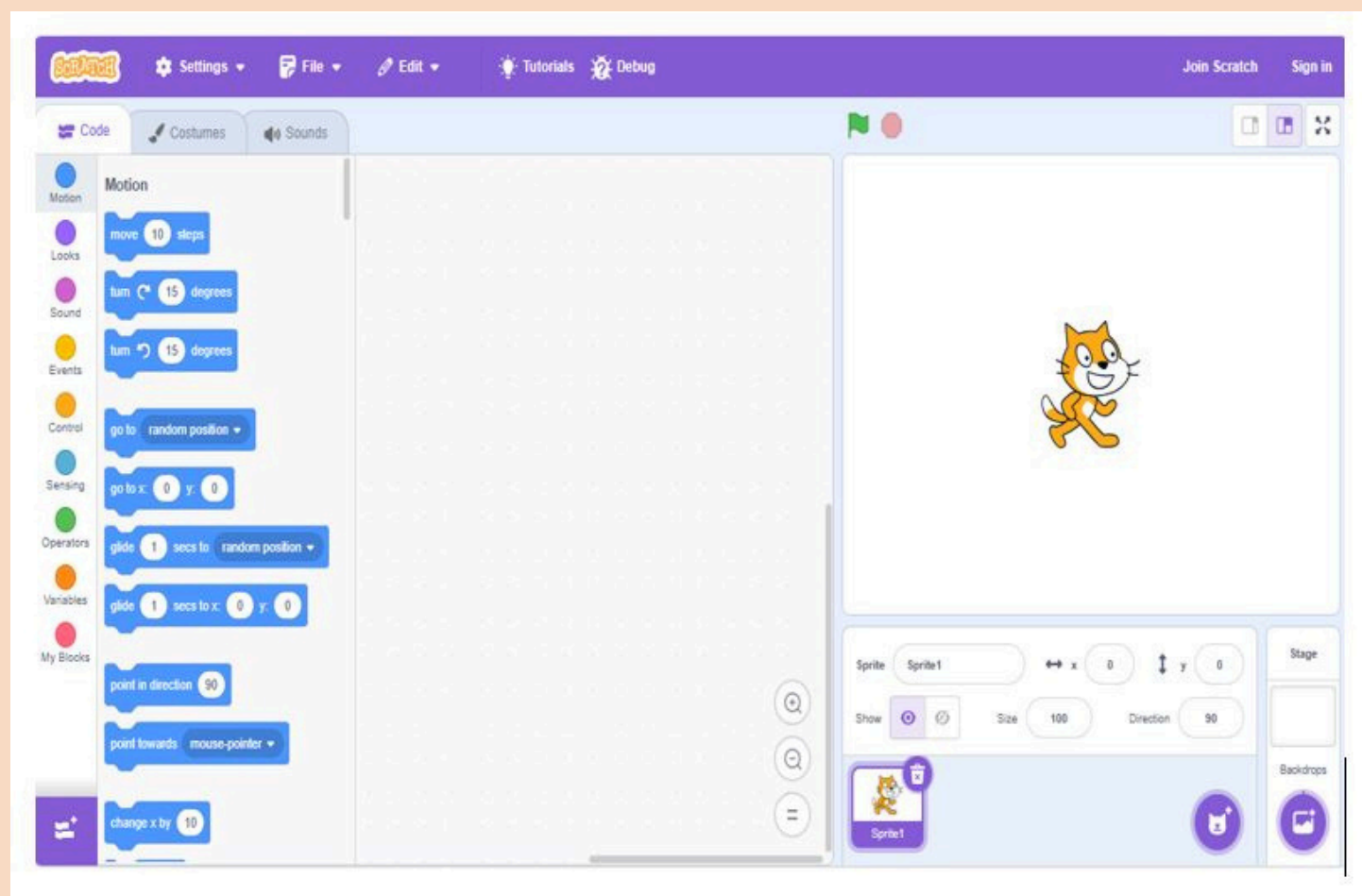
It is guaranteed to give you snacks.  
Perhaps, the most essential reason for purchasing this 'must have' device is that it keeps you warm!

Don't just take our word for it!  
Listen to what Ruby H. has to say about this must-have coat: "I thought I had every gadget I required until I got the Magic Coat. Now I wouldn't possibly manage without it!"

If that weren't enough, the Magic Coat comes with a speaker.

Make sure you don't miss out: buy it today!

**In computing we have been exploring Scratch** – a free coding programme which the children may like to further explore at home. So far we have learn to change the sprite and tinker with the forever loop. We have also used the ‘pen tool’ and made the sprite follow our cursor around the screen. If you’d like to have a tinker – try it out at home!

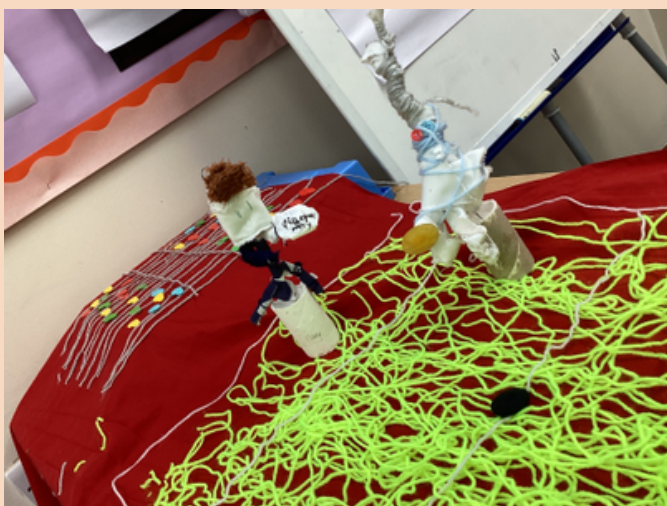


**Best wishes,  
Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Roberts & the Class 3 Team.**

# Class 4

Although it has felt dark and dismal for the last few weeks, the children in Year 4 have continued to work hard.

Our recent art topic 'The Art of Display' has focused on the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square. Using plaster of Paris to make their own plinths, the children created models of themselves using wire, material, beads, buttons and wool. In part of this topic, the children learnt about how art was displayed and the importance of the audience in art. Using this, they then created their own displays with their models and photographed them.



Our Science has focused on 'State of Matter' and the children have investigated how materials change state and what happens when we add heat energy.

They planned their own experiments to test how quickly water evaporates.

Using measuring cylinders and scales they were able to take accurate measurements, and they learnt how to use a thermometer to read temperature. The children have really questioned their scientific understanding asking questions such as 'what state are humans?' and 'can gases be cut?'



**In English, we've been looking at legends in particular Beowulf and George and the Dragon'.** To start with, we looked at how to write descriptive passages using ambitious vocabulary and figurative language. We then moved onto looking at how we can punctuate dialogue using a speech sandwich.

**Over the past few weeks,** the children have been learning how to play handball using the different throws that they learnt in netball in the Autumn term. It has been great to see how the children have developed their teamwork to show fairness, inclusivity and respectful sporting conduct along with their new handball skills.

**Best wishes, Mrs Holt**

# Class 5

Dear Class 5 Grown-ups,

**This part of the year is always my favourite;** the children are all beginning to accelerate in their learning and diving deep into their projects.

It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growth!



Thank you also to everyone who was able to attend our Praise and Share assembly. The children were over the moon to see so many of you there to showcase their learning.

**In English,** we have now taken a twisting turn into the realms of twisted fairy tales. The children are having fun reimagining classic stories with their own creative twists. Please don't miss their Mayan tales into their English books during parents' evening though!

**In Maths** we're now exploring fractions, understanding their relationships, and learning how to calculate with them. The children are becoming fraction experts, and it's fantastic to see their confidence grow.

**Our computing lessons** have kicked off with an exciting stop motion unit. The children have already created animations with over 100 frames! Their creativity and technical skills are truly impressive.

**In Science** we're continuing our hands-on exploration of the properties of materials, focusing on reversible and irreversible changes. The experiments have been a hit, and the children are learning so much through practical activities.

**Our PE sessions** have been a mix of outdoor netball and indoor gymnastics. We're working on team cohesion, awareness, and coordination, which are skills that will benefit the children in many areas of life.

**Outside of our regular lessons,** we've had Children's Mental Health Week, a road safety talk, and have started training to be playground leaders. These activities are helping the children develop important life skills and a sense of responsibility.

**As always, this is just a snapshot** of some of the exciting things we've been up to this month. Thank you for your continued support! I look forward to seeing you at parents' evening and hearing your thoughts on our projects.

**Best wishes, Cashmore & the Class 4 Team.**

# Class 6

**During February we have been working on exam technique and building towards the SATs in May.** The children are working extremely hard and have sharpened up their classroom routines and transitions between lessons to make the most of our learning time. We are incredibly proud of the work ethic in Class 6, they never cease to amaze us with their maturity and dedication.

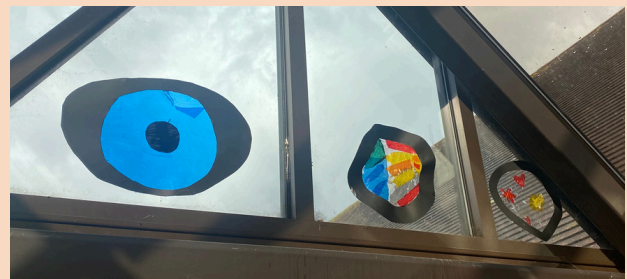
**Our ancient Egyptian topic continues,** aided by the first discovery of a tomb in more than 100 years! We have been learning about how discoveries in the tombs can develop our knowledge of the world as it was in ancient times and how people lived and interacted. We have looked at the embalming process the various stages Egyptians went through to reach the afterlife.

**Maths lessons have focused on measuring and solving problems involving angles,** as well as statistics and ratio and proportion. We are revising the many topics we have covered over Key Stage 2 and practice our basic skills daily with the Early Bird task.

**The homework books** are supporting the children with their learning very well and we go through the answers, providing detailed feedback on a Thursday. If children have any areas they are particularly struggling with, they can bring the books in before Thursday and we will support them.

**As a class we are improving our scores on SPaG.com.** Please ensure your children complete this before a Monday morning, wherever possible.

**Our art project this half term has been investigating bright colour. We found out about some artists who use bright colour and light in their art installations and have created our own, making use of the natural light in the intervention area.**



**The children continue to love their PE sessions on Tuesday and Friday afternoons and this half term we will be focusing on dodgeball and outdoor adventurous activities.**

**Reminder: Year 6 SATs and Okehampton information evening 24th March 6pm in the school hall.**

**Best wishes, Mr Wood, Mrs Walmsley & the Class 6 Team**