



St. Nicholas Church School

Friday 2nd May 2025



This week, we have continued to look at our value of creativity and we have looked at some of the particularly exciting and awe-inspiring sights that can be found around the universe. One of the things that we found to be most amazing was the how big everything was. We started looking at the planet Jupiter, which we discovered was large enough to fit the Earth into its red spot, and then saw that the sun was many times larger than that, and how many different suns were in the galaxy. Our final image was of hundreds of galaxies, some of which were nearly as old as the universe itself.

It has been wonderful this week to see examples of the children's creativity, whether in Art, writing, sports and all other areas of school life.

Ladybirds Art

This week, the Ladybird Class have worked collaboratively to create an enormous and very colourful mural of a lion. It is great to see such a brilliant example of creativity and team-work and we are looking forward to putting it up somewhere that the whole school can enjoy.



Butterfly plants

The children in Butterfly Class have been investigating plants. They have discussed what they think that plants need and then planted beans and then removed one of the things that plants might need to see how it affects the way that they grow.



Celebrations

	Dojo winners	Dojo runners up	Star worker	Role model
Hedgehogs	Amy and Jake	Scarlett R and Alfie	Grace M	Kieron
Ladybirds	Oscar T and Ana	Sebastian and Harriet	Addison and Ava	Archie and April
Butterflies	Olive	Jack	Marley	Fi
Dragonflies	Ada	Grace	Isabelle and Anaya	Freddie

Attendance award: Well done to Hedgehogs for the highest attendance this week with 95%.

It was also great to hear from Ronny about his achievements in swimming, and to see Olive's efforts in Art Club.

VE Day

Next Thursday, 8th May, marks the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day - the day that brought an end to nearly 6 years of fighting across Europe which cost the lives of millions and destroyed families, homes and cities. As a school, we shall be holding our own celebration to commemorate this significant historical event. We will be holding a special VE day street party lunch on our school playground. Children are invited to wear their own clothes in the colours, red, white and blue for the day.

Uniform Sale

We will be holding a uniform sale of nearly new school uniform on Tuesday 3rd June after school.

Office email

Please can all general enquiries, questions or notifications including absence reports be sent to enquiries@henstridgestnicholas.bwmat.org rather than to specific staff members, even if they work in the office. This inbox is monitored by all office staff. Messages sent here will be acted upon more quickly as they will not be missed due to non-working days or staff absence.

Mr Wilson

On the 3rd of May our wonderful caretaker Mr Wilson is doing a skydive to raise money for sports equipment in our school. Any donations towards this endeavour would be very gratefully received! His page can be found here: [Fundraiser by Joseph Wilson : Leap for the line - help our school's field](#)

Subject focus: Art

In Art, we explore a range of styles and disciplines in Art including drawing, painting, sculpture, printing, collage and clay, among others. We also look at a range of artists from different times, places and cultures as inspiration for our work, linking with topics in other subjects such as Geography and History. Children are encouraged to express themselves and their interests through their art, as well as taking part in exercises that will develop their knowledge and skills.



Art Skills: Children learn and develop skills in the range of artistic disciplines, including the fine motor skills required and the techniques for composing pieces of Art, including the planning and organizing of their work. These skills include perspective, scale, positioning and the use of different mediums and techniques within these, among others.

Understanding Art: Children explore the works of artists from a range of cultures and times and discuss how they created their works and the different ways in which they have communicated through their work. Children use these examples to inspire their own works, using techniques, colour composition and subjects that inspired examples from the past.

Diary Dates

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May- Year 6 SATs week

Monday 19th May- Thursday 22nd May- Year 6 residential

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May- Half Term

Monday 16th -Tuesday 17th June- Year 3 and 4 residential

Wednesday 18th June- INSET- school closed.

I hope that you have a good weekend

Mr Pavey