

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

Newsletter



Spring 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Spring newsletter! Thankfully, the mornings and evenings are getting lighter, and spring is in the air. Hopefully, the sun will continue to shine.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of four new members of staff: Abigail Ayres, Bridget Deamer, Georgina Tsikata and Lucy Wooding.

Additionally, we have welcomed a new pupil this term at St. Anthony's. They have settled in well and are already very much a part of the school community.

This term we have said goodbye to the following staff: Brittany French, Melissa Taylor, Charmion Smillie and Nicole Barrett, plus 'Bella' our school dog. Bella joined us in 2019 and has now decided to retire and take some well-earned

time for herself. Bella will be missed hugely by all at St Anthony's and Monty certainly has some big paws to fill !!

Our pupils have been actively involved in a variety of activities both in and out of school. They have represented us in numerous events, including visits that support our curriculum. A heartfelt thank you to all those pupils who have represented our school in the community so admirably this term.

I would also like to remind you that the Friends of St Anthony's (FOSTA) have a number of events organised over the summer term. Please keep an eye out in your emails for further information. I am sure they will be fantastic fundraisers, and it would be wonderful to see you there.

St. Anthony's continues to be a very successful and happy school. Our success is largely due to the unwavering support from our parents, carers, and friends of the school.

Please continue to support and work with us. Your support is greatly appreciated and valued by all the staff and governors.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and enjoy reading our newsletter.

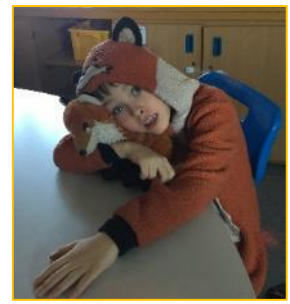
Warm regards

Helen Ball



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

6 MARCH 2025



Monty



It's been a busy term for Monty. He has settled well into his role and is very much enjoying working with children across the whole school. He supports transport in the morning and pops into lessons to see the pupils and their work. He has been working with children developing their confidence around dogs and very much enjoys chilling in the Pastoral office during lunch times.



Chestnut class

This Spring term has been all about Eric Carle books. We read and enjoyed following the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.



We enjoyed 'Brown bear Brown bear What do you see?', following different movements and actions of the animals in P.E. Walk, fly, run!



We explored different foods when we learnt about Lunar New Year. Prawn crackers were a popular treat.



We topped some pancakes to celebrate Pancake Day. Golden syrup was a hit!

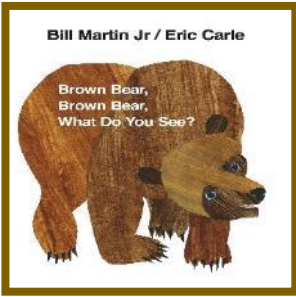
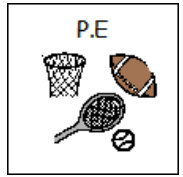


Measuring ourselves to see tallest and shortest.





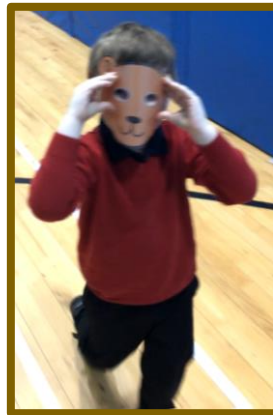
Apple Class



This term we have been reading books by Eric Carle. We have been using our favourite books, 'Brown bear, brown bear' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to learn new actions and follow instructions in P.E.



In 'Brown bear' P.E. we chose props which matched each coloured animal and their action. For example, 'purple cat goes crawling'.



In 'The Hungry Caterpillar' P.E. we learned to use different equipment, representing the different fruit the caterpillar eats. It was extra fun when we were dressed up as the characters for World Book Day!



Beech class

This term we have been doing an author study on Julia Donaldson, we made all of the animals from Monkey Puzzle and learnt about their life cycles.



We have enjoyed exploring all of the instruments for calm time in Mr Godon's music lessons.





Sycamore



The class have worked hard on their writing, practicing using lots of different textures and methods.



The class have been learning about the habitats and lifecycles of different animals. We have used collage to make our frogs. Florence has made a Poison Dart Frog from a rainforest habitat.



The class have been learning to identify and name 2D shapes and how they can fit together.



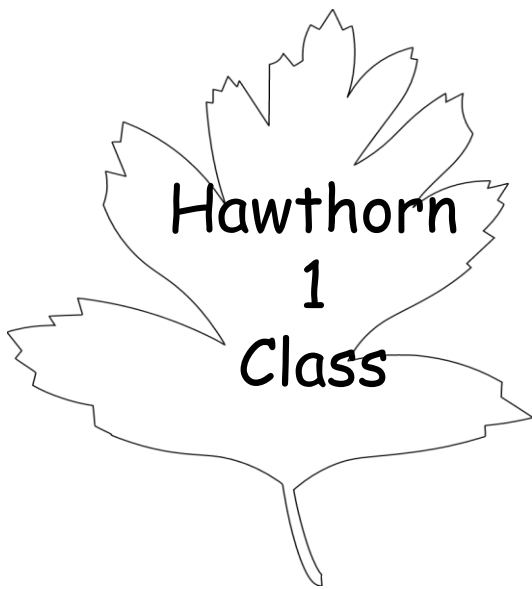
Kendall helped Ms Delaney read 'The Highway Rat' to the class. Great reading Kendall



We went to the Minerva Theatre to watch 'The Gruffalo'. It was great fun and everybody listened brilliantly and clapped loudly at the end! We were very proud of Sycamore class.

We celebrated 'World Book Day' on March 6th. The class dressed up in some great costumes!





Our topic this term is
Food and Farming.

We have all done really well and received
rosettes for horse-riding.



We have learnt about where food comes from and
tasted different foods.

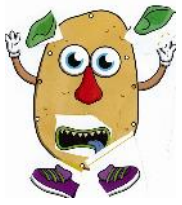
We have visited the dairy
farm and seen calves and
cows.



We have worked together to
create stop motion animation
sequences.



We have
enjoyed
learning
through
topic books
and made
our own
Supertato
potatoes.



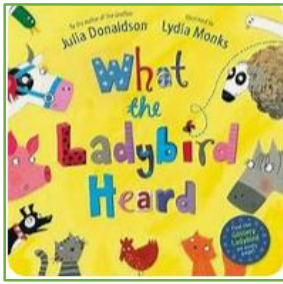
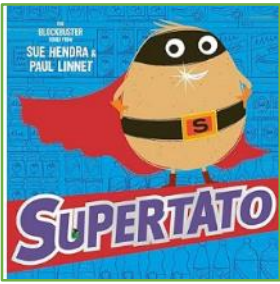
Hawthorn 2



Our Topic for this term is Food & Farming



We have been reading:
Supertato & What the Ladybird Heard



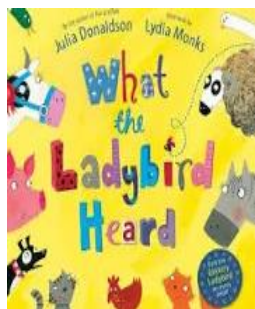
Wellbeing Wednesdays

World Book Day 2025

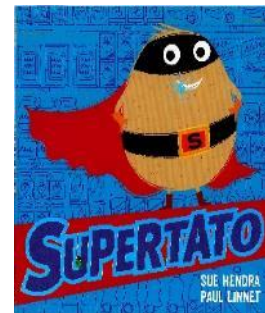


We saw The Gruffalo at the Minerva Theatre





Oak 1 Class



Our topic this term has been Food and Farming, we have been learning about where and how different foods are grown and about Fairtrade. We have also been reading and writing about What the Ladybird Heard and Supertato. In numeracy we have been learning about fractions, addition and money.

Supertato

We've had fun creating characters from our books to go alongside our reading and writing.



Farming

We've had fun learning about Fairtrade.



Drama has been great fun for our Wellbeing Wednesday



Oak Class learned about growing plants and have planted and grown their own cress and sunflower seeds in Science.

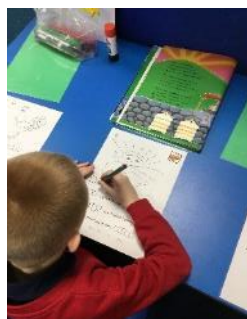


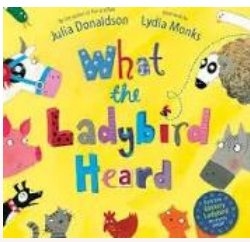
Oak 2 Class



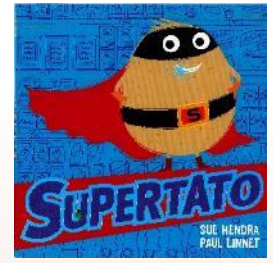
Our topic this term has been 'Food and Farming'

We have focused on Tremendous Tractors and Farmyard Hullabaloo and completed lots of different worktimes!





Rowan Class



Our topic this term has been Food and Farming, we have been learning about where and how different foods are grown and about Fairtrade. We have also been reading and writing about What the Ladybird Heard and Supertato. In numeracy we have been learning about fractions, addition and volume and capacity.

This term Rowan Class have been developing their computing skills by planning and creating their own animations.



Rowan Class have been doing swimming and Speech and Language as part of wellbeing Wednesdays. They have been developing their swimming and communication skills.



Rowan Class enjoyed going to Cobnor for their residential.

Rowan Class learned about growing plants and have planted and grown their own cress in Science.



Yew Class

Our learning has been focused on our **Food and Farming** topic. We have explored more about cows, milk and environment visiting Goodwood farm. We have also learnt about farming in the past and planted our own cress and radishes to experiment which one will grow quickest.



We truly enjoyed our narratives this term *What the Ladybird Heard* and *Supertato*.

We also have explored and learned about fractions and money in Numeracy.

Yew class truly enjoyed going to the theatre and watching *The Gruffalo*.



We also have had great fun going to the wood in Forest School session or enjoying horse riding as a part of our Wellbeing Wednesday.



We have been celebrating special days...



School Council

Next Meeting: Wednesday 30th April 12.40

Comic Relief – Friday 21st March

Pupils were invited to wear red on Friday 21st March, and bring in a voluntary donation of £1. Over £100 was raised!!

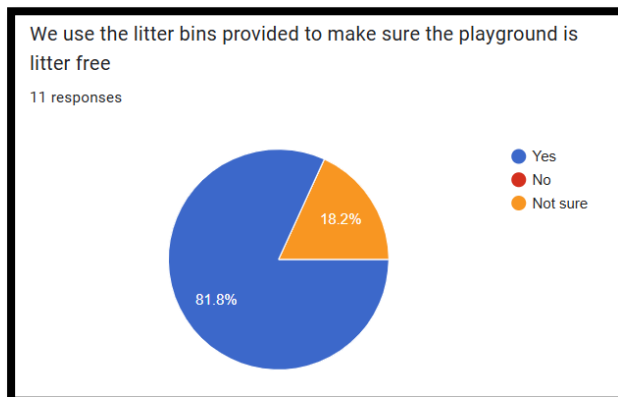
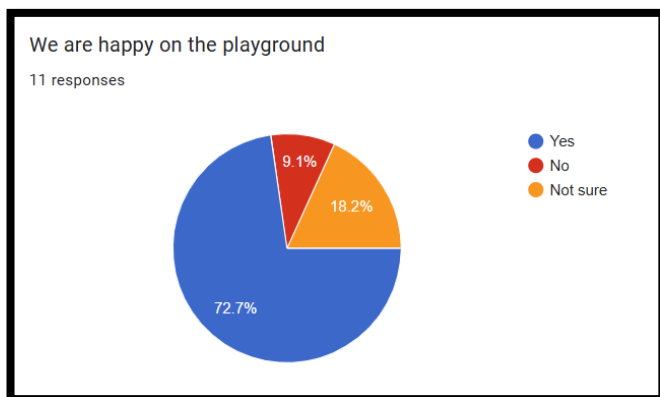


Easter Cake Sale

School council will be organising an Easter Cake Sale on Friday 4th April. A letter will go home soon asking for Easter themed home baked goodies!

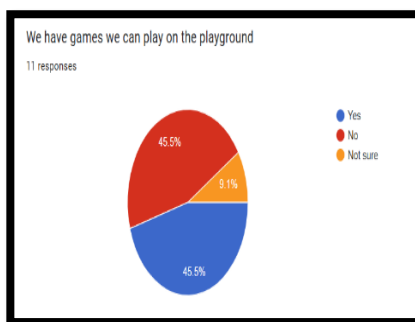
Your Voice

A recent survey that tutors completed showed:



The survey highlighted that we really like the muga, the organised football, that large amount of space and the different shelters we have on the playground.

When asked if pupils have games they can play on the playground



As an outcome School Council will be sharing a range of playground games that can be played with their tutors very soon!



Uno Tournament

School council arranged an Uno Tournament which raised money towards West Sussex Mind and for our school. The tournament was a great success and was enjoyed by all that took part.

Congratulations to Cam and Joshua for winning!

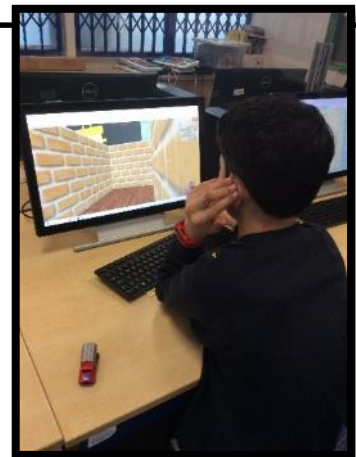
School council are currently planning another tournament, maybe with chess this time, more information to follow soon.

Computing

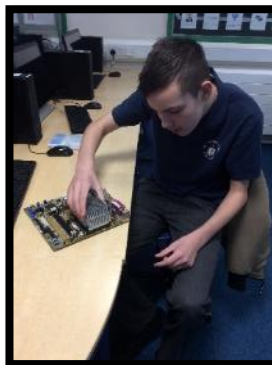
The Year 7s have been completing coding puzzles using Rain Forest Coding and finding solutions to different scenarios. They have been exploring how to program movement in objects using simple instructions and what to do if they encounter a bug.



Year 8s have been creating 3D games using Purple Mash and have been building their maps and creating obstacles, enemies and things to collect. They have had lots of fun playing and testing each others creations.



The Year 9s have been taking apart a computer and learning about the different components in a Computer System



Duke of Edinburgh



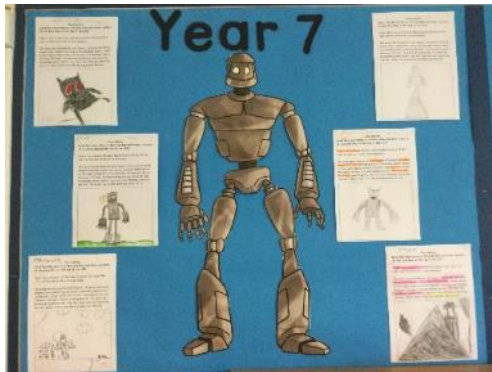
Year 10 pupils have been taking part in sessions of Soft Archery this term.



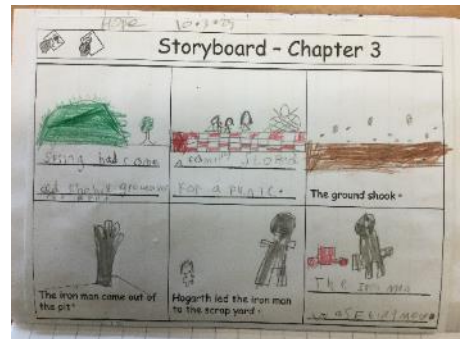
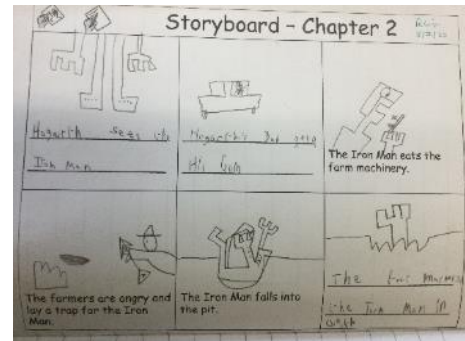
Year 11 pupils have been preparing themselves for their Bronze Overnight Expedition in May by practicing their camp craft skills.



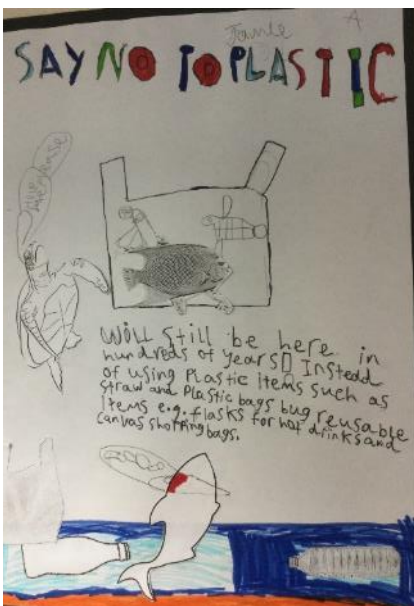
English



In Year 7 we have been looking at the text *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. Pupils have completed story boards, written speech bubbles and character descriptions and have created a menu for the Iron Man. Pupils have also participated in weekly Makaton sessions, played games and been building on their phonological skills.



In Year 8 we have been looking at non-fiction texts and fact finding based around the theme of British Wildlife. We have learnt about conservation and the dangers our wildlife face. Pupils made 'Say No to Plastic pollution' posters and researched facts about their chosen animal. We had a visit from Brent Lodge Wildlife Centre where pupil's enjoyed finding out about how wild animals are cared for and released back into the wild.



English

Year 9 have been learning about *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare in English. The pupils have completed comprehension questions on the text. They have discussed plot, character and the setting of the story. We have looked at a mixture of the original text and simplified text.

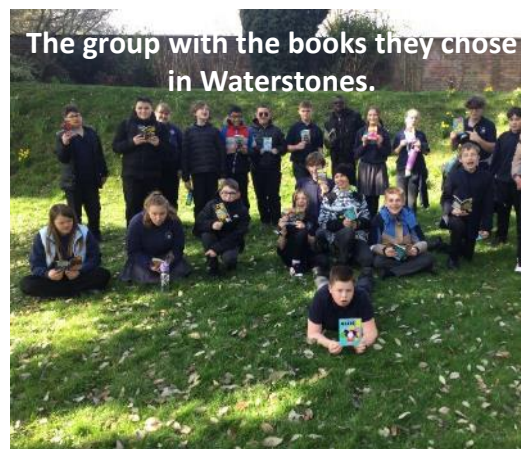
A group of Year 9s visited Waterstones in Chichester to use their World Book Day vouchers. Some even enjoyed reading their books in the gardens afterwards.



Zach reading in a tree



Teddy and Evie reading in the sunshine.



The group with the books they chose in Waterstones.

Year 10 have been learning about *Running Wild* by Michael Morpurgo in English. The pupils have completed comprehension questions on the text and discussed character and plot in the text. They began the topic by completing presentations on Michael Morpurgo and Indonesia

Year 11 pupils have been working hard to complete their coursework. They researched Australia and the UK in order to reply to the fictional pen pal letter they received and to include accurate information about their own areas and interests in their autobiographical reply. They have also completed their reading papers this term.

Michael Morpurgo

Michael Morpurgo is an English poet, book writer / author who makes children's books.

He owns a children's reading charity called BookTrust.

He was born on the 5th of October in 1943.



Lucas 10A

Australia Animals

Kangaroo
Koala
Wombats
Great white shark
Flying Foxes
Crocodiles
Box Jellyfish



Australia has between 200,000 and 300,000 animals which does not include dogs and cats.

Charlie 11H

Indonesia

Facts

1. Indonesia was found was in 1949 .
2. Indonesia was known for diverse tourist attractions .
3. The old name of indonesia was dutch east indies .
4. Indonesia is made up of 18,307 islands .
5. The biggest Buddhist temple is located in Indonesia .
6. Home to over 100 endangered animals .

Jack 10A

My home town is petworth i have lived here more than half my life i love petworth even though most of the town is antique shops but that is one of the reasons i love petworth i love collecting antiques i also love petworth park i like to go down there and walk and watch deer



Cody 11K

Food Technology



Thank you for your continued support this term and for all of the donations towards ingredients and the snack shop, it is very much appreciated.

We have had another very busy term and the pupils have continued to prepare and cook a variety of tasty dishes.

Year 7 have been looking at seasonal vegetables and using them in their making and baking. They enjoyed making some very tasty butternut squash muffins, carrot twists and leek and potato soup; they were very proud of the results.

Year 8 have investigated dairy foods and enjoyed making

strawberry milkshakes, fruit smoothies and pancakes which proved very popular. They also enjoyed their trip to Boston Tea Party to sample some professionally made drinks and to find out about working in a busy catering environment.

Our Year 9 pupils enjoyed learning about China and India and have cooked tasty Bombay potatoes and created interesting Chinese garnishes using a variety of different tools to create their designs.

Year 10 have been busy planning and running a St Ant's healthy snack shop, where they made all of the snacks to sell. It was very successful raising £156 to go

back into the department to buy specialised equipment for pupils to use. The snack shop was enjoyed by pupils and staff!

Year 11s have all been very focussed on their preparation for their BTEC qualification and worked hard to create very tasty main meals. They are now working hard to complete their coursework. Keep up the hard work Year 11!



Forest School

At last the Spring has arrived, but we made it through the winter. We have had so much rain, with rain you get mud and lots of it. All of the students have done SO well, and always wanted to join in with all the Forest School sessions. Fun was had by all playing in the mud.



With the cold weather we have the fire that we keep are selves warm , the fire has been also been put to good use with cooking various foods. Harvey loves a fried egg sandwich that he can safely cook by himself , with close supervision by the staff. Over the last few months we have done a lot of crafting - candle making, neckless medals and a fantastic train. This was just some of the things we made.



We are also very lucky to be able to visit a privately owned woodland that give us a safe environment with fenced boundaries to explore. I would like to say a big thank you Gary Booker from V2 radio, for kindly letting us have use of his land.



History KS3

Year 7 pupils have been studying the Norman Invasion in 1066. They have learnt about and re-enacted the Battle of Hastings



Year 8 pupils have been studying Native Americans and designed and created mini Tepees.



Pupils also learnt how tribes adapted to their environments and are focussing on the Sioux Tribe and their relationship with the buffalo. 8W had a go at using a bow and arrow as they were training to be Native American warriors. They were very skilful.



History KS4

The Year 11s have successfully completed their History coursework for the WJEC Humanities Entry Pathway qualification. Well done to all of our Year 11's for working so hard over the last 2 years. They also enjoyed a trip to Ypres in Belgium for a 2 day tour of the Battlefields. Here are some of the class enjoying a VE Day party. This is to celebrate Victory in Europe after WWII 8 May 1945.



Britain in WWII - We also learned about rationing during WWII. Pupils learned about the Dig for Victory campaign and that carrots and potatoes were not rationed as we can grow them in the UK. Pupils tried some home made carrot soup. Some loved it. Others were not so keen!



Land Based Studies

The Year 10s this term have started to plant the broad beans and onions they grew earlier in the year in trays into the ground. They have also dug some trenches for the potatoes. Once the potatoes are ready they will plant them into the ground. They have also been busy digging over lots of seed beds in preparation for planting other vegetables. They have been cutting bushes and hedges with secateurs, hedge shears and loppers and are about to learn about pests and diseases and how to control them.



The Year 11s have been finishing their unit on *Myself in the Community* by visiting different places around Chichester and the area. They have visited the library, cathedral, noveum museum, CEX, Greggs, Priory Park, ten pin bowling, Swanfield Centre, railway and bus station, police station and many others.



PSD

In PSD, our most recent topic has been 'Health and Wellbeing' where we have explored benefits of healthy diet, exercise and medicine safety. We have also explored the affects of energy drinks, smoking, vaping and alcohol.



Planned healthy meals

Every morning I get up out of bed and go on walks and stretch.
 on Monday Wednesday Thursday Friday and Sunday I do 1 Hour and 30 minits of cheer
 ones a week i have Helpy week So I eat and drink Helpy.

Importance of being active

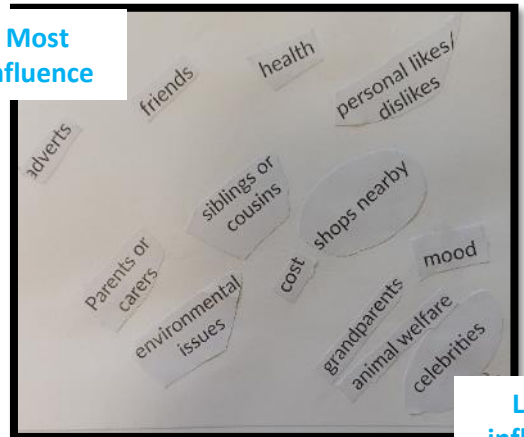
How to Wash Your Hands

Can you help Super Soap on his special mission to protect children from germs? Cut and stick the pictures in the correct order to show instructions for washing your hands.



Personal hygiene

Most influence



Least influence

Explored what influences our food choices

Showt Screen
 hurrise self
 Kickle door
 hit my head on my wall
 get angry at everything
 calling everything stupid

Watch my Phone
 Pinch my Squishy mallow
 eat a Sweet
 drink a cord coke

Healthy and unhealthy coping strategies

Hurt yourself
 ignore What is happening and go
 Shout
 Shear

playing with my sister
 Watch my Favourite Show
 making kombands.
 Talk to someone you trust.

and very self-reflective.
 Explored ways to cope with stress so

An exciting development in PSD is Monty is now joining some of these sessions. Pupils have adapted well to having Monty in our lessons, and his calming and gentle presence is having a positive effect!

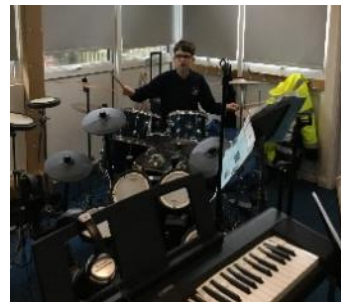
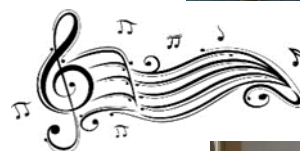


KS 2&3 Music Lessons

KS2 Food & Farming and Guitar Club



Year 7 - Pentatonic Scales



Year 8 - Cops and Robbers



Year 9 - Axis of Awesome



Year 10 Music



Ensemble performances WJEC Performing Arts



Chloe and Amelia



Oliver and Amelia



Ben and Oliver



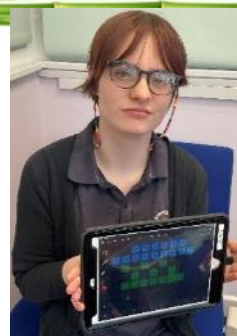
George and Oliver

Y11 WJEC Performing Arts

Pupils have been learning to use *Garageband* to compose Chinese traditional music. They have composed their own melodic phrases for the Pipa and Erhu.



Max



Lily



Samuel



Theo



Harry



Freddie

Religious Education

'AND so it came to pass that in RE Year 7s and Year 8s did learn about the celebrations of different cultures and the stories of Jesus. Verily they enjoyed it greatly and Mr Armstead was well pleased with them'.



7BK spent a few of their lessons learning about Chinese New Year. Chinese New Year began on January 29th and it is the year of the Dragon. In these pictures they are making Chinese lanterns to celebrate with.

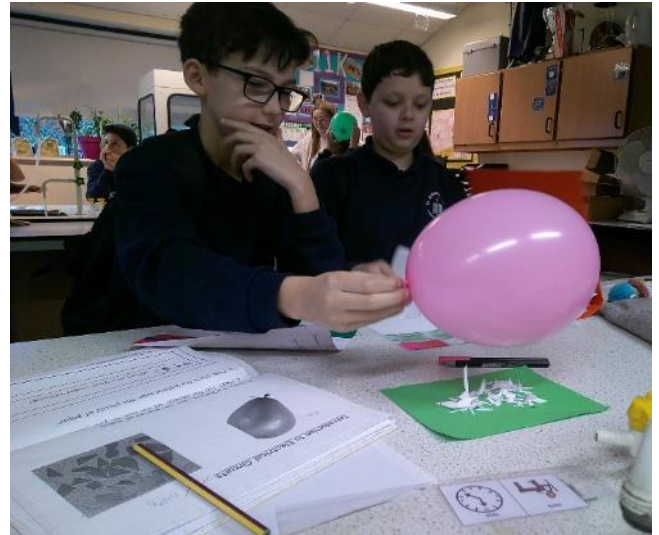


8JB have been learning about the life of Jesus. This involves reading the stories in the Bible or looking at the places where Jesus lived.

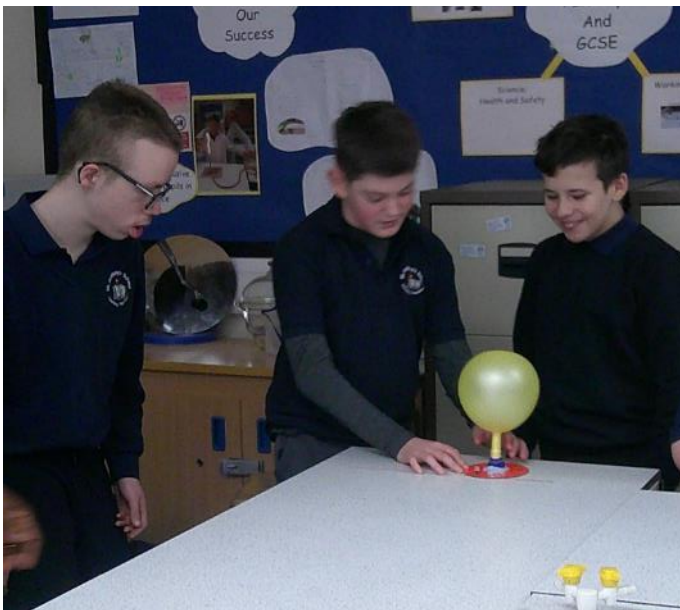


Science

Year 7 are learning about Electricity and Electrical Circuits within practical contexts. They have explored static electricity as the build up of charges (electrons). When there is an imbalance in the number of electrons in atoms, attraction or repulsion takes place as shown in the pictures below:



Year 8 are learning about forces and their effects with respect to change in direction, motion and change in shape. They have explored friction on different surfaces and the forces involved when an object floats or sinks in water - Upthrust and Weight as shown in the pictures below:

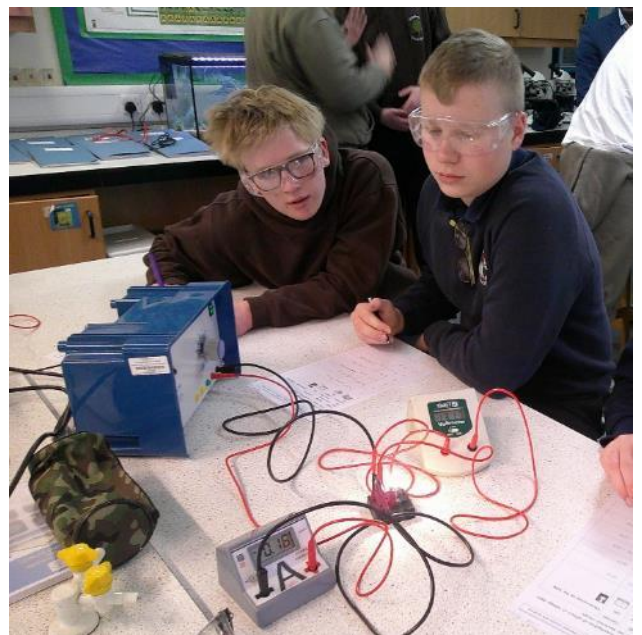
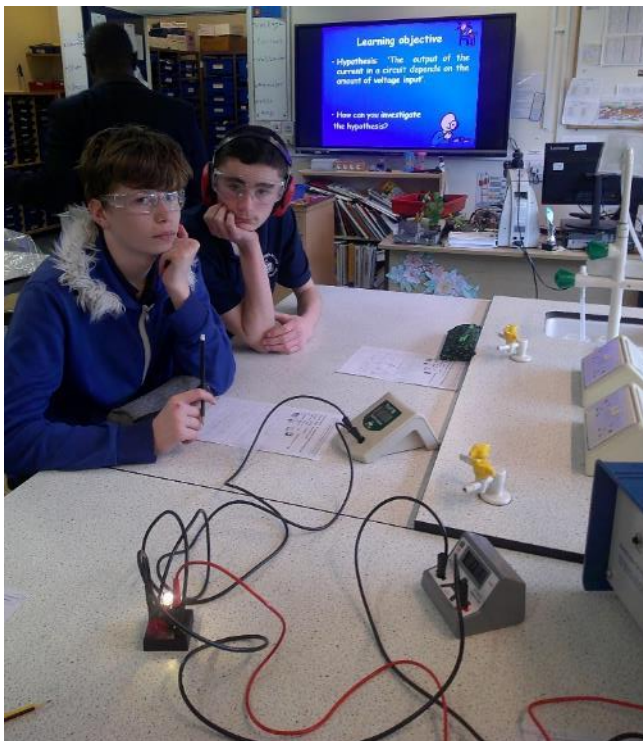


Science

Year 9 are learning about materials, properties and applications. In addition, the pupils are exploring chemical reactions within practical contexts. The pictures below show pupils classifying materials and carrying out an experiment between vinegar and bicarbonate of soda.



Year 10 continue their coursework by exploring the effect of voltage input on current output using a power pack with a adjustable voltage. The below pictures show the pupils recording their data and analysing the results obtained.



In KS4 our students will have the opportunity to work towards either an Entry Level certificate or an ASDAN qualification. This will involve taking part in different sporting activities to acquire the evidence needed, which is either video or photographic, and will include team games and individual sports. Here are some students working together in football and practicing their hand- eye coordination.



We also have fun in the swimming pool.



Sight Support Visit

We had a great trip to Sight Support Worthing in February to have a go at a new sport called Showdown. A group of year 7 and 8 students learning how to play this fast-moving sport. Showdown has similarities to table tennis and air hockey. It was designed to people with a visual impairment, but anyone can play. We also had a chance to meet some friendly guide dogs!



French

In French, Year 8 have been learning to introduce their family to the rest of the class, using their own drawings. They are now learning key words for animals to be able to talk about them to the class.



Support Centre



This term our Support Centre pupils have been enjoying our Superheroes topic. We have been looking at different Superhero stories, creating our own cartoons and characters and learning all about real life Superheroes in our PSD lessons with some amazing visitors coming into school.



10A Achievements

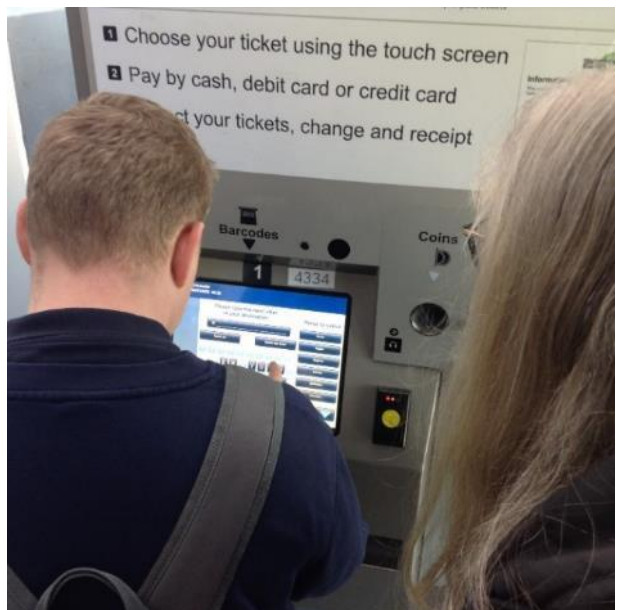
10A have been busy again this term and have achieved lots outside school. They are working hard on their independent life skills and achieving fantastic things. This ranges from independent cooking, grading in a Green Stripe Belt at Martial Arts, competing in Parkruns, helping with DIY, learning to roller skate and representing neurodiversity at a 'United For Access: Celebrating Inclusion Weekend' football match.



YAS – Towards Independence

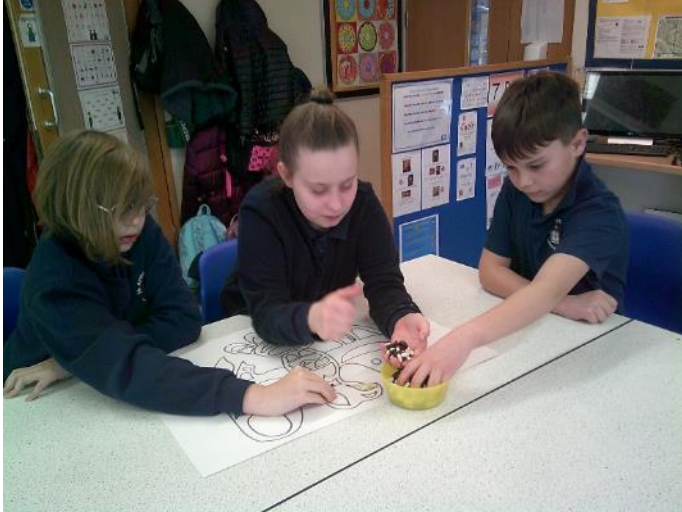
Our Year 10 and 11 students have been enjoying our recent experiences designed to develop greater self confidence and independence.

Students have engaged very positively in 'Travel Training', completing a return rail journey to Littlehampton or a train and journey to Bognor.

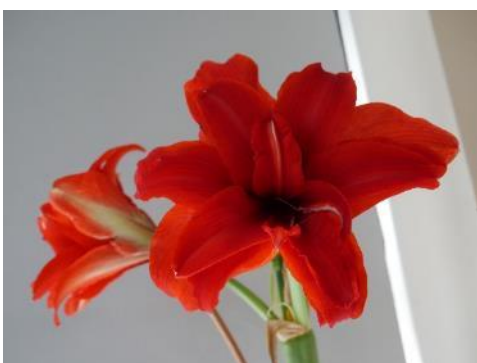


Art

Year 7 have been studying storytelling in art. They have been looking at old legend stories and they were given the task to decorate a thunderbird picture using beans and colourful shapes



On an extra note...Alfie 7BK has been lovingly looking after this stunning Amaryllis by watering it, checking on it, and taking full responsibility for it. It has blossomed beautifully, so Thank You Alfie!!



Friends of St Anthony's (FOSTA) invite you to join them:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee & Cake meeting – Thurs 27/03

9.15am @ St Anthony's School

Bingo with 'Simon Tooley' – Fri 25/04

7pm @ St Anthony's School (over 18's)

Lavant Duck Race – Sun 04/05

2pm @ Lavant

Disco with 'Nick Clark' – Thurs 22/05

KS2 (Y3–Y6) & Fri 23/05 KS3–4 (Secondary)

3.30pm @ St Anthony's School

• **Summer Fair – Fri 04/07**

3.30pm @ St Anthony's School

For more information please
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Key Dates

Spring Term 2025

School Choir @ Grayingwell 1.30pm Monday 31st March

Last day of Spring Term Friday 4th April

Summer Term 2025

First day of Summer Term Tuesday 22nd April

KS1&2 Pupil Consultation Eve Wednesday 7th May

KS4 London Trip Tuesday 13th May

Y11 DofE Expedition Thursday 15th May

Y5 Kids on the Water Friday 16th May

Half term Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Y8 History Trip Monday 2nd June

Inset Days Monday 9th June - Tuesday 10th June

Y11 Residential Trip Friday 20th June to Monday 23rd June

Y11 Last day & Prom Friday 27th June

Last Day of Term Tuesday 22nd July

Autumn Term 2025

Inset Days Wednesday 3rd Sept - Thursday 4th Sept

First day of Autumn Term Friday 5th September

Half term Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Last Day of Term Friday 19th December



- If your child is absent for illness, appointment or any other reason please contact the school in the morning by telephone - 01243 785965 'or email - schooloffice@st-ants.org
- Please inform the school office of any contact details changes.
- Can all uniform be clearly labelled with the child's first and last name.
- If you pay for your child's school lunch can you please ensure that the balance does not go overdrawn.
- All school communication is by email and the My Child at School (MCAS) app. If you need any assistance with accessing the app please contact the school office.

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PARKLANDS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

HAPPY EASTER

INVITES ALL CHILDREN TO AN

EASTER EGG HUNT & CRAFT

ON SATURDAY 19 APRIL FROM 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

AT THE SCOUT HUT, SHERBORNE ROAD

Do not Forget to Bring Loose Change for the Lucky Dip(!),
Best Easter Hat Competition Prizes to Be Won...

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AND PARKING WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO ORGANISERS

Library events taking place over the Easter holidays in the Chichester District

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Out of This World!

Launch into libraries and join our galactic adventure, with stellar space stories and a cosmic craft activity.



Monday 7 April
10.00-11.0am

Suitable for children aged 4+ years

Booking essential - please speak with staff to reserve a place.
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.

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Midhurst Library

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Wednesday 9 April
2.00-3.00pm

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Petworth Library

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Thursday 17 April
10.30-11.30am

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Selsey Library

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Southbourne Library

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