



As we move towards Spring, pupils in Year One have been learning about the Christian festival of Easter.

# Easter Learning



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 31: Freedom of Thought, Belief and Religion







Pupils in Kingfishers class played a game of Pass the Parcel to help them learn about the Easter story and they also enjoyed sorting and sequencing activities to consolidate their understanding.







In Puffins class, the children used their drama skills to freeze frame key moments in the Easter story. This helped them to understand the events from different perspectives and to empathise with those involved.







Swallows shared their learning about the environment in their lovely assembly this week. The audience heard motivational speeches about climate change, an environmental song and reasons why we should care for our world.

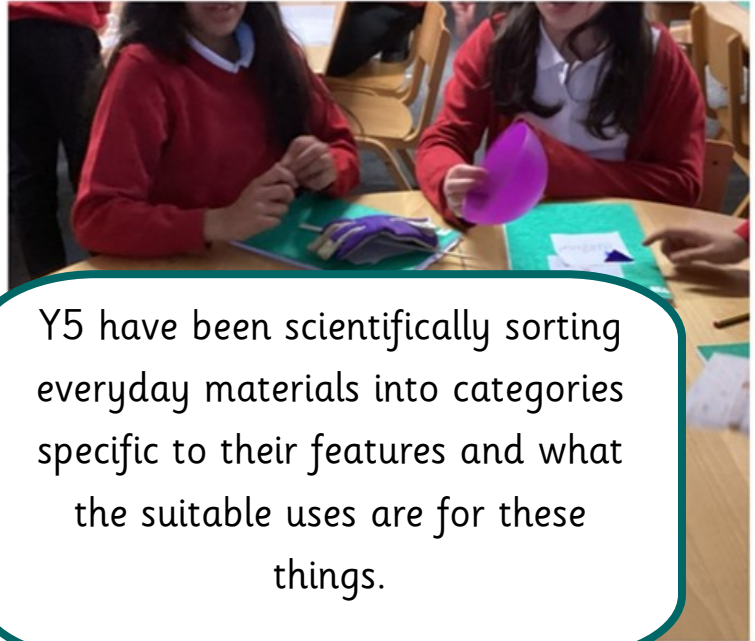
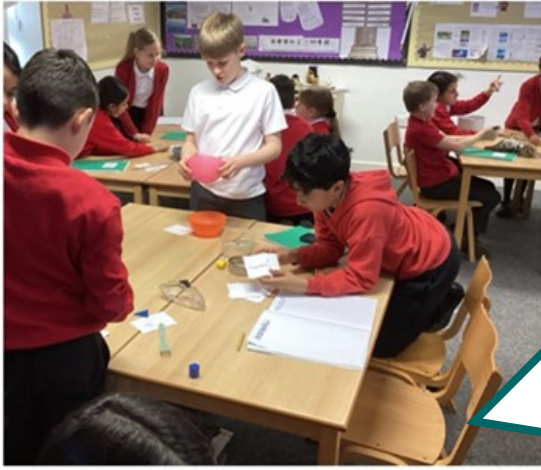


# Swallows Assembly



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Y5 have been scientifically sorting everyday materials into categories specific to their features and what the suitable uses are for these things.

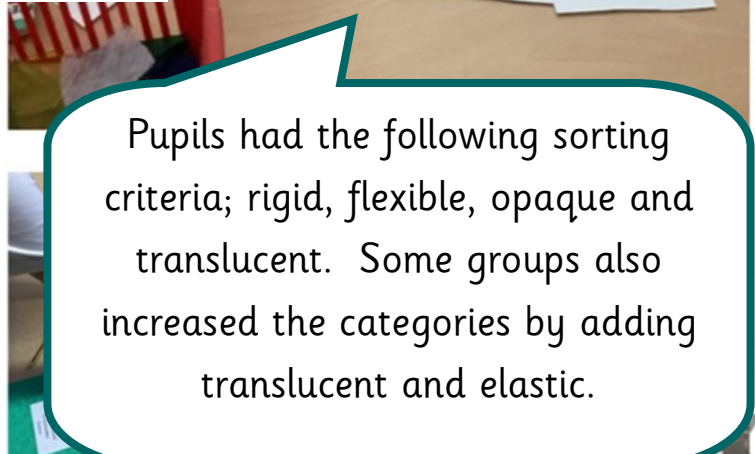
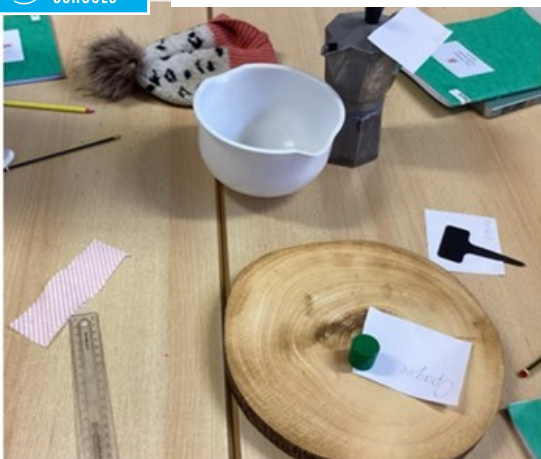


# Year 5 Science



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Pupils had the following sorting criteria; rigid, flexible, opaque and translucent. Some groups also increased the categories by adding translucent and elastic.



# Thermal Conductivity In Year 5



Time Intervals	Metal Surface	Wood Surface	Plastic Surface
0 min	Ice cube	Ice cube	Ice cube
5 min	Ice cube	Ice cube	Ice cube
10 min	Ice cube	Ice cube	Ice cube
15 min	Ice cube	Ice cube	Ice cube

Use these boxes to draw your observations and make notes about the state of the ice cube.



<b>Scientific question</b> ? What do I want to find out?	What material melts ice the fastest.
<b>Hypothesis</b> What do I think will happen?	Partner Talk
<b>Equipment/Resources</b> What will I need?	Ice Timer Metal surface Wooden surface Plastic surface



# Year 5 Science

During our science investigation, we asked the question;

**'Which material conducts heat the fastest?'**

We used 3 cubes of ice all the same size ( to ensure a fair test. Placed them on 3 different materials; wood, plastic and metal, in order to test the thermal conductivity of each one over a period of 15 minutes with set observational criteria at 5-minute intervals.

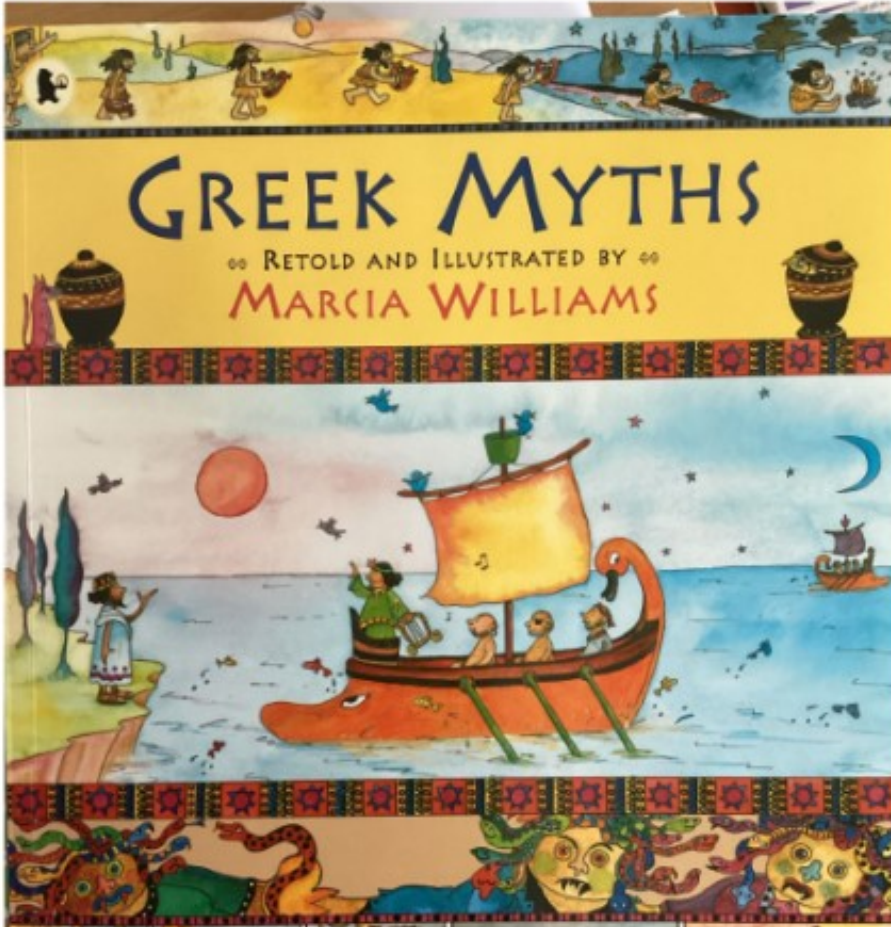
We were so excited and surprised at our results, the cold metal melted the ice much faster!

We were then able to answer these reflective questions, and relate this to everyday use in the home and at work!

What is thermal conductivity?
Name one example of a good conductor of heat.
What happens to an ice cube placed on metal compared to one on plastic?
Why are insulators important in everyday life?
Can you give an example of an insulator?

Year Five children also explored thermal conductivity in Science.





# Year 5 Reading

In Guided Reading, Year Five children have been enjoying Marcia Williams' book re-telling myths from Ancient Greece in the style of a comic strip. The children have enjoyed having a go at creating their own mythical comic strips as you can see from the photographs above.



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## Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



### Kindness

Kindness means being friendly, generous, and considerate to others. It's all about showing care and respect through our actions and our words.

Random Acts of Kindness Day is celebrated each year on February 17<sup>th</sup>, however you can practice random acts of kindness all year round!

#### Ideas for random acts of kindness

Here are some easy ideas to spread kindness:

- Give compliments – A genuine compliment can make someone's day brighter.
- Hold the door open for someone.
- Share a smile – Smiling at people can help to boost their mood.
- Send a thank you note – Write a note of appreciation to someone who has helped you.
- Be a good listener – Sometimes, all someone needs is someone to talk to.
- Help your teacher – Offer to hand out something to the class or do something to help them.
- Ask someone how their day is going – Asking someone about their day can make them feel cared for and happier.
- Pick up a piece of litter.
- Offer to help someone at home.


#### Why is being kind important?

Kindness is contagious! When you show kindness, it inspires others to do the same.

When you are kind to someone, it can help them to feel happy, it can brighten their day and boost their mood.


Kindness can help to make schools, homes and communities more welcoming and friendly. When people are kind, everyone feels more comfortable which can lead to better relationships and friendships.

**In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.**

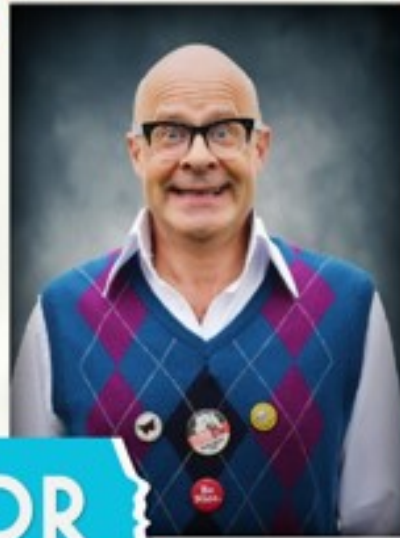


**MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.**

**Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.**







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# WORLD BOOK DAY

Lunch

Thursday 6th March 2025.

**Harry Potters Bangers and Mash  
(G.D.SU.SB)**

**(v.h) Gruffalo Quesadilla (wrap filled with peppers, onions and cheese) (G.D)  
Served with Potato Wedges,  
Vegetables of the Day  
or Salad**

**(h) James and the Giant Peach  
sponge and Custard (G.E)**

or

**(v) Willy Wonka's Chocolate Mousse (D)**

Allergen Free alternatives  
are also available

Allergens  
G-Gluten  
D-Dairy  
SU-Sulphite  
SB-Soya  
V-Vegetarian  
H-Homemade  
E-Egg

" Let's make our children  
love books,  
so that books become  
the needs of our children."





# Happy National Pancake Day

Tuesday 4th March 2025



## Pancake Station

Choose from the following toppings:

- Fruit in Juice
- Choice of Sauces
- Traditional Lemon & Sugar
- Golden Syrup
- Honey or Fruit Jam

Allergen free alternatives are also available

What's your favourite?







# Happy Mother's Day

Friday 28th March 2025

**Battered Fish Fillet (G.F)**

or

**(v) Vegetarian Hotdog(G)**

**Served with Chipped Potatoes,  
Peas, Baked Beans or Salad**

**(h) Orange / Lemon drizzle  
Cake(G.E)**

**Allergen Free alternatives are also available**

**Allergens**

**V - Vegetarian**

**G - Gluten**

**F - Fish**

**H - Homemade**

**E - Egg**







# EASTER LUNCH

Wednesday 9th April 2025

**Roast Chicken Fillet,  
Sage & Onion Stuffing and Gravy(G)**

or

**(vg) Quorn Fillet in Gravy (G)**

**Served with Crispy Roast Potatoes  
and Vegetables of the Day**

**(vg.h )Easter Bunting Biscuits (G)**

or

**(v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse (D)**

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V-Vegetarian  
D-Dairy





# Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



## Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When you're in school you...



Have the best possible start in life!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow





UK Health  
Security  
Agency



# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



# Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th March	Family Learning—KS1 maths board games, 1.50—3.20pm
Tuesday 4th March	Y2 local walk.
Wednesday 5th March	Y6 visit to The Cambridge Theatre in London to watch the stage show, “Matilda.”
Wednesday 5th March	Y3 Herons class assembly, 9.15am.
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day—”Express Yourself.”
Monday 10th March	Science Week.
Monday 10th March	YR vision screening.
Tuesday 11th March	Safer Internet Day.
Tuesday 11th March	Family Learning—KS2 maths board games, 1.50—3.20pm.
Thursday 13th March	YR Maths workshop for parents/carers, 2.30pm.
Monday 17th March	NSPCC assemblies delivered this week.
Wednesday 19th March	Y3 Doves class assembly, 9.15am.
Tuesday 25th March	Y6 Easter visit to St Mary’s church.
Friday 28th March	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. If you wear your own choice of clothes, please donate via ParentPay.
Wednesday 2nd April	Y2 Wrens class assembly 9.15am.
Thursday 3rd April	YR Writing workshop for parents/carers at 2.30pm.
Thursday 3rd April	Y2 visit to The Sealife Centre.
Thursday 3rd April	Writing workshop for YR parents/carers.
Monday 7th April	Rock Steady concert, 2.15pm.

**School closed for Easter holiday**

**Monday 14th April—Friday 25th April**

**Pupils return to school on Monday 28th April**

**Please note that Monday 21st July is an INSET day and school will be closed.**





# Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One



Key Stage Two