



Autumn Term 2025

Newsletter

What an exciting Autumn Term 25 we've had – the Nottingham City Achieve Well Health and Wellbeing Champion award, International School Award re-accreditation, and visits from our ongoing projects with Cuba and Ampleforth College - and of course from the Traitors! The pupils have watched performances of *'When the World Turns'* at the Lakeside theatre and *Sleeping Beauty* at the Playhouse, taken part in a table cricket tournament at NTU, and have braved ice-skating at the Winter Wonderland in Nottingham City Centre. Forest School sessions remain a highlight, as does the Thursday lunchtime disco – often outdoors!

We have been especially grateful for the support of families this term, in so many different ways. From the Parent Power group who volunteer in school on Thursday mornings (all very welcome!) to a parent leading us in dance in our Diwali assembly. From the Macmillan and Friends of Oak Field coffee mornings to the Harvest donations and the charity contributions. And of course your huge support for Fireworks Evening and the Christmas Family Fun Afternoon - all very much appreciated.

Christmas Highlights have included the Phase 14-19 choir spreading some seasonal cheer at The Willows, and some of the 6th Formers litter-picking on Bracebridge Drive and taking staff Reverse Advent food donations to the Bilborough Foodbank.

The most recent highlight has of course been the pupils' performance of *Snow White and The Seven*, and it was wonderful to see so many of you in the audience, supporting your children. *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* (Phase 3-7), the Polar Regions (KS3), and '*Better When I'm Dancin*' (choir) have all featured in our curriculum planing this term, neatly woven into the 'plot', alongside Snow!

And the hot news is that the videos of each Christmas Show day are now available on Vimeo for £1 via Arbor –do treat yourselves!

Our first day back at school is **Monday 5th January**, and in the meantime we'd all like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

We look forward to seeing you at school in 2026!

Patricia Lewis
(Headteacher)



Class 1

We have been exploring large, medium and small instruments in our Music sessions.



We celebrated Remembrance Day by creatively decorating poppy pictures.

We made our own porridge – just like the bears in our topic story *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* - and we chose to make it sweet or savoury!



porridge



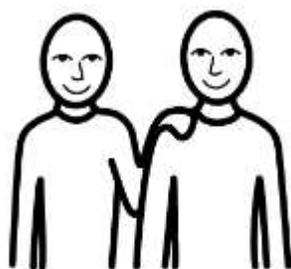
It was Haniya's first term at Oak Field! She has been enjoying getting to know her new friends.

Class 1

It was Lyora's first term at Oak Field, too! She has been working hard during our P.E. sessions.



stories



friends

We have visited the library every week! The most popular book with our class is a book called 'Each Peach Pear Plum.'



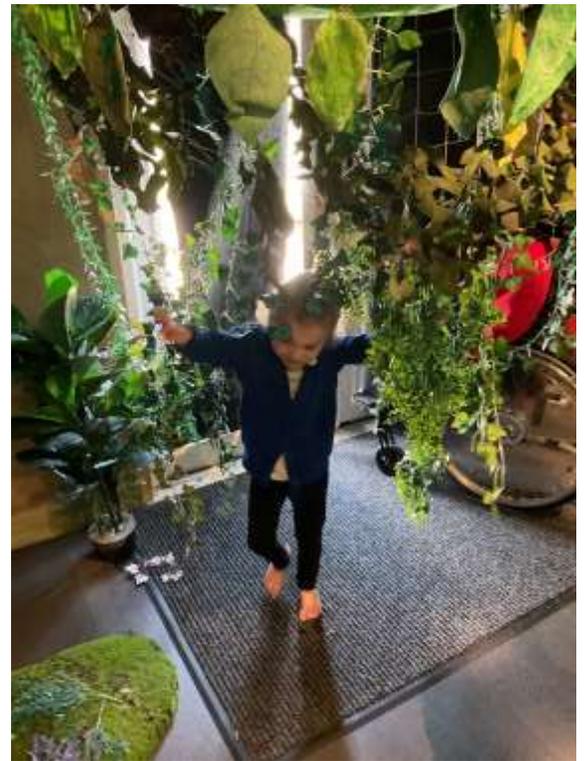
We have spent a lot of time with Class 11 this term. We have spent time with friends who we don't usually see. We like it when they read stories to us.



We've loved playing with all the different instruments in the yellow play room!

Class 2

We have been cooking up some Gruffalo treats



We loved exploring The Gruffalo Wood in Professor Penny's Theatre of Possibilities



Class 2

We have been using our bodies to find out how things work and to create art work



Making dinner for The Three Bears



Class 3



autumn



habitat



We have been learning about different habitats. We really enjoyed exploring the different habitats and what animals may live at school.



fun

We have also had lots of fun experiences such as outdoor learning activities, interactive theatre shows and intensive interaction music sessions. We loved all these different activities.



Class 3

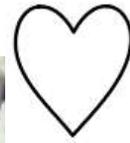


autumn

We have also been working on communicating our likes and dislikes. We used our different senses to explore lots of different items and then communicated if we liked them or not! We really enjoyed smelling or tasting different foods!



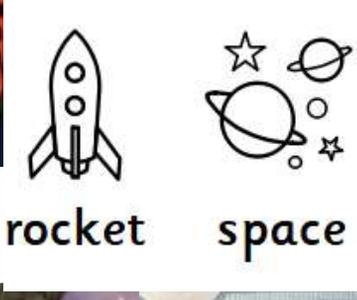
dislike



like



Our topic was Space and we had lots of fun exploring lots of different sensory activities linked to Space. We especially enjoyed dressing up as astronauts and exploring a rocket shaped tent.



rocket

space



Class 4

In Autumn term 1 we explored the topic 'Homes and Habitats'. We enjoyed pretending to visit different places around the world to see where people lived and exploring land and sea habitats.



Sensory story

Class 4 have enjoyed listening to and exploring the story; 'Diary of a worm'. Everyone enjoyed using our hands to dig in the soil and make marks. We also used our bodies to dance like a worm.



We have all loved taking part in Forest School, exploring all the natural materials and colours of Autumn. We have especially enjoyed being out on the grass.



forest

school



Humanities

We have explored lots of different homes and habitats, from houses to caravans, from woodland to the Arctic. We learned about how different animals lived in different parts of the world and created our favourite habitat.

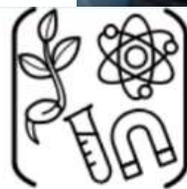
Class 4

In Autumn term 2 we explored the topic 'Our World and Beyond'. We enjoyed exploring different parts of our world, then learning about famous astronauts and pretending to be astronauts.

We have had great fun learning our colours, numbers, and making rockets with shapes. We absolutely loved counting down from 5 to 'Blast Off'!



Maths



Science



In Science we explored the earth, space and forces. We used teamwork when working with building and pulling apart magnets.



Phonics

In Phonics we have been listening to the sounds of our names and finding our friends' photos. We have explored items linked to our topic beginning with the sounds; m, s, a.



Class 5

During Literacy In Autumn term 1 we enjoyed looking at photos of activities our friends did over the summer holidays. We have been exploring diaries of photos of activities we have taken part in.



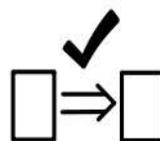
Dear



Diary



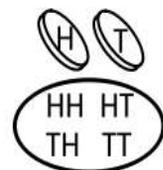
We have explored a variety of food textures through our senses such as smell, touch and taste.



cause



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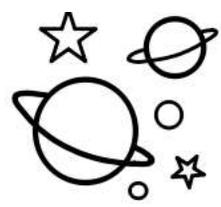


effect

This half term we have explored cause and effect in our computing lessons. We have enjoyed being creative on the iPads.

Class 5

In Autumn term 2 we have taken part in fun sensory experiences whilst learning about Space. We have experienced the different textures of the moon and planet Mars. We have also taken part in a Space sensory story and used switch work to operate the fan.



space



In DT we have been making our own rockets using recycled materials and launching soft rockets in our classroom.



switch



explore

In Science we have explored forces such as push and pull.

Class 6



tools

In Autumn 1, we went to Forest School each week! We learned how to use tools, how to light fires, and did lots of exploring!



Autumn



play



environment



Forest



school



Class 6

In Autumn 2, we explored the topic 'Our World and Beyond'. We explored planets, stars and the solar system. We dressed up as astronauts and visited a new planet each week in Science. We explored using our senses what it was like to be on each planet.

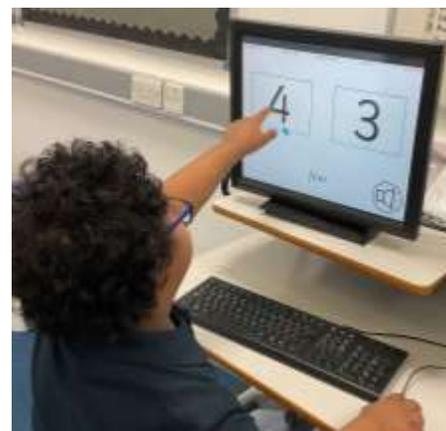


space



maths

We have been engaging in lots of Maths and number sense activities this term. We have been working on matching numbers and counting.



Class 7



Autumn

We have enjoyed exploring different types of homes and the animals that live in these homes in our topic 'Homes and Habitats'. We have explored a rainforest, ocean and polar habitat through a range of interactive sensory and practical activities.



We have also explored a range of community meals in our DT lessons, including picnics and parties, and have enjoyed preparing and sharing food with our friends.

It has also been fantastic forming new friendships in our class and school community, and exploring autumnal activities, including Harvest and pumpkin carving.



Class 7



Autumn

We have enjoyed exploring 'Our World and Beyond' in Autumn term 2. We have particularly enjoyed exploring rockets and dressing up as astronauts and 'travelling to space'!



We have also enjoyed exploring different emotions in PSHE, particularly when exploring activities that make us feel happy!



This term, we have also explored the importance of Remembrance Sunday and have engaged in exploring activities linked to Bonfire Night and the Christmas Show!

Class 8

In Autumn 1 we have enjoyed exploring our Environment – finding our way around school and enjoying reading in the library each week. We have enjoyed paper in different ways, including making our own paper by ripping, blending and pressing it.



Autumn



In Autumn 1, we learned about places in Nottingham and got to dress as Robin Hood, find local places and enjoy some Sherwood Forest bathing! Some of us got to go to a theatre production from 'Oily Cart' at the Lakeside, exploring the Arts.



environment



Class 8

In Autumn 2, we explored the topic Polar Regions. We handled objects and used lights and images to create the Northern Lights – enjoying different sensory experiences. We also created a Christmas cave area with snow, a gingerbread house and falling snowballs.



Autumn



We have loved exploring Winter Environments – painting with ice - and the Arctic. We became explorers in the Virtual Space and handled animals from cold places.



Class 9



We learned about well-known DoughNotts doughnuts.



Design

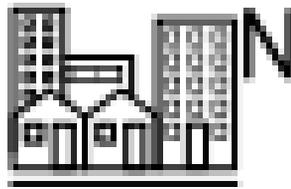


We designed, made and evaluated our very own Doughnuts

We did some research about the different flavours and toppings of DoughNotts Doughnuts



Research



Nottingham

We also had a fire and cooked some wraps



Forest



school

We have been using hammers and nails to make wooden stars and whittling wood



We have been practising using tools safely



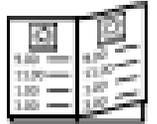
Class 9



We have been learning about Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure

Ernest Shackleton

We acted out each step of the journey



Diary



Antarctic adventure



Polar Regions

We then did some brilliant diary-writing each week

We have enjoyed being super scientists and carrying out different experiments



science



We've made predictions and recorded our observations



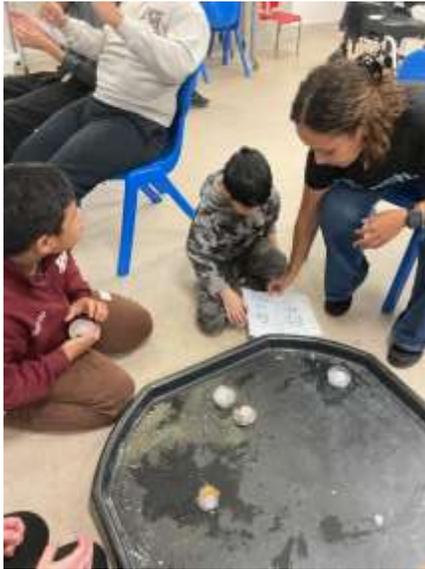
We've explored how blubber helps to keep polar animals warm



We tried different materials to stop our ice from melting

Class 10

In Class 10 this term we have been exploring cold places like the Antarctic. We have been exploring what cold means by feeling ice and snow.

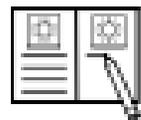


As part of our topic on cold places we have been looking at the animals that live in these places.



Class 10

In English we have been practising writing journals like Ernest Shackleton did when he journeyed across the Antarctic.



Journals

In Computing we have also been exploring the Northern Lights and where we could find them. We have been looking at the different colours that we can see in the lights and using switches in the Virtual Space to change the colours.



Northern



lights

Class 11


11
 Class 11 had a great Autumn term.





 They enjoyed learning about The Night



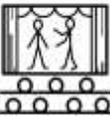
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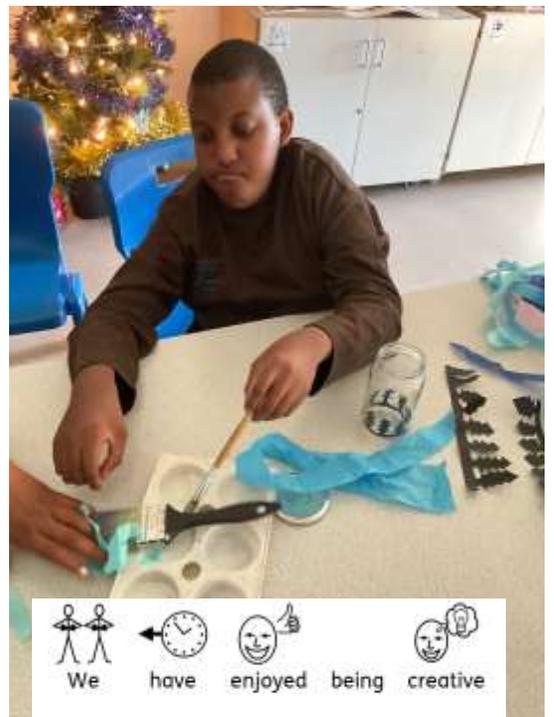
autumn



Amazing



acting!







 We have enjoyed being creative




 and celebrating annual events like


 bonfire night.

Class 11



autumn

In Autumn term class 11 all



The healthy smoothies

were our favourite!

took turns purchasing ingredients for

food technology.



We have had so much fun taking

part in table cricket sporting events

and visiting the local church.



Well done class 11!



Class 12

In Maths, we have been using scales to measure and compare weights of different toys and objects around the classroom.



As part of our community learning, we have visited lots of different places such as the supermarket, park and shops.

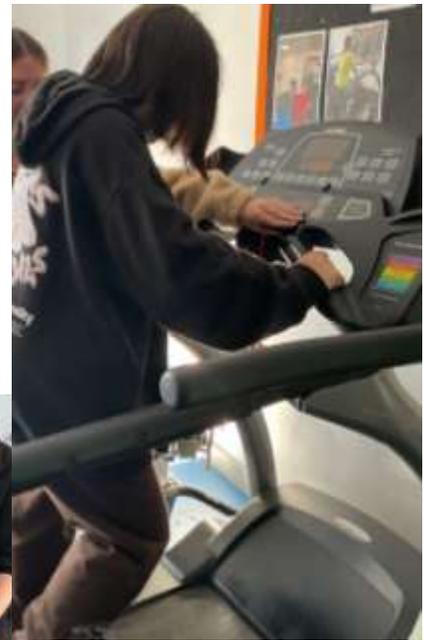
In cafes, we have worked on our communication skills by using symbols or our voice to communicate what food item we would like to buy, and pay for these.



Class 12

We remain physically active by visiting the school gym each Monday.

We choose which pieces of equipment we want to use and are working on using these with increased independence.



In Science, we have been learning about germs and bacteria. As part of this, we took part in an experiment about bacteria using soap and our hands. We also looked at the importance of washing our hands and keeping clean.



Class 14



autumn



We have loved being outdoors, engaging with our natural environment this term. We have been exploring the school grounds together.



nature



Class 14



autumn

We have worked hard in our cooking lessons this half term. We explored the ingredients and made sure we were hygienic by washing our hands and cleaning up afterwards.



cooking



pumpkin

We explored pumpkins during our Halloween cooking lesson. We picked them, cleaned them and cooked them to make pumpkin soup! Yum!



halloween



6F1



autumn

Amazing work from Class 6F1 this term!

We have enjoyed different opportunities to get active at lunchtimes, such as rebound sessions and discos!



fitness



We enjoyed learning about the emergency services, with a visit from local police and making our own mini emergency film.



(ABC)

English



Help!



We have worked hard to pick up litter from around the school to keep it tidy.



nature

6F1



autumn

We have developed our skills in following instructions and food safety to make different foods and drinks.



maths



cafe



We made decorations to sell at the school market, using different tools, materials and upcycling corks.



DT



We visited a Gurdwara as part of our RE sessions, learning about clothing and beliefs.



RE

6F2



This Autumn term, 6F2 have been doing lots of exciting things. We have thoroughly enjoyed outdoor learning as part of Forest School sessions. We learned how to use the fire strikers safely, cook food on a fire and put a fire out. We all had a great time and are looking forward to using our camping skills in the future!



Environment



communities



In Community and English sessions we have explored the emergency services and situations when their help might be needed. We really enjoyed looking at and trying on a wide range of equipment that they use to help others. When the police came to visit some of us even got arrested!



emergency services



6F2



We have really enjoyed learning about fire safety as part of our Science topic. We looked at the different ways of putting out a fire. We practised 'Stop! Drop! and Roll!', evacuation procedures, dialling 999 in case of a fire and how to treat a burn.



science



clothing



We have been exploring clothing and beliefs as part of our RE sessions this term. Our focus was Judaism and Sikhism. We have looked into religious customs, celebrations, and some amazing clothing, and tasted traditional foods. As part of this module we visited Gurdwara Sri Guru Nanak in Nottingham. Well done to all 6F2 students who learned a lot and were a real credit to the school!



RE



beliefs



6F3

Hmm decisions, decisions...

We go to the shops every week to buy ingredients for cooking lessons. We can follow a shopping list and use money to pay for items!




Shopping




Forest


Schools

We loved our Forest Schools session with Class 6. Fire safety, marshmallows and lots of fun – what a morning!

6F3

We delivered letters about Oak Field Fireworks Night to the local community.



Let's keep fit on the outdoor gym machines!



Police came to Oak Field to teach us about their job and show us their cars and equipment. We even had a look in a riot van!




helping



6F4

In Autumn 1 we looked at the emergency services and people who help us.



science

In Science we looked at how to be safe with fire.



In a kitchen a blanket is best

Water can help fight some fires



Firepeople wear bright colours!



Don't arrest me! I didn't do it!



Going to need some back-up! Over!

Got to push as hard as I can!



Time for a strike!



emergency services

I'm on fire! Stop, drop and roll



community

In our community sessions we learned that sometimes its better to call 999 for help! We learned about fire, ambulance and police!



bowling

In Maths we were learning about number through games so we went on a trip to the bowling alley and scored very well!

6F4 In Autumn 2 we prepared for our Christmas Show – *Snow White and The Seven!*



enterprise

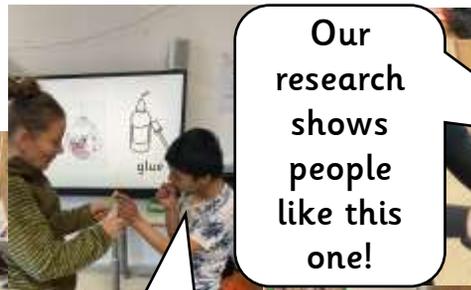
In our community sessions we have been working on an enterprise project making custom baubles to sell at the Christmas Show!



christmas show



We need to choose colours that look nice together!



Our research shows people like this one!



The bauble needs to be hot for the wax to melt!



All together as a class!



men and womens group

In men's and women's group we have been looking at friendship and have loved making new friends and spending time with old friends.



Lets make a friendship tree!



High five my friend!



Its so nice to chat with friends!

6F5

Bethany – enjoying using the magic wand during the *Snow White* story



Lola – playing games with Hammad



Hannah – having a good stretch in yoga



Mason – Enjoying yoga and relaxation



Saniyah – making biscuits during cooking

6F5



Long-enjoying reading books in the library



Izzy – really good independent work in creative choosing



Gianna – happy to be back at school

Nelli –enjoying the sensory story *Snow White*



Joyce – using the switch to make funny sound effects

Art



KS4 worked on their Keith Haring inspired vibrant cartoon-like pieces.



6th Form have been using marbling and embellishing



Art



KS2 created their own Shackleton Expedition themed seascapes

French

il y a des nuages



il pleut



Diwali



The first half term we learned French phrases for the weather. We made weather reports and music videos and explored sensory activities. We also learned how Diwali is celebrated in France.

French



pingouin



serpent



perroquet

j'aime les animaux!



lion



The second half term, our topic was zoo animals. We have enjoyed learning through exploration, music and even going “en safari”!

Music



Phase 3-7 had lots of fun playing loud drums to sound like the Gruffalo.



KS3 explored musicians from Nottingham, playing piano along to their songs.



piano



KS2 loved learning about folk music, especially playing the whistle!



whistle



Music



6F enjoyed creating their own cover versions of their favourite Christmas songs along with music videos. They also explored creating musical patterns for their friends to copy.



KS4 loved learning about electronic music, becoming amazing DJs!



DJ



PE



Phase 3-7

We have been having fun in the swimming pool navigating ways of travelling and pushing floating objects. In Autumn 2 we performed yoga moves including creating body shapes, tucks, straight and stretching long, large and small as well as gymnastics.



Phase 7-14

Gymnastics, climbing, moving up, down and across apparatus. We used equipment too for rhythmic gymnastics! We performed skills that would be similar to the games you could play at Goose Fair!



PE



Phase 14-19

We have performed gymnastics skills and moves, and exercises with plenty of trampolining. We had a Halloween theme to encourage more physical activity and target practice.



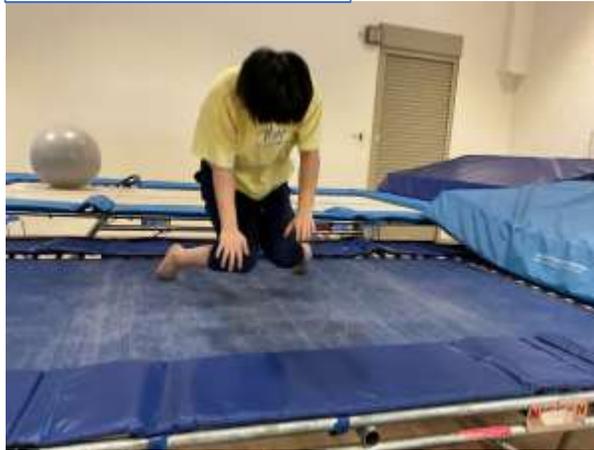
PE

Lunchtime clubs and other activities

We have enjoyed lots of lunchtime clubs this term, including the weekly disco inside and out. Other clubs include trampolining, basketball, football, gym use and table cricket with a specialist coach, finishing with a tournament at Nottingham Trent University for class 11.



Outdoor disco



Nottingham City Council
School terms and holiday calendar – 2025/26

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Key	
	In school
	School holiday
	Public holiday
	In Service Training Day
	Health Training Day

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- Half term 1 – 7 weeks
- Half term 2 – 7 weeks
- Half term 3 – 6 weeks
- Half term 4 – 5 weeks
- Half term 5 – 5 weeks 4 days
- Half term 6 – 8 weeks 1 day





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