

# Accomplishing great things at JCA



Friday 21st July 2023

## A year of challenge, a year of so many achievements & a year to celebrate!

**A year that has gone so quickly, yet, we have so much to be proud of.**

This year, JCA has faced one of its most challenging years. It hasn't been easy at times; however, our strength of community has supported us all through.

There are so many accomplishments, which we should all be proud of and these are listed within the newsletter. JCA has continued to accomplish great things!

A special thank you must go to our PTA members who have planned and organised so many events for your children this year. Most notably, the Summer Fair. This was a huge success, raising nearly £3000 in profit. Without these events, we simply would not have the value-added items which our school is lucky enough to have.

Our Junior Leaders have carried out their role with pride this year and have supported our whole school developments. I wish to thank them all for the excellent work they have carried out for JCA this year. We now welcome our new 2023-24 Junior Leadership team – see our JLT on the next page. We can't wait to see them continue the excellent work already started by the previous team.

A huge thank you must go to our JCA staff team. During challenging times, we know that teams are tested to the maximum, and our team has stood the test of challenge. I am very fortunate to have such an amazingly caring and hard-working team who do all they can for the children in our care. This has never faltered and I am extremely grateful for their hard work.

Next academic year sees our Accomplish MAT begin to grow, with Stanley Grove joining Accomplish, alongside JCA on 1st October. JCA looks forward to building strong networks with this school for the greatness of all pupils.

I will remain in post as Executive Headteacher at JCA next academic year and I am pleased to be increasing capacity in the team. Congratulations go to Mr Palin who is promoted to Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Johnson who has been successful in being appointed to Assistant Headteacher.

Finally, thank you to all of you for supporting our JCA mission. A true community is a partnership and I have welcomed your feedback throughout the year to ensure that JCA is the best it can be. For another year running, JCA has remained the most popular primary school in Yorkshire and named in the Yorkshire post as the hardest primary school to get into. This is down to your opinions about the work we do, so thank you.

As we move into the next year, we can assure you of one thing, that we will always remain relentless in pursuing the best for our children, both academically and holistically. A school is more than a curriculum; it is about everything that should make a Primary School truly magical. We only get one chance at it and a child's experience should create memories forever.

Thank you for your support, have a relaxing Summer and see you all on Tuesday 5th September, as we turn the page to Chapter 2023-24.

With warm regards,

**Mrs. T Swinburne**

# Our Accomplishments - 2022-23

We gained the **highest average of 24.7 out of 25** in the Year 4 computerised DfE times table check. Placing us a **one of the highest performing schools in the country**.



We have supported over **300 schools** in both intensive support, programmes and reading leader networks as part of our **English Hub**.



We achieved 93% in our **Phonics screening**, with a total of **97% average over 3 years**.

Our **English Hub partner schools** (24 schools) made a 28% increase in their **Phonics screening** from a 56% average to an **84% average** by the end of the year.

We achieved **100% expected in Writing** for KS1 SATs and **93% in Writing** for KS2 SATs.

We achieved **100% in Mathematics** for KS1 SATs & **86% in Mathematics** for KS2 SATs.

We achieved **100% in Reading** for KS1 SATs & **86% in Reading** for KS2 SATs.

We achieved **Platinum Sports Mark**, which is the highest sport games mark. After 4 years of Gold, we were eligible to gain the Platinum award for our commitment to sport at the school, in the community and for developing young leadership in sport.

Our Reception children achieved **93% at Good Level of Development**, which placed us as highest achieving across the local authority.

Our greater depth percentage for **children working at higher levels was higher than previous years** for both key stages.

We have submitted evidence to recertify our **Arts Mark Gold** for 2023 and await the decision. The last time we achieved this was pre-covid and we wanted to acknowledge the excellent Arts achievements that we have achieved this year.



# Our Junior Leadership Team 2023-24



**Head Boy**



**Head Girl**



**Deputy Head Boy**

We wish to thank our brilliant leadership team as they move onto secondary school. They will leave behind a huge legacy of improvement.

We now welcome our new leadership team who will all help to shape the developments of JCA next year.



**Deputy Head Girl**

## House Captains



**Blue House Captains**



**Green House Captains**



**Red House Captains**



**Yellow House Captains**





# Our Junior Leadership Team 2023-24



**Head of Behaviour**



**Head of Creative Arts**



**Head of Curriculum**



**Head of Eco**



**Head of English**



**Head of Healthy School**



**Head of Humanities**



**Head of ICT**



**Head of Maths**



**Head of Outdoors**



**Head of Playground**



**Head of Reading**



**Head of School Council**



**Head of Science**



**Head of Sport**



**Head of Sport**



**Head of Well-Being**



**Operation Manager**



# Sports day fun at JCA

We waited for the reserve Sports Day and wow, it didn't disappoint us! The sun shone down on us all day and our children had the best time.

Our Sports Leaders supported the Reception and Year 1 Sports in the morning and it was plain to see that all our children put in some excellent effort.

DJ Dave joined us at lunchtime, as the children (& staff) enjoyed some warm up dances to the disco beats. After a competitive afternoon, it was the blue team who took the victory house trophy.

A great day had by all, with excellent community attendance.





# The Lion King – a Year 6 SPECTACULAR performance

Our Year 6 community were absolutely amazed at the fantastic performance of our Year 6s in The Lion King. The singing was truly outstanding and the acting, exceptional. We were so proud of all of our children. The show was simply on another level. Well done to all our talented children and outstanding staff who developed and supported the performance.



# Special Mentions of the year

Well done to our Special Mentions of the year winners. All of these children have consistently applied the very best attitudes and effort into striving to be the best they can be right across the curriculum. Well done!

Reception:

**Ella Hutley**

Year 1:

**Jude Emmerson**

Year 2:

**Lyla Lomax**

Year 3:

**Amira Emmerson**

Year 4:

**Charlie Taylor**

Year 5:

**Lucas Taylor**

Year 6:

**Scarlett Black**



Celebrating memories from another outstanding year

# RECEPTION



What an incredible year full of wonderful memories! We are so proud of the children settling into School life, building friendships, developing fundamental learner traits and challenging themselves to be the best that they can be to accomplish great things.

Our top 5 memories include our ski adventures and slalom events, the arctic expedition, skateboard time challenges and firework painting, a world book day poem performance as well as the land art and spirals inspired by James Brunt.



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# RECEPTION

The children have also enjoyed the work on animals throughout the year including the tortoises, caterpillars and tadpoles and scientific investigation of the inside of a fish. A fantastic year of learning full of awe and wonder, curiosity and play.





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# YEAR 1



What an amazing year it has been! We are incredibly proud of the progress and achievements of all of the children and we cannot wait to see how they continue to thrive in Year 2! Have a wonderful summer break everyone, here are our top 5 moments of Year 1:

## 1. Yorkshire Wildlife Park

We loved our visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, where we saw real polar bears up close and inspired us with our writing in class.

## 2. Creative Arts week

Learning through play and mindfulness, using water as a stimulus and learning about the artist Hokusai! We will never forget "The Great Wave" by Hokusai and painting our own!

## 3. Meeting Paddington

When he came to visit us for a few weeks, we were so welcoming and created some beautiful art pieces of him, as well as our letters to Aunt Lucy!





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# YEAR 1



## 4. Reading

We have really loved reading this year and finding out who our Royal Readers were each week! We have loved celebrating each member of our class and their reading efforts!

## 5. Singing

Singing lots of songs and learning lots of poems, using Makaton to support us. We have learnt some wonderful songs and poems this year and the children have enjoyed performing them too at our library times and assembly!





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# YEAR 2



Wow, what a truly incredible learning journey Year Two have been on this year. We have loved making magical memories together and watching each other grow in confidence. Together, we make a brilliant team and can achieve anything!

## 1. School trips

Across the year, we have visited the National Coal Mining Museum, Wakefield Cathedral and Yorkshire water as part of our learning journey. All of these visits were such exciting opportunities to see our learning in action with real life experiences. We had to be risk takers to descend 140 meters down the mine and enquirers when exploring the Yorkshire Water Works.

## 2. Reading

Throughout our learning, we have loved reading and we have eagerly anticipated our visits to the magical outdoor library with Mrs Pickersgill. We are so lucky to have an abundance of books in our class and this year we have really focused on developing our reader identity. However, our class favourite is 'Grandma Bird' by Benji Davies. We have loved orally rehearsing the text so that we can showcase our story telling skills and create our own version of the stories too!





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# YEAR 2



### 3. World book day

From our love of reading, it is no surprise one of our favourite memories was world book day! What better way to celebrate reading than to dress up as our favourite characters and share our favourite books and authors! We explored performance poetry and had so much fun performing our nonsense poem 'On The Ning Nang Nong' by Spike Milligan

### 4. Creative Arts

When we shared our favourite memories, we all agreed on our creative arts work but couldn't decide which aspect was our favourite! We have developed so many creative arts skills from sewing Grandma Bird's blanket in DT, creating tones for our mining portraits in Art to designing and making our tin miner's pasties in DT. But one thing is for sure, Year 2 love immersing themselves in creative arts to express their imagination, creativity and individuality.



### 5. Well-being week

During well-being week, we appreciated stopping to take notice of our 5 ways to well-being. As a team, we expressed our thoughts, mood and feeling through nature. For our product, we collected flowers and greenery on a nature walk and used these to create luminous lanterns!



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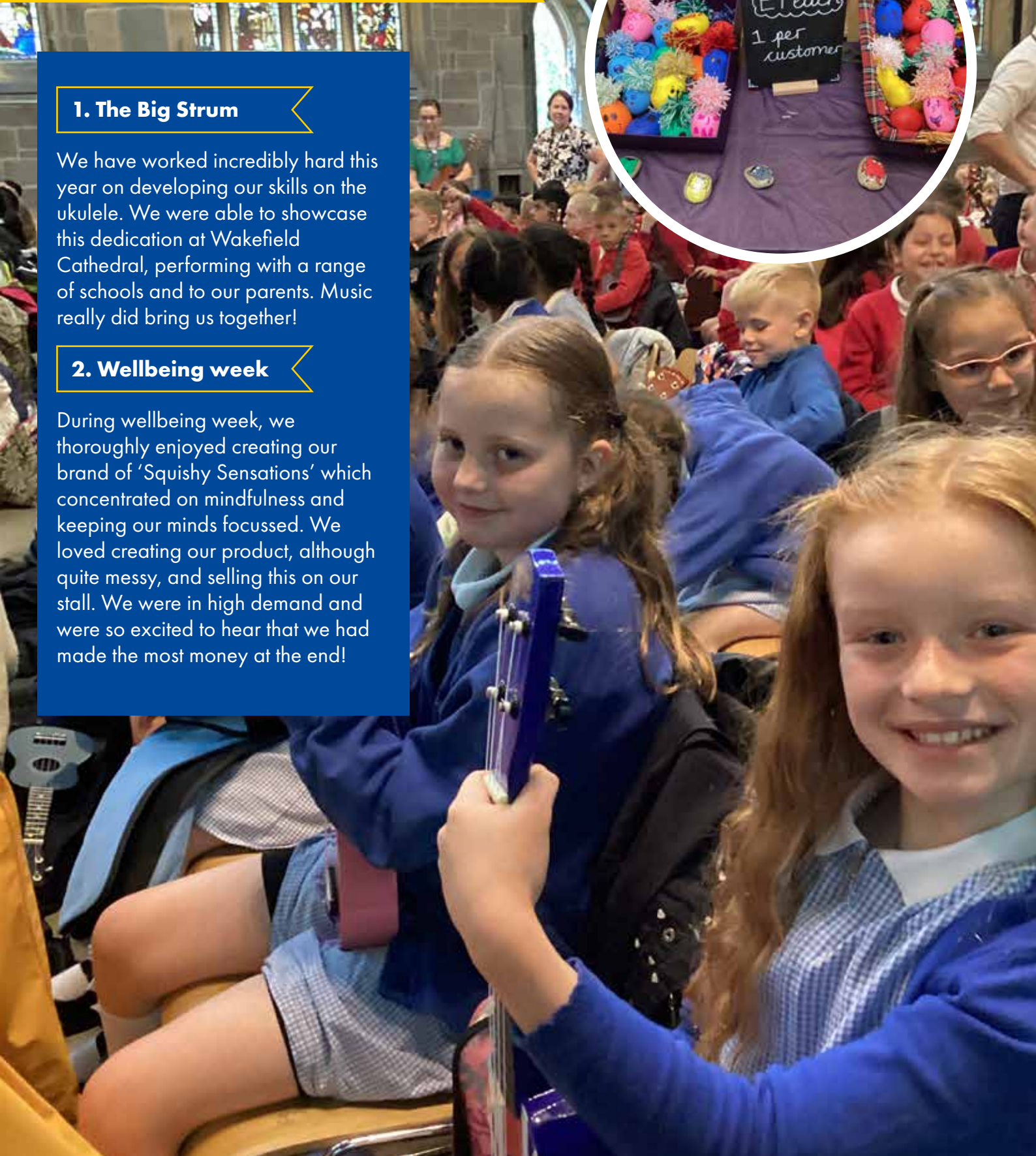
# YEAR 3

## 1. The Big Strum

We have worked incredibly hard this year on developing our skills on the ukulele. We were able to showcase this dedication at Wakefield Cathedral, performing with a range of schools and to our parents. Music really did bring us together!

## 2. Wellbeing week

During wellbeing week, we thoroughly enjoyed creating our brand of 'Squishy Sensations' which concentrated on mindfulness and keeping our minds focussed. We loved creating our product, although quite messy, and selling this on our stall. We were in high demand and were so excited to hear that we had made the most money at the end!





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# YEAR 3

## 3. Trip to Wakefield Museum

In Spring term, we walked to Wakefield Museum to deepen our learning and understanding of the Vikings. We were able to look round the museum and observe a real-life Viking boat as well as taking part in a range of activities during our workshop.

## 4. Creative Arts Week

We were all so proud to showcase our hard work to parents during the Creative Arts Gallery. We particularly enjoyed exploring our artist Manami Lingerfelt and taking inspiration from her design to recreate a connection painting.

## 5. Outdoor learning day

In November, we explored the Stone Age during our Outdoor Learning Day. We loved using practical timelines, building shelters, gathering for fruit and making our own hunting spears.





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# YEAR 4



## 1. Creative Arts Week

Year 4 loved creative arts week this year as we focused on what makes our mind happy. We knew family and friends helped us the most so created a piece of art based on Stacey Zimmerman's piece 'Motherhood'. The children also demonstrated brilliant team work to create our very own music area which they have loved maintaining throughout the term.

## 2. Well being week

The children thoroughly enjoyed this brilliant week where they were able to focus on their wellbeing; this included creating beautiful origami water lilies, playing sit down volleyball, and writing to letters to those in need. The children also loved creating their very own dream catchers to sell as part of their enterprise. These were so creative and sold very well.



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# YEAR 4



### 3. Outdoor Learning Day

Although it was still cold outside, Year 4 were eager to learn all about the exotic rainforests around the world. The children created their own continents and labelled where different rainforest were using canes.

### 4. Going to the Industrial Revolution Museum

The children showed amazing enthusiasm during this trip, we learnt about the Spinning Jenny, The Water Wheel and many other inventions of the Industrial Revolution.

### 5. Pneumatic dragons

The children enjoyed learning all about different pneumatic toys in DT. They loved being able to show their final product to Year 1 as part of their theme: Dungeons and Dragons.





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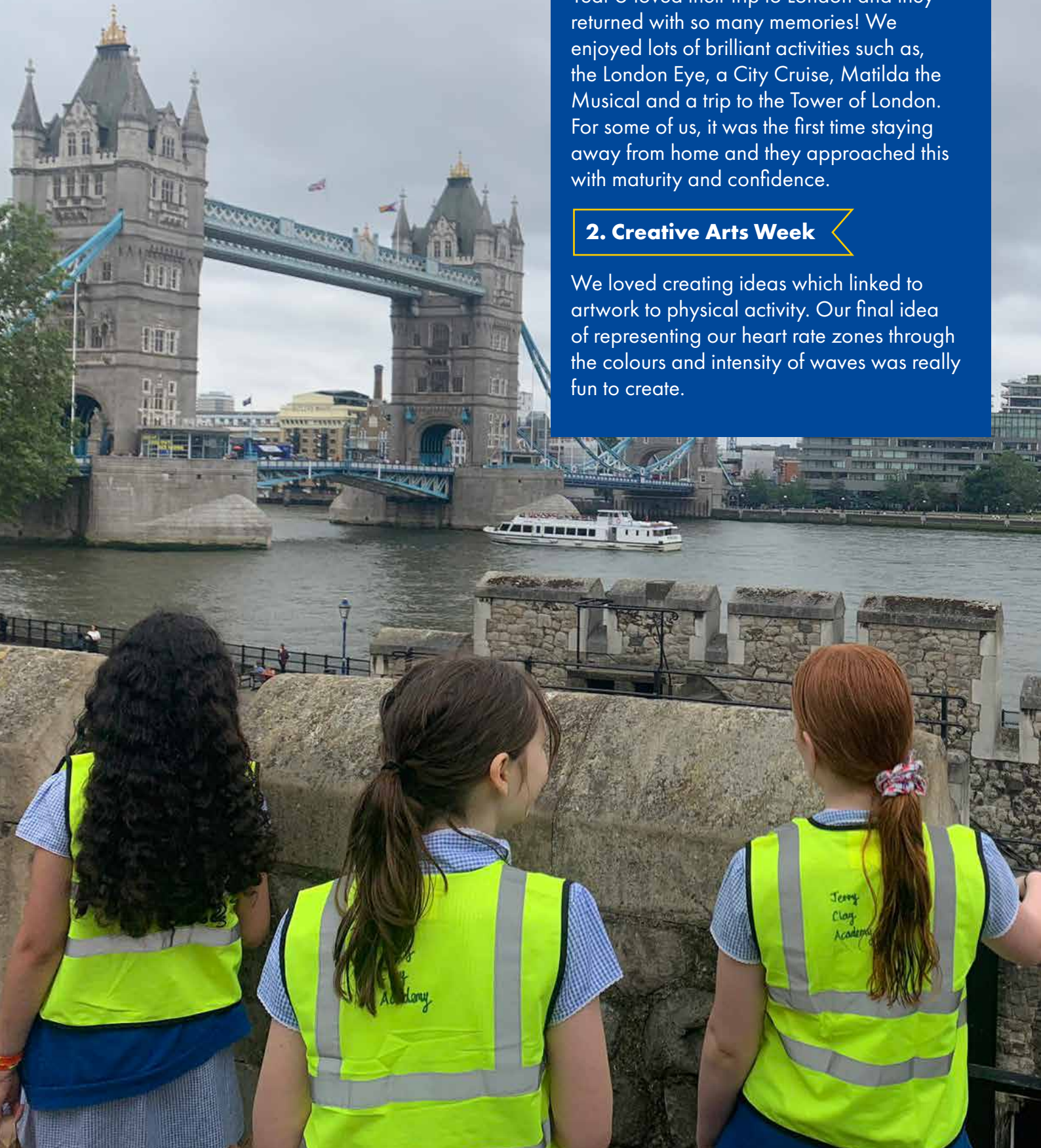
# YEAR 5

## 1. Trip to London

Year 5 loved their trip to London and they returned with so many memories! We enjoyed lots of brilliant activities such as, the London Eye, a City Cruise, Matilda the Musical and a trip to the Tower of London. For some of us, it was the first time staying away from home and they approached this with maturity and confidence.

## 2. Creative Arts Week

We loved creating ideas which linked to artwork to physical activity. Our final idea of representing our heart rate zones through the colours and intensity of waves was really fun to create.





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# YEAR 5



### 3. Sip 'n' Slurp

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed creating their own smoothie brand 'Sip 'n' Slurp' for their enterprise project. They designed a healthy smoothie and sold them to the rest of the school.

### 4. Eden Camp

In October, we went on a trip to Eden Camp to develop our learning of World War 2. Year 5 were very interested in the impact the war had on every aspect of Britain. The staff there mentioned how inquisitive and sensible they were whilst we were there.

### 5. Swimming

What a fantastic experience swimming has been! We hold lots of fond memories about swimming. We all started at different levels and have progressed on our own journey. Year 5 have particularly enjoyed the fun weeks and playing in the pool with their friends!





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# YEAR 6



## 1. Residential

Our residential was fantastic! So many of us overcame so many different barriers! Our favourite day included rock-climbing, abseiling and scrambling but we also enjoyed activities such as fire-lighting and shelter building.

## 2. The Lion King

What more can we say about The Lion King? We all thoroughly enjoyed practicing for it and loved learning the songs. Our parents were also all so proud!

## 3. SATs

We worked so hard for SATs this year; whether it was in class, boosters or any extra time, we all showed such a great attitude & accomplished great things!





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## 4. Trip to Leeds Museum

In November, we went on a trip to the Leeds City Museum to further our learning about Ancient Egypt. We walked to Wakefield Westgate and caught the train into Leeds before looking around the museum and learning about mummification in a workshop.

## 5. Bikeability

Lots of us learnt valuable skills around cycle-safety at the start of the year – most of us also got the chance to cycle on roads in the local area!

## 6. Rai-Leyah

She will be forever in our hearts and minds as our children move on to secondary school. She will always remain in our hearts and her spirit will live on.

*Wishing you all the very best of luck year 6. We will miss you all but know that you will go on to achieve so much more. Fly high and keep striving!*





# Dates for Your Diary 2023-24

<b>INSET DAYS</b>	Monday 4 September 2023
	Friday 24 November 2023
	Monday 8 January 2024
	Monday 8 April 2024
	Monday 22 July 2024
<b>Parents Evenings</b>	Wednesday 6th September 2023 – Meet the teacher 3:45 – 4.05 and 4.10-4.30
	Monday 4th December and Wednesday 6th December 2023 – Parents' evenings
	Monday 18th & Wednesday 20th March – Parents' evenings
<b>Reports</b>	01/12/23- Progress check out to parents
	15/3/24 – Progress check out to parents
	12/7/24 – End of year reports to parents
<b>Theme Days/ Weeks</b>	Thursday 7th March 2024- World Book Day
	wc 18/3/24 – Theme Week – Speaking and listening – Ted Talks
	wc20/05/24- Creative Arts week
<b>Performances</b>	1/12/23 – Reception Activity Morning
	12/12/23 (9.30am) and 13/12/23 9.30am – Reception nativity
	18/12/23 – Christmas carols around the tree
	19/12/23 (2pm) and 20/12/23 (9.30 am) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
	21/12/23 Christingle at St. Annes (AM) at 10am
	14/06/24- Art gallery evening
	Wc 8th July 2024 – Performance
	w/c 15/7/24 – Celebration week
<b>Residential</b>	London- TBC
<b>Sports Day</b>	14/6/24 (21//6/24 Reserve Sports Day)
<b>Summer Fair</b>	(TBC)



# Staying safe in the Summer holidays

West Yorkshire Police is supporting the NWG and Sport England's Safe to Play campaign.

The campaign aims to raise awareness around tackling child sexual exploitation (CSE) in sport, so that children and adults can enjoy physical activity safe from harm and abuse.

We're encouraging parents, coaches and children to **know the signs that something isn't right** and **have the confidence to report it**.



## Being safe in the **sun**

It is fun to be outside in the sun, but too much sun can cause problems. The sun's rays can damage skin and dehydration can cause children to become unwell. Put on sun cream and wear a hat.



## Being safe near **water**

Swimming and playing in the sea or a swimming pool is fun but can also be hazardous if we are not careful. Some sea creatures can sting, water may be dirty and make us ill if swallowed, water can get deep very quickly and there may be strong currents that are not always obvious. Make sure there is always an adult present when you are in the water and always swim at a safe depth.



# Child Protection & Safeguarding

The designated Child Protection Officers for this academy are:

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