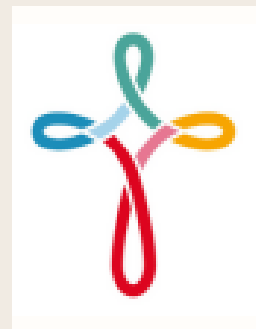




Year 4



Our children say:

"I like using the bear and the hare for our writing project because I really like the story!"

"I liked that we got to experience the Vikings on our school trip"

"I liked using Scratch in our computing lessons"



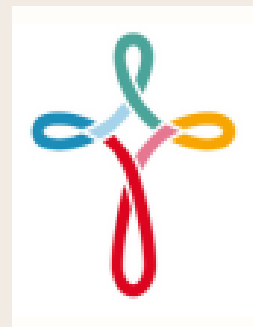
This half-term:

- In our history lessons, the children have been learning all about the Vikings, and our trip to Tatton Hall brought this fascinating era to life.
- We have been investigating electricity in science, and have been enjoying hands-on learning by building circuits using a variety of components.
- Our focus in our Writing lessons has been on description as we worked on the story The Bear and the Hare. The children have produced some wonderfully detailed and imaginative pieces; full of amazing good writing features!
- In Maths, we have learnt our times tables to 12, and now our focusing on practising these either using Hit the Button, White Rose app or TT Rockstars!





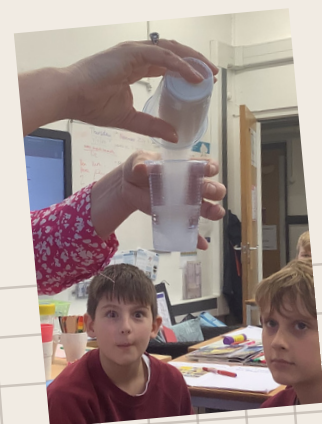
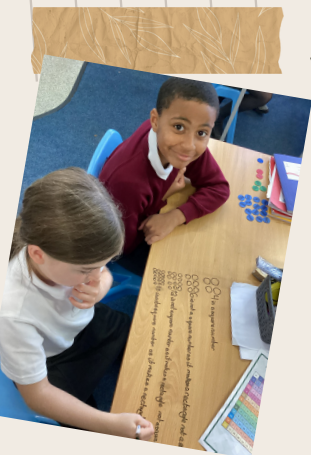
Year 5



This half-term:

We have been doing lots of very hands-on learning this term:

- Our English study of *The Bear and the Hare* opened with a sensory experience for our children, who arrived at their desks to find a satsuma, a gold coin and the scent of mulled wine in their classroom. We considered the fragrance, taste, and general spectacle of Christmas before reflecting on how the joy of Christmas is to share it. Such experiences help the children to 'get under the skin' of a story in order to stimulate their writing. Natural resources were also a feature of our wreath-making Christmas Craft session with parents.
- In Geography, we started our exploration of Cheshire by tasting Cheshire cheese. The children have done a great job learning about the physical features of 'salty' Cheshire and have learned that the suffix -wich on place names such as Northwich signifies a place that has salt deposits.
- Over in our Science lessons, salt has also been a feature of our learning as we have conducted experiments around dissolving and evaporation. These led to the making of our own salt flats!
- We have run two weeks of BikeAbility sessions this half-term to boost the children's cycling skills and to introduce them to matters of road safety when on two wheels!



Our children say:

"I love Geography because we learn interesting stuff and I like learning about new places."

"In *The Bear and the Hare*, I liked that the bear and the hare cared for each other and that there was a lot of action in the story leading up to Christmas."

"Our Science lessons are really good. We do lots of experiments."

"BikeAbility was lovely and life-changing. The instructors were really kind. We got to go down School Lane!"





Year 6



This half-term:

- The highlight of our term was definitely Robin Wood! It was amazing to see the children enjoying and challenging themselves whilst developing their relationships with their peers and staff.
- During our writing lessons, we have been writing a Christmas narrative for the story 'The Bear and The Hare'. The children have written some amazing descriptions and we have loved reading them.
- We have focused on war artist 'Paul Nash' and developed our drawing skills this half term by experimenting with a range of tools: pencil, charcoal, oil pastels and drawing pens.
- As it is Advent, we have been exploring the meaning of 'expectations' in Religion lessons and how we prepare for Jesus' coming.

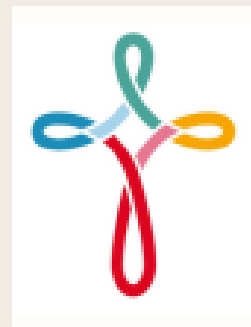
Our children say:

- I loved our D&T project where we got to make LED Christmas crafts. My circuit worked!
- Robinwood was the best! I tried so many things that I would normally be afraid of – like the giant swing!
- I made a periscope in Science – it's amazing how mirrors can be used to see over walls and round corners!





Sports



This half-term:

Our extra-curricular clubs have been thriving with:

- weekly training
- matches for boys and girls football team
- arranging matches and competitions for Spring 1- emails to follow!

Our curriculum has also been jam-packed! Y1 have enjoyed gymnastic sessions with Mr Bourjes while Y3 have learnt new moves in dance sessions with our specialist coach. Mr Hollins has been busy outside working on tag rugby, ball skills with, Y4, Y5, Y6.



School Council

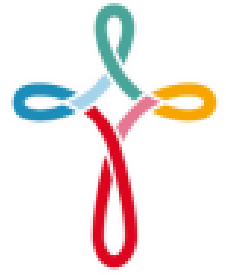
This half-term:

In December, the council had a fantastic time at the Laudato Si' Centre at Wardley Hall. We explored different ways of how to be more sustainable in school, and even learned how to whittle using willow. Check out our Advent candles!





Music



This half-term:

This term the children in KS2 unleashed their creativity with two days of African Dance and Mask making. They all had an amazing experience showing great creativity and talent!



Choir

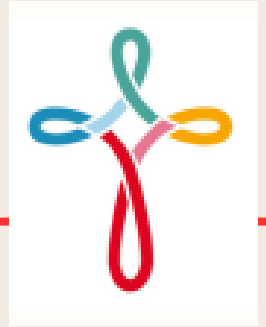
The Choir went carol singing in the Trafford centre last week and brought the house down especially as the children sang familiar songs that became famous in the John Lewis adverts including 'Somewhere only we know' and 'Send me a Sign.'

The feedback from the public was truly excellent and a big thankyou to our families who turned up to show support and be a great audience. It was amazing, too, for us all to see both Miss Quiligotti and Mrs Glennon there with their new families!

We are also proud of the children for being GREAT ambassadors for our school and for the polite and respectful way they conducted themselves. They all looked and dressed so smartly with their shirts and school ties and presented themselves graciously to the waiting public! They were all handsomely rewarded later on, in the form of Chocolates!!!



PTA



Dear St. Catherine's families,

We're at the end of an amazing term. It was so lovely to enjoy all the activities we did during this past weeks. The real success coming out of these activities is memories we make for our children thanks to your support.

Connecting with such an amazing community had been the most valuable part of every PTA event.

Costume disco:

For the first time we had the opportunity to meet an amazing DJ, Spikey Mike, who managed to created an amazingly fun experience for children and parents alike.

Christmas fair:

For a second year in a row our Christmas fair was a huge success in terms of fun, entertainment and fundraising for our school. This could not have been possible without the invaluable support from you. We're providing more opportunities for everyone to join in. We're planning our AGM for this coming January and we have some roles for anyone who would like to support our school. We're providing more opportunities for everyone to join in. We're planning our AGM for this coming January and we have some roles for anyone who would like to support our school.



We wish you a very lovely Christmas and hoping the best for this coming 2025.

With love, The PTA

A very big thank you to all the volunteers who made the Christmas fair a success. A huge thanks to the teachers for making the hampers look fabulous and to the very