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'Placing learning at the heart of everything we do'
Raising Aspirations, Realising Ambition and Stimulating Curiosity

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It's been quite a busy start to Term 2; last week we celebrated November 5th, with firework stories and songs, this week we commemorated Remembrance Day and Children in Need Day (including a visit from Pudsey), whilst some of our girls took part in a Football Festival at KGA and some of our Year 6's were at Morfa Bay residential centre. The children really benefit from these experiences, and we would like to thank everyone who gives their time and energy to make them happen.

At school, we are continuing to focus on **Respect**. Please take a moment to talk about this with your children – the best way to show anyone respect is by being **kind** to them, it costs nothing but a little time, and sometimes, **patience**. If you would also like to talk about seeing things from others' points of view – empathy – that is a great next step. Thank you.

EYFS & Year 1

What a wonderful start to Term 2 it's been for our Ducklings and Goslings! We've been making the most of the autumn weather with our autumnal welly walks, collecting leaves, twigs and other natural treasures to use in our beautiful transient art creations.

To celebrate Bonfire Night, the children enjoyed stories and songs around our "bonfire" and made some dazzling firework pictures, experimenting with colour and texture. We also took time to reflect and remember during Remembrance Day, creating our own poppies to mark this special occasion.

In phonics, we've been busy learning new sounds and practising our listening and blending skills. In maths, the children have explored the concepts of more and fewer through lots of practical, hands-on activities. It's been a busy and exciting start to the term — we're so proud of how curious and enthusiastic the children have been in their learning!





Years 1 & 2

Pufflings and Cygnets had a great time at Bonfire stories. They enjoyed S'mores and hot chocolate around the bonfire, as well as sharing stories and singing songs. In DT, we have started learning all about windchimes. Children have started to explore what windchimes could be made of and have gone out and found materials for their very own windchimes. This term in P.E we are looking at dance, they are creating phrases based on weather patterns.





Years 3 & 4

Year's 3 and 4 have had a great start back to the term. We started the term by exploring lots of different Viking artefacts. We then drew pictures of what we were looking at and tried to find out what they were and how they were used. We have also been investigating where the Vikings came from. In PE we have been working on our football skills with the PE coach.



Years 5 & 6

To start our 'Frozen Kingdom' topic, we completed some 'Ice' experiments! We worked scientifically to take accurate measures, make observations and draw conclusions. We completed a 'Great Ice race' using different materials to race ice down a ramp, we cut an ice cube using pressure, explored how surface area effects melting and how land ice and floating ice effect water levels rising.



In computing, we have begun to look at software for managing data. We used Microsoft Excel to explore what cells are and how to change font size & colour, cell size & colour, and how to move rows & columns.



We developed our Spanish vocabulary with a game of "lotería" (Bingo). We had to listen to and pronounce the words if we had them on our bingo card tricky.



Girls football festival Kingsbury Green.

We went to Kingsbury Green for the girl's football tournament. The Kingsbury field was slippery and we got very wet. We played ten-minute games and swapped on and off, so everyone got a fair go at playing a whole match. Maisie won a medal for her super effort in goal. We loved playing together and had great fun. – Georgia, Kingfisher

The girls showed amazing determination and resilience as they faced experienced football teams from around Calne. Well done for showing wonderful sportsmanship girls.



Children in Need Assembly

Today, some of our very brave children organised and wrote an assembly about Children in Need and performed it to the rest of the school.



Our famous visitor



Pudsey came with some colleagues from BBC Radio Wiltshire as part of Children in Need 2025.

You may have heard some of our children on BBC Wiltshire just after midday today when they read their wonderful jointly written poem, which is about Friendship and Kindness.

If you haven't yet donated to Children In Need 2025 and would like to, here is the link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=19417>

The Kindness Poem

When we see a friend in need, we can choose to care and lead.
A smile, a hand, a helping way, can make a brighter, kinder day.
No gift's too small, no act too small; together we can help them all.
For every coin and every deed, brings hope to those who are need.
Let's raise our hands, our hearts, our cheer for Children in Need, year after year.
Because kindness starts with you and me.
Together, we can change what we see.

Year 6 Residential

Each day those on residential have received an email of photos from the day before; here are Thursday's. Exciting.



Relaxing and then back to exciting.

