



The Appliance of Science

BRITISH Science Week is a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that takes place every year. As part of this, on Wednesday, we celebrated our own Science Day. This year the theme was 'adapt and change', and the children carried out many investigations to do with this theme including planting beans, designing high-vis reflective jackets and rockets, investigating what can and can't be flushed down the toilet, creating glaciers, using cabbage water to test the pH of different substances and exploring animal adaptations. There was also a poster competition, we will find out the winners next week!

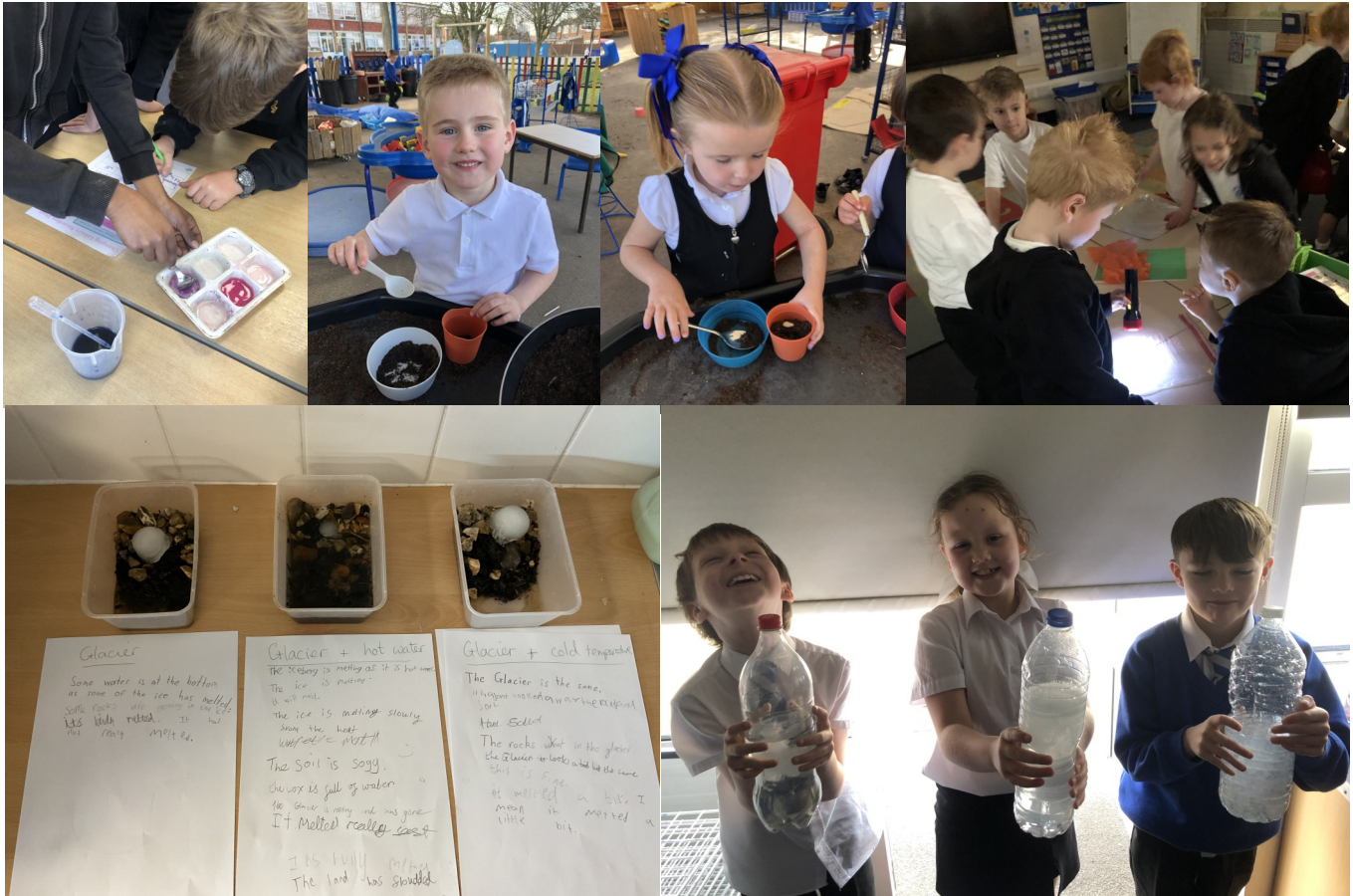


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Dates for the diary

- 26th March—Year 1 Phonics Meeting 2.30pm
- 1st April—PTA Easter Egg Hunt
- 1st April—Open Afternoon Infants 2.30pm
- 2nd April—Year 2 trip to the National Gallery
- 3rd April—Open Afternoon Juniors 2.30pm
- 4th April—End of term **SCHOOL CLOSERS EARLY** 1.30pm Reception—Year 2 and 1.40pm Years 3—6
- 7th—21st April—**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- 22nd April—Children return to school
- 23rd April—St. Georges Day—Children may wear Cubs, Brownie, Brigade uniform to school

More Science Day Photos



Thank you

A BIG thank you to Mr Gravel, Father of Florence in Meerkat class who answered our call for a white board. We will certainly put it to good use.

Could you help ACE? We are always looking for donations and if you know any offices that might be moving or closing and have things to give away or if you could pop anything extra in your shopping we always need the following:

- Glue sticks (Pritt only please as we found others not to be as good)
- Biro's
- Blotack
- Laminating Pouches
- Tissues

Free School Meals

ALL Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal (often referred to as UFSM). If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). Confusing hey! The difference is that if you are entitled to FSM there are other means of support that you can tap into.

Some of the rules around FSM may be changing at the end of March so if you think you may be entitled to free school meals please come to the school office or send us an email with your NI number, date of birth and the name that you claim you benefit in.

You may be eligible if you claim:

- Universal credit with an annual net income of no more that £7,400
- Income Support
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

This week in worship we have been exploring how our brains all work differently which makes us the wonderful individuals that we all are!

We looked again at our school vision and reflected on what our own individual strengths and talents are, as well as recognising the things that we might still need some help with.



We are a caring Christian community where everyone adopts an "I can" attitude; everyone feels valued, safe and loved by God. We celebrate our God-given individuality, achievements and talents and we aspire, with God's help, to become the best that we can be. We believe that each one of us has the ability to achieve our highest potential, living and learning in the fullness of God.

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.
Philippians 4v13

This links in with Neurodiversity celebration week and we shared the stories of some famous people who think differently and have used this as a strength to become successful in different areas.

The children shared some really thoughtful ideas as to how we can celebrate our talents and show compassion and kindness to others.



If you would like to learn more about this please follow this link: <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/introduction>



The Parish of
St Mary the Virgin
STANWELL
&
St Matthew
ASHFORD



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday (13/04/25)	09:30	Parish Mass	St Matthew's
	11:00	Parish Mass	St Mary's
	18:30	Evensong & Benediction	St Matthew's
Monday - Wednesday (14-16/04/25)	19:00	Mass and Stations of the Cross	St Matthew's
	Maundy Thursday (17/04/25)	12:00	Low Mass
19:00		Solemn Mass followed by the Watch	St Matthew's
Good Friday (18/04/25)	10:00	Stations of the Cross	St Matthew's
	14:00	Liturgy of the Day	St Mary's
Holy Saturday (19/04/25)	20:00	Vigil Mass	St Mary's
Easter Sunday (20/04/25)	09:30	Parish Mass	St Matthew's
	11:00	Parish Mass	St Mary's
	18:30	Solemn Evensong & Benediction	St Matthew's

Sports Report—Hockey

In the beautiful sunshine on Thursday afternoon, a team of 8 children from Year 6 headed off to Ashford Hockey Club to take part in a mixed hockey



tournament against local Spelthorne schools. With the team only having ever played hockey as part of their PE lessons, we faced some tough matches against schools who clearly had children with experience from local hockey clubs. However, the team showed fantastic resilience and grew in confidence as the afternoon progressed. We qualified for the 'Aspire' group and faced our final two matches against teams from Buckland and St Ignatius. We came out victorious in both which meant we won our group, earning the children winners' medals and another trophy for the school! Congratulations to all the team and a big thank you to the parents for your help with transportation and positive support all afternoon.

Thank you Kwik Fit!

A HUGE thank you to Kwik Fit Sunbury who have very generously provided us with a set of high visibility jackets for when we take children on school trips.

In addition to this they have very kindly offered to do some fundraising for us which we hope will fund some new PE equipment.

Kwik Fit offer a range of products and services so the next time you or your friends and family are having a tyre change or getting your MOT or new battery pop along to Kwik Fit and don't forget to put your spare change in the pot!



YEAR 2 Easter Cross Designs

Year 2 have been busy designing their own Easter crosses, using the symbols and key events from the Easter story. We think they look great and their reflections on the importance of forgiveness were very inspiring!



Superhero Design Competition

SKY Arts is giving primary school pupils across the UK and Ireland the chance to win an exclusive masterclass with legendary Marvel artist, Will Sliney and Ashford C of E are taking part. The winning school can look forward to a visit from Will for an epic draw-along lesson during Access All Arts week this summer (16-20 June).

All they need to do is create their own superhero with special artistic powers. Whether it's drawing portals to alternate worlds or controlling the weather with music, we can't wait to see the creative ideas they come up with. Entries need to be back at school by 1st April latest.



House Points:

Foxall	Howard	Lockington	Mann
557	492	562	517

WINNER

Ace Attendance Winners of the Week

The class with the best attendance this week is...

INFANTS: Tiger—98.5%

JUNIORS: Meerkat—98.8%

Our attendance target is 96% Whole school this week 94.7%

ACE Celebration Stars of the Week

	Name	Reason
Koala	Star	For always giving her best to her learning
	Leah	For writing great sentences
Kangaroo	Eryne G	For having a fantastic 'can do' attitude in maths this week
	Rocko B	For his joyful attitude towards singing worship
Tiger	Ella B	For always being kind and helpful in the classroom
	Arthur P	For always trying his best in all his learning
Panda	Beau F	For great control and rhythm during our drumming class
	Bella S	For excellent counting, recognising doubles and writing number sentences carefully
Zebra	Adesh K	For persevering and concentrating on writing your big write independently
	Gabriel W	For always being a great member of the class
Giraffe	Henry	For incredibly detailed independent write about Grandad's Camper
	Matei	For his enthusiastic attitude in all his learning
Lemur	Abdullah	For his interest and engagement in our science day investigation
	Rosie N	For her outstanding understanding of why women were at Jesus crucifixion
Meerkat	Toby J	For his extremely thoughtful answers during DT
	Summer B	For her excellent problem solving and reasoning skills
Rhino	Jonathan	For his enthusiasm and contributions during science day
	Savannah	For always upholding our school rules and being an outstanding role model
Elephant	Amelie M	For her positive attitude and growth mindset
	Lucas P	For his focus and enthusiasm in his spelling activities
Llama	Ibrahim A	For his fantastic engagement and participation in class discussions
	Seth P	For taking ownership of his behaviour for learning and making some great choices in class
Buffalo	Vivienne	For having high aspirations and challenging herself
	Violet	For her fantastic effort and attitude to all her learning
Panther	Ethan F	For his fantastic effort researching moles and their adaptations for our science day
	Judah	For a fantastic effort creating a science day poster
Leopard	George P	For an excellent piece of writing using adverbials
	Ethan M	For producing a super poster on science day