

# Newsletter 2 – Autumn 1



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Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Year 2 Trip Thurstaston	
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:		
Polite Notice:	Please note the school office opens at 8.30am each morning and is manned until 4.30pm. Before and after these times, there will be no access to the Main Reception area.	

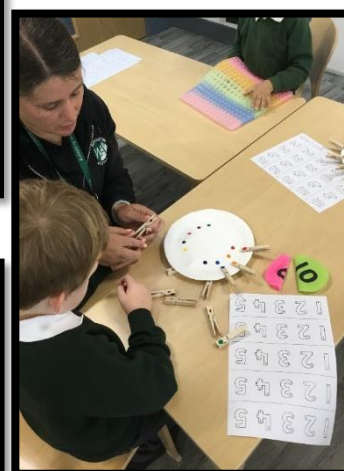
## We are Brilliant Winners

**KS1:** Ava-Mae (1A), Athena (1B), Vihas (2A), Dawn (2B)

**KS2:** Zofia(3A), Lexi (3B), Savannah (4A), Lena (4B), Max (5A), Millie (5B), Kaylub (6A), Ollie Mark (6B)

## Hubs

In Hub 2, children have been practising colour matching and counting to 5.



## Nursery

This week the children have enjoyed exploring both the indoor and outdoor environment alongside their peers. They have been working hard to learn our nursery 'Rainbow Rules' and have been helping each other to tidy-up when they have finished.



## Reception

The children have settled beautifully into Reception, learning the school rules and routines. We have had lots of fun exploring our new environment and making new friends.

**We use quiet voices indoor.**



**We walk inside our school.**



**We tidy away our resources.**



**We have kind hands and kind feet.**



### Year 1

This week in RE we have been learning about Christianity. We learnt many Christians believe God created the world. We shared and discussed the creation story. Then we used 'Story Stick' to re-tell the story.



### Year 2

This week, we learnt to name some of the common coastal features. With our partner we went on a hunt around the room to see which features we could find using guided tour.





### Year 3

This week in Science we explored different rocks using magnifying glasses. We then sorted the rocks into categories, including hard and soft. Finally we recorded our findings by creating a detailed drawing of one of the rocks.



### Year 4

This week, we introduced our new science topic – Sound! We learnt about how sounds are caused by vibrations. We had lots of fun investigating sound waves and vibrations by trying to move grains of rice with sound. Using a bowl and some clingfilm, we made different noises to see if the sound vibrations would make the rice jump! We tried keeping the clingfilm tight and loose and seeing if this affected the sound – which it did! Then we had a variety of instruments to investigate how the sound was being made. We found there were lots of different ways we could make sounds by plucking, hitting, shaking and blowing them. We noticed what was vibrating and how the sound was made.



### Year 5

In science, we used torches and globes to demonstrate how day and night happens. We could see the different countries that have day time, whilst other countries had night.



### Year 6

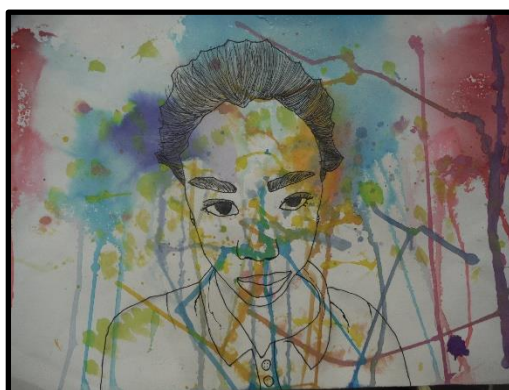
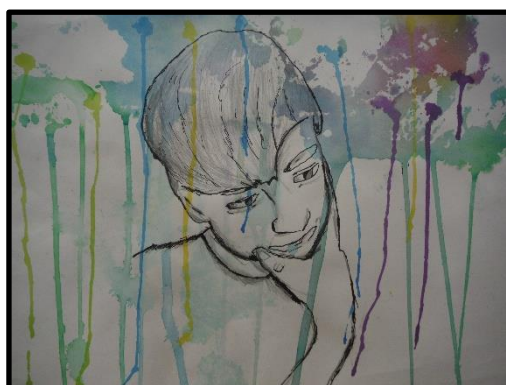
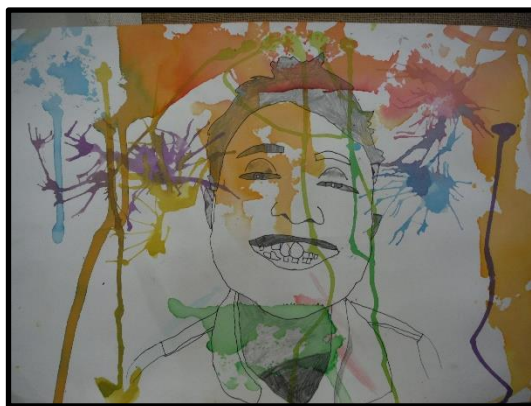
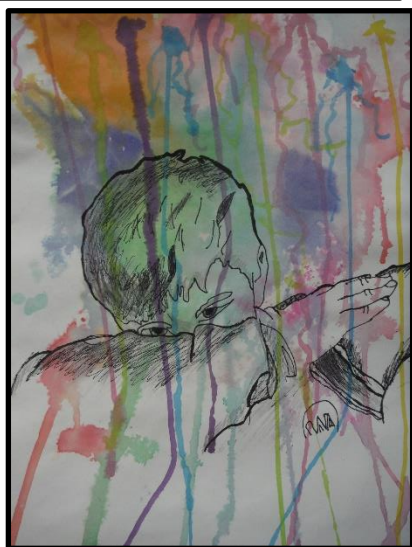
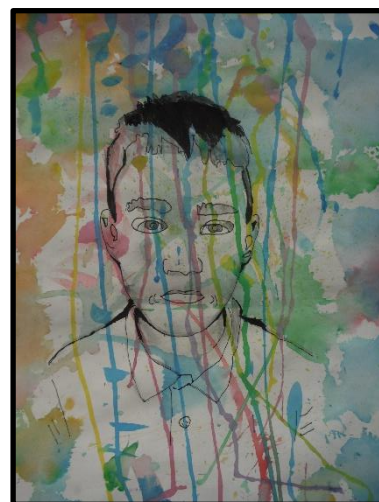
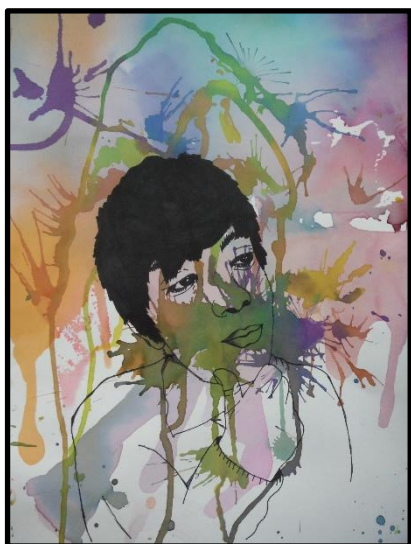
In Music this week, we were learning how to keep a beat whilst playing in time to the song Happy by Pharrell Williams. We learnt how to play the notes A, G and B on a glockenspiel whilst playing in time to the song.





### Art News

Year 6 have been completing some incredible self-portraits that we began in Year 5. We were inspired by the amazing, emotive portraits created by artist Agnes Cecile. As well as thinking about areas for shading, we used our expressions and colour choices to convey different emotions in our pictures. Our pictures are amazing and unique – just like us.



Artwork by:

Theo, Caleb, Elijah,  
Bobby, Hendrix, Yushi  
and James.



Artwork by:

Mia-Ann, Aanya, Harper,  
Olivia, Emilia, Tamera  
and Shambhavi





## PE News

### Clubs reminder

After school clubs start back next week. They will run from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. Invite only Djembefola club will cost £2 per session. All other clubs will be free of charge. If there is space and your child would now like to sign up to a second club they may do so.

**Please note that sewing club will not start until Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.**

## **Autumn 1 Clubs**

**Week Commencing - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**

### Lunchtime and after school clubs – KS1 & KS2

#### Monday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls Djembefola club (max 20)	4-6 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Graham Proctor  (Outside provider)	£2 per session	Classroom
Boys and girls Football (max 20)	5-6	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown  WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch/playground

#### Tuesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Sewing Club (max 15)	3 - 6	3:15-4:15pm	The Sewing Coach  (outside provider)	FREE	KS2 classroom
Boys and girls Yoga (max 20)	1-3	3:15-4:15pm	Fiona  (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 20)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown  WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch



### Thursday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 20)	5-6	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall/All weather pitch
Boys & Girls football (max 20)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground

### Friday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls Sports Hall Athletics Club (max 20)	3-4 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground
Boys & Girls Sports Hall Athletics Club (max 20)	5-6 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground
Boys & Girls Dance (max 15)	1-2	3:15-4:15pm	Sophie – Young Arts Academy  (Outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys & Girls Drumming (max 20)	4-6	3:15-4:15pm	Graham Proctor  (Outside provider)	FREE	Classroom

## Picture News

Every week in assembly we share the Picture News image and question with the children. This resource helps children to learn about the world around us, whilst linking to British Values and supporting pupil's personal development.

We hope this enables you to have an interesting conversation at home with your child.



## In the news this week

A church in Kiruna, which is one of Sweden's largest wooden buildings, has been carefully moved 5km to a new location. Many buildings in the city are being relocated because the ground is unstable due to iron ore mining. The church, built in 1912 and voted Sweden's most beautiful pre-1950 building, was slowly transported on special trailers. The process was watched by thousands of people.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to this week's news story with someone at home. Why do you think the decision was made to move the church whole, rather than dismantle and rebuild it?
- > Are there any well-known buildings in your local area? What is their purpose?
- > What buildings are important to you? What is it about them that makes them important?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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## Maths News

All children from Reception through to KS2 have access to an app called **Numbots**. This fantastic app supports children with their number fluency, allowing them to use efficient mental calculation strategies to add/subtract, so they don't rely on using their fingers!

If your child is in KS2 they will also have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**, which supports knowledge of times tables and therefore builds confidence in multiplication and division.

Evidence tells us that logging on for **just a few minutes each day** will make a massive difference to their number fluency/times tables skills.

Check out the dedicated website for parents to answer any questions on TTRS:

<https://trockstars.com/parents/> , and the factsheet of FAQ's for Numbots:

<https://static.numbots.com/data/pdf/NumBotslaunchparentguide.pdf> and

[https://strapi.trockstars.com/uploads/numbots\\_parent\\_guide\\_554ecf5cb5.pdf](https://strapi.trockstars.com/uploads/numbots_parent_guide_554ecf5cb5.pdf)







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# Open Evening

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 5-7pm

- Headteacher presentation at 6pm
- Book your tickets today at [www.theoaksacademy.co.uk](http://www.theoaksacademy.co.uk)



"The school has high aspirations for all pupils...a welcoming and supportive environment...a strong pastoral system that supports pupil's wellbeing."

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# **Malbank School** **and Sixth Form College** **OPEN EVENING**

**Thursday, September 25th, 2025 5pm – 8pm**

We are thrilled to welcome prospective Year 7 students and their parents to our exciting Malbank Open Evening on Thursday, September 25th, 2025 between 5pm - 8pm.



You will hear from our Headteacher, meet students, chat with teachers, tour facilities, and learn about our excellent primary to secondary school transition arrangements.



**Scan the QR code to book**

**SESSION 1**  
**5.15 PM**

**SESSION 2**  
**6.00 PM**

**SESSION 3**  
**6.45 PM**



Please make sure that applications for joining our school are submitted through the Local Authority by October 31st, 2025.

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