



TUSHINGHAM with GRINDLEY C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*1 John 4:7 Let us love one another, for love is from God.
Learning together and worshipping together*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school is looking even more impressive than usual with the **newly designed entrance and focused work room**, complete with interactive screen for teaching. There are also **revamped reading areas** in all classrooms and a **refreshed Hive** (the ELSA and intervention room). **New displays** in the hall and corridors are grasping children's interest. I'm loving giving out lots of Headteacher's gold stickers for exceptional work and seeing how children enjoy seeing photos of this work on the masterpiece display.



<https://www.whitchurchherald.co.uk/news/23209365.whitchurch-beas-birthday-foodbank-donations-plans-praised-family/>

Motivated by lessons on the cost-of-living crisis, Bea came up with a heart-warming plan to ask family and friends for foodbank donations instead of presents for her birthday. Bea explained that as her birthday is so close to Christmas, she doesn't need more presents, and if we give things back to people, that will last longer than plastic presents. We are so proud of Bea for demonstrating our school motto of 'Love one another for love is from God'.

Tushingham was also in the media when a **RAF Shawbury Helicopter** landed on our school field, enhancing our curriculum and inspiring our children to potential careers in the RAF. We made the **front page** of Shropshire Star and there was a full write up in The Herald (Whitchurch) too. More importantly, the children had a wonderful experience, really enjoyed the day and learnt so much.





<https://www.whitchurchherald.co.uk/news/23294151.cheshire-pupils-excited-raf-helicopter-lands-school/>



Trying on flight helmets are Matthew Darlington and Freddie Parton, both 10, with fellow pupils and RAF staff

School time flies when RAF drops in for day

The usual sounds of classroom life were replaced by the whirr of helicopter blades when members of the RAF landed on the playing field at a Shropshire school.

In an exciting day for the children at Tushingham Primary School in Whitchurch, personnel from the Royal Air Force paid them a visit. The youngsters were given the chance to sit inside the helicopter.

The visit came after pupils in years five and six of Class 4 went on an enrichment trip to RAF Cosford as part of their history project on the World Wars.

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School pupils thrilled as RAF helicopter lands on playing field for them to admire

School pupils were given the chance to sit inside a real helicopter after RAF personnel landed it on their playing field.

The Royal Air Force aircraft visited the children at Tushingham Primary School in Whitchurch on Thursday. The visit came after pupils in years five and six of Class 4 went on an enrichment trip to RAF Cosford as part of their history project on the World Wars.

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The request certainly proved a success with pupils eagerly awaiting the arrival of the helicopter.

All about them the youngsters gathered to see two pilots and one engineer land the aircraft on the primary school's grounds.

All of the pupils got the chance to sit in the helicopter, while the officers took the time to explain what each part of the aircraft did, as well as answering a host of other questions.

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Ms Davies said the experience had been a huge success, offering her thanks to RAF Shawbury for taking the time to complete the visit. She said that the pupils had thoroughly enjoyed the chance to learn about the helicopter at first hand.

She said: "We all got the experience to sit in the aircraft and we were taught about all the equipment. The children had a blast asking the pilot and engineers questions about the aircraft, and their careers in the Royal Air Force. This experience will be one to last a lifetime."

RAF Shawbury trains about 1,000 students every year from across the UK's armed services - as well as abroad.

The No. 3 Flying Training School (3 FTS) trains aircrew for the Royal Navy, British Army and the Royal Air Force.

It has also been notable as the training venue for British astronaut Tim Peake, as well as William the Prince of Wales, and Prince Harry the Duke of Sussex.

Simon Macorkowski and Rosie Morris who takes a peep at the controls

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Flying visit fun for youngsters

Mrs Inchley and The Art Bus continue to create spectacular art at Tuesday's after school club. We are very proud to have the bus attending Tushingham every week. To book a place for your child (all years), please contact Mrs Devaney.



We took part in a project organised by the Diocese of Chester titled **Letters for Creation**. Our art work was part of a very special art display at Chester Cathedral. This was the culmination of a half term's RE project considering Climate Justice (the concept that climate change is unfairly impacting some communities in the world more than others). The children were greatly inspired by this learning and individually thoughtfully considered how they would convey this important message to the world through art and writing. We created a joint piece inspired by a quote we discovered during our learning:

'The Earth does not belong to man: man belongs to the Earth. Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the world, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together.'

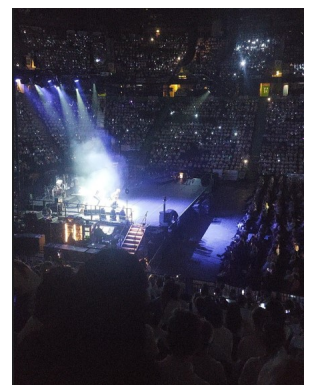
Our school's finished artwork was displayed along with the work of 9 other schools alongside artwork created by professional artists including a huge suspended 3D image of the Earth known as 'Gaia'. It was truly spectacular.



On **World Maths Day** Tushingham pupils in years 1 to 6 joined over a million children around the world in completing a global Mathematics challenge. Everyone worked so hard and showed incredible maths skills.

On **World Book Day**, the theme was **Poetry**. It was a fun-filled day which just focused on enjoying reading with older and younger children reading together. Magpie Books (local bookshop in Malpas) had a pop-up bookshop in school containing the World Book Day voucher books. Following our revamp of reading areas, thank you to everyone who attended the book sale after school to reuse our surplus books - it was so lovely seeing you all walking out with arms full of books! All money raised from the preloved book sale has raised money for the FOT who in turn benefit all the children in school. There are lots of new books in school including recommended reads for each year group and a representation of the diversity of our world – broadening children's experiences.

The **Young Voices** experience is not simply a children's choir concert, these are the largest children's choir concerts in the world. Our KS2 Choir performed alongside ~8,000 other children as a single choir to a capacity audience of family and friends at Manchester Arena. Incredible singers and dancers, including Heather Small, added to the incredible experience. This event helps develop self-belief, self-motivation, confidence, and the ability to communicate as part of a team - which is invaluable! Add to this the numerous health benefits of singing in rehearsals, including breathing exercises to focus the mind - it's no wonder that Young Voices is over-subscribed year after year!





Children from Class 3 and 4 took part in a **National Schools Football tournament**, proudly wearing our **new football kit**. This competition was only for the best teams and competition was tough but we were incredibly impressed by the talent of our Boys and Girls teams. Alfie and Georgia were awarded 'Best Player' awards.

A huge thank you to Ex-pupil Chloe Hewitt of Strictly Come Dancing fame for running our **KS2 Dance club** which culminated in a captivating performance to the whole school. We look forward to next year when Chloe will return to prepare KS2 for performing a dance in Gotta Dance at Crewe Lyceum theatre.

The Friends of Tushingham (FoT) will be launching their **pre-loved uniform website** very soon which will mean you can purchase pre-loved uniform online and collect it from school, raising money for FoT and therefore all children in school. If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of but still has some use left in it, please can you send it into school?

If there is anyone with **Gardening skills** that could spare some time to keep school looking beautiful (eg tend the pots, nurture plants), please let me know. Also, any donations of cuttings/plants/bulbs/containers that we could use in school would be more than gratefully received.



We have **LOVED** having some **snow to play in** and I have been very impressed by the inventiveness of the play as well as just relishing the joy on children's faces as they play together.



It is such a pleasure to work with such a dedicated team of staff that always go above and beyond to provide an effective and enjoyable education for our children.

Mrs Cathy Davies
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Don't forget to see the calendar on our school website
<https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/events> to find out about events that are coming up.

