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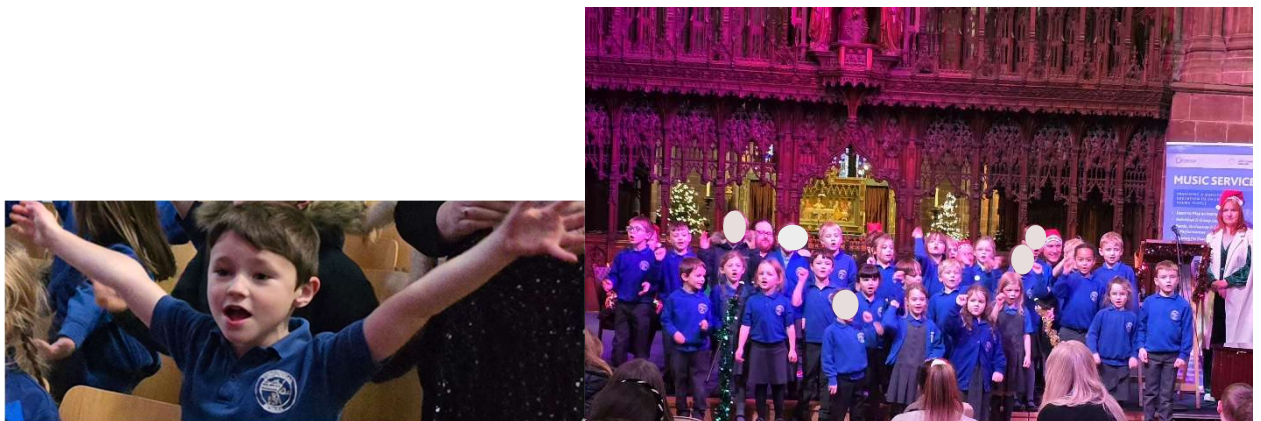
Learning together and worshipping together

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! We are eagerly anticipating the opportunities and adventures this term will bring. It's wonderful to see our school filled with happy, smiling faces once again, ready to learn and grow together.

At the end of term, we were incredibly proud of the amazing singing and acting in the Class 1 and Class 2 Nativities. The children looked adorable and their performances were filled with warmth and festive spirit. We hope you enjoyed the videos we shared—it was truly memorable to see the children shine so brightly.

Sing the Christmas story at Chester Cathedral was a wonderful spiritual moment and the children used their lovely, enthusiastic singing voices. The Sleeping Beauty Pantomime trip was a hit! Seeing the children's faces light up with joy was so heart-warming. It's moments like these that create lasting memories.



When the snow arrived, the children couldn't resist! Rolling giant snowballs and playing outside brought rosy cheeks and plenty of laughter (and lots of soggy gloves!)



We were honoured to be the first school featured in the new *Schools in Focus* section of *The Herald*! What a fantastic way to showcase our vibrant school community, creative education offer and how we value and promote the wellbeing of our children so that they can learn to the best of their ability.



Congratulations to our Year 5/6 hockey team for winning their tournament! Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Hunt couldn't have been prouder of the children's determination and teamwork.



I'm also delighted to announce that from a huge number of entries across the Diocese of Chester, Class 2 **WON** the Diocese Black History Month Art competition: 'We have far more in common', which had a particular focus on anti-racism. The task was to make a work of art or poetry that shows what unites us, brings us together, joins humans as one people and expresses our harmony. Of course, this work also reinforces our vision of '*Let us love one another, for love is from God*'. Mark Whitehill from the Diocese of Chester came to school to congratulate us and present us with a framed version of our art which is now proudly displayed in school.



Break and lunchtime activities have been enriched with new equipment and games. Swingball, long skipping ropes, elastics, clapping games and a Play Buddy-organised obstacle course (thanks to training from Bishop Heber High School) have brought added excitement and collaboration to our outdoor play. There is even a lunchtime 'Glee club' for singing and dancing!



We were delighted to welcome The Dogs Trust to our school. They delivered engaging and informative sessions to each class about how to stay safe around dogs, both our own pets and those we might meet elsewhere. The session was both fun and educational, leaving the children with essential knowledge for interacting with dogs safely and responsibly. A big thank you to The Dogs Trust for helping us build confidence and awareness in such an important area!



There have been visits to The World Museum in Liverpool to bring the Egyptians learning to life and a visit to RAF Cosford to enhance and deepen understanding of WW2. The children were buzzing with facts after both of these trips.

Children are continuing to LOVE the variety of creative clubs we run after school, but Slime club was probably the biggest hit! Have a look on the website to see what is running this half term and book your children on <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/clubs/122704>



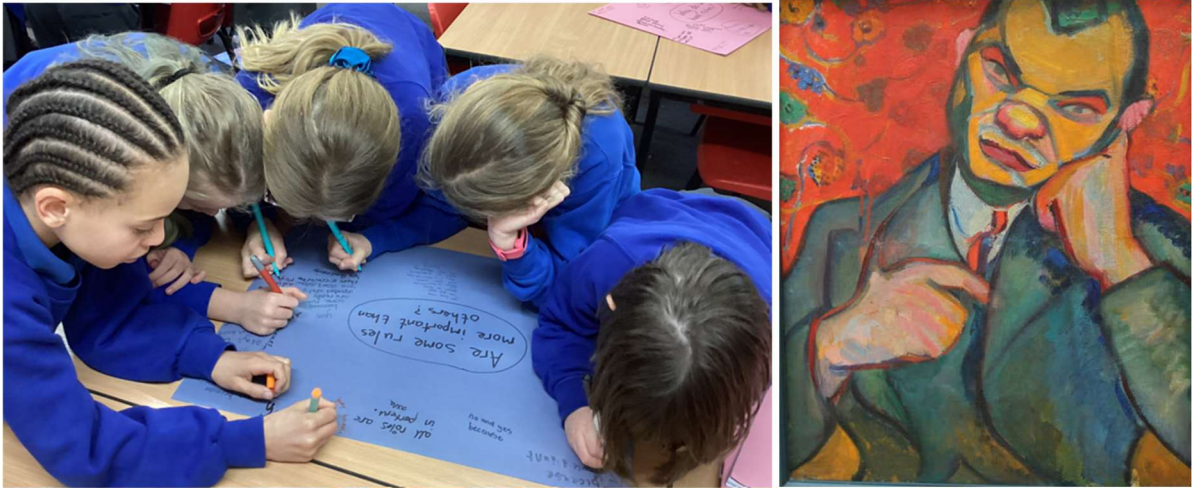
In Class 1 maths learning, children have been exploring repeated patterns—copying, continuing, and creating their own. They've also been designing traps to catch an ant, inspired by their class text *I'm Going to Eat This Ant*.



Class 2 have been diving into history and science with enthusiasm. Their curiosity and creativity are shining through in every lesson, as they told the story of Beeston Castle using LEGO models, learning about the advantages and disadvantages of wooden and stone castles, whilst also studying habitats around the world and being fascinated by the variety of sea creatures and plants living in the ocean.



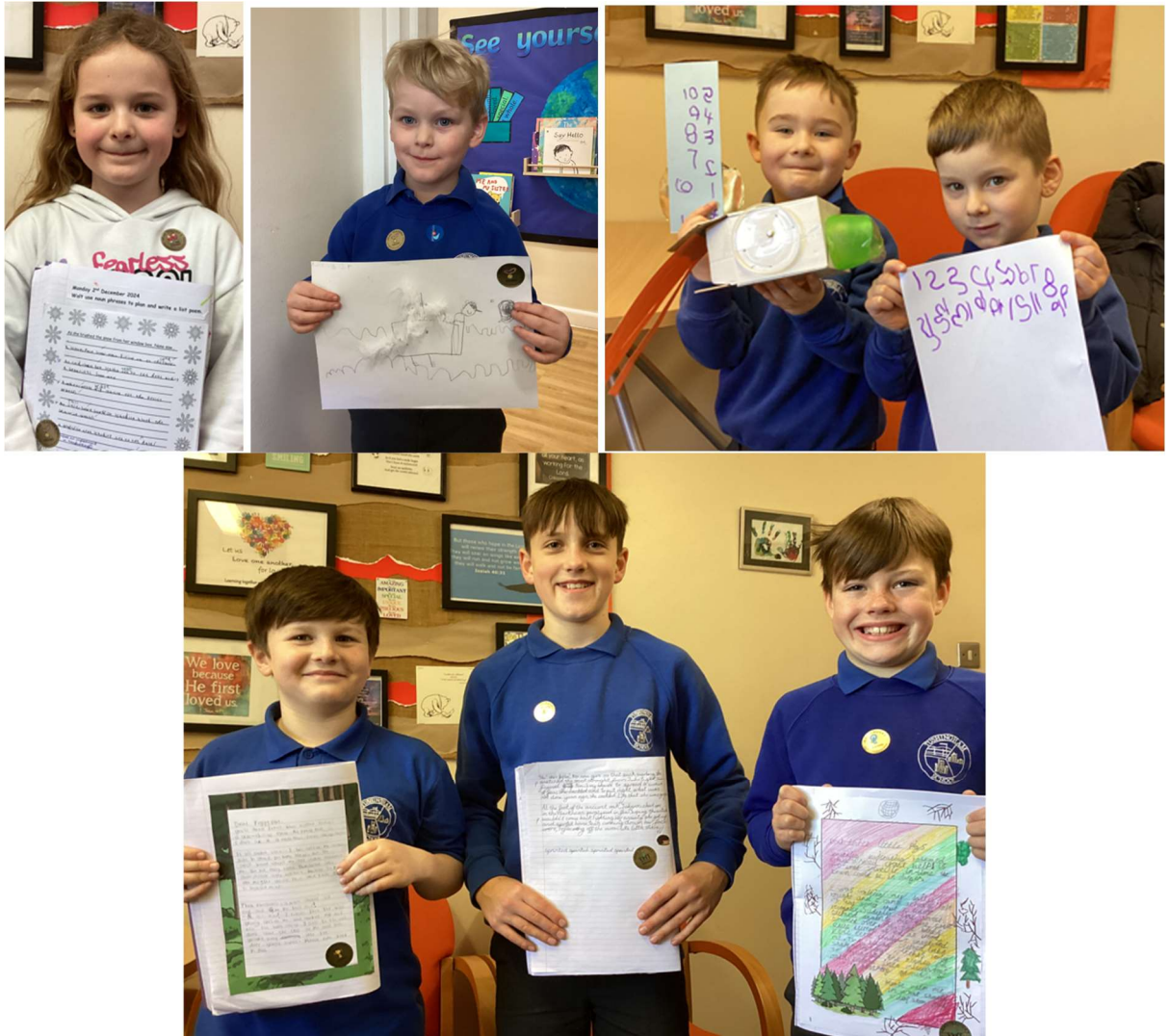
Class 3 have started the term with some thought-provoking questions: *Are some rules more important than others?* and *What might the artist Sonia Delaunay be conveying with her art?* They've also been enjoying outdoor circuit training in PE.



Science got exciting (and a bit messy!) when Class 4 dissected some pig's hearts. The children (and staff) thought it was "the best lesson ever!"



The quality of work across all subjects continues to amaze me. Whether it's incredible writing, outstanding maths, or any of the other subjects, I'm always impressed by the creativity, effort and progress our children demonstrate and come to show me when they are awarded a Headteacher's Golden Sticker. It's such a privilege to see them – quite rightly - so proud of their work.



Thank you for your continued support. Reading at home, both to and with your child, to encourage a love of reading, is the most important thing you can do to support your child's learning – it really does make a difference. It is by working together that our children achieve so much and learn to be the wonderful young people they are.

Please see the calendar on our school website <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/events> to find out events that are coming up.



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