

Newsletter

We have had an action-packed start to this school year and enjoyed lots of new experiences during the Autumn Term.

We welcomed a new Vice Principal, Mrs Naomi Coates, who joined us to lead our extended EYFS provision and KS1. Mrs Coates teaches in our new Nursery provision and has created, along with her wonderful team, a warm and inviting learning area for a small pre-school cohort. We are very much looking forward to extending this much further in January when we will be offering funded and paid places for 2 year olds and many more 3 year olds. It has been a joy to see our nursery children beginning their Monster Phonics and Talk for Writing journeys with us and we are excited to see this develop and the impact this provision will have to our academic outcomes in the future.



Almost every year group have already taken part in fantastic experiences out of the classroom this term to support their learning across the curriculum.

Our Nursery cohort visited the Lyceum Theatre to watch an interactive performance of Julia Donaldson's Focks in Socks – a story they can orally retell brilliantly with lots of fab actions!



Year 1 children experienced their very first train ride with a trip from Crewe Station to Wilmslow Station which included a tour of the stations. We were very fortunate to have this trip fully funded by Avanti West Coast trains as it brought the children's learning about trains and Crewe's railway history to life!



To support the children in Year 2 improve their ability to compare and contrast significant historical events, they visited Nantwich Museum and the town itself to find out more about its Great Fire. The children were able to recall so many fascinating facts which really supported their historical knowledge and allowed them to practice many of their historical enquiry skills through the first-hand experience this provided.



Year 3 has been fortunate enough to also receive a fully funded visit through Avanti West Coast trains. They travelled by train to Lancaster to watch a performance of the Christmas Carol at Lancaster's Dukes Theatre which was an unforgettable new experience for the children.

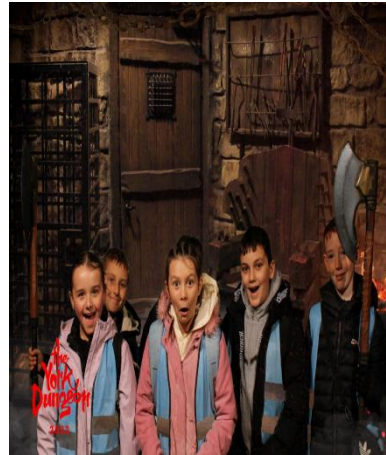


Year 4 supplemented their enquiry into how the Roman's made a difference to lives now by visiting Chester and touring the city's Roman remains and influences. This experience brought their learning to life and they have provided us with some super evidence of their learning since they've returned to school.



Year 5 have enjoyed a day out at Cheshire's Clonter Opera where they experienced singing and puppetry and putting on their own performance.

Year 6 children have been learning about the Vikings as Invaders and have taken part in a residential visit to York. Whilst there, the children visited the Jorvik Centre, Dig, York Dungeon and took part in a full city tour. Again this was an incredible, memorable experience to a place none of the children had been to before.



The Bread and Butter Thing

School has been chosen and become the first Hub for The Bread and Butter Thing in Crewe. Launching in early November, this service provides heavily discounted weekly shopping for its subscribers within our local community. The project is run by school's family support worker and ten parent volunteers who take delivery of and pack the weekly selection before serving the community when service opens. This project will soon be developed into a 'Warm Place' where electricity and warmth will be provided along with a hot drink at no charge and provide school with an opportunity to provide further targeted support and signpost to services as relevant.

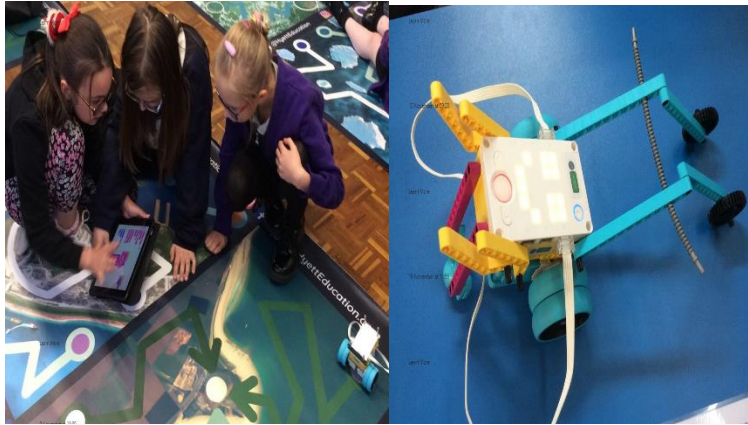
Both these new services are fantastic extensions to the Community Share Hub which we set up last year and is still provided a much-needed twice weekly service to our families.

Crewe Youth Zone

School was lucky enough to be chosen to take part in a research project for a Youth Zone which is being built to open in Crewe early next year. Six of our Year 6 girls were invited to take part to ensure the voice of girls who potentially would use the service are heard. The girls represented school and themselves brilliantly and were able to articulate some great ideas to help move the project forwards successfully.

STEM

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed designing and building robotic cars as part of a free workshop provided by Hyette Education. The children used IPADS to programme the cars to move around the routes they created.



Music lessons



Thank you to Front Row Music for putting on this performance for families to showcase the children's fabulous guitar lessons.

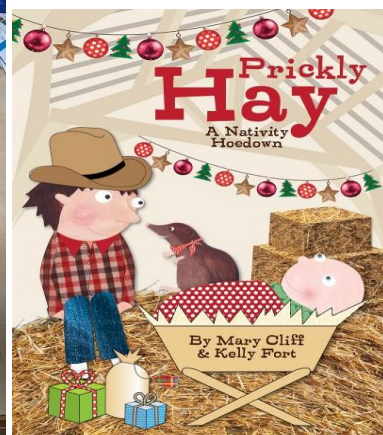
The Tin Soldier production



We welcomed drama students from South and West Cheshire College into school last week to perform the Hans Christian Anderson classic The Tin Soldier – a performance that was enjoyed by all.

Christmas Events

A huge thank you to all our families for attending all our Christmas events – the children were thrilled to welcome you into school and we hope you enjoyed taking part in the craft activities and watching the various performances.



We wish you all a very merry Christmas and best wishes for 2024! We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 8th January.