

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term of the new school year has now drawn to a close, and it has been wonderful to see the children settling so well into their new classes and routines. They have embraced new challenges with enthusiasm, shown a positive attitude towards their learning, and made an excellent start to the year.

We would like to thank all our pupils, families and staff for their hard work and support during what has been a very successful start to the academic year. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved half-term break, taking the opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time with family and friends.

Looking ahead, the next half term promises to be a busy and exciting one. The children will continue to enjoy a wide range of learning opportunities, alongside special events, celebrations and festive activities as we begin the countdown to Christmas. We look forward to sharing all the wonderful experiences, achievements and memorable moments that make this such a special time of year in school.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break, refreshed and ready for another fantastic term of learning.

Harvest Festival



On Friday 2nd October we celebrated our Harvest Festival at St Matthew's Church. Thank you for your donations, which have been dropped off at the Ashby Foodbank. The Children worked hard practicing their songs, painting fruits and writing and performing their KS2 Poems.





Grandparent & Community Lunches

Thank you for supporting our lunches. It's safe to say that they are thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and adults alike. Our Year 6 students have been relishing the chance to try out their serving skills & help out. These events are a true reflection of our fantastic school community coming together, and your ongoing support makes a difference every day.



W.I.L.E (Wombles in Litter Education)

Last month, the team visited our school to deliver a school assembly to our children. They shared their amazing work and knowledge on litter, and also brought displays of collected litter, some of it over 100 years old, all found in the hedges, ditches and roads of Leicestershire. They really inspired the children, and the school council put litter on their next agenda for discussion!



The Road Show

We've also had a visit from The Chorus Theatre who performed 'The Road Show' in assembly. They, in partnership with the Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioners office, aim to provide children and young people with an awareness of road safety and an understanding of the rules of the road. Within the production, we considered hazards when travelling in a car or in the bus, as well as when walking or cycling, and the children were very involved and engaged.

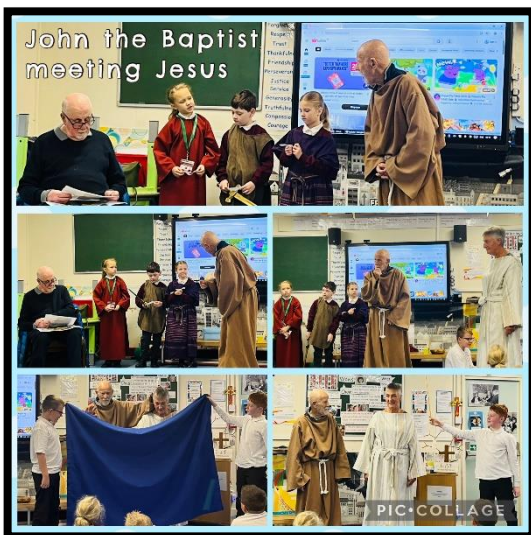




Reading Challenge

The reading challenge, organised by Miss Treadwell, is a fantastic way to encourage children to develop a love of reading. Children can earn rewards by reading at home, and several pupils have already celebrated success this term. The challenge helps to build confidence, improve reading skills and inspire children to explore new books and authors. Keep up the great work everyone, and remember that every page counts!

Collective Worship



The children always look forward to visitors for collective worship, as they bring our bible stories to life! This term, we have welcomed Rev. Tim Phillips and



Open the Book to our assemblies. Open the Book entertained us as always with energetic retellings of 'Where is Jesus?' and 'John the Baptist Meeting Jesus'.

Catapluf's Musical Journey

We were invited to Ashby School, along with 9 other local primary schools to watch the amazing Umpatucum Arts, an Afro-Brazilian band and creative arts organisation.

Huge thanks to Ashby School for hosting this unique and inspirational performance, and to Leicestershire Music for organising and inviting us to the event.



Forest School



In Forest School, both key stages have been learning how to build shelters using the materials around them, including logs/sticks found on the ground, bug searching in pairs and then a scavenger hunt to expand their exploring skills. The children have found items from worms and pieces of pottery to a jumping frog!

Art Club

Art Club experimented with animal silhouettes. The results were fantastic!



Robins

The children in EYFS and KS1 have settled wonderfully into school life and are growing in confidence each day. Our EYFS children have enjoyed sharing their All About Me activities, helping us get to know them better, while becoming familiar with staff, making new friends and learning their daily routines. In EYFS, we have been exploring the traditional tale of The Three Little Pigs, bringing the story to life through lots of exciting activities. We even went on a walk around Newbold to look at the different houses, just like the little pigs in our story! In KS1, we have been exploring Little Red Riding Hood and have produced some fantastic work, which is proudly displayed on our classroom board. In Science, KS1 have been investigating everyday materials, exploring their properties and discovering what different objects are made from.



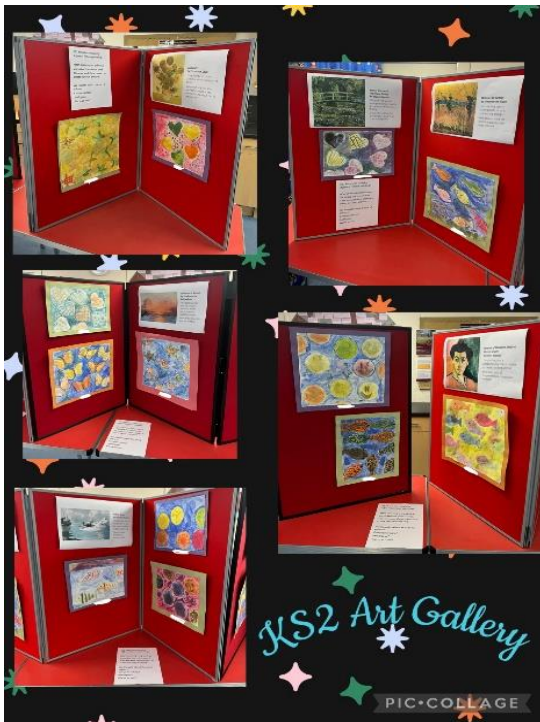
In PE, the children have been developing their ball skills, practising throwing, catching and controlling a ball. We were also delighted to welcome Mrs Mack, who helped the children get started on sewing their very own Christmas animals. The children have thoroughly enjoyed beginning these special creations, which will eventually decorate the Christmas tree at Worthington Church. It has been lovely to see the children embracing new experiences, developing their skills and enjoying their learning together!

Swans

KS2 have thoroughly enjoyed stepping back in time this half term to learn all about the Stone Age. One of the biggest surprises for the children was discovering just how long ago the Stone Age was. They were fascinated to realise that it lasted for thousands of years and came long before many of the periods of history they already knew about. Through discussions, research and practical activities, the children have developed a much greater understanding of how people lived, hunted, gathered food and adapted to survive.

In English, we have been using *Stone Age Boy* as inspiration for our writing. The children have explored the characters, settings and themes of the book before creating their own imaginative versions. We have been incredibly impressed by the creativity shown in their work, with children inventing their own exciting Stone Age adventures. Their descriptive language and storytelling skills have really flourished.

Our history learning has also included exploring how Stone Aged people expressed themselves through art and craft. The children investigated primitive artwork, looking closely at cave paintings and the natural materials that would have been available. They then created their own artwork and simple crafts, carefully considering how early humans communicated stories and ideas through pictures and symbols.



In art, we have been learning about colour and contrast. The children explored primary, secondary and tertiary colours, as well as warm and cool colour palettes. They also investigated how artists use analogous colours to create different moods and effects. Using famous paintings as inspiration, the children experimented with colour choices and techniques to create their own striking pieces of artwork. Many families may have had the opportunity to view these fantastic creations during our recent art exhibition, where the children were proud to showcase the skills and knowledge they have developed throughout the unit.

More recently, our English lessons have taken a very different turn as we have been writing explanation texts about how a robot dog works. The children have learnt how to organise information clearly, use formal language and include technical vocabulary to explain a process step by step. They have enjoyed combining creativity with factual writing. We are now looking forward to reading the children's own writing; we can't wait to find out how a range of other robotic pets might work, including robot cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, snakes and even fish. We are excited to see where their curiosity and imagination lead us next!



School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will run from Monday 26th October - Thursday 10th December. These can be booked now on Weduc and ParentPay.

Monday - Nerf Wars

Tuesday - Board Games

Wednesday - Art Club

Thursday - Construction Club

Key Dates 2026

Friday 16th October: School closed Inset Day

Monday 19th October - Friday 23rd October: Closed for Half Term

Monday 26th October: School Opens

Friday 13th November: Children in Need

Monday 16th November: Odd Socks Day & the start of anti-bullying week

Monday 1st December: Reverse Advent begins

Friday 4th December: Non-uniform day (bring in donations for the tombola) and parents' Christmas Craft afternoon

Thursday 10th December: Christmas Church Service

Friday 11th December: Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 11th December: FONS Christmas Fete after school

Wednesday 16th December: Whole school trip to the theatre

Friday 18th December: School closes for Christmas

Headteachers Message

I hope you all enjoy the half-term break and return to school refreshed for an action-packed few weeks in the lead up to Christmas. We continue to enjoy your support in achievement assemblies on Fridays, as the children are delighted to share their successes with you.

FON's would like volunteers to help to plan and run events to raise money for the school and the community, especially the upcoming Christmas Fair. Please let the office know if you can help with this and we will pass the message on.

Please remember that we are here to support you, so message us via Weduc or email office@newbold-cecp.leics.sch.uk if there is anything we can help you with.

Take care & thank you

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