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CEO Update – Andy Wilson



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on some of the fantastic things that have happened across our family of schools. Your support, along with the dedication of our staff and students, has played a huge part in what has been a truly successful year.

Two of our schools—Overdale Infant School and Woodland Grange Primary School—received very positive Ofsted visits this year, a clear recognition of the excellent teaching, leadership, and care that takes place every day. The Overdale Schools have also become a regional hub for teacher development through Steplab, receiving glowing feedback from visitors and helping to shape best practice across the wider education community.

We've welcomed several external reviews through Challenge Partners, all of which have confirmed the strength and progress of our schools. Alongside this, we've launched FRONTIERS, our exciting digital transformation programme, which will see all schools taking part from 2025–26, helping to ensure our children are equipped with the skills they need for the future.

Academic achievement across our schools is looking strong again this year, and we continue to manage our finances and responsibilities with great care, as confirmed by national reviews of our Trust's performance.

Another highlight was the successful completion of this year's "Growing Together" process, bringing staff, leaders, trustees and governors together to build a shared vision for the future. I am also thrilled to write that I have been invited to join the national Education Advisory Group for Challenge Partners—a reflection of the respect our Trust has earned across the sector.

Finally, we're delighted to have secured over £2 million through government bids to improve and invest in our school buildings—creating better, safer, and more inspiring spaces for your children to learn and grow.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. We wish all our families a restful and joyful summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in August for another exciting year ahead.

OAK – together we grow great schools.

Estates



The Simon Cole Sports Hall is fully complete and in use now. What a year it has been seeing this take shape. We are thrilled with the outcome and students and staff alike are already enjoying the benefits!



Estates

Last year the central team made applications for funding capital improvement projects through the Department for Education's Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) process. We were successful in securing circa £2,000,000 to fund: a roof replacement project at Manor High School; fire doors and compartmentation at Manor High School; and a new hybrid heating and associated pipework and emitters system at Overdale Infants and Juniors.

The plan is to get all of the intrusive work done over the summer holidays. After this, the projects will continue for up to a year but will carry on in the background during term time.

Lots more estates projects are also being completed over the summer:

- The mobile classroom to the rear of Overdale Infants will be renovated and turned into a designated specialists provision (DSP) unit
- The hall floor at Overdale infants is being removed and replaced by a new vinyl plank covering.
- New curtains are to be installed in the hall at Overdale Infants
- Four of the classrooms at Overdale Infants will be linked up by removing stud walling and replacing with bi-fold doors
- The main catering kitchen at Overdale will be receiving a full repaint
- The car park at Overdale is to be repaired and re-marked
- A number of toilets will be replaced at Overdale Juniors
- Brookside field to be re-graded
- Riverbank toilets at Brookside are to be fully refurbished
- The Year 4 building at Brookside will be re-painted
- The CCTV system at Manor High will be replaced with a modernised and expanded system
- New maglocks will be installed to improve safeguarding and security at Manor High
- All teacher desks at Manor High will be replaced with a suite of furniture to support project Frontiers

This may be the busiest summer our site teams have experienced! But we are sure everyone will feel the benefits.

Governance news

A recent external governance progress review conducted by the National Governance Association (NGA), highlighted the Trust's significant strides in leadership, accountability and strategic growth.

The report commended OAK's governance as "highly effective at all levels", citing strong ethical leadership, impactful decision-making and a culture of continuous improvement. This follows a year of targeted development after an earlier review, during which the Trust has strengthened its board structure, deepened local collaboration and embedded more robust systems for oversight and performance.

Among the many areas of progress noted in the review were:

- Improved board structure and performance: The introduction of a comprehensive governance handbook, enhanced Trustee recruitment and a more diverse and skilled board have helped build a stronger, more resilient governance framework.
- Enhanced committee effectiveness: With dispersed leadership and better-prepared members, committee work is now more purposeful and impactful.
- Strong ethical and community leadership: Trustees and governors are praised for their understanding of, and responsiveness to, the communities they serve — especially in how they have handled sensitive parent communications and strengthened PTA engagement.
- Commitment to school improvement and staff development: The Trust is recognised for fostering a high-performing and supportive working culture while continuing to invest in infrastructure and training.

"We're delighted to see the progress we've made reflected so clearly in this review. Our board, governors, and leaders across the Trust are united by a shared commitment to growing great schools — rooted in values, powered by ambition, and strengthened by community" - A Wilson, CEO



Governance news

We are thrilled to welcome Paul Watson to our **Board of Trustees**. He is currently CEO at Preston Hedges Trust. He led the formation and growth of that Trust and we are delighted to be able to utilise his expertise on our own Board.

Our local governing bodies are also welcoming new governors for the new academic year, with **Overdale Juniors** bringing in four new governors: Daniel White, Anita Manjhu, Muntheesh Aujla and Imogen Kennedy. Meanwhile, **Manor High School** is welcoming Sonia Vaidya and Sophie Bodycote to the team.

Thank you to all our new volunteers. The role of Trustee or Governor is so fundamental to the running of the Trust and its schools and we really appreciate those who give up their time to support the experience and education of pupils in the community.

Goodbye

Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to John Watson, Trustee since May 2022 and dedicated Chair of our Curriculum and Standards Committee. He is retiring and moving away from the area. We have been very fortunate to gain from his experience as a Headteacher over the last three years and wish him all the best.

Also a big thank you to our Trust Headteachers who have all stepped up over the last two years to join the governing body at Manor High School and help bring it to the position it is in now. We are now confident that the current governing body can run itself incredibly efficiently and therefore our committed Headteachers can return to the day job! Thank you so much.

500 Words

Every year, our pupils amaze us with their creativity and 2025 was no different! The initiative brings together Year 2 and Year 6 pupils from across the Trust, encouraging them to craft original stories of up to 500 words on any theme they choose. Schools run their own judging rounds, with Headteachers nominating standout entries to go forward to the cross-trust final. The panel of judges then decide from these 32 entries the overall winners – highly commended, bronze, silver and gold. All 32 entries selected are celebrated in a beautifully illustrated, professionally designed book—copies of which are given to the winning pupils.

This year, the competition culminated in a celebration event held in the new Manor High School sports hall. Pupils and staff gathered together to hear readings of the winning entries and see the overall winners receive their prizes—including trophies, book vouchers, and a copy of the published anthology.



Trophy winners

Year 2

Bronze: Elodie Hill, Overdale Infant School

Silver: Isabelle Webb, Overdale Infant School

Gold: Hana Nandakumar, Woodland Grange Primary School

Year 6

Bronze: Ibbi Ahmad, Overdale Junior School

Silver: Daiya Nagra, Woodland Grange Primary School

Gold: Eva Dascalescu, Brookside Primary School



Exhibition Showcases Children's Creative Work

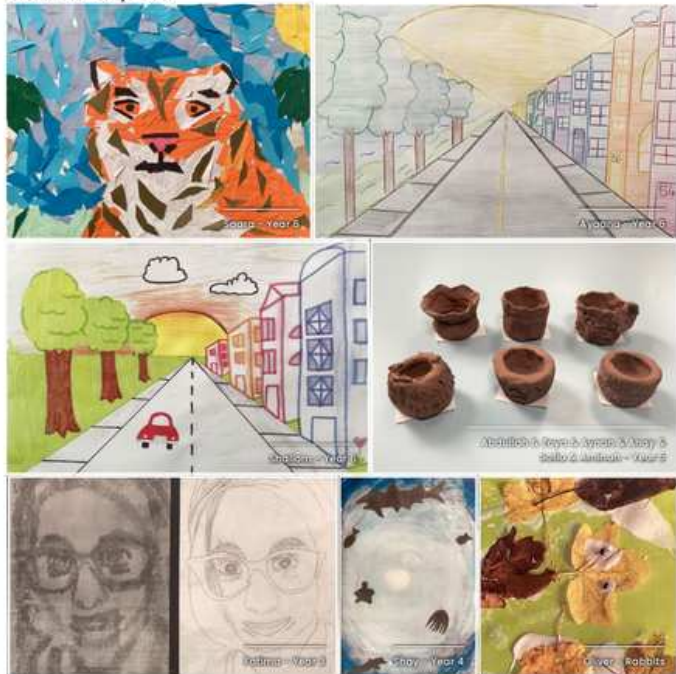
Manor High School held their end of year Art & Design Technology Exhibition on the 7th May to celebrate the outstanding work of the Year 11 GCSE students. The families of the artists were invited to view an impressive gallery of their finished pieces as well as the sketchbooks and preparatory studies. Awards were presented to students for excellence and hard work in Art and Design Technology.

The exhibition was also an opportunity to showcase the artwork of primary children from across OAK Trust. Young artists from Overdale Junior School, Overdale Infant School, Woodland Grange Primary School and Brookside Primary School were selected to exhibit their work. These included drawings, paintings, collage, clay work and innovative digital artwork created by the children layering and reshaping their own drawn and painted images using their iPads.

Refreshments and canapés prepared by the talented Year 10 Food Technology students started off the evening while young artists and their families were able to explore the new gymnasium building where the exhibition was housed. Hundreds of visitors from across the trust came to view and enjoy the work on display.

The evening was a wonderful opportunity for our OAK Trust Young Artists to celebrate their own art and be inspired by the work of older students, sparking new ideas and aspirations as they continue their own creative journey.

Brookside Primary School

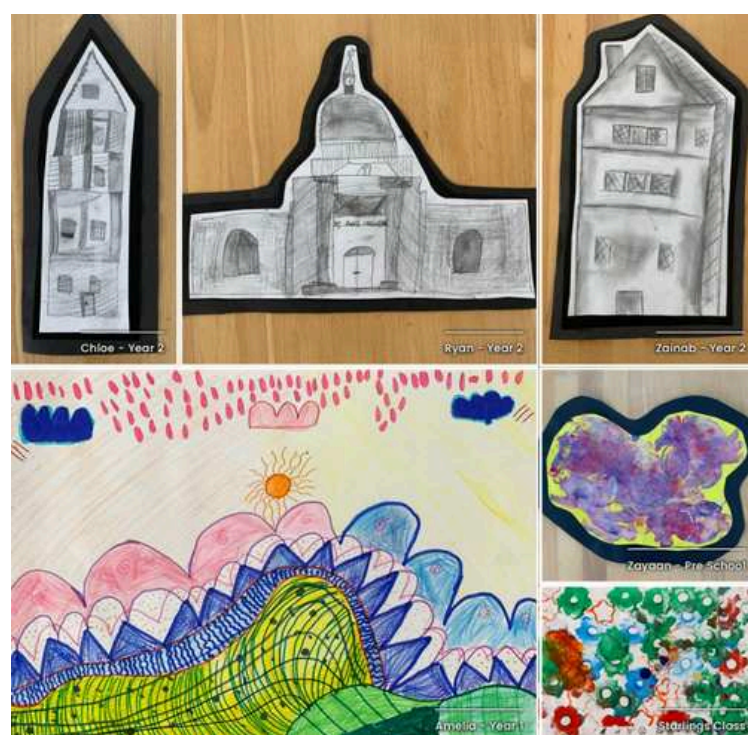




Overdale Junior School



Overdale Infant School





Sustainability Lead

The Department for Education's Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy was published in April 2022. Within this document it sets an expectation that schools should have a Sustainability Lead and a climate action plan in place by 2025.

OAK is delighted to announce that we have appointed a new Lead dedicated to environmental causes and reducing our carbon footprint across the schools in our Trust, **Sophie Bodycote**. This role is a key part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability and making a positive impact on our local and global environment.

From September, Sophie will help to:

- Develop and deliver comprehensive climate action plans across all our schools
- Lead initiatives to reduce waste, increase recycling, and promote energy efficiency
- Support curriculum development to include environmental education
- Work with staff, pupils, and the wider community to drive positive change
- Monitor and report on our progress in reducing our carbon footprint

Why This Matters

The Trust is committed to:

- Reducing our environmental impact
- Providing pupils with the knowledge and skills to be responsible global citizens
- Meeting or exceeding national and local sustainability expectations

Could you become a governor?

- **Make a real difference to the outcomes for young people**
- **Gain a variety of professional and personal skills**
- **Access to a wide variety of training and CPD**
- **Contribute to shaping the education of the next generation**





Being a governor is a hugely rewarding form of voluntary work and can offer you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the education of children and young people in your community.

What are we looking for?

We are not looking for specific experience, we need people with enthusiasm and a commitment to the role, willing to provide both support and challenge to the Headteacher and the drive to continually strive to make things better.

What difference will you make?

A strong governing board ensures robust debate and dynamic ideas, which in turn lead to better educational outcomes for children.

What's in it for the volunteer?

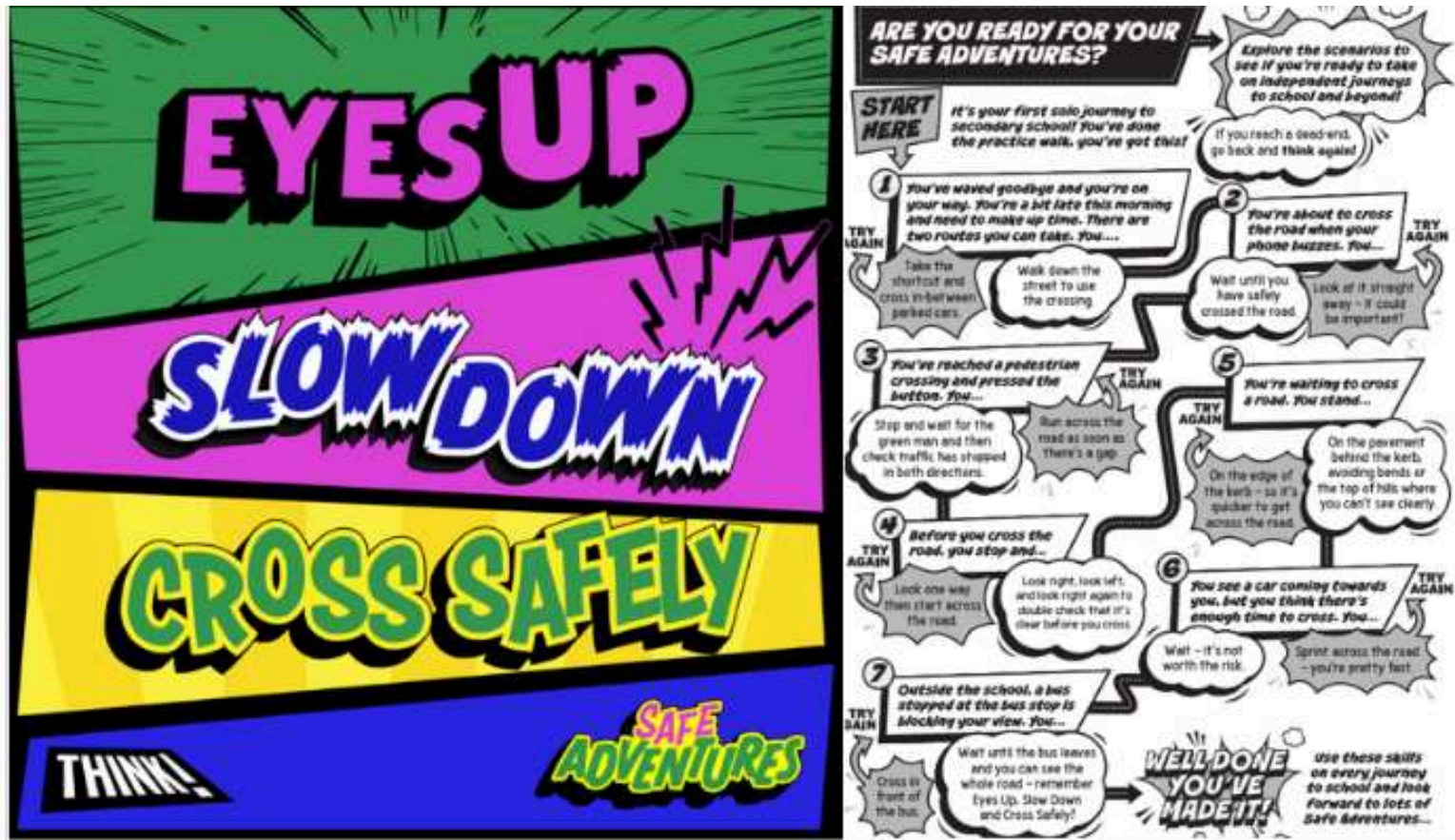
Being a school governor is challenging and rewarding. You will make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills.

What will you be doing?

You will be required to attend 3 meetings per year, in person. There is an expectation that documents are read in advance. Training and support is readily available and can be undertaken at a time that suits you. In time, you may be asked to take on a role relating to a statutory requirement like safeguarding and will be asked to visit the school once a year in this capacity.

**Contact us: for more information please contact Governance Lead
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Transitioning to Secondary School...



The number of child pedestrian casualties more than doubles between ages 9 to 11, just as children transition from primary to secondary school. The THINK! campaign is helping parents prepare their children for more independent travel.

THINK! has produced an activity sheet with tips for parents to share with their children on practice journeys and an interactive safe adventures quiz.

To learn more about the campaign visit the [THINK! website](#)





Good bye to our Year 11s! We will miss you, and good luck for the future.



Our Summer Concert was a real highlight of the term.

Years 5 and 6 from Brookside joined us for a special afternoon performance and were an enthusiastic, supportive and appreciative audience. It was great to have the opportunity to show them what they can be a part of when they join us at Manor, as many of our current musicians came from Brookside.



Science

We sent a super team of scientists to represent Manor at a Faraday Challenge Day. They did a spectacular job! While they didn't take home the top prize, their excellence in teamwork and problem-solving resilience truly shone through—we're incredibly proud of them.

Our students also had the chance to explore science beyond the classroom through successful trips to the Big Bang Fair and the National Space Centre. These experiences brought science to life and reinforced the importance of STEM in shaping the future.

As we end the year, we're proud to have built links with our feeder primary schools. Mr Loweth has visited Overdale Primary school this week to deliver lessons on sound, and we are looking forward to delivering hands-on science workshops for their Year 5 and 6 students, helping them develop a love for science and a glimpse into what life is like as an MHS scientist.



Modern Foreign Languages

MFL Porteek Club – Greek and Portuguese Club

Our Porteek club was launched in September, with students across KS3 having the opportunity to learn more about Portuguese language, music, food & festivals. Miss Patel, herself a fluent Portuguese speaker, is looking forward to continuing this club in August 2025 – come along and broaden your cultural horizons!



At the end of June, 40 Manor High School students from Years 7 to 10 spent four days in beautiful Nice in the South of France. Students went straight from the airport to Parc Phoenix, where they saw a range of wildlife and tropical plants. The following morning, students started their day with an authentic French breakfast, followed by a French cookery class, where they learned how to prepare Daube, a traditional local stew. After lunch, students experienced a guided tour of Nice, learning more about the geography and history of the area. The tour ended at the harbour, where students then boarded a boat to explore the French Riviera by sea. After our cruise, students went to Confiserie Florian, where they were shown how the typical French sweets and chocolates of the region are manufactured.

Our final full day was spent at Aquasplash, an amazing water park with plenty of rides for the brave... and the not so brave! Students had the run of the park and proved to be total adrenaline junkies, with some overcoming their fears and demonstrating one of Manor's Core Values - Resilience - in spades! Next June (2026), the Modern Languages department will be offering its bi-annual visit to Barcelona, where students will have the opportunity to explore this iconic city with the promise of a water park at the end of the week!



Design, Technology and Art

We have developed a love for food science throughout our KS3 and KS4 curriculum. We have begun to investigate what happens with ingredients and why rather than just cooking to eat for great sensory qualities. This has included investigations such as changing the type of fat in cakes and changing conditions supplied to yeast to ferment. We have also focused on how to plate food and make a portion look appealing.

We had a lovely group of Year 5's from Woodland Grange arrive to complete a 'Focaccia art' activity. All students did a great job and we hope they enjoyed their experience.



FOCACCIA FUN AT MANOR



KS3 (Year 7,8 and 9) Art London Gallery & Theatre Visits:

Some of our Year 7,8 and 9 students enjoyed a day in London where they took part in live sketches at Trafalgar Square and viewed some of their favourite pieces of art in the National Gallery. They then enjoyed the local street theatre in Covent Garden before watching a fabulous musical in the West End



Clay workshop for Year 5 students from OAK Trust Schools

We had the privilege of hosting some of the Year 5 students from the OAK Trust primary schools to take part in a clay workshop, designing and creating clay tiles inspired by favourite holidays with a focus on summer landscapes.



PE

The first half term saw the CNAT Sports Studies students plan and participate in a trip to the Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre where they kayaked along the River Soar. The teamwork and resilience learnt on the day, in somewhat fresh conditions, no doubt helped in their journey through Year 11.



The summer season of Athletics, Cricket and Rounders is just finishing. Over 80 students represented Manor at the area athletics at the Saffron Lane Athletics club. From this event we had multiple winners who went on to run, jump and throw for South Leicestershire at the full County Finals at Loughborough University. Manor students shone brightly picking up 4 individual medals.



Congratulations to the PE staff at Manor for their a 'Gold' Games Mark award. This is an award that assesses lots of criteria.



Maths

In March, a group of talented Year 8 and 9 students represented the school in the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Team Maths Challenge. The team demonstrated outstanding collaboration and lateral thinking skills as they tackled a variety of complex mathematical problems and logic-based tasks.

Also taking place in March, our Year 10 team competed in the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme (AMSP) Maths Feast. The students impressed judges and competitors alike with their problem-solving ability, teamwork, and resilience—earning an impressive 2nd place finish. A fantastic achievement for all involved!

English

Launch of Sparx Reader:

We are thrilled to announce our launch of Sparx Reader. We have trialled this as a new reading programme with our current Year 8 students, who have said they like the “ease of the platform”, prefer that they “can read any time” and they feel “encouraged to keep [reading] to be the best in the class”. Student engagement has been excellent – they have already read 360 books over a total of 903 hours of careful reading so far! Special mentions go to our current top three readers: Amelia Rahman, Mohamed Bashir and Lydia Franklin. We look forward to seeing this progress continue into the new academic year.

Published Poetry:

A huge congratulations to Maryam in Year 9, who is having her wonderful poem published by Young Writers and will be featured in their next book. We are incredibly proud!

Young Voices Tackle Big Questions: Oxford-Style Debate Meet Inspires Insightful Discussion:

This term, 14 students from Years 7 to 9 took to the stage to participate in an exciting Oxford-Style Debate meet, showcasing not only their eloquence but also their maturity in tackling some of the most complex and thought-provoking issues of our time. The event was a highlight of the term and a testament to the power of student voice.

Throughout the meet, students impressed with their research, teamwork, public speaking, and willingness to listen and respond respectfully to opposing views. This event not only sharpened students’ critical thinking and oracy skills but also reminded us all that even the youngest members of our school community can tackle the biggest questions with thoughtfulness and insight.

Interested in learning how to formally debate? At Manor, Miss Jordan is able to offer training for the formal parliamentary, Oxford and Model United Nations style of debating formats. Come and speak to her in the new academic year to sign up!



The eco council started our habitat mapping for the National Education Nature Park. Here we were looking at our grassland habitats and counting the number of plants in a given area . We used the 'seek' app to identify the plant species we found. Our next step will be to think of ways we can improve the grass area biodiversity.



On World Bee Day, 20 May 2025, the eco-council helped celebrate highlighting the vital role of bees and other pollinators in our ecosystems and food security. They had a wonderfully large queue of people eager to obtain some free wildflower seeds to help create a pollinators paradise.

Brookside have successfully achieved the Gold Standard School Games Mark for the 4th year running! The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme. It celebrates schools' commitment to developing competitive sport within their school and community. A fantastic achievement and indicative of an enthusiastic and cohesive sporting community at the school.





Year 6 enjoyed their inflatable day on 11 June, which the school puts on every year to reward the Year 6 pupils for the hard work they put in for the SATS. Well done Year 6!



Mrs Bodycote was determined to get to the top in her last year visiting Beaumanor Hall, as she retires this year. And she managed it! Well done, Mrs Bodycote, great resilience shown.

Other school trips this term include Hunstanton (Year 5) and Twycross Zoo (Year 1).





At Woodland Grange, we offer a wide range of instrumental music lessons, including piano, violin, guitar and ukulele. Due to the incredible popularity of our piano lessons, we're delighted to be welcoming a second piano teacher for the new academic year. Our budding musicians regularly get the chance to perform during Monday assemblies, boosting their confidence and allowing them to share their talents with the whole school. On 26th June, we held our Summer Showcase, where over 45 children performed pieces on their chosen instruments, alongside 20 members of our school choir who rehearse each week at lunchtime with Mrs Fisher.

Year 4 pupils also took centre stage at their own concert on 20th June, showcasing what they've learned in their whole-class ukulele lessons with our specialist music teachers. We're so proud of all our young musicians and the joy they bring to our school community!

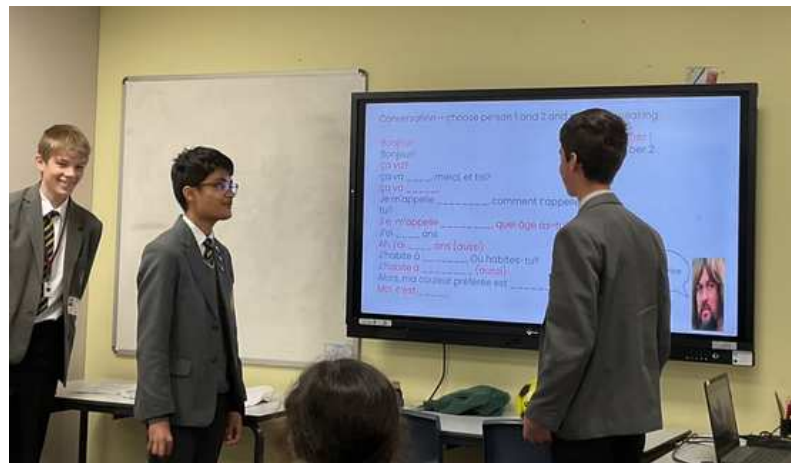


Maths Association Maths Challenges

The Key Stage 2 pupils at Woodland Grange have loved stretching their mathematical understanding beyond what they have learnt in the classroom and have taken on the Maths Association Primary Maths Challenge and First Maths Challenge. Back in November, a whopping 97 pupils from Year 5 and 6 completed the challenge, and for the first time ever three of our pupils got through to the gruelling bonus round! Years 3 and 4 have also done us proud with 60 entries and 42 pupils attained the bronze, silver or gold award. We love how excited the pupils are about applying their knowledge and are proud of all of the entrants—bring on next year's challenge!

We were so excited to finally receive our official certificate, recognising Woodland Grange as a Rocket Phonics Partner School.

Our first work as a Partner School has been to talk to the team at Rocket Phonics headquarters about the newly launched preschool programme 'First Steps'. Mrs Turner and the preschool team, with the support of Mrs Hibbard, have been implementing this. This has involved rolling out the training to staff, delivering the First Steps programme, evidencing the impact of this and looking at the inclusivity and suitability if offered to all children. We have been excited by the results we have seen and are looking to build on this programme next year.



For the second year running, Manor High MFL department and Woodland Grange have worked together to provide transition opportunities for Year 6 children. Manor's wonderful Year 9 French students planned, resourced and delivered a 'Secondary School Taster Lesson' for Woodland Grange Year 6 pupils supported by their fantastic MFL teachers. One of the Year 9 students was a former Woodland Grange pupil! Our Year 6 had a fantastic afternoon and greatly appreciated all the effort the students and staff at Manor went to in order to facilitate such a brilliant learning opportunity. Particular thanks to Mrs Moseley.

Year 3 in the Spotlight

In May, Year 3 went on a fieldwork trip to Bradgate Park. It was the first time that children at Woodland Grange have taken part in this trip, they looked at ordnance survey maps and used a compass to navigate themselves around. They also took part in a mini beast hunt, finding lots of little creatures and were amazed by the beautiful deer. The children were an absolute credit to the school with staff members at Bradgate Park commenting on their excellent behaviour.

In Design and Technology, Year 3 have been busy making pneumatic toys for younger children. They thoroughly enjoyed the whole design and make process and it made it even more special visiting the children in foundation stage, who tried out their toys for them. A lovely experience for all.



Year 5 in the spotlight

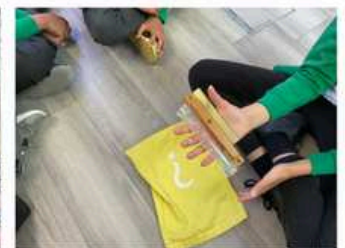
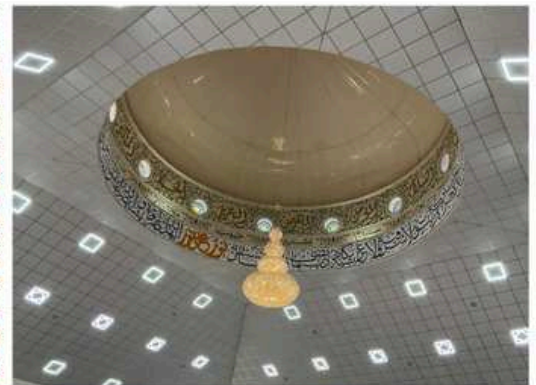
Year 5 have enjoyed a busy summer term so far!

Enjoying their Design and Technology work creating a soup which celebrates culture and seasonality, it was lovely to have children asking for the recipe.

A visit into school from Abbie Ayre and the Science Shed, exploring how we can make small changes to help clean our air, was insightful.

Furthermore, we have been out to Stratford to the Royal Shakespeare Company to explore Hamlet with professional directors and actors - a fun, friendly day encouraging all into drama and exploring the bard's most famous soliloquy.

Another outing to two religious buildings (Leicester's Hebrew Centre and Central Mosque) where the children demonstrated how thoughtful and respectful they are by asking interesting questions, listening attentively, and demonstrating their knowledge.



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On Friday 2 May, staff and students completed the Sponsored Colour Dash in aid of LCH Charity. Everyone ended up very colourful and it was a lot of fun.

We have been informed by LCH Charity that our school community raised an amazing £4,380 including gift aid. This is almost double the amount raised last year!

What fantastic charitable children and families we have - we are immensely proud of our Overdale community.

We have been working hard on rejuvenating our allotment this year and have recently had a PA bid accepted to further improve it.

The allotment space has been transformed entirely by volunteers' efforts and their own funding so far, which has taken it from an overgrown, disused space with one or two herbs, growing to a space where allotment sessions have now been run with groups of Year 2 children and over 20 varieties of vegetables and flowers are growing. The successful bid will now allow the continued growth of our allotment, supporting so many areas of the curriculum.

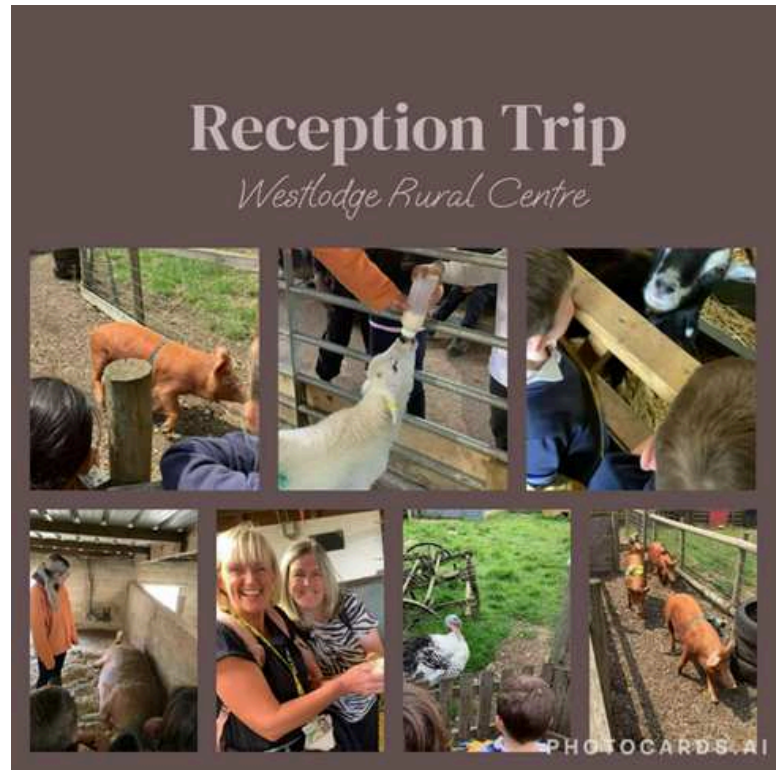
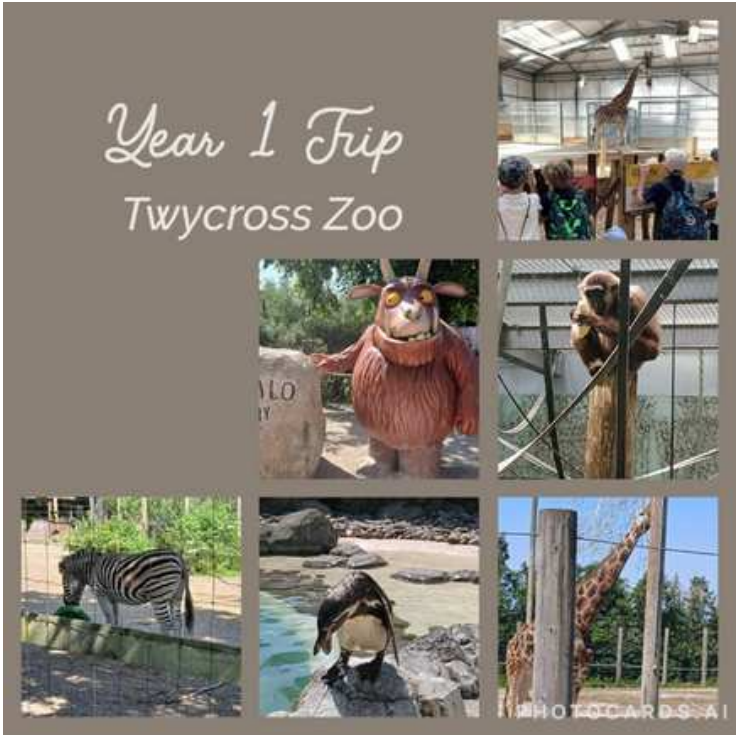


It is the school trip season! The children had so much fun on their enrichment activities.

On 19th June, Year 1 children visited Twycross Zoo. The children learnt lots about a range of animals as well as following the trail to find the Gruffalo.

On 12th June, Year 2 visited Twinlakes theme park. The children loved the large soft play areas and showed great resilience when faced with some scary rides!

On 4th June, Reception visited Westlodge Rural Centre. The children learnt all about the different farm animals and got to stroke many of them. They had fun on the barrel ride, free time on the play area and a tractor ride around the farm learning, about the cows and alpacas. They finished the day by watching the piglet racing.



Star Warts

Our Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard to put together their end-of-year production, Star Warts. From learning their lines and song lyrics to helping create imaginative props, their dedication has truly shone through. A great deal of effort has gone into preparing costumes and the creativity on display is something to be proud of. The whole production is a real team effort and we are so proud of the enthusiasm and commitment shown by every member of Year 6. Their performances have been fantastic. As they prepare to take their next steps into secondary school, we wish them every success and happiness in the adventures ahead. They leave us with fond memories and the confidence that they are ready for all that lies ahead.



Exhibitions Showcase Children's Creative Work

We held an exhibition in school from Monday 30th June to Tuesday 1st July of outstanding children's artwork. Children and their families were invited to view an impressive gallery of work from across the school. There were drawings, paintings, prints, clay work and textiles on show as well as some fantastic digital artwork created by the children editing and manipulating their illustrations using their iPads. There was also a display of art created by teachers and members of staff to inspire the children and show the importance of art and creativity in our school community. We believe that art is a lifelong skill and a means of expression that enriches both ourselves and our surroundings. The shows were very well attended and parents and children were enthusiastic about the high quality of work on display. It was great to see the young artists getting recognition for their creative endeavours.



On 1st May, a group of 19 pupils took part in a Leicester Tigers Rugby Festival at Stoughton Road Playing Fields. The children played Rugby Tennis, 3D Rugby, Tag Rugby and Touch Rugby. It was great to see everyone getting involved and having a go!

On 13th June, 10 athletes from Year 4 took part in the Leicester City Athletics Finals at Saffron Lane Athletics Ground. They all showed amazing effort and came 2nd overall.



Year 4 enjoyed a workshop with Severn Trent. In the Sewer Soup workshop, children created their own sewage as a class, letting us know what should (and shouldn't!) go down the sink and the toilet.

They then had to attempt to clean and filter the 'sewage' after watching a video to show how Severn Trent do this for real. This got the whole class thinking about what may cause blockages and how we can avoid them!



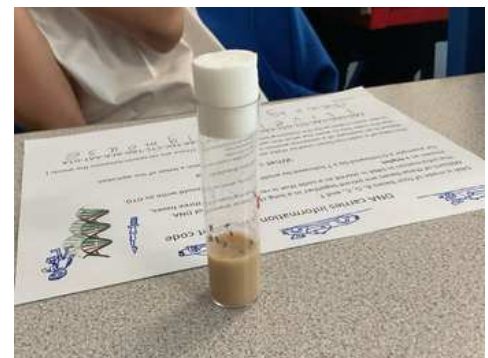
Year 3 and 4 Choir did a fantastic job singing at Leicestershire Music's Leics Sing! They joined lots of other young voices from across Leicester and Leicestershire and produced some wonderful singing.

Year 5 has had a very busy Summer Term! As well as our usual learning, the children have had several visitors, trips, participants at the Saffron Lane Athletics Day and a successful Enterprise Stalls event. We went to the King Richard III museum where the children added to their learning about the famous King found under a Leicester car park. As well as visiting the museum, cathedral and Guildhall the children got to do a science experiment where they separated the DNA in some mushed-up banana!

Year 3 went to Whetstone Pastures Farm. We enjoyed meeting people that worked on the farm, a trailer ride to see 300 cows, making bookmarks with flowers from the fields, feeding the animals, learning about a keyhole garden and picking fresh strawberries from the plants! An amazing day had by all! Well done to all children for representing the school so brilliantly.



Scientists from the University of Leicester Genetics Department visited the school to engage Year 6 in a series of fun and fascinating activities that open up the world of genetics. Activities included Go Bananas: extracting DNA from fruit, Decoding DNA and the Mutation of Fruit Flies! The workshop was hands-on, engaging, and gave the pupils a real insight into the fascinating world of genetics. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience life as a scientist and sparked lots of curiosity and enthusiasm for science and research.





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FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM STORE



Will you be struggling with the cost of school uniform this summer? LCH Charity are opening their Highcross school uniform store for families to select school uniform and PE Kit their children need for free!

All families must register their interest here:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/peqZZ8HCv0>

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