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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

7th March 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week for reading! A big thank you to Miss Esmes for organising the book trolley for school and a brilliant World Book Day event. Thank you to all of you who popped along to the book event in the hall to help raise money for school by buying a reading book for your child. We are still waiting for the exact amount of money raised but Miss Esmes has told me that it is about **£900** which is absolutely incredible.

KS1 yard: Thank you to those of you who have started to have a 'Spring clean' and donated items such as unwanted dress up clothes, cars, dolls, construction, musical instruments, old pans, old spoons, prams, play teapot sets etc....

Have a great weekend, Mrs Burgess

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 18th March - Y5 trip Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Monday 24th - Easter Celebration - at St. Mary's Church - please join us from 9 for drinks.

Wednesday 26th March - Y5 Fab Finish

Thursday 27th March - Y3 National Video Game trip

Friday 28th March - break up for Easter; return to school for Monday 14th April

Friday 18th April/ Monday 21st April - school closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday

Monday 5th May - school closed for May Day bank holiday

Friday 23rd May - school breaks up for half term - return Monday 2nd June



Girls Football Timetable

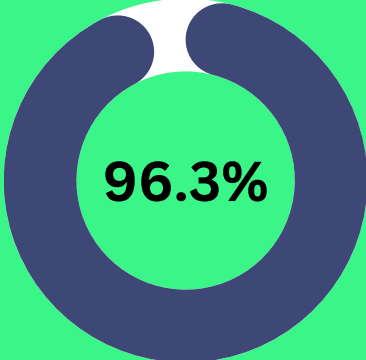
Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Girls Development Centre 5pm - 6pm Ages: 6 to 16 at SWFC Community Programme Facility (S6 1LZ)	Stocksbridge Girls Football 5pm - 6pm Ages: 7 to 13 at Stocksbridge High School (S36 1FD)	Concord Girls Football 4pm - 5pm Ages: 6 to 11 at Concord Sports Centre (S5 6AE)
Girls intro to football 5pm - 6pm Ages: 3 to 5 at SWFC Community Programme Facility (S6 1LZ)		Wisewood Girls Football 4pm - 5pm Ages: 9 to 15 at Wisewood Sports Centre (S6 4BS)

Congratulations to the Y6 girls' football team

The Y6 girls' football team who reached the semi-finals at the Premier League Primary Stars U11 National Girls Football Tournament!! The girls didn't concede a single goal in the group phase and finished second in their table. We won against Shooters Grove in the quarterfinals on penalties - big shout-out to goalkeeper Connie for keeping her nerves! We lost 1-0 to Windmill Hill Primary School in the semi-finals but we are very very proud of the girls for getting so far in the tournament. The organisers commented on how well the girls worked as a team.

If any St Mary's girls are interested in playing football out of school, the Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme run various sessions for girls:

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

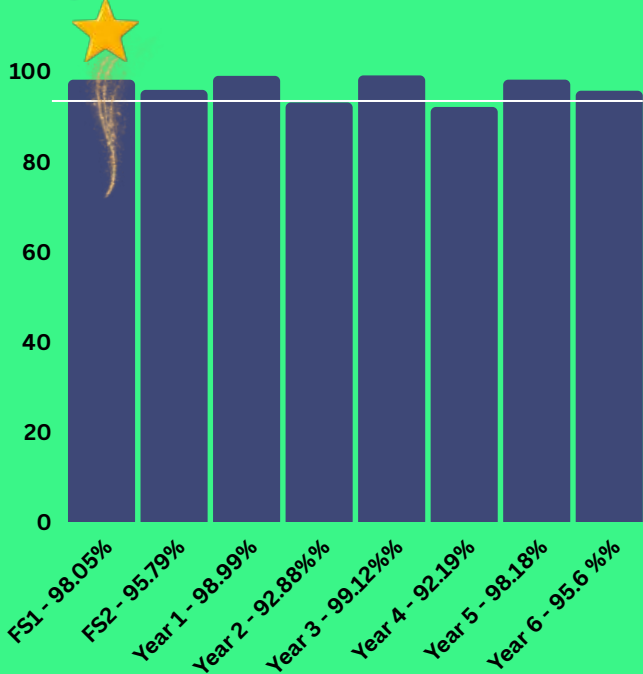


Our whole school attendance for the week (26/2/25 - 05/3/25) is 96.28%

All classes that achieved 96% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.

Y3 are class winners with an amazing 99.12%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat... **WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE Nursery



Nursery &
Reception

Role Playing

This week, the children in Nursery and Reception have enjoyed playing in the farm shop.

They have role played going shopping and choosing fruit and vegetables for their basket. They have also used their phonics skills to write shopping lists. **Well done!**



**WE'VE
MADE THE
TOP TEN...
AGAIN!**



Sheffield Leaderboard

1. Holt House Infant School
2. Bradway Primary School
3. Marcliffe Community Primary School
4. Lydgate Junior School
5. St Mary's CofE Primary School
6. Lound Junior School
7. Dobcroft Junior School
8. Shortbrook Primary School
9. Deepcar St John's CofE Junior School
10. Phillimore Community Primary School

SPRING 2025

#WOWTopTen

Once again we have made it into the Top Ten Sheffield Schools for active travel!! Many thanks to all the families who are using active travel on a regular basis (walking, scooting, park & stride) to and from school. Reducing traffic from around the school gates keeps our children safer, fitter and healthier.

Year 4

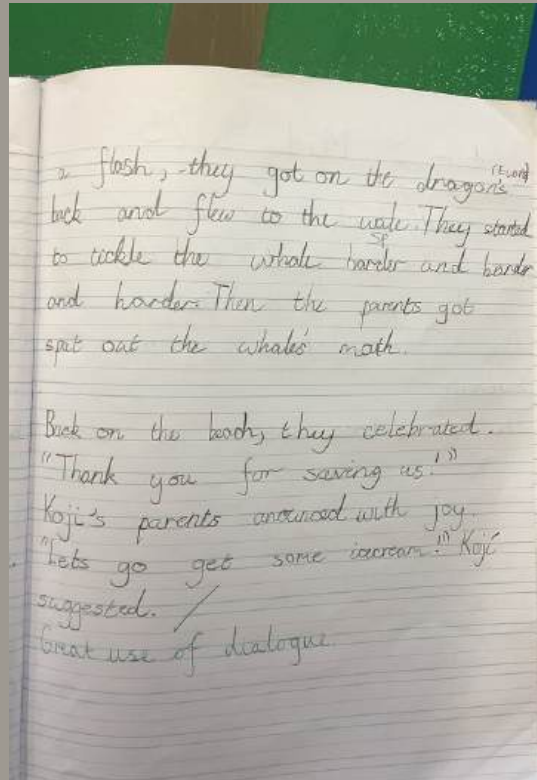
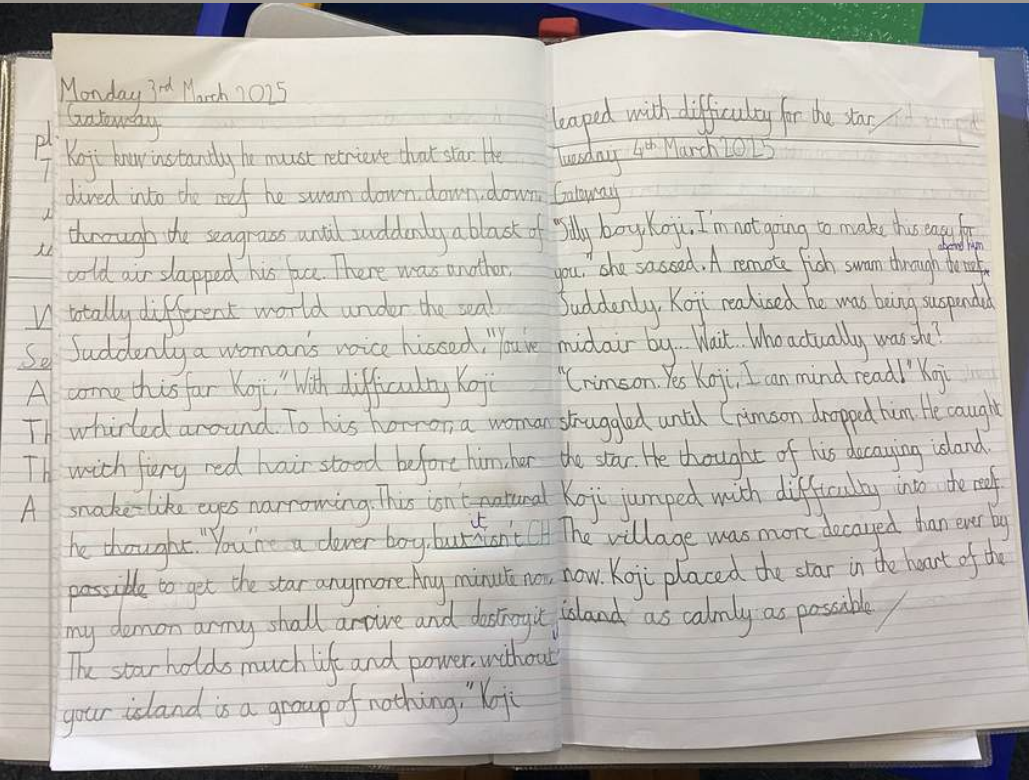
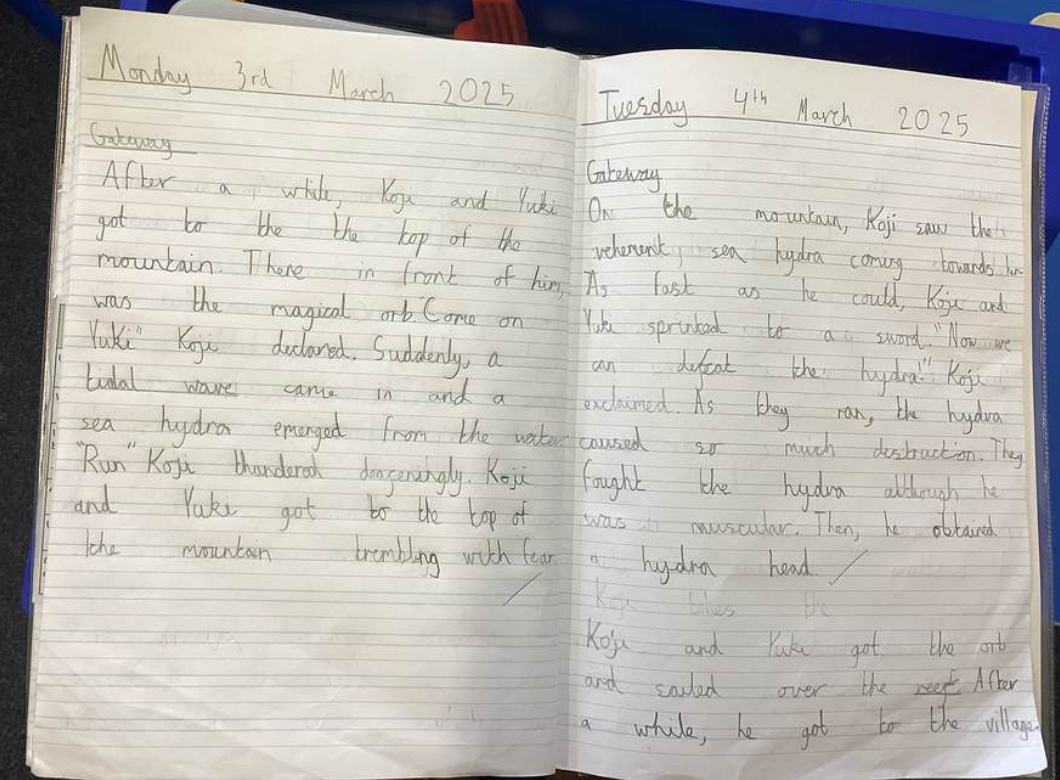


Adventures stories inspired by Koji's Island

Year 4 have been writing adventure stories inspired by their new text, Koji's Island.

They have been very exciting reads and beautifully presented.

Well done, Year 4!



WORTH A LOOK?...

As the weather is getting slightly warmer and the nights lighter, SYFRS notice a raise in deliberate fires in the community.

They have asked if we could share the following information with our parents...

OFFICIAL



**South Yorkshire
FIRE & RESCUE**

Chris Kirby
Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive

Date:

This matter is being dealt with by: Chief Fire Officer

Tel Direct line:
Email:

Tel: 0114 2727202
Website: www.syfire.gov.uk

197 Eyre Street
Sheffield, S1 3FG

Dear Resident,

I'm writing to you to explain how to stay safe from fire in your home and how you can help us prevent deliberate fires in the community.

Fortunately, house fires are rare. But our firefighters still attend hundreds of incidents across South Yorkshire every year, many of which are accidental. All are preventable.

There are some really simple things you can do to prevent a fire. Things like:

- Having working smoke alarms and testing them regularly
- Have a good bedtime routine, closing internal doors, turning off appliances
- Moving your wheelie bins to a location at the rear of your property where they can't be accessed or seen from the roadside
- Try to put your bins out on the morning of collection rather than the night before.
- Keeping an eye on your cooking and switching off kitchen equipment after use
- Unplugging electrical items like laptops and chargers before you go to bed

Never try to put out a fire yourself. If you do, you could get hurt. If there's a fire, get out of the house and stay out. Call 999 from a safe place.

For more tips on staying safe from fire and helping us reduce deliberate fires in the community, check out the guide we've included. It also tells you how to contact us.

Yours sincerely,
John Billings
Head of Service Delivery
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue

**SEE THE LEAFLET ON
THE FOLLOWING PAGE**



A pocket guide to REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

Deliberate Fires

ADVICE TO HELP YOU REDUCE THE THREAT TO YOUR HOME AND NEIGHBOURHOOD

Reduce access to your property for trespassers and opportunist arsonists:

- Secure your boundary, repair or block gaps in hedges, walls or fences
- If you have gates close and lock them
- Secure sheds, garages and other outbuildings with padlocks or similar



- Fit external lighting to alert you to intruders



MANAGE YOUR REFUSE – SO THERE ARE NO FUEL SOURCES FOR OPPORTUNISTS:

- Clear any rubbish from garden, behind sheds etc.
- Store wheelie bins securely, away from property and out of sight
- Put bins out on collection day and bring them back in asap
- Large items like furniture, old vehicles or rubble provide a fuel source, contact your local council for advice on removal of bulky waste
- Report dumped waste and overgrown hedges to www.fixmystreet.com
- If you have issues with neighbours regarding rubbish, bonfires etc. contact your council



KEEP YOUR HOME AND VEHICLES SECURE:



- Close windows and keep doors locked
- Close blinds/curtains at night to reduce visibility of your valuables
- Park on your drive or in a secure, well-lit area and remove valuables from your vehicle
- If considering CCTV it should only cover your property and to support a prosecution needs to be 4 megapixels and have resolution of min. 1080p

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD:

- Well-lit areas are less likely to be targeted
- Report fly-tipping, broken street lights etc. to www.fixmystreet.com
- Report incidents confidentially to CrimeStoppers 0800 555111
- Why not join your local neighbourhood watch at www.ourwatch.org.uk

Wheelie bin and letterbox locks can be purchased from DIY stores.



Tell us what you know about deliberate fire-setting in your area



You can do this via our FireStoppers service which is completely anonymous.

All you need to do is call our dedicated phone number, 0800 169 5558, or fill out our online form



USEFUL CONTACTS

We offer home safety visits to people who are considered to be at particular risk of fire.

To find out whether you are eligible for a visit you can complete an online home safety check at: www.syfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/request-a-visit/, scan the code opposite, or call 0114 253 2314.



Hard of Hearing text line: 07537 416095 and ensure you put HOH at the start of the text.

For safety advice and tips on staying safe at home visit www.syfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/ or scan the code opposite.



Anonymously report any information you have on deliberate fire-setting:

Call: 0800 169 5558

Visit: www.firestoppersreport.co.uk

Did you know we offer a free smoke alarm testing reminder service?

All you have to do us give us your number or email address – over at pressthebutton.co.uk – and we'll send you regular reminders to do exactly that – press the button!



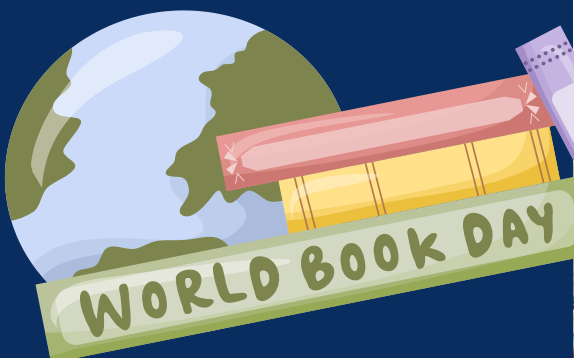
Press the button!

In an Emergency CALL 999

Year 1

ALL THE FUN OF THE 'BOOK' FAIR!

The Year 1 class had a fantastic time at the school's recent Book Fair! The children explored a wide variety of books, from colorful picture books to exciting adventure stories, sparking their imaginations and encouraging a love of reading. It was a wonderful experience for all, and many students picked out new favorites to enjoy at home. Thank you to everyone who supported the event, and we look forward to more literary adventures in the future!



Year 2 made a tremendous effort with their costumes.

Everyone looked amazing and enjoyed sharing their favourite stories with their friends and teachers. **Well done year 2!**



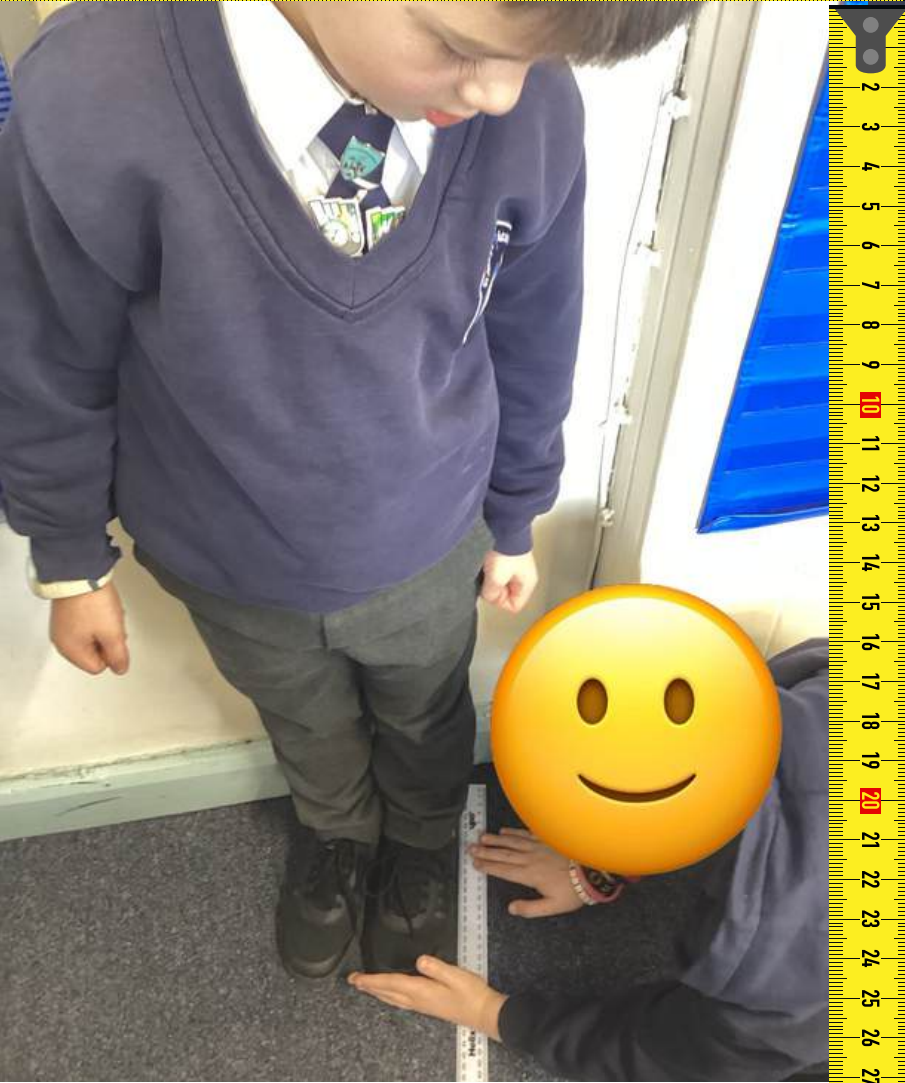
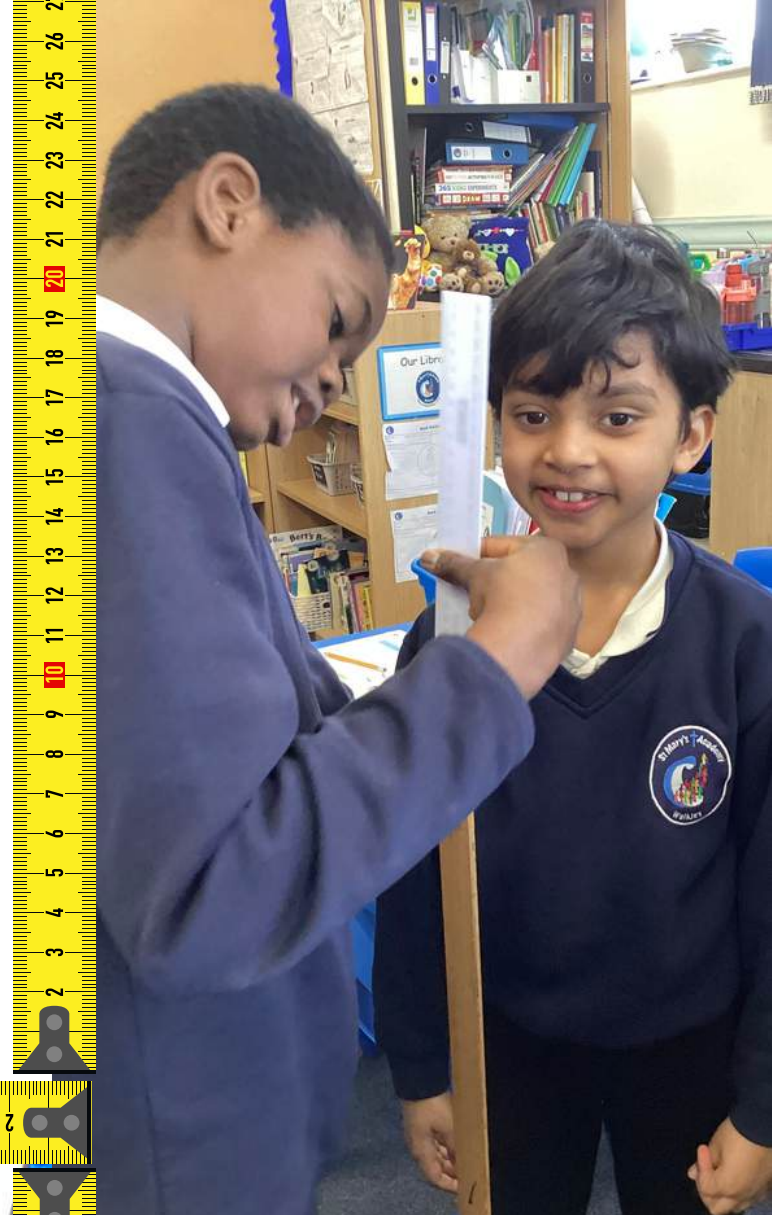
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Year 3

HAND-ON MEASURING SKILLS

In a fun Year 3 math lesson, students measured each other's height and feet using rulers.

They practiced length and measurement skills, comparing results and learning to estimate and record measurements, all while engaging in hands-on learning and teamwork.



EVERYONE'S A CRITIC!

In RE, we learnt the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

In the role of art critics, we visited a "gallery" and discussed how the artists had expressed the story of the Jesus' Transfiguration differently.

The children were able to discuss how the artists had used different styles: some abstract, some realistic.

They picked out some important symbols in the pieces and were able to explain the significance of each.

Well done, Y5! You did a great job of being snooty art critics!





Year 6

Fantastic Salads

Y6 had a fantastic DT lesson where they really worked on their skills. They learned how to slice using the claw and bridge techniques. They also looked at dicing, ribboning and grating to create an aesthetic design for their fantastic salads.

They amazed me with their ideas: some were replacing the innards of certain foods with others; some created intricate designs. They all thought so carefully about how they created their piece.

Well done, Y6.

