

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**St Paul's**  
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Utkinton & Cotebrook  
LEARNING TO SOAR, POWERED BY GOD

**AUTUMN  
TERM 1  
2023**

## WHAT'S NEW?

The children have settled to their new classrooms, teacher and weekly timetable! We are really proud of recently published Ofsted report which demonstrates the progress our school has made. Here is a celebration of our learning this half term. We hope you enjoy!

## EYFS

Our youngest community members have settled really well back to school routines, we are so proud. We are extremely happy to also welcome Jaxon and his family to our school family.



## Chester Zoo

Year 2-6 went to the zoo to look at the life of George Motterhead to consider the difference he has made in animal welfare and conservation on animals by opening Chester Zoo.





# SCHOOL FIELD TRIP!!!

## Nature Reserve Visit

We visited the Bickley Hall Farm for our first whole school visit which was a huge success! The children loved exploring the farm by partaking in a wild flower walk, looking at the barn owl boxes and badger boxes (as well as watching footage from inside!) We made a natural crown and picked our snack from the orchard. We are very proud of our Nursery and EYFS children for joining us on their first school trip!



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

The children had an excellent time supporting Macmillan Coffee Morning, they learnt new recipes and made some cakes to sell as well as sampling some at the community event! A lovely time. Thank you to the village hall for inviting us.





# SPORT !

## Sport

Mr A has been running athletics clubs to prepare the children to partake in sports at Tarporley High School. Emily and Charlie did a fabulous job of competitions and representing our school. I am really proud of them! We have also invited Dodleston primary to enjoy a rugby festival in honour of Charlie's love of Rugby. It was a fabulous event... We look forward to going to Dodleston for Hockey next year! Chester Football Club have delivered some amazing sessions to train the children in football this half term. We have been very lucky to have them! We also welcomed Diddi Dance that did a lovely session with our EYFS and KS1 children.



# SUBJECTS

## ART

The children from Year 2-Year 6 have been exploring Sculpture in **Art**. The art they have produced is outstanding and shows the progress each Key Stage is making! Well done everyone!

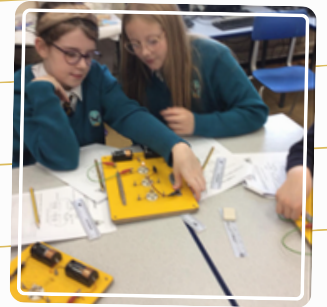


**Spanish** continues to be popular as the children have developed such amazing speaking and listening skills in such a short time. Thank you Mrs McKay for the fabulous energy you bring on a Friday and for the children's lovely lessons.

## SPANISH

## SCIENCE

Year 6 enjoyed a wow **Science** day at Brereton! The children forged excellent friendships and loved learning about electricity.



They also loved their **STEM** Challenge day at Tarporley High School the following day. It was a busy week for our Year 6 students!

Mrs Hughes continues to run **Owls** club afterschool Monday-Thursday. The children have been enjoying playing games, bikes, scooters and crafts. Thank you Mrs Hughes for coming up with such lovely activities for the children.

## OWLS

## AUTUMN

For **Harvest** this year the children explored different bible stories and decorated wooden leaves to display their stories. They reflected on the meaning of the stories in our harvest celebration. The leaves are now hung up on our Worship display in school.



# SCHOOL P.R.

## Toddler Autumn Party

As you know, numbers are now our priority. We hosted a lovely Autumn mums and tots party and have one for Christmas organised too! Thank you Helen Ford, one of our Nursery parents for helping us team up with Utkinton Mums and Tots to get them here to see our beautiful setting.



## Wellness and Women in Sport Event

Mrs Chaloner and Mrs Lloyd Jones represented our school at a Wellness day. They were visited by lots of other businesses and families who were able to ask about our school and enjoy some activities set up by them both.



## Nursery Outreach

30 craft bags have been sent out to toddler groups in the area to invite them to come along to our stay & play sessions throughout the Autumn Term.

## Open Day

We hosted an Open Morning on Saturday 7th October to invite potential 2024 Reception Class children and their families to look around our beautiful school. We will be hosting some further afternoons where families can visit while the school is operating during the next half term.

## Ofsted Report

We are in the process of contacting local press to promote our latest Ofsted report.



## Banners

Our new banners are up and we are enquiring about two other places to display our banners, if you or someone you know could help us display leaflets, posters or banners, please do get in touch!

# NEXT HALF TERM



## Upcoming events

- **Wednesday 8th November** – Dewa Trip to Chester (Year 3,4,6)
- **Saturday 11th November** – Come and Join us at Rose Farm Shop for Armistice Day Crafts (10am - 12pm)
- **Sunday 12th November** – Remembrance at Utkinton Village Hall and St Helen's Church in Tarporley
- **Monday 13th November** – PSCO visit on crime for KS2
- **Monday 13th November** – Nursery trip to Rose Farm Shop - Date TBC
- **Thursday 16th November** – During or PE lesson Utkinton to visit Dodleston for a Hockey Festival
- **Friday 17th November** – Children in Need
- **Thursday November 23rd** – Music Day
- **Thursday 23rd November** – 6 - 8pm Wreath Making for Adults
- **Tuesday 5th December** – Computing Day
- **Thursday 7th December** – Christmas Panto for Reception – Yr 6
- **Friday 8th December** – Carol Singing at Delamere 1pm
- **Monday 11th December** - Toddler Christmas Party
- **Tuesday 12th December** – Christmas crafts / celebrations and readings. Join your child for some Christmas festivities 2-4pm
- **Thursday 21st December** – Inset Day
- We are also looking into a Christmas Fair. Dates TBC.