



W/E 17th March 2023

### **The Fortnightly**

Issue 10

'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?' John 11: 25-26



## Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/carer,

I have to start by saying that the children and staff who attended the Young Voices concert are proud chart toppers. Their performance with Heather Small of M People fame is now a charity single and has made it into the top 10 of various charts. Check out the single and try to spot us by following the link below!

[Proud, Heather Small feat. The Young Voices Choir - YouTube](#)

Unfortunately, some children have not been very caring with respect to their environment. I recently wrote to the parents of KS2 boys with regards to the disappointing use of their toilets. I have now had to speak to the children in KS1 with regards to their use of toilets. The attitude and disrespect cannot be tolerated and I thank you for speaking at home to your children. Please read on for further information. Until there is an improvement and signs that children have taken note, the staff and I will monitor the use of the toilets. Any children found to not be caring for their environment will be spoken to and further actions taken with your blessing.

The last newsletter was checked out 172 times which is great. Once you have the link you are more than welcome to share with friends and family who can check out some of the news themselves. I received feedback last week with regards to difficulties reading the news. In the bottom corner of a Sway you will see symbols for play - pause - settings etc. Within these settings you can change the timings of the page scrolling or turn it off altogether and read manually at your own pace. I am more than happy to help out if you want to catch up with me. Bring along a device that you use so that I can show you how to action the above.

A huge thank you to the parents who have offered their help with various year 6 leavers events. We would like to say thank you with a cuppa and biscuit on Wednesday 22nd just after drop off. Please RSVP to Mrs Southcombe if you can make it.

Finally, thank you for the kind words/messages with regards to the snow closure last week. Closing the school at any time is the most difficult task that is on my to do list. I always put the health and safety of staff and families first when making any decision. I will always attempt to make a decision either way by 7:30am. Although almost ALL of the snow had cleared by 11:00, I believe the correct decision was made and I DO appreciate your kind words of support. Fingers crossed any snow is now behind us. If it is not then a decision will be made as and when needed.

This newsletter was due to be sent out on Friday so rather than have a lovely weekend, I hope you had a lovely weekend. To all the mums, aunties, grans and sisters, Happy Mothers Day!

See you all soon...Mr Scott

## Safeguarding



**Safeguarding** trumps everything we do. Through the regular newsletter, website and posters around the school, we believe you are kept well informed of who to contact when you have a safeguarding concern. All schools have a DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and that is Mr Scott. He is joined by a DDSL (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) who is Mrs Wilson. Mrs Cox (Pictured) and Mrs Lloyd are now also DDSL's as from last week, who you can also contact with any concerns. More info can be found at [Safeguarding - Cottingham Primary](#) Always remember that **Safeguarding is 'everyone's responsibility.'** The safeguarding team meet at least three times per term and discuss any open safeguarding concerns ranging from poor attendance to pupil welfare and safety. We use an online reporting system called My Concern which allows us to track and look for patterns for any pupil in the school past and present.

## Governors Update



Introducing Tanya Loncar one of our recently appointed Community Governors who lives in Cottingham and has a son at the school. Tanya may also be known to you with her involvement on the PTFA. She works for their family owned local electrical business and runs charitable causes too, whilst prior to this was a Court Officer.

On being appointed as a Governor, on our Academy Governance Committee, Tanya said; "I am really thrilled and proud to be appointed a governor and continue to give something back to the school that has shown so much compassion and warmth to not just my child but all others. I can't wait to be able to contribute to and support the Cottingham C of E family even more."

Should you wish to make contact with Tanya she can be emailed at;  
[t.loncar@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:t.loncar@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

## Concert



We are pleased to be able to invite you to our end of term music concerts. On Tues 28th March - Guitars concert will take place with a performance by the new school choir and vocals will also perform one song 9:05 start!

Thurs 30th - Drums 1:15 start!

You are all welcome to our second concert of the year. Please note that the choir and vocals will sing at the start just in case anyone needs to attend and then shoot off to work. The guitarists will then lead the rest of their Tuesday concert.

***Please note that unfortunately the year 4 BIG SING event, to be held at the Cube, in the summer has been postponed.***

## Tennis anyone?

Children from Cottingham CofE have enjoyed the tennis centre holiday sessions before. Your child does not have to be a tennis player. They will have a fun time and learn new skills in the super tennis dome that we have on our door step. If children attend we would love to hear about it via Twitter. Who knows - we may have a future Wimbledon winner amongst us!!



# Easter Tennis Camp

**EASTER CAMP - 4th 5th & 6th April (10-2pm) £70**

**COME ALONG FOR FUN AND GAMES THIS EASTER**

Corby Tennis Centre Easter camps are run by LTA licensed and registered coaches who are all DBS checked. Each camp runs **INDOORS** over 2 days and includes skill based drills, exercises, fun and games, competitions and prizes.

**No previous tennis experience required.**

**ONLY £35 per day!**

**YOU WILL NEED TO BRING:**

Packed lunch, drinks, appropriate clothing and footwear, and a hat/sun cream (weather permitting).

For bookings and enquiries contact (01536) 407851  
 Email: [bookings@corbytenniscentre.co.uk](mailto:bookings@corbytenniscentre.co.uk)  
 Website: [www.corbytenniscentre.co.uk](http://www.corbytenniscentre.co.uk)



## Award Winners



Well done to all of the latest Headteacher award winners...







Well done to all of the latest Star of the Week award winners...







Well done to all of the latest Playground award winners...



Cottingham C of E Primary School

# Wonderful Writer

Presented to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Well done to all of the latest Wonderful Writers...



## SHEDS WANTED!!



The Ash and Willow outdoors provision is in need of some suitable role play areas. We were hoping that someone out there would like to donate or sponsor two structures. Perhaps you could pass on this request to Albany sheds for example? Maybe you have a contact at a shed company. The structures would be used for role play allowing the children to set up shops, garden centres, vets for example. If you can help or know anyone that can - please email [head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk) Imagine the learning that could take place with these additions to our school - Thank you.

## Parent Days

Parent Days are on the following dates for each class. From **Monday 6th March** you may phone the school office or email Mrs Southcombe - [office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk) - to make your appointment. These appointments will take place in school.



- Hawthorn Class 29th March
- Ash Class 18th April
- Oak Class 19th April
- Beech Class 20th April
- Willow Class 25th April

Please do take the time to book a slot with your child's class teacher. You will be able to discuss current attainment/progress as well as teacher targets for the end of the year. Spring reports will be available from the 29th March and can be a focus of discussions. The 15 minute slots will also be used to discuss strengths and areas for development. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of the days. If for some reason you are unable to attend on these dates, please arrange an alternative date/time with your child's class teacher.

## Toilet

As you will have read in the welcome. It is disappointing to have to share news of carelessness and children not following our mission to CARE - BUILD - FOLLOW - THINK. The staff and I have been pleased to receive your support at home and thank you for feedback. The children will respond in a good way and we move onwards and upwards. As you will see from these pics - this sort of behaviour just is NOT acceptable.









## DT Journey



The DT journey has begun in KS2. Children in Beech and Hawthorn will be learning about different joins and structures as the days go by. You will see from the pictures that a start has already been made. Oak class will also learn about joins as they design and make a shell structure. Watch this space for end results later on in the term.

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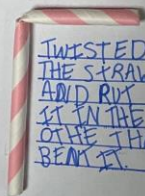
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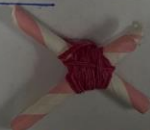
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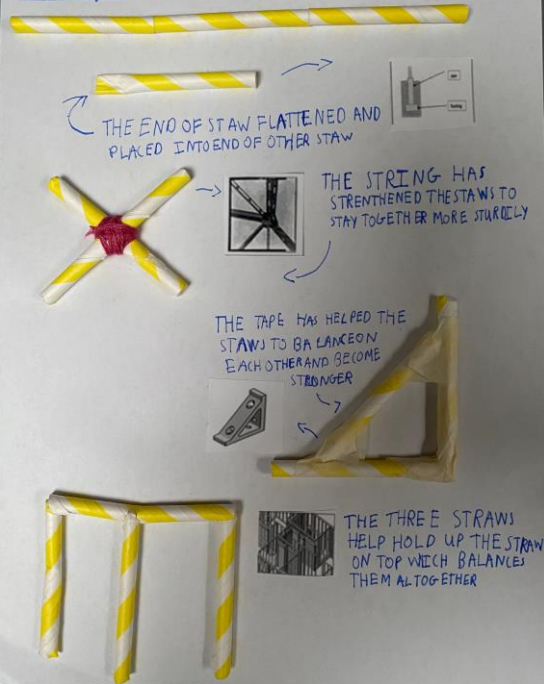


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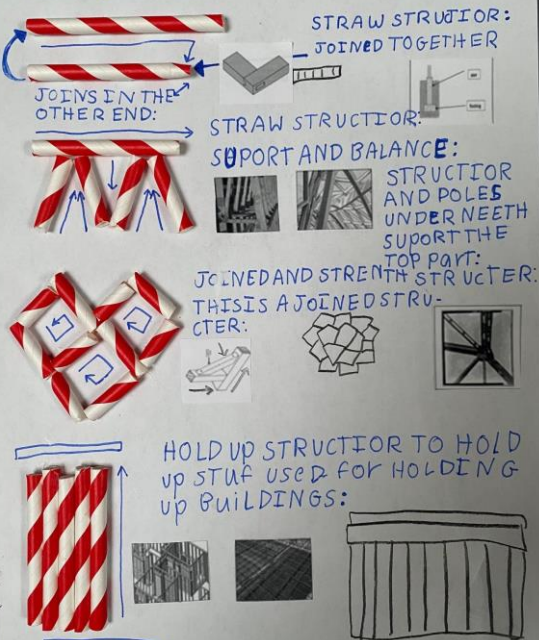
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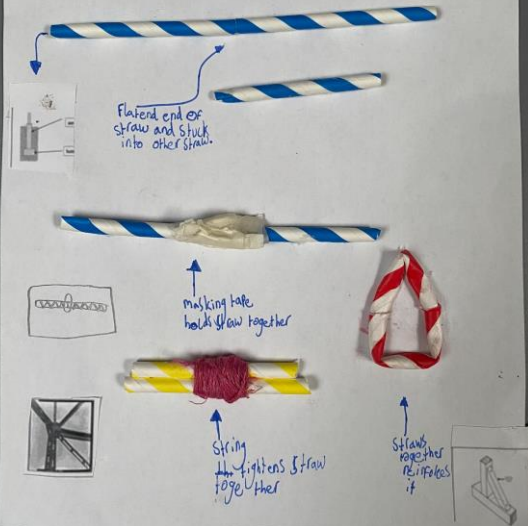
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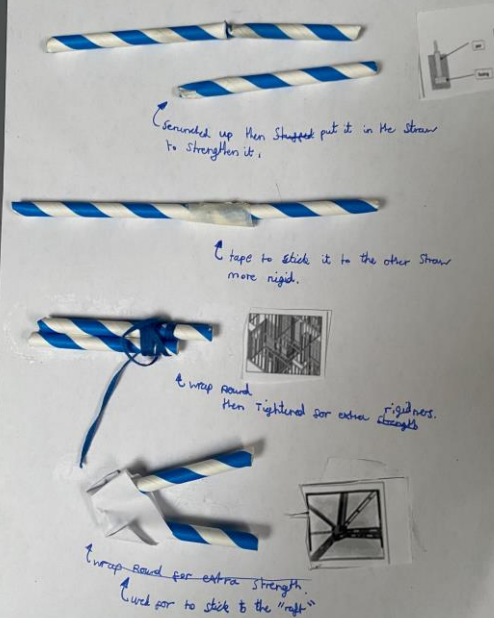
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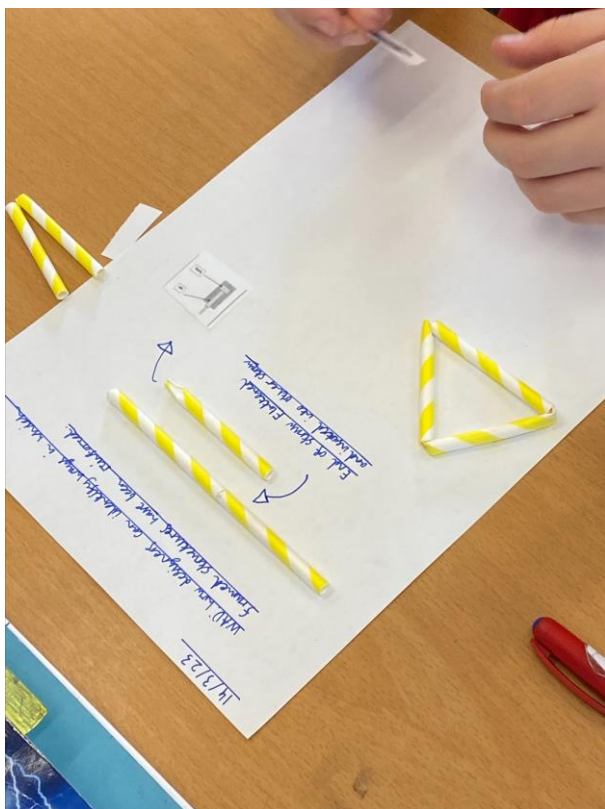
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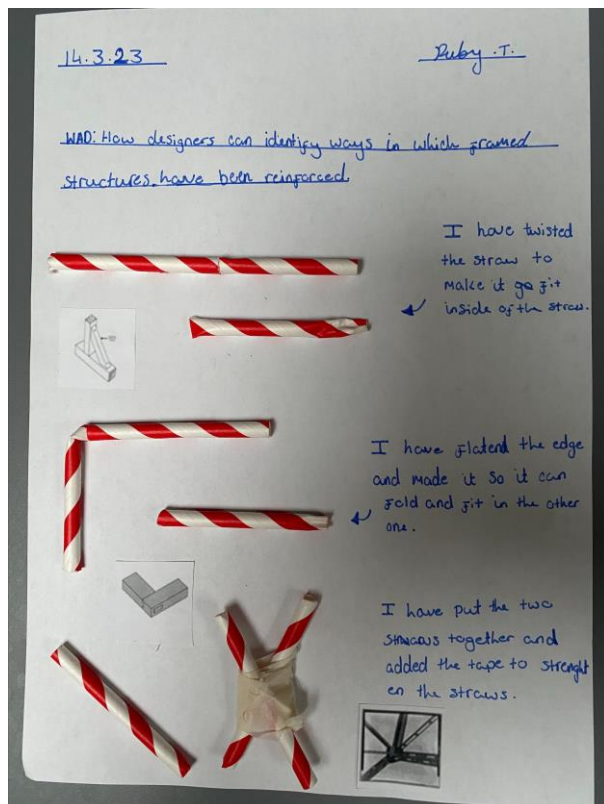
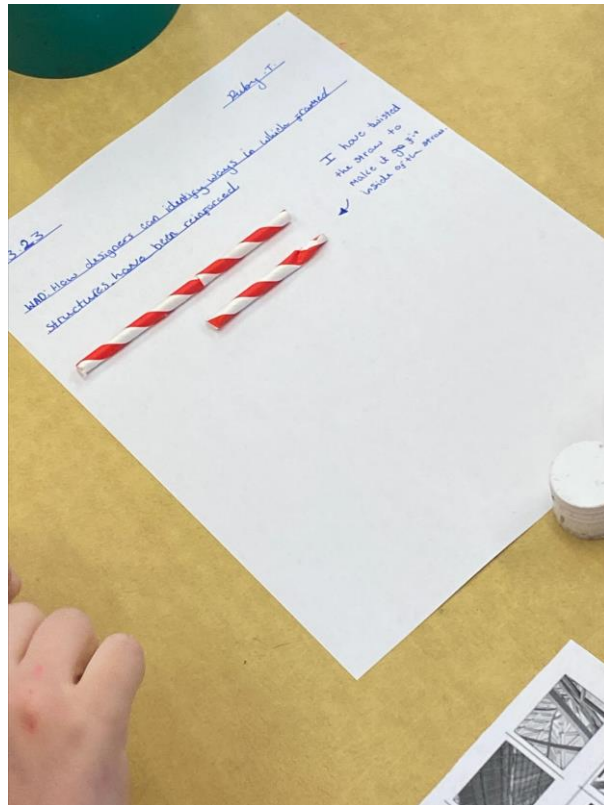
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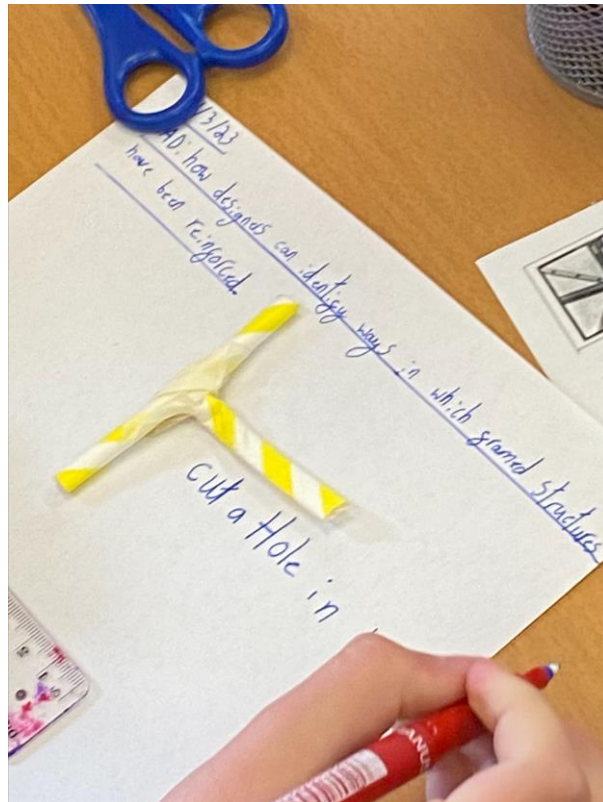
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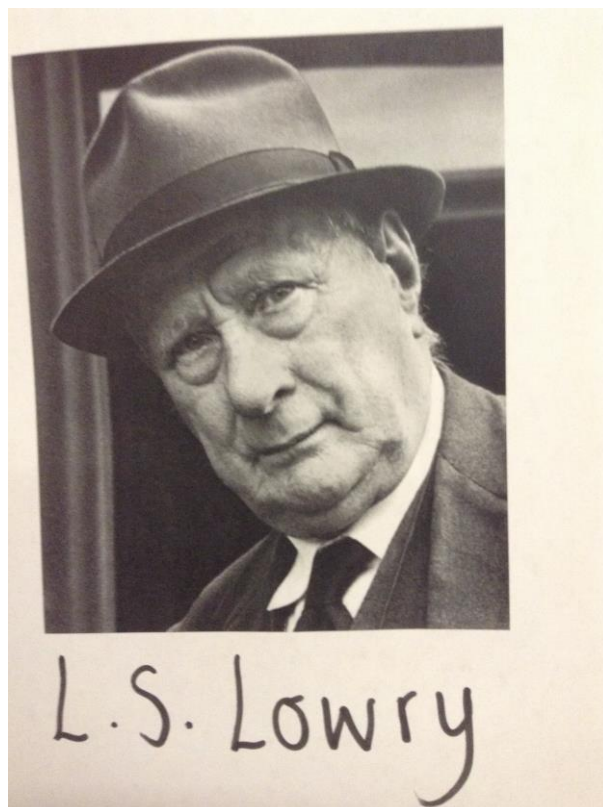








## LS Lowry comes to town



Ash and Willow class are well into their art journey during which they are learning all about LS Lowry and the time and place that he lived. The children have heard the words from the famous

matchstalk song. You can see from these pictures that the journey is well and truly underway with some super art work. The children in reception are also getting involved with their matchstalk sketches using charcoal!











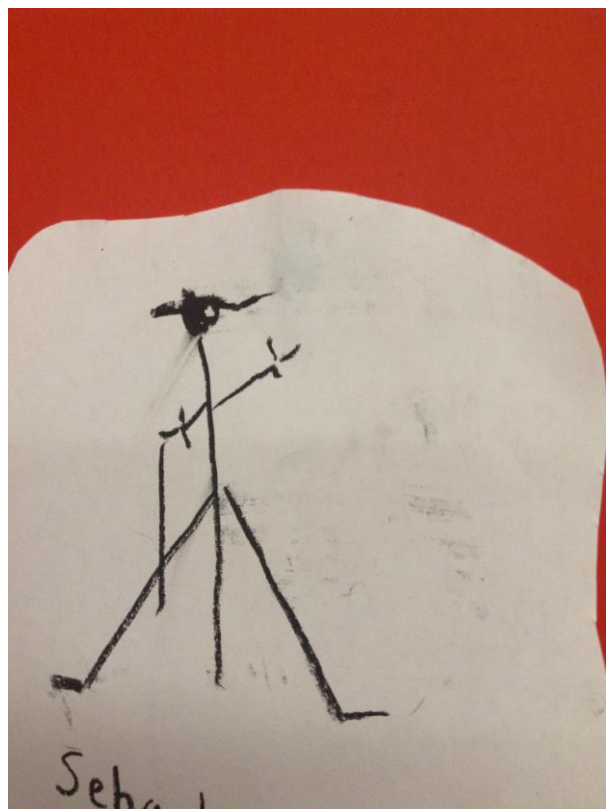
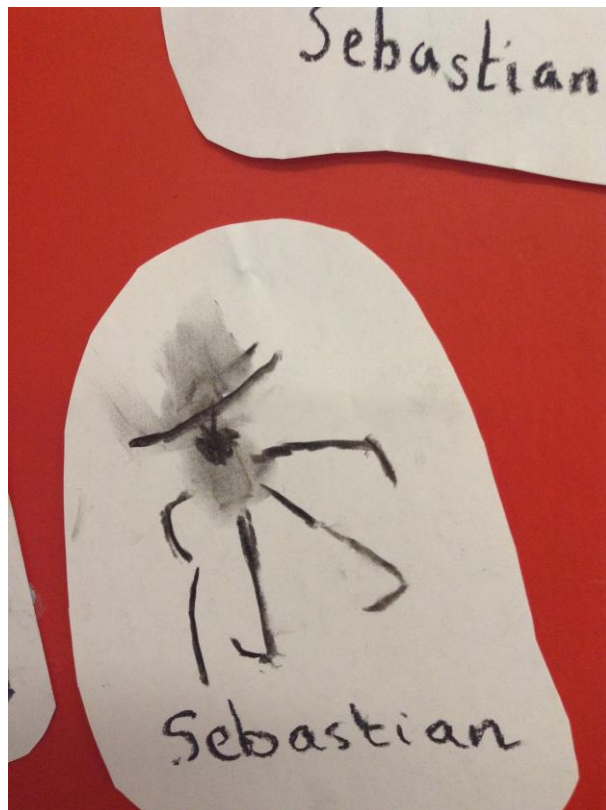


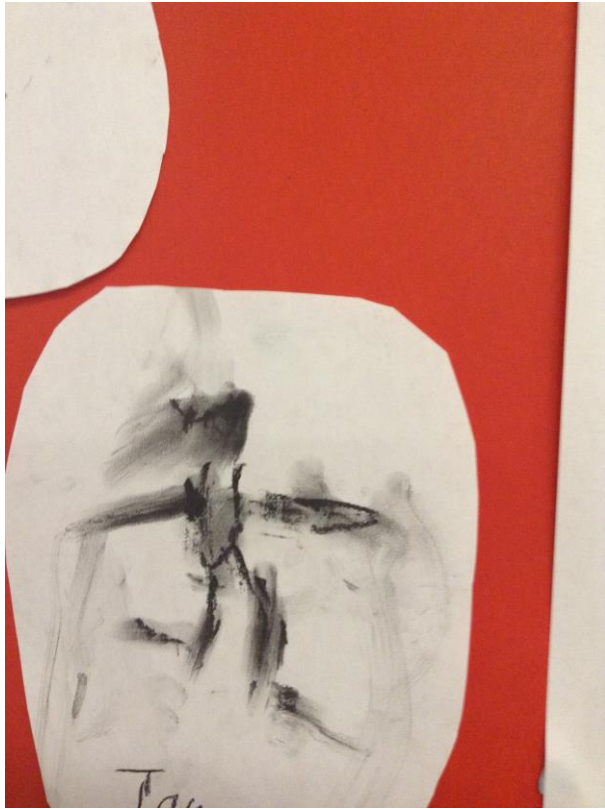




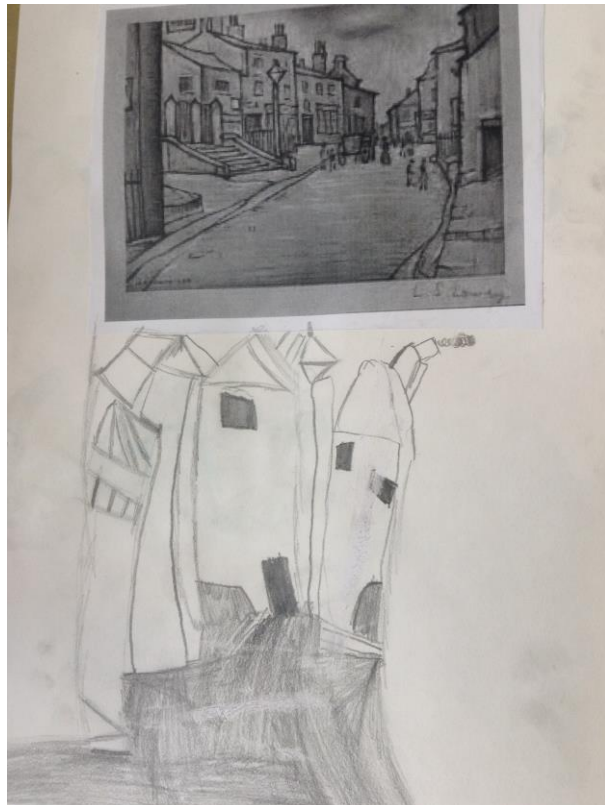


















## Term Dates



### Academic Year 2022 to 2023

The term dates for the 2022 to 2023 academic year have now been confirmed.

#### Term 1

Thursday 1 September 2022

Friday 21 October 2022

## **Term 2**

Monday 31 October 2022

Friday 16 December 2022

## **Term 3**

Tuesday 3 January 2023

Friday 10 February 2023

## **Term 4**

***Monday 20 February 2023***

***Thursday 30 March 2023***

## **Term 5**

Monday 17 April 2023

Friday 26 May 2023

## **Term 6**

Monday 5 June 2023

Friday 21 July 2023

## **INSET Days 2022 to 2023**

- **Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022**
- **Monday 31st October 2022**
- **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**
- **Friday 31st March 2023**

## **Additional Bank Holiday**

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8th May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

**Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:**

- **Tuesday 9th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)**
- **Wednesday 10th May: English reading paper**
- **Thursday 11th May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)**

**Friday 12th May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)**

Will write again soon.....

