



# Weekly Newsletter



## News of the Week!



Scientists in Australia have discovered that human beings lived in high mountain caves nearly 20,000 years ago. They found tools, burnt wood, and other artefacts deep inside the caves of Australia's Blue Mountains, showing that people once cooked and lived there. The discovery is one of the earliest records of people living within this mountain range. The caves were likely a safe and useful place to shelter during cold winters in the mountains.

## Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think people chose to live in mountain caves? Share your response with someone at home. Do you think it's important to learn about the homes of people from the past?
- > Considering where you live, what are the things you need to live a comfortable life in your home? Have these things changed over time?

## Gladiators Visit To Remember!

This week, we welcomed a truly inspirational guest Amanda Wah, Warrington based fitness trainer and the female champion of this year's BBC *Gladiators*! Born in Cuddington, Amanda brought with her not just energy and strength, but a powerful message of resilience, confidence, and self-belief.



Amanda captivated everyone with her story. She spoke passionately about her journey from her motivations for entering the *Gladiators* competition to the intense preparation and discipline it took to get there. She shared the challenges she faced along the way, and how she turned obstacles into opportunities, using them as fuel to push herself further. Her message was clear and empowering: being different is something to be celebrated, and determination can turn dreams into reality. She reminded us that true strength isn't just physical, it's found in perseverance, passion, and pride in who you are.

Equally inspiring was how our children responded. They spoke with pride about their love for PE and the joy of staying active. Amanda was particularly moved by the children's insightful questions and their ability to relate her journey to their own aspirations and genuine enthusiasm.

Throughout the day, Amanda led high-energy circuit training sessions which both provided fun and enjoyment for all of our children.

Amanda thoroughly enjoyed her day with us too and posted on Instagram which you may like to have a look at: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DL3E-1koFdD/?igsh=emhtbzhgenhnMnI4>

**Our ROCK values are Respect, Ownership, Caring and Kindness**



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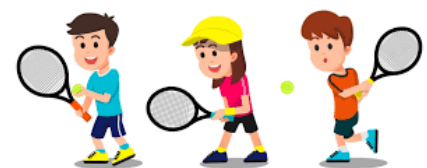


## Mini Tennis Festival and Competition

On the 18th June, 13 children from Years 3 & 4 took part in a Mini Tennis Festival and a Competition at Hartford Tennis Club. It was a swelteringly hot afternoon, but they all participated with great enthusiasm, despite the heat.

The Tennis Festival allowed our young children to develop skills and confidence through a range of timed activities. Mrs Carter kept score and she was blown away as each skill increased throughout the afternoon.

In the Competition against seven other teams, our players took second place, losing out to first place by one point! A huge well-done to everyone taking part you truly represented our school brilliantly! Many thanks to our parents and family members for your continued support too.







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## Year 2 Shine at CREATE Learning

On Monday evening, an excited and energetic group of 12 young athletes from Year 2 proudly represented our school at the CREATE Learning Trust's Multi-Skills Festival, hosted by Sandiway Primary School.



The event, brilliantly organised by Mr Colclough, featured a fantastic range of fun and challenging agility-based activities. These stations gave children the chance to show off their balance, coordination, speed, and teamwork – and our pupils rose to the challenge with big smiles and even bigger determination! Children from Little Leigh, Cuddington, and our own school took part with great enthusiasm, showing brilliant sportsmanship and plenty of team spirit throughout the festival. It was wonderful to see them cheering each other on and celebrating every effort and achievement together.

A special thank you goes to the dedicated Year 5 and 6 helpers, who played a key role in running the activities smoothly. They offered encouragement, helped record scores, and supported the younger athletes with maturity and kindness – a real credit to our school community! It was a real delight to watch our children taking part so positively and representing our school with pride. A huge well done to every one of them – you made us proud!

Thank you also to Mr Colclough for organising such a fantastic event and to all the family members who came along to support and cheer, your encouragement means the world to the children. Well done, everyone!

## Town Sports Competition

Following on from our huge success in the Northwich Athletics competition, last week. Three children were informed that they had also achieved a Vale Royal School Sports Award for their outstanding achievement, gaining first place in their event. Enormous congratulations to Liam Boylan who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Year 4 Sprint, Adam Zouhbi for achieving 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Year 4 Howler throw and to Ruby Brassington for her fabulous 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Girls Year 5/6 Hurdles race. We look forward to watching you achieve many more medals in the future.



## Junior Citizen Award

During this week's Celebration Assembly, Alice and Matilda were delightfully surprised when they were presented with a stunning shield, already engraved with their names on it. The girls were presented with the Junior Citizen Award for their outstanding contribution towards caring for and fundraising money for the protection of wildlife in our area. A huge congratulations, we are extremely proud of you both!





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## Trauma Aware Award

We are delighted to be able to inform you of one of our latest achievements. Over the last twelve months, we have been working towards an Attachment Friendly and Trauma Aware Award with Virtual Schools. To gain the award, we made an application to be part of the project in June 2024 and won both a place and some additional funding to support our project around the development of safe spaces in classrooms alongside further staff development in restorative and trauma aware approaches. Over the year, staff have engaged in a variety of training from de-escalation strategies and emotional regulation to further work on how to promote and effectively use the Zones of Regulation. We have also developed a range of safe spaces to support children in their ability to regulate and reset, meaning they can go on to engage fully in the school day. We are delighted to have been part of this project and following a presentation, won the award earlier this week. We look forward to building on this achievement over the next academic year.



## Dino Day Lunch

Once again, Mark our very creative chef has organised another special lunch for Wednesday 16th July 2025.

Dino Day Lunch consists of .....

For the Carnivore

Raptor Toe's

(Chicken Goujons) (G)

For the Herbivore

Raptor Claw's

(Quorn Goujons) (V) (G)

With Sabre-toothed tiger fires

(Mixed Sweet Potato and French Fries)

Fallen Trees and Greens

(Broccoli, greens and peas)

Salad Bar with Dino Egg Salad

Pudding of a 250 Million Year Old Dino Fossil Biscuit and to wash it all down with a glass of Swamp Juice!!





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## Staffing Updates

As we approach the end of this term, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Anna Carter, who has worked as a Teaching Assistant at Sandiway for the last 10 years.

Throughout her time with us, she has shaped and inspired countless lives and she will be greatly missed by both pupils and staff. Mrs Carter has been an integral part of Sandiway life and we shall miss her very much. We wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavours.



## Big Thanks to the Disco Dream-Team PTA!

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A massive shoutout to our fabulous PTA for putting on such a dazzling disco last night! The kids had an absolute blast — from the music to the moves, it was a night to remember.

We're so grateful for the time, energy, and heart you put into these events. Not only do they bring so much joy, but the money raised is super important for our school. You're all stars — thank you!

## Girls Football WildCats



Due to popular demand and a massive success in new girls joining our local WildCats Team, extra training dates have been added. Tuesday 15th and Tuesday 22nd July 6pm—7pm. We may just have some future England Women's Euro Players amongst us! Go Girls!!



## Hot Chocolate Friday!

Well done to Maria and Callum (Rec), Elsi (Y1), Leo and Orla (Y2), Hunter (Y3), Archie and Molly (Y4), Evie (Y5), (Y6), Piper and Jacob (Mr A's Club), Alice and Elsie (Music), Amelia and Jack (Office) Jack Y4 and Fran Y3 —Attendance who all won headteacher Awards for showing ownership on Friday 7th July 2025.

## Weekly attendance w/c 30.06.2025

Reception	- 97.65%
Year 1	- 99.33%
Year 2	- 98%
Year 3	- 99.67%
Year 4	- 99.23%
Year 5	- 96.9%
Year 6	- 98%