Newsletter

Thursday 8th January (No.16)

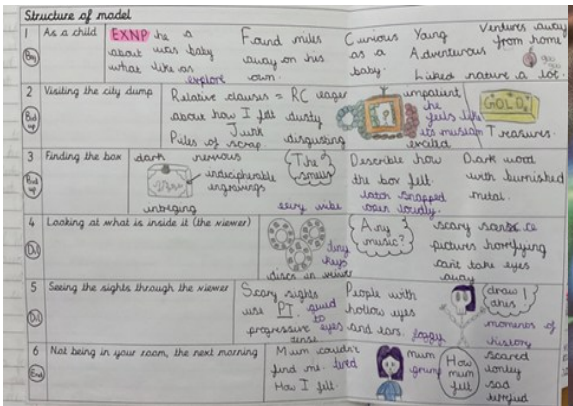
A message from Miss Fisher

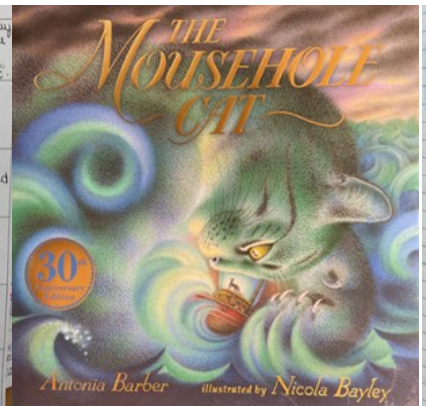
I hope you have all had a well-rested break and welcome back to 2026!

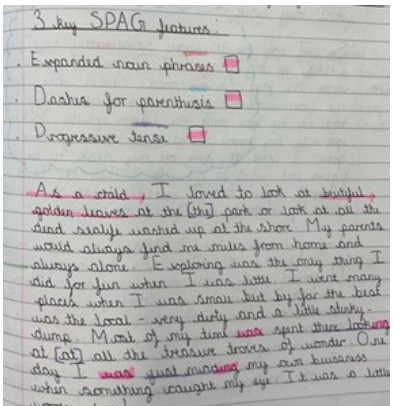
I love being back in school and hearing all the children's news and hopes for the new year. We have had very sunny, but cold playtimes and the children have loved catching up with their friends. I was even greeted with some rather impressive story writing and geography learning from some of our older children. It is wonderful when the children feel inspired to learn independently away from school.

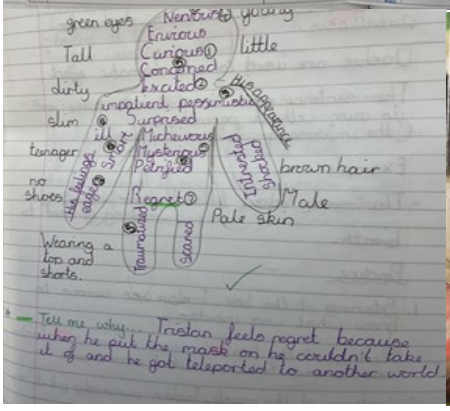
As you know, on Monday, school was closed to pupils because staff were training. Our first training day of the new year was all about children's writing. Our fantastic English leader, Miss Hallam, has been out visiting many different schools over the last few months to learn about a county writing project. The writing project aims to improve outcomes for all children by basing everything upon visual stimulus and engaging story books (a couple can be seen below). Every writing unit that is planned, is sequenced carefully to ensure that skills are built upon slowly and children get time to practise them.

As a school, we have rolled out the writing project across years 1-6 and the children will all soon experience this in their classes. We have seen a huge increase in engagement in lessons already and below are some examples from our year 6 class, who have already started the writing project. We are all very excited to see how the children get on and cannot wait to share examples of impressive writing from all ages.

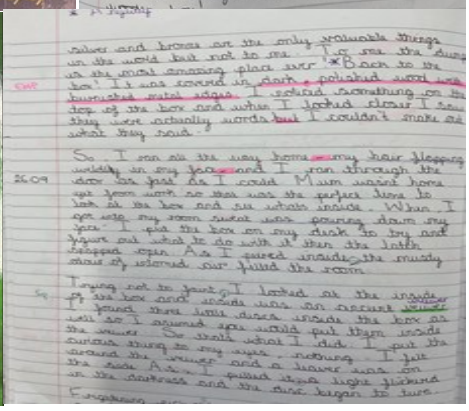












Safeguarding

Rail safety





On Tuesday 6th January 2026, Beech class were visited by Platform who came to speak with them about how to use trains safely ahead of their trip to the Roman Baths next week. Platform spoke to them about how to board a train safely, the use of train tickets and the different ways of crossing a train track safely.

Beech class also took part in some role play where they dressed as train drivers, British transport police officers and despatchers. Now they know how to use a train safely, they are very much looking forward to their trip on Monday.

Vinnie and Olivia from Beech class would like to share some of what they learnt on Monday, so they can help to keep other children safe. They both agreed it was a very interesting afternoon and lots of fun.

When you are waiting for a train, you need to stand behind the yellow line that is on the platform. Just before the yellow line, there are bumps on the platform, this helps blind people know where to safely stand.

Olivia

You need to be careful when you are getting on or off a train because there is a gap between the platform and the train. If you drop something on the track, leave it, don't try to get it because electricity flows through the track and you will get electrocuted!

Vinnie

Headteacher's Commendations

We had a wonderful afternoon celebrating our commendation winners on Wednesday afternoon. We visited Waterstones, where we chose our new books and then enjoyed a milkshake (complete with magic stars!) in Shakeaway. Well done Winnie, Gideon, Jaden, Jayden, Frank and Elisha.





Join the Booksters Reading Group

Recruiting new members now!



If you are aged 9 – 11 years old and love to read, we need you! Sessions will run monthly at Trowbridge Library on Fridays.

Come to the desk to sign up and get more details.

Wiltshire Libraries

Wiltshire Council

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2026?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 15 January 2026

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

It's Big Garden Birdwatch time!

Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest wildlife survey. Every year, thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

How to Take Part:

Choose an hour between 23rd to 25th January.

Only Record Birds That Land in Your Patch

Record the highest number of bird species you see at any one time.

Visit the RSPB Website to Sign Up!

Head online to register and submit your results.

www.rspb.org.uk

Join in and help us discover how our feathered friends are getting on!

Happy bird watching!

~ Mrs. Titchener



PE KIT REMINDER

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day.

THANK YOU !



Consent for Processing Personal Data

Please be aware you can withdraw consent at any time. If you have any queries or wish to withdraw, or review your consent you can contact Chris Marshall or the school's Data Protection Officer iwest@bathnes.gov.uk

Dates for Diary	
12/01/2026	Beech Class visiting The Roman Baths
15/01/2026	Willow, Sycamore & Maple Class - Bedtime Stories