

# CULCHETH COMMUNITY



## PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Friday 6th March 2026**

This week, we have had a jam packed week with Year 5/6 attending their Careers event at Warrington Youth Zone, World Book Day, KS1 Film Night and our new arrivals in Reception, which the children were very excited about. Next week we look forward to welcoming our parents into school as part of our Parental Workshops. These are designed to give you an insight into what and how we teach the children as well as how they learn best. Thank you for all of your support this week with all of our events – we are extremely grateful for this.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Fazackerley, Headteacher

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK THE TIME TO VOTE FOR OUR PARENT GOVERNOR POSITION AND TO THE CANDIDATES THAT PUT THEMSELVES FORWARD FOR THE ROLE.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO RACHEL HARLEY WHO WAS SUCCESSFUL FOLLOWING THIS VOTE! SHE WILL TAKE UP THE ROLE NEXT TERM.**

### **MATHS AND READING PARENT SESSIONS**

During the Spring 2nd Half Term, we will be launching our Maths and English Parent sessions. Parents are invited to join their children for an example of a Maths and Reading session to give you a greater understanding of how the children are taught and what lessons include.

MONDAY 9TH MARCH = EYFS Maths / Phonics Session 9.15am - 10.15am

TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH = Year 1 Maths / Phonics Session 9.15am-10.15am

WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH = Year 2 Maths / Reading Session 9.15am-10.15am

THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH = Year 4 Maths / Reading Session 9.15am-10.15am

FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH = Year 3 Maths / Reading Session 9.15am-10.15am

MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH = Year 5 Maths / Reading Session 9.15am - 10.15am

TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH = Year 6 Maths / Reading Session 9.15am-10.15am

### **WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH = RECEPTION CLASS HEARING CATCH UP**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, our school nursing team will be visiting school to complete the hearing assessment on any children who might have missed this during their previous visit.

### **WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH = WRITING CLUB - PERFORMANCE POETRY**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, the children from our Writing club have been invited to a One Community Trust performance poetry event at Croft Primary School. The children have been learning a performance poem over recent weeks and will perform this event on Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure you have completed the consent on ParentPay. If any parents are available to help us transport the children to the event, we would be very grateful.

### **FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH = PTFA MOTHERS' DAY SHOP**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March we are having a very special 'Secret Present - Mothers Day Shop'. This will allow children to choose a present for their mum, mother figure or special person in their life. We have a variety of gifts that the children will choose in class. This ranges from necklaces, bracelets, keyrings, candles, hand cream, bath bombs, pocket hugs and more.

The PTFA have bought all the gifts and are hoping to raise as much money as possible to support the cost of school trips. Each gift is £2.50 and payable on Parentpay by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. If an additional gift is needed, please contact the school office where you can pay for it in cash

### **HEALTHY SNACKS**

Please make sure that the children only bring a healthy snack or fruit to have at breaktimes. They should not be bringing chocolate, biscuits or crisps for their breaktime snack. Remember we are a nut free school. Thank you.

### **CAREERS' DAY - FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding our first Culcheth Careers' Day event.

We are looking for parents, carers, family members or local businesses that would be willing to donate their time to come and talk to the children about their career. Please see attached letter. If you know of anyone who would be willing to participate then please pass this letter on to them and encourage them to contact the school. The children can 'Dress to Success' on this day, coming to school dressed for their future career aspiration.

# School Dinner Menu

Please find below the School Dinner Menu for the Spring Term 2026. It is vital that you book your child's school meal a week in advance, using the school booking system. The rotation of school meals will be across 3 weeks. Below will be the menu for WB 9.3.26

## Meat Free Monday

 Vegetarian Sausage Roll  
Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans

Jacket with Fillings

Selection of Wraps

## Tuesday

 Pork Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas

Jacket with Fillings

Selection of Wraps

Fresh Fruit Segments  
or Yoghurt

## Wednesday

 Beef Burger in a Bun served with Herby Diced Potato and Fresh Side Salad

Jacket with Fillings

Selection of Wraps

 Orange Jelly and Fruit

## Thursday

 BBQ Chicken served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn

Jacket with Fillings

Selection of Wraps

Homemade Blueberry Cake/Muffin

## Friday

Crumb Coated Chicken served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas, or Baked Beans

Oven Baked Fish Fingers  
Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Peas, or Baked Beans

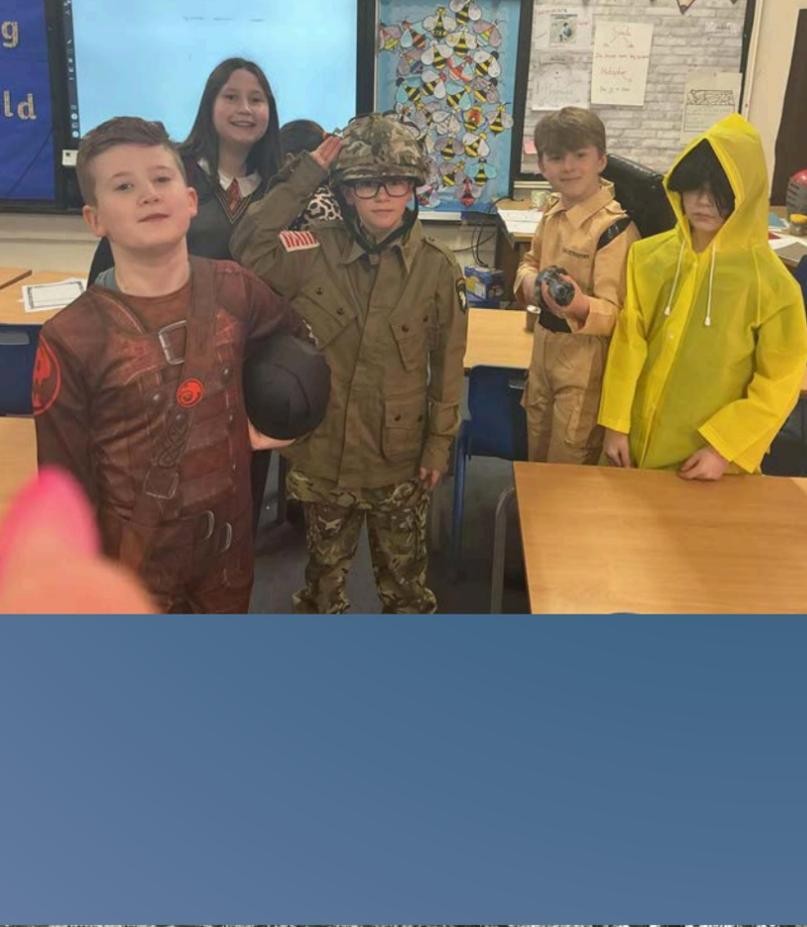
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# WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

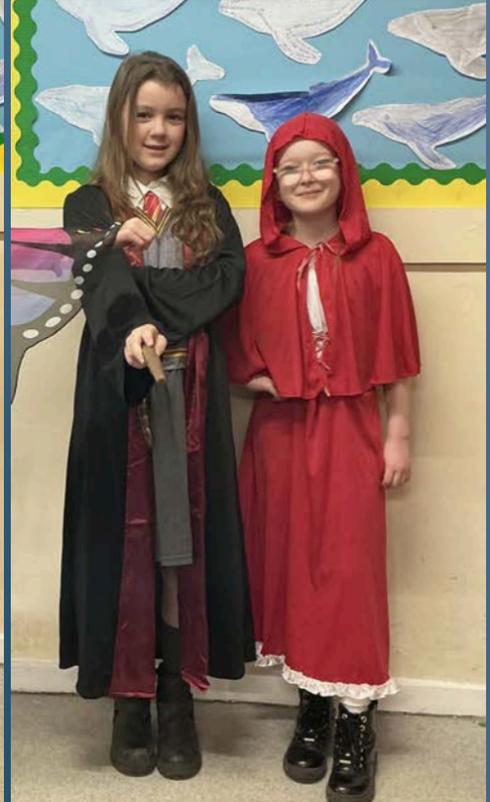
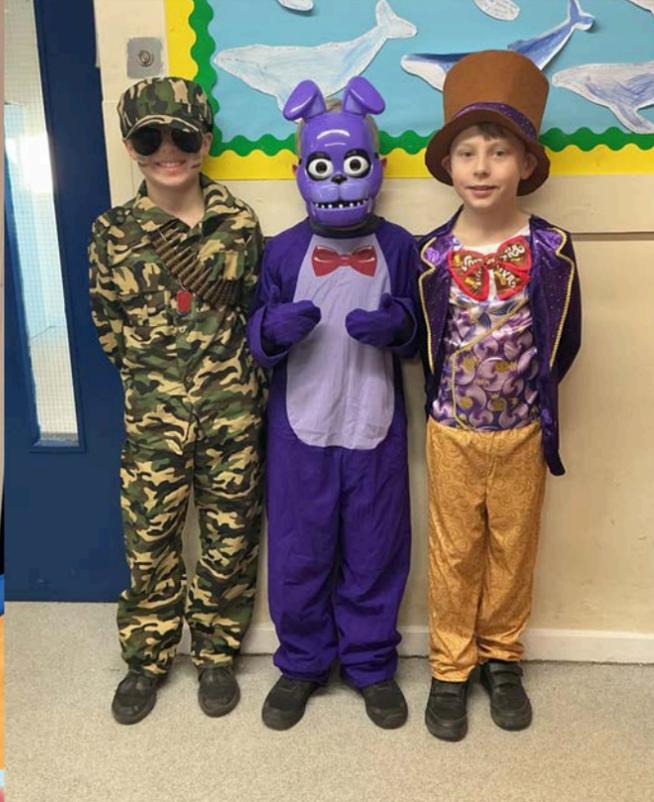
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# CULCHETH PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA



## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent meeting and to everyone volunteering in PTFA activities. We are delighted with the response to our new volunteers' group.

Our next meeting is on 27<sup>th</sup> April 16:30-17:30hrs.

We're delighted to share an update on PTFA fundraising and activities for the 2025/26 school year so far!

### ★ Fundraising Total So Far

Thanks to the fantastic support of our school community, we have raised £1,497 through:

Autumn Disco

KS1 & KS2 Film Nights

Christmas Fair

Break the Rules Day

Thank you to everyone who has joined in, volunteered, or donated!

### ★ What Your Support Has Funded

So far this year, PTFA funds have contributed £1,261.84 towards:

Autumn Disco costs

A Christmas book for every child

Whole-school pantomime visit

Chocolate eggs for an upcoming event

### ★ Supporting School Trips

The PTFA has a key aim this year to subsidise all school trips so that no family pays more than £20 per child per trip.

This commitment costs the PTFA £3,000 per academic year, and your ongoing support makes this possible.

### ★ Upcoming Events – Save the Dates!

Mother's Day Shop – Friday 13th March - £2.50 per child – children can pick a lovely gift for a family member!

KS2 Film Night – Thursday 20th March, 6:00–8:00pm

Spring Bingo – Tuesday 1st April -

Look out for booking details soon!

Spring Half-Term Village Trail - More information coming soon – a great family activity around the village!

Thank you again for your amazing support. Every event you attend and every pound you contribute makes a real difference to enriching our children's experience at school.

Best wishes,

Katie (PTFA Chair on behalf of the PTFA)

# Mother's Day Shop

Make Someone Smile!

Friday 13th  
March

£2.50 per child - paid via

Parentpay

PTFA  
Fundraiser  
supporting the  
reduction of all  
school trips to  
£20 or less

Find the perfect gift  
for a special family member  
or caregiver



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Key Stage 2

**FILM NIGHT!**

★ Friday 27th March

★ 6pm - 8pm ★

Tickets **£5** - Available on **Parent Pay**

Includes a Hot Dog, Refreshments & Biscuits!

Please Bring Your Own Water Bottle!

**KEY STAGE 2  
FILM NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH**

**6-8PM**

# RECEPTION CHICKS

Our Reception Class have been so excited this week to learn about life cycles with their very own chicks. All of the chicks have now hatched and we can't wait to see what they look like after the weekend.



# RECEPTION NOT A BOX COMPETITION

We were blown away by the imaginative entries we received into the half term 'Not a box' Competition. The children worked so hard to create such wonderful 'boxes'. Have a look at some of the entries below. Well done to Theo who won!



# WORLD YOUNG RHEUMATIC DISEASE DAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

I have been asked to share this article with you as one of our children suffers with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis and it took a long time to reach a diagnosis, which came as a shock for their parents. We would like to provide parents with an insight to this condition and raise awareness. Hopefully, this article will help any other family going through the journey.

## Arthritis UK to shine a light in Parliament on young people living with arthritis



Arthritis UK

4 min read | 04 March

Partner content

**In the UK, there are about 10,000 children and young people living with a form of arthritis**

In every constituency, there will be young people having to navigate the difficulties of growing up with this chronic illness. This is why Arthritis UK is bringing a young people's art exhibition to Parliament next week to shine a light on their experiences so that they receive the recognition and care they deserve.

Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA) is a form of inflammatory arthritis diagnosed in people under the age of 16. Receiving a diagnosis at such a young age can be an overwhelming experience, and this disease impacts all stages of what can be considered a balanced and fair upbringing.

For young people, having arthritis translates into missing school or playtime for medical appointments, having to learn complex medical terminology alongside completing homework, balancing fatigue with maintaining a healthy social life, and isolation proven to impact relationships and family planning.

Arthritis UK believes that the needs of young people living with arthritis have been neglected, leading to poor diagnosis and poor outcomes from a lack of support, and stigma. This World Young Rheumatic Disease Day (WORD Day) (18th March), the charity is calling on MPs to challenge the common misconception that arthritis is 'just an old person's disease'.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer has a personal connection to the cause, often speaking about his own mother's diagnosis of Still's disease, which is a form of JIA.

In the run-up to the WORD Day, Arthritis UK is proud to welcome just a fraction of the children and young people across the UK living with JIA into Parliament to celebrate the opening of an art exhibition, 'Inside Arthritis'. The exhibition will be displayed in the Upper Waiting Hall (9th to 12th March), and parliamentarians will have the chance to hear first-hand the very real challenges and needs of these young ambassadors.

The artwork displayed in the exhibition has been sourced from Arthritis UK's 'Joint Creativity' art programme. 'Joint Creativity' educates young people about the science behind their condition through fun and accessible mediums. These interactive sessions are an opportunity to connect with a community that understands the difficulties of growing up with a chronic illness, which can often be an isolating experience.

Arthritis can equally impact mental health as much as physical health, with a recent report from Arthritis UK, *Left Waiting, Left Behind*, revealing that one in four people living with arthritis experience anxiety most of or all the time.

Therefore, having a creative outlet can make understanding these processes less intimidating and encourage young people to feel in control of their condition.

This is true for Penny, 14, from Kent, who lives with JIA and has been a longstanding art club attendee and said:

"Joint Creativity made me feel less alone because I was meeting other young people with JIA, talking with others who really understand because they are going through the same things.

"There's still a misconception around JIA because people still think that arthritis is something that only affects older people. I think the fact younger people get it needs to be more well-known because that awareness would bring more understanding."

Arthritis UK, the UK's leading arthritis charity, works to ensure that all people living with arthritis and other musculoskeletal conditions are cared for and represented. Whether that be through funding world-leading research, provision of health information to patients and professionals or through services, such as the Young People and Families Service.

Deborah Alsina MBE, Arthritis UK's Chief Executive, will be speaking at the opening event and looks forward to hearing the empowering young artists' stories first hand.

Deborah said: "'Inside Arthritis' is a great opportunity for parliamentarians to hear first-hand from young people about the stigma and challenges of living with arthritis.

"Like the Prime Minister, many of us know someone living with arthritis, the resilience it requires and the knock-on impact it can have on quality of life and mental health. This is particularly acute for those affected earlier in life; one study has shown nearly 60 per cent of children and young people with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis had or required mental health support.

"Current policies and services do not adequately reflect the impact on both the individual, family and society. We hope that by hearing from our inspirational young people, parliamentarians will be inspired to help us advocate for greater change and, in doing so, tackle the misconception that arthritis is an older person's disease."



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# CLOTHING BANK

**REMINDER - IF YOU ARE HAVING A BIG CLEAR OUT AT HOME, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DONATE ANY UNWANTED CLOTHES OR SHOES USING THE CLOTHING BANK IN OUR STAFF CAR PARK.**

**THE CLOTHES BANK RAISES MONEY FOR SCHOOL AND PREVENTS CLOTHES GOING TO LANDFILL!**

**THANK YOU!**

# STARS OF THE WEEK

## HEADTEACHER AWARD

Willow Jackson = For her fascinating facts which she loves to share about Anne Boleyn and all things Tudor.

Class	Name of child	Reason for award
EYFS	Evie	<i>Star of the week – For trying really hard to find her confidence this week when speaking aloud.</i>
	Bonnie	<i>Responsibility - For being a huge help with jobs around the classroom this week, and for taking care of her belongings.</i>
YEAR 1	Archie	<i>Star of the week – For listening and concentrating throughout DT week and providing some great ideas for his design. Archie created a great useable product.</i>
	Sammy	<i>Responsibility - This week, Sammy has shown great responsibility by listening carefully, following instructions independently, and helping to tidy up without being reminded.</i>
YEAR 2	Samuel	<i>Star of the week – For trying really hard to complete all his tasks well and on time.</i>
	Frankie	<i>Responsibility - For always being responsible for his job in class and helping others with theirs as well.</i>
YEAR 3	Lilianna	<i>Star of the week – Always trying her best, always being respectful and always being her brilliant self.</i>
	Reggie	<i>Responsibility – Shows fantastic responsibility towards his schoolwork./He knows that it is his job to progress and works hard to do this.</i>
YEAR 4	Monty	<i>Star of the week – Being kind and helpful towards all his classmates and helping them complete work during our arts week</i>
	Rami	<i>Responsibility- For being responsible for himself and others on our residential, tidying up after himself and being on time.</i>
YEAR 5	Alyssa	<i>Star of the week – For enthusiastically throwing herself into every activity at Careers Day.</i>
	Freya	<i>Responsibility - For showing wonderful responsibility by staying organised with her homework and always making sure she has all her equipment ready to learn.</i>
YEAR 6	Esther	<i>Star of the week – For her mature attitude to learning, for trying her hardest and for always having a go</i>
	William A	<i>Responsibility - He always takes responsibility for his learning and homework, and he consistently tries his very best in everything he does.</i>

## ATTENDANCE

I'd like to remind parents of the importance of attendance and the impact it has on schooling. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless it for fills the criteria in the Attendance policy. Please keep this in mind when considering any holiday booking. Even being 5 minutes late each day across a year equates to 15 hours lost learning.

**Whole School Attendance target for 2025-2026 is 96%**

**Attendance since 3<sup>rd</sup> September = 95.1%**

**Attendance this week = 95.7%**

**Attendance winners this week**

**Year 3 = 99.5%**

# THIS WEEK

## CLASS AMBASSADORS

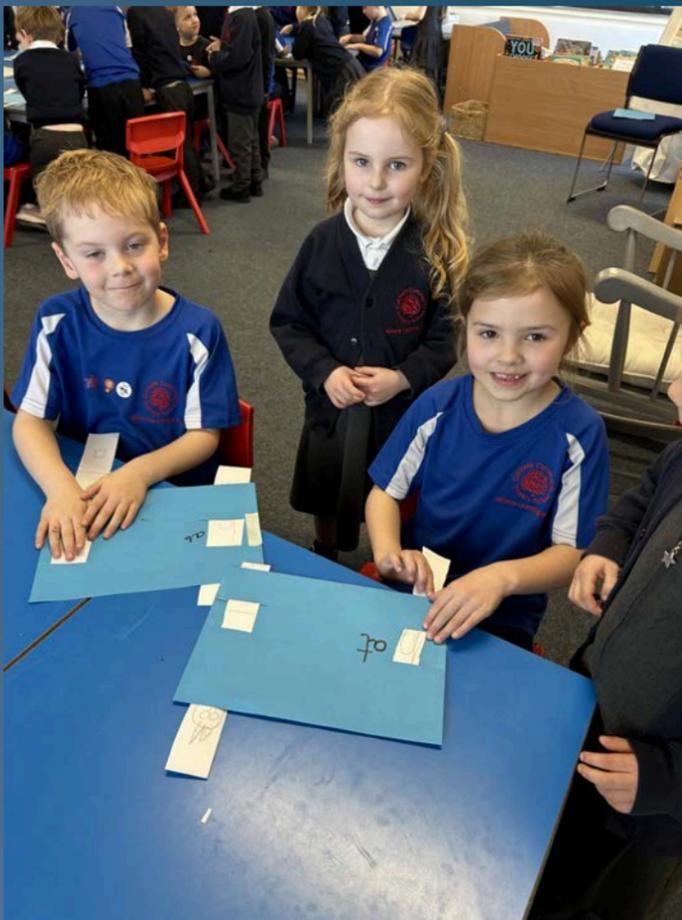
# RECEPTION



Our class ambassador did a great job with his 'Not a Box' challenge over the half term and was judged to be the winner this week.

Well done!

# YEAR 1



Our class ambassadors have enjoyed showing the reception children their moving phonics slider games this week during their DT lesson.

# YEAR 2



Our class ambassadors have enjoyed creating a piece of art work in the style of Damien Hirst.

# YEAR 3



Yash was an excellent friend by helping Maverick bring his cardboard in to school.

# YEAR 4



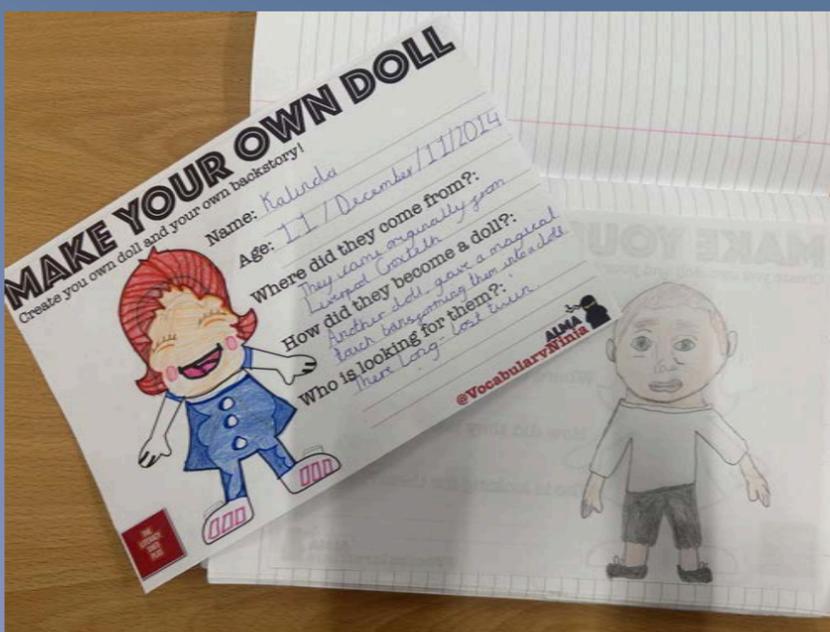
Our class ambassadors enjoyed creating work for our PAN exhibit.

# YEAR 5



The Class Ambassador for Y5 is awarded to Jack for showing a fantastic interest in every activity and listening carefully at all times.

# YEAR 6



Year 6 have really enjoyed designing their own dolls inspired by the clip 'Alma'. Next week, they will be writing their own suspenseful narratives based on their creation.

# CULCHETH VALUES RECOGNITION

KINDNESS

DETERMINATION

FRIENDSHIP

RESPONSIBILITY

HONESTY

TEAM SPIRIT

**SAMUEL TOOK PART  
IN THE HALE 3K  
DURING HALF TERM.  
HE ACHIEVED A NEW  
PB OF 14:43 COMING  
4TH IN HIS AGE  
GROUP. HE DID  
BRILLIANT AND WAS  
SUPER PROUD OF  
HIMSELF!**



**WILF WAS GIVEN  
THE PLAYER OF  
THE MATCH  
AWARD FOR HIS  
FOOTBALL TEAM**

**WE NEED YOUR  
NOMINATIONS!  
EMAIL THE OFFICE  
WITH A PICTURE  
AND EXPLANATION  
OF WHICH VALUES  
THEY HAVE  
DEMONSTRATED  
AND HOW.**