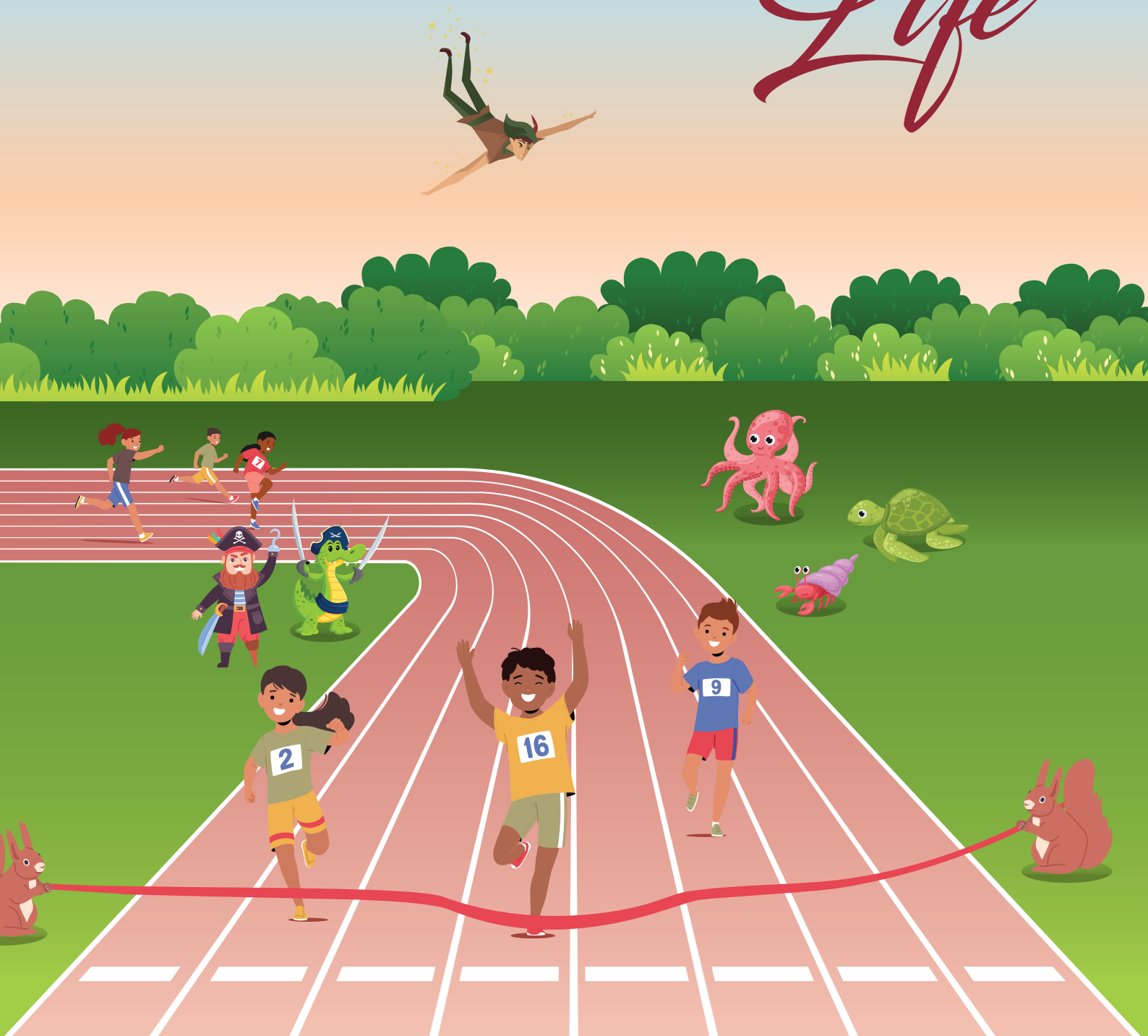


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Welcome from the Head

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Summer Term edition of Warwick Prep Life. Life at Warwick Prep truly is a whirlwind of excitement, and we are indebted to our Year 6 Editors for their outstanding work in capturing the essence of the Summer Term at Warwick Prep. As you read through the following pages, I'm sure you'll get a glimpse of the joy, celebration, and achievements that have marked the final term of our school year.

We were captivated by Year 2's performance of 'Rock Pool', where the children's confidence and joy shone through. Additionally, we were thoroughly entertained by Year 6's performance of 'Peter Pan Jr.' as they gave their assured performances to capacity audiences in the Bridge House Theatre. The daily life of our school has been enriched with numerous concerts, Sports Days, fixtures, and visits, showcasing our children's readiness for the next stage of their educational journey.

Our sports teams have achieved remarkable things this year, representing the school at a national level in netball, hockey, swimming, football, skiing, athletics, gymnastics and equestrian competitions. It is a unique situation to compete at the highest level in so many disciplines and more details are captured in the pages ahead.

We were honoured to be asked to participate in Warwick's D-Day 80th anniversary commemorations, and our charity endeavours

during the year have raised a grand total of over £5700. The focus on our most important rule, that of being kind, has seen pupils demonstrating acts of kindness far and wide, including visits to care homes and Warwick Hospital. Our wonderful committee of volunteers at WPSA have provided celebratory events to round off the year in style, and I am incredibly grateful to them for the time and energy they give to our school community.

As the school year draws to a close, it remains for me to thank you for sharing in this year with us. I am indebted to the team of staff who keep the good ship 'Warwick Prep' afloat: my sincerest thanks, admiration, and appreciation go to each and every one of them for all they have contributed during this past year. Whether you are an existing parent reading of your child's achievements, a new parent looking forward to joining us in September, or a longstanding loyal friend of the school, we are only ever as strong as the sum of our parts – I wish you all a very happy summer holiday!

Mrs Hellen Dodsworth



Welcome from the Principal

As I write this, the General Election is still some days away, but I am mindful that the election result will be known when it is read.

For those of us who believe in the importance of a strong independent education sector, many of the headlines and commentaries around our schools have made uncomfortable reading, not least because of the stereotypical view of our schools, our pupils and families, and indeed our alumni. For all the 'loud failures' in the sector which may be seized on, there are many more 'silent successes'. I believe strongly that our pupils - your children - are forces for good in society and that the education we provide can better equip them for the ever-changing and uncertain world they enter as adults.

We are unlikely to know what the policies around VAT and implementation of business rates will be until the King's Speech later in July at the earliest. As with so many things in life, it is uncertainty which is hard to handle, and is unsettling for so many.

Anything which affects our schools - that may be government policies, economic recession, reputational challenges - has the potential to damage the impact our charity can have. I am mindful - and increasingly so - of the impact this charity has had over hundreds of years; the good we do both directly with the pupils we educate and indirectly through the impact we have on our local community.

Many may well consider our likely challenges a niche issue; the preoccupation of a tiny proportion of society, and a privileged proportion at that.

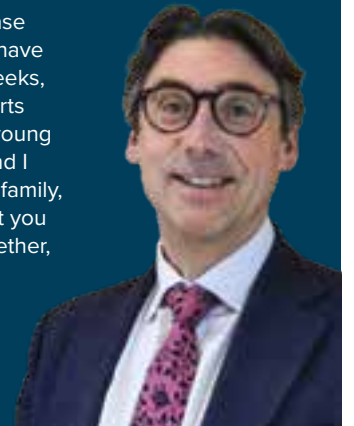
I disagree.

Independent schools are a healthy part of this nation's diverse educational ecosystem, providing different perspectives on educational issues, and driving initiatives which have impact on education beyond our individual school gates.

I know first-hand how transformational education can be. Growing up in a mining town in Derbyshire, my parents saw education as a way of enabling me to have more choices than they had had in my future life. A cost accountant and a nursing auxiliary, there was no spare money in the household; my schooling was determined by a hefty Music Scholarship and an equally hefty government assisted place. I was the first in my family to be educated at an independent school and the first to go to university, and I have no doubt whatsoever without those courageous choices by my parents over 40 years ago, I would not be writing this message to you now as Foundation Principal.

The end of term is always a showcase for the exceptional activities which have taken place over the preceding weeks, culminating in concerts, shows, sports fixtures, and exhibitions. What our young people achieve is extraordinary - and I would like to thank each and every family, now more than ever, for the support you bring to enable this to happen. Together, we transform the lives of the young people in our care. Thank you.

Mr Richard Nicholson



Meet the Editors

Introducing our Summer Term team of Editors, who have been busy working behind the scenes on Warwick Prep Life magazine. Alex, Ayah-Sofia, Elizabeth, Khadeejah, Sienna, Shan, Siya and Zoe, all in 6JJ, have been preparing interview questions, writing informative articles and putting forward ideas for our summer-inspired covers. Let's find out what they enjoyed most about the role of Editor.

“My favourite part was conducting interviews.”

Ayah-Sofia

“I have thoroughly enjoyed working on all the articles and interviews, as well as working as a team.”

Sienna

“I really liked interviewing and spending time with my friends.”

Siya

“I loved interviewing the Year 4 girls about Culmington Manor.”

Khadeejah



“I love writing so making a magazine with my friends has been amazing!”

Zoe

“It has been an absolute honour working as an Editor. I've learnt lots of new skills.”

Elizabeth

“I have enjoyed our Editor meetings and getting to work as a team.”

Alex

“I liked working with other people and seeing the magazine come together!”

Shan

NUTKINS NEWS

In full bloom

The Nutkins children have continued to enjoy the Thursday morning 'stay and play' sessions in The Squirrels Nursery. Friendships have formed and the children have grown in confidence, eagerly taking part in the planned activities.

They have enjoyed the music sessions with Miss Hollocks, our Early Years music teacher, and have painted pictures, made Father's Day cards, and modelled with the playdough. Water play has been very popular, with children having great fun fishing for treasure and catching fish in nets. The children have learned to sit beautifully on the carpet in the Nursery classrooms, listening carefully to story time.

Over the summer months, the Nursery Garden has been extremely popular. The children have tackled the climbing frame and peddled the trikes around the track. A party in Forest School celebrated the end of the Nutkins year, with the children feeling ready to start The Squirrels Nursery in September.



Working together to build a den



Colour mixing at Forest School



Dinosaur adventures!



Creating a celebratory flower crown



Fantastic flower crowns



Constructing a house at Forest School

THE SQUIRRELS NURSERY NEWS

Busy bees!

This term, we have been looking for minibeasts in the Nursery Garden and Forest School.

We have particularly loved finding out all about bees and their crucial role in pollinating flowers, as well as why it's important to take care of them. We found out how bees make honey and then practised our fine motor skills by spreading honey on bread as a snack. It was delicious!

Our bee topic gave lots of opportunities to develop our mathematical skills. The children matched the Numicon shapes on bee hives and counted the correct number of bees to place in the hive.

The children have had lots of fun learning how to program Bee Bots. First, they had to work out how to turn the Bee Bot on and then they pressed the different buttons to move the Bee Bot. This created lots of excitement as we explored the directions of forwards and backwards.

After being busy bees, we practised our bee breath to relax and calm ourselves. We made sure we relaxed our shoulders and took a slow, deep breath in and then out with a bee hum. We then went on to gently blow a feather.

As part of our artwork, we learned how to draw and paint bees, resulting in some wonderful pictures for our wall displays.



Benjamin and Isla, in NPB, spreading honey on bread



Harry, Charlotte, Aria and Delilah, in NHT, using the Bee Bots



NHT children's bee-utiful bee display



Busy bee drawing by George in NWR



Hal and Clio, in NPB, on a minibeast hunt



Weiya and Raeya, in NWR, learning about bees



Valentino and Narayan, in NWR, and Ivy and Jaeden, in NHT, counting bees

RECEPTION NEWS

Roarsome adventures

The Summer Term is always an exciting time in Reception. We began with our 'Farms' topic, learning about the difference between town and countryside and exploring the various animals and crops that can be found on farms. The children enjoyed painting pictures of their favourite farm animals and we read several farm stories, including 'Rosie's Walk' by Pat Hutchins and 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks.



A highlight of the term was a visit from PS Thompson, a member of the Warwickshire Police Force. He brought a police car and van along with several hats and jackets for us to try on. He talked to each class about how the police can help us.

After half term, we began our 'Dinosaurs' topic. We found eggs in our classroom and predicted what could be inside them before watching them hatch into four different dinosaurs! A visit from Teach Rex helped the children learn more about the Tyrannosaurus Rex and create their own dinosaur films. The children were delighted to meet some of Teach Rex's baby dinosaurs!

In June, we visited Ryton Pools Country Park for further dinosaur investigative work and to go minibeast hunting. They joined Education Rangers in the Children's Wood and participated in a range of exciting activities, including hunting for fossils, building nests for dinosaur eggs, and working together to create a T-Rex skeleton using natural objects.

All Reception classes have presented their own sharing assemblies to an EYFS audience this term. We were pleased to see the children's confidence develop and they were all proud to share their work.



Francis, in RHE, meeting a baby dinosaur with Sam from Teach Rex



Isabela, in RSJ, stroking a baby dinosaur with Olly from Teach Rex



Rosie the hen by Alice in REB



Dinosaur painting by Grace in RCM



Thomas, in REB, meadow sweeping at Ryton Pools



Ava, Louis and Lucy, in RCM, making dinosaur nests at Ryton Pools



Olivia, in RSJ, trying on PS Thompson's police jacket



Meeting Jam, the T-Rex!

YEAR 1 NEWS

Exploring the Amazon



What a busy and enjoyable Summer Term it has been! Year 1 has been filled with questions, curiosity, and opinions when learning all about the Amazon Rainforest. We used bubble maps to compare life in an Amazon tribe with our own homes in Warwickshire. Our 'Thinking Moves' helped us discuss many questions and justify our ideas. We like to reason our answers and give each other opportunities to agree, build on, or challenge our thinking. Our critical thinking questions have encouraged us to think deeply, and we had fun discussing whether we would rather live in the rainforest or Warwick – a hard choice! We loved using the Imagination Station to record and share our ideas. The Year 1 classrooms and corridor have been adorned with wonderful art and detailed written work, which has been a joy to see.

A highlight of the term was the visit by Rainforest Dave, who told us all about life in the rainforest and showed us some amazing creatures. We were very resilient when we held a tarantula! Our trip to Brandon Marsh was described as "the best trip ever!" We enjoyed finding minibeasts, bird watching, making seed balls, and creating art from natural resources.

As we come to the end of a fabulous time in Year 1, we reflect on how much everyone has grown – both physically and in terms of independence, resilience, empathy, responsibility, confidence, focus, and reflection! Thank you to everyone for being so wonderful and for striving to be the best that they can be!



Dyal, in 1JF, meeting a giant millipede



Year 1 children learning about christenings at Warwick School Chapel



Aggie, in 1HC, holding a tarantula



Mahi, in 1JB, with her bubble map about spring



Doodle chameleon by Emilia 1KD



Aria, Dara, Cordelia and Reuben, in 1JB, with their natural art tree at Brandon Marsh



Tropical toucan by Ruby in 1HC



Rousseau inspired tiger by Daisy in 1JF

Sun, sand and seaside fun!



This term, we have thoroughly enjoyed zooming in on different types of poetry that we have read, discussed and performed. The children wrote beautiful poems in the style of 'Now We Are Six' by A.A. Milne – fittingly to their personal age, some of our young poets even challenged themselves to write 'Now We Are Seven' instead. Our 'I Wish I Could Fly' poems made amazing use of adjectives, verbs and adverbs to create extended phrases. The children chose their favourite line to type into an AI image generator and we marvelled at the results. We then concentrated on lighthouses for our writing and comprehension work, making a connection with our 'Seaside' topic in History and Geography.

In Maths, we have had great fun working on time, measures and problem-solving. In Science, we focused on exploring materials and how/why we use different materials for objects in our everyday lives. During Geography and History lessons, we have thoroughly enjoyed looking at the seaside today and comparing it to seaside holidays in Victorian times. There was lots of discussion about how life and experiences have changed, with a few traditional things remaining the same. Delightful beach hut paintings by the British artist, Lynette Merry have inspired our artwork. The children have also created fabulous, fun, cartoon-style rock pool creatures that featured on the backdrop scenery for our end of Pre-Prep production. What a lovely way to use our teamwork skills before the end of the year!

In preparation for moving into Year 3, we have focused on knowing how we can use our critical thinking and Skills for Life in lessons and around school. Keep it up, everyone, ready to show your Key Stage 2 teachers what you can do!

As the children's time in Pre-Prep comes to an end, the Year 2 staff team would like to say...

"...you have worked so hard throughout the year and we have really enjoyed being on your journey with you. Remember, you are amazing! We send our very best wishes with you as you progress into Year 3 – we will miss you all!"



Beach hut painting by Freya in 2WS



Beach hut painting by Teddy in 2JW



Diana and Quentin, in 2CS, practising counting money



Ansh and Morgan, in 2JW, measuring arm spans



AI image of a lizard generated from a poem by Charlie in 2JW



Sienna, in 2AD, learning about the human skeleton



Ariana, in 2AD, with her RE stained glass window

YEAR 2 PRODUCTION

Rock Pool

By Ayah-Sofia, Siya and Zoe



While Year 6 were working hard on their production, Year 2 were working equally hard on their excellent production, 'Rock Pool.' We were lucky enough to watch the dress rehearsal, and we found all the songs and dances outstanding!

The production had a connection to the Foundation Arts Festival 'Home' theme and the Year 2 topic of 'The Seaside'. The story centred around Crabby, who had a lifelong wish to join the coolest group, 'The Starfish Band'. The problem was, Crabby was not very tuneful on his guitar! The story evolved through dialogue, songs and dances; entertaining the audience with jokes and drama. With a little help from a friendly lobster named Clawdia and support from a whole array of sea creatures, Crabby dodged the attention of Octavia, the feisty octopus, and learned that practice makes perfect. In the happiest of endings, he was welcomed into the band which even changed its name to 'Crabby and the Starfish'!



We could tell by their performance that the Year 2 children enjoyed it as much as everyone else did, watching them pull off their amazing outfits and astonishing dancing and singing. Well done, Year 2, for all your hard work learning lines, practising songs, knowing stage directions, preparing costumes and making the props and backdrop. You were superstars!



From Ancient times to animal encounters



Year 3 travelled back in time to the Stone Age, Ancient Egypt and the Maya Civilisation, where they learned about different ways of life, shelters, clothing, food and customs. The girls also explored every corner of Europe, gaining knowledge about these amazing places. The projects on different countries in Europe showcased wonderful research and presentation skills, with some girls sharing interesting information about where their families are from.

Everyone challenged themselves with some wonderful activities at Conkers, requiring teamwork in the fairy maze, great determination to tackle the adventure trail, and finally, the famous barefoot walk. Descriptions of walking shoeless through mud, rocks and cold water ranged from "refreshing" to "weird" to "exciting". The Discovery Centre was packed with interactive information about habitats and sustainability. It was wonderful to see the pupils learning in a different environment.

The LAMDA exams made many pupils feel nervous, but everyone gave super performances of their poems and are now awaiting their results. Another highlight this year has been the Brass and Woodwind instrumental showcase, where the entire year group performed together in a memorable concert for their families.



Pretend baptism by Rev. Duckers at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick



Amber H, Hattie, Amber K and Ellie, in 3LW, reaching new heights at Conkers



Year 3 from Warwick Prep and Warwick Junior School enjoying a fun cricket afternoon



Ellie, Sophia, Poppy, Olivia and Amber K, in 3LW, exploring capacity in maths



Stella, Aeryn and Sophie, in 3VS, enjoying the Discovery Centre at Conkers



Girls in 3VS braving the barefoot walk at Conkers



Girls in 3LW courageously taking on the barefoot walk at Conkers

YEAR 4 NEWS

Buzzing through the term

The Year 4 girls have worked and played non-stop during the Summer Term! Highlights include cricket matches with other schools, visits to the 'secret garden,' and the absolute highlight: the trip to Culmington Manor. This was a brand new trip for Year 4. On the way, we stopped at Blists Hill Victorian Museum to learn more about the Victorians. We visited shops, talked to the people in character working there, met the Shire horse George, and discovered what life was like in the Victorian Era.



After that, everyone travelled to Culmington Manor for two nights and three days of fun activities! We participated in blind trails, abseiling, underground mazes, obstacle courses, climbing, camping skills, and orienteering. The girls were amazing, and the teachers were highly impressed with how tidy and clean everyone kept their dormitories!

As part of their Geography work, the girls made brilliant bug houses, which they then incorporated into the Home Festival. They wrote persuasive pieces pretending to be bug estate agents, inviting other bugs (complete with fake wings and deely boppers!) to come and view their bug houses with a view to purchasing them. Some of the bug houses have been placed in the garden opposite Warwick Hall to encourage the insect population throughout the summer holidays.

Everyone is ready for the move to Upper School after a wonderful and successful last term in Middle School. Well done, girls!



Mud, glorious mud at Culmington Manor



Scaling the climbing wall at Culmington Manor



Francesca, in 4MC, being challenged on the obstacle course



Avery, in 4LG, trying archery at Culmington Manor



Completing the obstacle course at Culmington Manor!



Meeting George at Blists Hill Victorian Museum



Exploring Blists Hill Victorian Museum

Magnifique memories



What an amazing final term for Year 5 - magnifique! The Summer Term has been filled with fun and excitement. The term began with our long-awaited residential trip to Château du Brotel in France. We started with a visit to a snail farm: we loved holding the live baby snails but weren't as sure when it came to tasting escargot! The week was action-packed with activities including sailing, archery, kayaking, and an amazing trip to see the kite festival at Berck Beach.

Building upon our understanding of WWI, we visited the Beaumont Hammel trenches, exploring the battlefields. We paid tribute to the fallen at Thiepval Memorial and were moved searching for the names of Old Warwickians.

Rounding off our week, we practised our language skills to make tasty purchases at Le Touquet market for a French-themed food tasting evening. Alas, it was time to return home. Though we didn't want our amazing adventure to end, we didn't let our moods sour - we sweetened them, literally, with a trip to the chocolate factory.

France was certainly a highlight but the fun and learning didn't stop there. After enjoying a French-themed picnic lunch with Westgate School, Onatti Theatre Company performed a French play for us. Mrs Payton shared her immense knowledge with us to teach us life-saving first aid skills. We enjoyed a taste of King's High School with a Chemistry lesson from Dr. Mather (read more on P25). The Home Festival provided an opportunity for us to showcase our English, Dance, and French skills to members of the community. A wonderful term, indeed!



Tabitha, in 5AM, using her French speaking skills at Le Touquet market



Sampling a tasty treat at the chocolate factory



Philippa and Loretta, in 5KC, navigating the waters



Visiting Thiepval Memorial



Admiring the kite festival at Berck Beach



A French feast to mark the last evening of France



Mila, in 5AM, and Felicity, in 5KC, at the snail farm

YEAR 6 NEWS

A term to remember!

The Summer Term for Year 6 has been both busy and fun. We completed our Skills for Life Portfolios with three additional modules. We particularly enjoyed the critical thinking module, as it allowed us to work independently, choose our own topics, and conduct research. Among the topics we covered were 'Are Robots Our Future?', 'Plastic Pollution in Our Oceans', 'The Gender Pay Gap' and 'Polar Bears in Crisis'.



Our week away at the Cranedale Centre in North Yorkshire was a fantastic experience, despite the wet weather! It didn't stop us from spending time outdoors every day, exploring the rock pools at Flamborough Head, following and studying a griff on the North Yorkshire Moors, and sampling rivers for freshwater creatures. The fabulous breakfasts and three-course dinners were major highlights (read more on P14).

The second half of the term began with us polishing our production of 'Peter Pan Jr.' and performing at the Bridge House Theatre. We worked hard but had an amazing time performing together (read more on P15).

The final few weeks of the term have been a real celebration of our time at Warwick Prep. We enjoyed our Leavers' Tea and end-of-year party, and we loved sharing our memories in our yearbook. Our final task was to organise and run Squirrels' Market, where we successfully raised money for this year's school charities. Well done on a great final term, Year 6!



Team-building exercise at Cranedale



Mimi, in 6SW, Holly, in 6CM and, Georgia, in 6SW, investigating pond life at Cranedale



The Darling Family



Freya, in 6SW, and Pippa, in 6CM, as Peter Pan and Imogen, in 6SW, as Tinker Bell



Alex, in 6JJ, as Captain Hook with the pirates and crocodile



The cast of Peter Pan Jr.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

Cranedale

By Ayah-Sofia, Siya and Zoe



Cranedale was Year 6's famous last residential trip, and it was one to remember. We had fun doing many activities, but a favourite was the survival game, which was so enjoyable even in the bad weather conditions. The weather didn't put anyone off!

We visited Flamborough Head where we explored the shores and rock pools. We found crabs and other sea creatures! In the pouring rain, we walked up the Yorkshire Moors and went pond dipping to identify freshwater fish and insects.

Some of our highlights were the food and the dorms. The food was delicious and we all looked forward to our three-course dinners. It was lots of fun to stay in dorms with our friends. It was like one big sleepover. Overall, everyone loved Cranedale and we would be thrilled to go again.



Exploring Flamborough Head



Ayah-Sofia, Amelie and Lizzie, in 6JJ, identifying freshwater creatures



Mattie, Ella, Scarlett and Liv, in 6SW, rock pooling at Flamborough Head



Eleanor, in 6SW, Martha, in 6JJ, and Isla, in 6CM, investigating pond life



Fun team-building activities



Hiking up the North Yorkshire Moors

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

Peter Pan Jr.

By Alex and Khadeejah



We have been working extremely hard for most of the academic year to bring you our production of Peter Pan Jr. We found out that we would be doing Peter Pan Jr. at the start of the Spring Term.

We started learning the audition songs and scripts, and a few weeks later, we all auditioned and soon after found out our parts. Our roles were Captain Hook (Alex) and a pirate (Khadeejah). We then began all our rehearsals and the play soon started coming together. We went over to the Bridge House Theatre and started understanding how to perform on stage. A few weeks later, we put on our production and on both nights, we had a full house! We all enjoyed putting the production together and it will be a memory that will stay with us all forever.



We are very thankful for the teachers that helped put this together: Mrs Murden as the Director, Miss Griggs as the Musical Director, Mrs Byrne and Mrs Little for making all the props and scenery, Mrs Johnson for helping with Tech Crew and Miss Wilby as Head of Costumes.



Cast of Peter Pan Jr.

Musical Matters

This term, our After School activities were enriched with several exciting new groups. Year 1 Sing-Along-Squirrels brought young voices together in delightful singing games and rhymes. Claribelles provided our clarinet players with the chance to harmonise and perform together, while Pick n' Mix, a Year 6 guitar trio, showcased their growing talents and musical camaraderie.

A highlight was the 'Come and Play' Day, organised by the Orchestra of the Swan, featuring over 80 children performing in Warwick Hall, supported by professional musicians. Another milestone was our inaugural Junior Foundation Symphony Orchestra Day, uniting Warwick Prep, Warwick Junior School and The Kingsley School pupils in playing two challenging yet exciting pieces (read more on P17).



Chloe, in 5AM, and Alice, in 5KC, attended their second National Children's Orchestra Project



Felicity, in 5KC, attended a residential with the National Youth Choir



Jassi, in 3LW, was awarded the One Man Band trophy for best flautist in the Grade 1-2 category

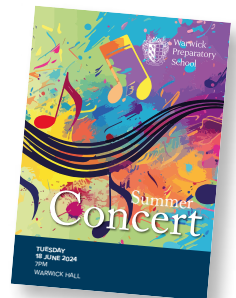


Lottie, in 5AM, was awarded the James Heathcote cello trophy in the Grade 3-4 category

The King's High School Percussion Horizons concert provided a platform for our percussion clubs to showcase their skills in the Auditorium. The Prep girls were very inspired by the senior girls' performances. Our informal concerts saw a record number of participants, with Year 2 pupils turning their nervous energy into outstanding performances, and soloists from Years 3 to Year 6 taking to the stage, many for the first time.

Beyond school, our young musicians shone at the Leamington Music Festivals and participated in National Children's Orchestra and Youth Choir weekends.

The term culminated in a spectacular Summer Concert with so many outstanding performances from all our ensembles and choir. Year 2 pupils captivated the audience alongside Super Strings, with many performing in the grandeur of Warwick Hall for the first time. The concert concluded with a rousing rendition of "Consider Yourself" from Oliver!, perfectly capturing the excitement of our vibrant musical community.



Our Summer Concert



Junior Foundation Symphony Orchestra Day

Over 90 pupils from Warwick Prep, Warwick Junior School and The Kingsley School came together to take part in our very first Junior Foundation Symphony Orchestra Day.

The cellos, violins, brass, woodwind, and percussion sectionals practised throughout the day ahead of their inaugural performance for parents in the afternoon. Conducted by Stuart Thompson, Foundation Executive Music Lead, the pupils worked in harmony to showcase their musical talent, putting on a truly brilliant performance in Warwick Hall!

We have been delighted with the collaboration day, and the pupils were thrilled to be a part of this exciting Foundation initiative. We look forward to holding another event soon.



Sports Round-up

What a year of sport here at Warwick Prep! Not only have we reached eight national finals and secured top-four rankings in numerous sports nationwide, but we've also had over 300 children participating in fixtures and events.



All year groups played cricket this term, with it quickly becoming one of the most popular female sports in the country. Year 6 played a multitude of whole-year group fixtures, including a joint event with Warwick Junior School. Notably, the U11 A-team travelled to Headington and emerged victorious in the IAPS regional competition.



Warwick Prep Tennis Tournament

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their tennis lessons, with record numbers attending clubs. Additionally, we hosted our annual Warwick Prep Tennis Tournament where girls excelled in mixed pairs with boys from Warwick Junior School.

Our football teams have shown remarkable progress this year. Through hard work and passion, our U11 team remained unbeaten in the local league and reached the semi-finals at the national finals held at St. George's Park.

Football isn't the only sport where our children have achieved national success at prestigious venues. The U11 swim team competed in the IAPS national final at the London Aquatic Centre and the ESSA national finals at Pond Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield. This was a truly incredible achievement considering the high number of schools participating; our team placed in the top fifteen in three races and in the top ten in two.

Congratulations to everyone who took their dance exams and passed with flying colours. Our athletes have also excelled, with two children reaching the national athletics finals at the Alexander Stadium.



The Squirrels Nursery Sports Day



Reception Sports Day



ISFA U11 regional champions

While we are immensely proud of all the successes this term, nothing compares to seeing so many children having fun participating in sports. This has been particularly evident at the link events with Warwick Junior School, where pupils from Year 3 and Year 6 joined in mixed cricket sessions. It was a delightful experience for the children, fostering friendships that began in Pre-Prep and creating new ones.

The children's hard work, determination, and passion for sport make it incredibly rewarding to share these moments with their loved ones. We thank all parents and family who attended events, including Sports Days. These occasions have showcased not just physical skills but also essential Skills for Life. We are very proud of all participants, from The Squirrels Nursery to Year 6; their enthusiasm and love for sport is truly inspiring.

We have no doubt that all the children at Warwick Prep will continue to thrive in sport, supported by our wonderful Sports Department. We wish all the children a fun-filled summer full of activity!



Achieving 1st place at the U11 IAPS cricket tournament



Attending the IAPS national swimming finals



Teamwork at the ESSA national swimming finals

Cricket Link Days with Warwick Junior School

During the Summer Term, Year 3 and Year 6 pupils from Warwick Prep and Warwick Junior School enjoyed separate afternoons playing cricket in the glorious sunshine. Split into groups, some pupils played competitive matches whilst others honed their bowling and batting skills. It was a brilliant opportunity to catch-up with old friends and make new ones whilst having fun!



Year 3 cricket link day



Bowled over at the cricket link day



Batting practise

Sports Day

By Elizabeth, Shan and Sienna



The Middle and Upper School Sports Day was a fun-filled day that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Years 5 to 6 started their day on the field, participating in eight different activities in the morning, splitting into the four Houses: Beaumont, Dudley, Greville and Rich. We took part in javelin, discus, shotput, egg and spoon, bean bag race, water collection and jumping from two feet and from one foot.

It was a super-hot day, so we all took regular drinks breaks and snacks. While Years 5 to 6 did field events, Years 3 and 4 took part in their track events in front of parents and family. They participated in a 400-metre distance race and sprint heats.

After lunch, we felt extremely nervous for the upcoming races. Firstly, we warmed up by splitting into Houses and competing in a cone collection race, followed by class sprint heats, aiming to reach the final. While the sprint final competitors were waiting to be revealed, two 600-metre track races were held. A select few girls participated in this event based on times in trials during Games lessons.

The Cannon relay was held next which was great fun. The sprint final took place shortly after, being a tight race the whole way through. Years 3 and 4 participated in their field events.



Year 3 girls enjoying Sports Day

A huge congratulations to all our award winners and a special thank you to the Sports Department who helped organise and run the event.

Also, a massive thank you to Miss Clark. We couldn't have done this without you! What a super fun day to finish off this superbly successful sporting year.

Spotlight on Drama

This term, we have been participating in many exciting activities, several of which are collaborative efforts between both schools. One highlight includes our first-ever joint LAMDA evening. We also invited Year 6 girls from Warwick Prep who have been offered Drama scholarships to join our senior students in a professional theatre workshop.

It has been a busy term preparing Peter Pan Jr. to soar into the Bridge House Theatre! Rehearsals were in full swing (or shall we say flight?) for Year 6, and a particular highlight was our flying workshop with the professional physical theatre company Frantic Assembly. Our King's High School Drama scholars and ambassadors from Year 7 to 10 have been visiting the Year 6 girls during lunchtimes to support them with characterisation, projection (and to say hello to some of their old teachers!). I know that all of Year 6 are so grateful to Mrs Murden and her team for their support and hard work.

Mrs Carter-Howell's Year 3 and 4 Drama Club has been supported by enthusiastic volunteers from King's High School and Warwick School. This term, Club members have been exploring the Arabian Nights! Sessions transported the pupils on flying carpets to wherever their imaginations took them.



Year 4 and Year 6 pupils dazzling at the LAMDA evening



Warwick Prep working collaboratively with King's High School



Year 6 performing at the LAMDA evening



Learning to fly during Peter Pan Jr. rehearsals

Highlights from our Drama Captain

By Elizabeth



The atmosphere was electric at the Bridge House Theatre as Year 6 Warwick Prep girls and Year 7 King's High School girls collaborated to present the LAMDA evening. From railways to lonely houses, the performances were superb! The evening kicked off with an amazing Mamma Mia medley by the Warwick Prep Musical Theatre group! After all the performances had finished, we received a huge round of applause from our audience, marking the end of a super fun night!

Scholars from Year 6 at Warwick Prep had the pleasure of attending a body movement workshop with professional actor Felipe Pacheco! We stood in a circle and each shared our favourite word with Felipe. We then translated these words into movements and created a dance. Later, we broke into smaller groups to refine our movements and put together a final dance performance for the rest of the group.



Elizabeth, Drama Captain, captivating the audience at the LAMDA evening

My Money Maths Week

By Elizabeth, Shan and Sienna



This term, we participated in My Money Maths Week which is a national event aimed at getting children excited about financial matters. It was a wonderful week with lots of fun events.

In the Pre-Prep department, the children learned about the role money plays in our lives by hearing the story 'Edd and Bunny Raise Some Money' by Matt Carr. The children worked with money, estimating how much they had. They also totalled coins to different values and understood how wasting food wastes money.

In Middle School, Years 3 and 4 looked at the importance of managing money and its value. The girls put together 'Protection Plans' to show how to look after important objects and their money. Each group agreed that it is important not to waste money, to save money and to keep it safe and secure.

In Upper School, Years 5 and 6 looked at risks when it comes to money. They made their own business posters explaining the needs and risks of starting a business.

The highlights of the week for us were working with coins, problem-solving, risks and estimating!

Thank you, Miss Fulker, for making My Money Maths Week so amazing.



Alice, in 4MC, totalling amounts of coins



"It has been a fabulous week and we thoroughly enjoyed it!"



Anika and Francesco, in 1JB, learning about money wastage



Amaya, in 1JB, creating a money spider



Year 4 girls creating a 'Protection Plan'



Year 4 girls estimating amounts of money



Learning how to manage a budget

Charity News

This term's focus has been on 'showing an act of kindness.' With this in mind, our pupils, parents, and local community kindly donated items towards several causes.

Our school community took a moment to recognise the unwavering dedication of healthcare professionals, particularly nurses, on National Nurses' Day, celebrated nationally on Monday 6 May. In a gesture of appreciation, pupils donated gift bags filled with thoughtful goodies which our House Captains delivered to nurses at Warwick Hospital in partnership with Kissing it Better. The Captains had a wonderful time meeting the nurses, who were deeply touched by and very appreciate of our gifts.



With Caty, from Kissing it Better, at Warwick Hospital



Giving back on National Nurses' Day



Visiting Park View Care Home for Dementia Action Week



Supporting National Nurses' Day

In support of Dementia Action Week, pupils were encouraged to donate cuddly toys with a handwritten luggage tag to introduce the toy and its name. The House Captains gathered up the cuddly companions to take to Park View Care Home, also in partnership with Kissing it Better. The girls enjoyed talking with the residents, who were overjoyed to receive the generous donations from our school community.

Thank you to everyone who has donated money, foreign coins and items this year – we have raised a phenomenal amount of **£5,706.99** which has been distributed to the charities shown on this page!



Delivering cuddly toys to Park View Care Home

D-Day Commemoration

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, Head and Deputy Head Girls, Margo and Penelope, along with Mrs Dodsworth, joined Colonel Tony Glover K.V.O. of the Coldstream Guards and the Chairman of the Warwick Royal British Legion at the D-Day Proclamation by the Town Crier on the steps of Shire Hall. The girls felt deeply honoured to witness such a moving and significant occasion.



Colonel Glover presenting Mrs Dodsworth with a certificate of recognition



Penelope and Margo joining the Town Crier

After attending the D-Day Proclamation, we were delighted to welcome Colonel Tony Glover back to Warwick Prep to lead our D-Day assembly. Colonel Glover delivered 'The Exhortation,' an extract from a poem written by Robert Laurence Binyon just a few weeks after the outbreak of the First World War, and read the Kohima Epitaph, followed by a minute's silence. Year 6 girls also read the Poem for Schools, 'D-Day Heroes,' which was read in unison by schools across the country at 11am.

Colonel Glover presented Mrs Dodsworth with a certificate of recognition for taking part in the D-Day commemorations. His words reminded us of the bravery and sacrifices of those who fought for our freedom, and we are very grateful for his visit.

Behind the Scenes – Mrs Burrows

By Elizabeth, Shan and Sienna

Elizabeth, Shan and Sienna went behind the scenes with Mrs Burrows, Marketing Manager, to understand more about her role at Warwick Prep.



Q What do you do as Marketing Manager?

A My main role is to promote our fantastic school by creating and implementing marketing strategies to attract new pupils. I also focus on engaging current pupils, parents and staff by communicating our activities, achievements, values and highlighting what makes Warwick Prep so special.

Q How long have you worked at Warwick Prep?

A I started in September 2021 so I have worked here for nearly 3 years. However, I attended Warwick Prep as a pupil so you could say I have been here for much longer than that!

Q What do you enjoy most about your role?

A There are lots of things I enjoy but my favourite is social media because it's creative. I create a social media plan for each academic year and then I generate content by taking photographs, making videos and writing copy. I particularly enjoy content gathering because I get to spend time with the pupils and see the exciting activities they're involved in.



Q What inspired you to work in marketing?

A My dad was Director of a media planning and buying agency so I was exposed to the world of marketing from a young age. When I was older, I began working at a creative agency, managing automotive and retail accounts, and I absolutely loved it!

Q What is the best part about producing Warwick Prep Life magazine?

A Meeting and getting to know the Year 6 WPL Editors is incredibly rewarding. I enjoy seeing their passion and skills flourish as we work together on the magazine.

Q What was your dream job growing up?

A When I was very little, I dreamed of being a ballerina, pop star or actress - anything on the stage! I also wanted to be a police officer.

An interview with... Year 4

By Alex and Khadeejah

Alex and Khadeejah interviewed Year 4 girls, Abigail, Gaby and Hema about their residential trip to Culmington Manor.

Q How did you feel about going on your first residential trip?

- A** A. I was excited because I knew I had my friends with me and they would help me overcome challenges.
- G.** I felt a bit scared because I thought I would be homesick but Culmington Manor was really fun.
- H.** I was a bit nervous because it was my first residential but I was excited to learn new things and do different activities.

Q In a short sentence, describe your experience of Culmington Manor.

- A** A. It was spectacular!
- G.** It gave me great joy.
- H.** It was fun, exciting and nerve-racking.

Q Which activity did you enjoy the most and why?

- A** A. The obstacle course was fun as we could roll around in mud at the end!
- G.** Abseiling, as it was fun to go down the wall.
- H.** The underground maze was a-mazing! I have never been in one before.



Q Did you face any challenges during the trip?

- A** A. Abseiling, as I am terrified of heights.
- G.** I struggled to crouch down in the underground maze, even though I'm small!
- H.** I am scared of heights too so I was afraid of being up high while abseiling.

Q What advice would you give to pupils who are going on their first residential?

- A** A. Don't worry about going to Culmington Manor as it was amazing!
- G.** At the start, you may feel a little homesick but your friends and teachers are there to support you.
- H.** If you're a bit nervous, don't worry because you have so much fun you soon feel fantastic!

Sharing stories at King's High School

Girls from Year 4 walked over to the King's High School library to meet with Year 8 Geography pupils. The Year 8 pupils had created beautiful Geography-based stories, which they kindly shared with the Year 4 girls. Everyone enjoyed getting together and seeing familiar faces from Warwick Prep. The stories were wonderful and served as fantastic inspiration for the Year 4 girls.



Feeling inspired by the Year 8 girls



Sharing stories together

Explosive science!

Year 5 girls met with Dr. Mather, Head of Chemistry at King's High School, for an electrifying lesson on 'Physical and Chemical Changes.' They learned to light Bunsen burners with a splint and participated in the amazing 'whoosh' experiment, witnessing the impressive release of chemical energy from just a small quantity of fuel.

The session not only ignited their curiosity but also provided a hands-on experience that brought their classroom lessons to life. It was a morning full of scientific fun, and the girls are looking forward to their next visit!



Iris, in 5KC, assisting Dr. Mather with the 'whoosh' experiment



Igniting passions



Karen, in 5KC, safely lighting a Bunsen burner

In a nutshell



By Ayah-Sofia, Siya and Zoe

Along with our Editors, Cyril hopped along to The Squirrels Nursery to find out more about our Head of Nursery, Mrs Smart.

Q *What inspired you to become a Nursery teacher?*

A I originally taught History in a secondary school but after taking a break to look after my children when they were young, I started helping at their nursery. I found the role incredibly rewarding as the children were so excited to learn, so I decided to stay in Early Years education.

Q *How long have you been at Warwick Prep?*

A It will be 20 years this summer.

Q *What do you enjoy most about The Squirrels Nursery?*

A There are so many! I really enjoy putting on the Harvest assembly and the Christmas production as the children get to sing, dance, wear super costumes and really express themselves. Painting activities are also a favourite.

Q *What does a typical day involve?*

A I greet the children at the door and find out what they've been up to. Then, we do a fun activity like listening to a story and using our critical thinking skills to answer questions about the narrative.

Q *If you weren't a teacher, what would you like to be?*

A I would love to be a TV presenter, hosting a fun and engaging programme about History to bring the topic to life.

Q *What's your favourite chocolate bar?*

A I like all chocolate bars so this one is tricky. I particularly like a Crunchie or a Flake.



Forest School

The children love to start each term by observing how the garden has changed over the holiday, and spring certainly brought awe and wonder to Forest School. Leaves appeared on the trees, and bluebells were flowering. The children discovered some primroses hiding along the woodland path and planted some donated lily of the valley plants alongside them.

We have utilised the greenhouse once again, planting sunflower seeds, pumpkins, potatoes, beans, and courgettes. Although the growing season has had a slow start, our raised beds are now flourishing. The children enjoy seeing how much our vegetables grow each week and are very enthusiastic when it comes to watering. This year, we are also growing leeks and sweetcorn, which we are looking forward to harvesting in the Autumn Term.

The termly topic in The Squirrels Nursery has been 'Minibeasts', explored during Forest School activities. The children made bee pools using upturned terracotta pots, which they decorated, then placed a saucer on top filled with pebbles to ensure the bees' wings did not get wet. The children also helped to refresh the bug hotel in the Nursery Garden. They collected small twigs, made them into bundles, and filled pots with fir cones to fit into the empty spaces. Children in the Rainbow



Valentino and Woody, in NWR, creating a bee pool



Iwan, in REB, on World Bee Day

room had live caterpillars in their classroom, which they watched transform into beautiful butterflies. They released the butterflies at Forest School on a lovely sunny day and the children were amazed at how high they flew! They then made their own symmetrical butterflies, looking for two leaves that looked the same.

The Reception children have made farm animal homes using twigs, pieces of wood, leaves and bark. They wanted the animals to be warm and cosy, so they found some feathers and moss to enhance their creations. The children have been collaborating very well in small groups or pairs, working together to decide which materials they need to create dens and then choosing which area to construct them in. We celebrated Earth Day, and as a reminder of our responsibility to look after the planet, the children crafted their own miniature versions of Earth using natural materials. In honour of World Bee Day, the children created their own bees by wrapping yellow wool around pinecones before adding wings. They even made a Queen bee to add to the hive!

Children in Year 1 have enjoyed pond dipping, finding newts of different sizes. We think some of the newts may have been females carrying eggs. Several different-sized and coloured fish were caught, along with lots of water snails and pond skaters. The children have been very creative using the Japanese art of Hapa Zome to make pretty butterflies.

Forest School Club

Members of the Year 1 Forest School Club had great fun making mini 'jiggle jars', watching the glitter settle to help them self-regulate and feel calm. They also crafted mini fairies and elves to add to the Fairy Garden. During one session, they collected leaves and flower petals from Forest School to make a gratitude tree. As they attached each piece to the tree, they thought of something they were thankful for.



Henry and Aveer, in 1KD, with their fairies and elves



Our magical Fairy Garden

Eco News

It has been another busy term for the Eco Council. Eco Councillors from Warwick Prep, Warwick Junior School, and The Kingsley School gathered at Forest School for a special Eco Event. The children delighted in activities such as whittling with knives, planting seeds, rock painting, and exploring Hapa Zome, the Japanese art of nature printing. Witnessing pupils from all three schools working together and sharing their passion for the environment was truly heartwarming. Due to the success of the event, we are keen to host another Eco Event soon.



Alex from Warwick Junior School whittling with a knife



Limiao from Warwick Junior School with his Hapa Zome art

To support National Clean Air Day, the Councillors helped Mrs Ward with an awareness assembly. The Councillors explained what air pollution is, its causes, its impact, and what changes we can all make to help improve our world. They also shared the important role trees play in reducing air pollution. With support from Mr Toon, Foundation Grounds Manager, the Councillors identified three trees that would be suitable additions to our Forest School. All pupils were encouraged to vote for their favourite tree, with the Scots Pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) being crowned the winner. The tree will be planted by the Eco Councillors in the Autumn Term.



Girls from Warwick Prep creating Hapa Zome art



Girls from The Kingsley School planting sunflower seeds



Water wastage assembly by Beth from Severn Trent



Comparing volumes of water

At the start of term, we welcomed Beth Parker from Severn Trent Water to school to lead an assembly on water wastage. With help from the Eco Councillors, she engaged everyone with a 'higher/lower' quiz, a video, and a song about staying hydrated. After the assembly, Beth conducted workshops with the Year 4 girls as part of their Geography unit on 'Sustainability'.

Thank you to all members of the Eco Council who have represented their forms superbly during the academic year and consistently shared their wonderful ideas with Mrs Griggs.



Year 4 girls learning about water wastage

Introducing Theo

Over the past 18 months, we have sponsored Basil who has been undergoing Guide Dog training. Since starting training school, Basil has struggled with his concentration and has been easily distracted by other dogs and people. Basil's trainer, Jess, worked with another trainer, Mollie, to offer Basil extra support but unfortunately, they didn't see any improvement. They were concerned that it wouldn't be possible to ensure Basil's wellbeing if he became a guide dog or buddy dog. With this in mind, they made the tough decision to take Basil out of the training programme. Although this is sad news, Basil is living with his wonderful volunteer family before he settles at his forever home.



Theo loose lead walking



Introducing Theo

We are pleased to be able to support another dog, Theo, who is an adorable yellow Labrador. Theo is at a similar stage to Basil and is progressing well. Theo loves food rewards, playing with his toys and with his doggy friends. Emily, Theo's trainer, has been introducing new skills such as stepping onto platforms, walking in a straight line, and finding kerbs. Over the next few months, Theo will be exposed to various environments including the countryside, churches, supermarkets, and shop before trying new modes of transport such as buses.

Cyril Investigates...

Ollie, School Wellbeing Dog

By Cyril



Cyril caught up with Ollie, our school wellbeing dog, on a walk around the campus to find out more about his very important job.

Q *Do you mind me asking how old you are?*

A I am 3 years old, and have 4 brothers and 5 sisters who were all born at the same time as me. Two of my brothers, Charlie and Gray, live with Warwick Prep families.

Q *What breed are you?*

A I am a Golden Retriever.

Q *How long have you been coming into Warwick Prep?*

A I have been coming into Warwick Prep for about a year and a half, and I absolutely love it. My human Mummy, Mrs Dodsworth, says I am the most excited when I put on my special school harness and name badge!

Q *What do you enjoy doing at school the most? Hopefully not chasing squirrels...*

A I would never chase squirrels! I love spending time with the children and saying hello to them at the gate in the morning. I also love going for a run on the school fields first thing in the morning when no one is here.

Q *What are your favourite treats? I'm very fond of acorns.*

A I don't think I have tried acorns – I might like them! My favourite treat is a little bit of chicken, and I am quite fond of cheese, too.



Q *What is the most important part of your job?*

A Sometimes, I work with Helen in the Thrive Hive and sometimes children come and see me in Mrs Dodsworth's office. I am very good at cheering up people when they are feeling a bit sad, and I have also helped some children who were frightened of dogs. The teachers and teaching assistants sometimes come and see me for an 'Ollie cuddle'.

Q *Do you have any special tricks you could show me?*

A I can balance a treat on my head and wait until someone tells me I am a good boy before eating it. You could try it with an acorn, I'll teach you in the summer holidays!

News from our Digital Leaders

With some of our newer Digital Leaders completing their training, we turned our attention to what matters most to us. Our Year 5 and Year 6 representatives agreed that there is much to be done to help children understand how to safely use online games and know who to turn to for help when things go wrong.

We researched some of our friends' favourite platforms like Roblox and explored the best ways to handle situations such as: when someone you don't know contacts you, understanding the age limits for certain games, and what to do if you think you've been hacked online.

We also looked at some of the newest modules on the Digital Leader platform, which included:

- Influencers – what their motivation is and why we find them so inspiring
- Scams – how to spot them and how to report them when we see them

We found these new modules really helpful and have included them in our summer leaflet, which we've been preparing to distribute.



We would also like to share the latest CEOP initiative, #SaferSummerTogether, which will launch on Monday 15 July. This initiative aims to bring parents and their children closer together to help stay safe online, focusing on the following themes:

- Week 1: Online gaming
- Week 2: Socialising online
- Week 3: Sharing pictures and videos
- Week 4: Protecting personal privacy
- Week 5: Harmful content online
- Week 6: Getting help

Keep a look out on social media platforms for the updates!

Question Time

Mrs Byrne, Head of Art, Design and Technology

By Elizabeth, Shan and Sienna



Q When did you start at Warwick Prep?

A I started working at Warwick Prep in January 2024. I had heard wonderful things about the school so I was very excited to start!

Q Have you always wanted to be an Art teacher?

A When I was younger, I wanted to be a vet for a very long time however, from the age of about 13, I fell in love with art and anything creative. I spent some time working in schools and soon realised I wanted to be creative and work with children every day.

Q What was your inspiration to teach art?

A I remember my GCSE and A Level Art teacher being my greatest inspiration. Being an Art teacher is the best job in the world!

Q What's your favourite style of art?

A My favourite style is 3D work.

Q If you could meet any artist, past or present, who would that be?

A I would love to meet Picasso and ask him to expand on his quote, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up." I would like to meet Dalí and Banksy to ask why he keeps his identity a huge mystery.

Q If you could be a painting, which would you be?

A I would be a sculpture called Maman by Louise Bourgeois which is a huge spider! It represents resilience and maternal protection.



Move-up Morning

With the end of the Summer Term approaching, all current pupils met their new teachers and spent time in their new classrooms during our move-up sessions. We also welcomed new pupils who will start at Warwick Prep in September 2024. These sessions help pupils prepare for the next school year or for starting school, with informal 'getting to know you' activities. This builds a positive relationship with the new teacher and allows children to ask any questions they may have. Most children leave feeling very excited about September!



Year 3 girls



Year 1 pupils

Additionally, our current Year 2 boys, transitioning to Year 3 at Warwick Junior School and our current Year 6 girls, moving to Year 7 at King's High School, had the opportunity to meet their new teachers, classmates and visit their new classrooms.

Ignite

We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to discover and grow their inner passions and talents. As Early Years and Primary educators, we understand the importance of these crucial foundation years, and we strive to provide an environment in which these passions and talents can be awakened, nurtured and cultivated, allowing our children to become the very best that they can be.

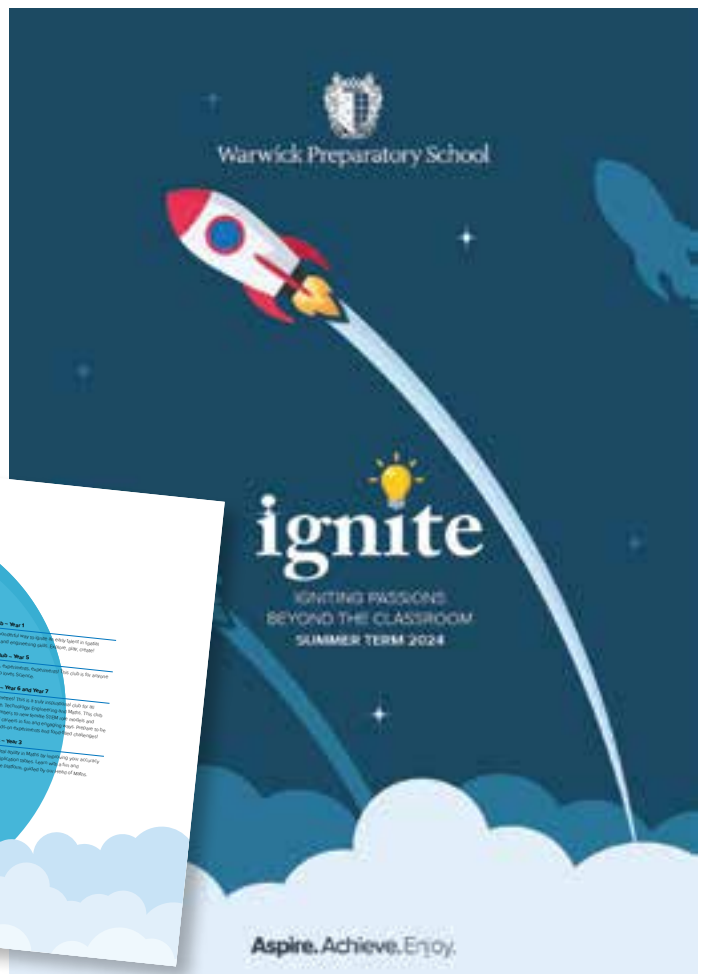
In addition to the array of activities on offer through the co-curricular programme, Ignite provides interested pupils with greater opportunity for new passions to be discovered and for existing ones to flourish, for intellectual curiosity and creativity to be encouraged, and for independent thought to be enhanced.

Mission

To provide an academic enrichment programme of excellence.

Vision

To provide outstanding opportunities for our pupils to discover, explore and ignite their interests, passions and talents beyond the classroom.



Home Festival Sharing Event

On Friday 5 July, we hosted our Warwick Prep Home Festival Sharing Event which embodied the wider Warwick Schools Foundation Home Festival. Welcoming parents, each year group shared an arts performance that embraced the theme of 'Home'.

In The Squirrels Nursery, the children performed the story of the 'Three Little Pigs' and showcased their newly designed little pig houses. The Year 2 children rocked out to 'Rock Pool Reprise' from their recent production, 'Rock Pool'. Inspired by the Heidelberg Project, Year 4 girls presented their patchwork houses made from recycled and discarded items, and the Year 5 girls shared French and English poetry interpreted creatively into dance.

It was a joyful afternoon celebrating what makes Warwick Prep so unique.



Summer Action 2024!

Booking is open for Summer Action 2024 which runs from Friday 12 July to Friday 30 August.

The Kingsley School

- Kingsley Kookaburras – available for children in Years 2 to 7

Warwick School

- Cygnets - available for children in Reception and Year 1
- Fun Short Courses - available for children in Years 2 to 7
- Super Choice - available for children in Years 2 to 7
- Action Plus - available for 12-14 year olds

There are early and late options available at Warwick School on selected days.

Courses/activities include Pony Petting, Animation, Parkour, Magic, Multi-Sports, Wall Climbing, Fun Swimming, Pottery, Chess, Curious Creatures, Fencing, Drama, plus much, much more!

Please note – certain activities are venue specific and are subject to change.

For more information and to book a place, please visit the Holiday Action website warwickschool.org/summer-action-2024

The Butterflies

In select school holidays, parents can also benefit from our 'Butterflies' holiday nursery group which is based at Warwick Prep Nursery and run by the Foundation's Holiday Action team. The group is for children who attend either Warwick Prep Nursery (The Squirrels Nursery) or Kingsley Prep Nursery (Little Aviators).

This service is available 9am to 4.30pm on specific days during the school holidays. Each week will be based around a particular theme and will include a variety of outdoor, free play, sporting, creative and relaxing activities. All activities will be planned in accordance with the EYFS framework.

Parents are contacted prior to each holiday period with information on which dates are available and details of how to book.

If you're interested in finding out more about our 'Butterflies' holiday nursery group, then please feel free to contact the Holiday Action team by email at holidayaction@warwickschools.co.uk



Art Gallery

Reception



Dinosaur painting by Lyra in RCM



Rosie's Walk inspired painting by Callen in RSJ



The fox from Rosie's Walk by Mahnoor in REB

Year 1



Rousseau inspired tiger by Capucine in 1JF



Moving parts toucan by Tristan in 1HC



Rousseau inspired tiger by Arabella in 1JB

Year 3

Year 3 responded to the Home Festival theme by creating Orla Kiely-inspired prints in Art, embellishing them with embroidery and assembling the cushions in DT lessons.



By Lucy in 3LW



By Kristjana in 3VS



By Erin in 3VS

Year 4

Year 4 have continued their 'Art from around the world' adventures by creating plate designs inspired by Ukrainian petrykivka painting as well as Tutankhamun mixed media prints.



By Lois in 4MC



By Charlotte in 4HF



By Anna in 4LG

Year 5

Year 5 have been exploring coral reefs as habitats and producing clay sculpture outcomes. They have also looked at shells and used wax resist techniques.



By Phillipa in 5KC



By Liv in 5AM



By Isobel in 5KC

Year 6

Year 6 have been looking at colourful everyday objects. They have explored a scratch technique inspired by Michael Craig Martin and shoe artwork inspired by David Galan.



By Shan in 6JJ



By Elena in 6CM



By Olivia in 6SW



WPSA

Warwick Preparatory School
Association

WPSA News

By Nicola Marklew, WPSA Communications

WPSA Committee

WPSA is a charity run by a team of volunteer parents and teachers, with a commitment to devoting time to furthering the great opportunities that Warwick Prep has to offer. We run the Uniform Shop enabling parents to sell and purchase second-hand uniform, and we organise fun-filled events and activities donating funds raised to enhance the children's educational experience.

The monies raised with your support over the past year have enabled us to fund great resources for the school including new clocks for the playground (as requested by the children and nearly ready to be installed), the new timeline mural as well as other bids from both children and teachers.

Our main aim this year is to raise enough funds to support the development of a new outdoor classroom in the Forest School area, to be utilised by children from both Warwick Prep and Warwick Junior School. Outdoor classrooms have been proven to increase interest in a subject and intrinsic motivation to learn, giving children a longer retention of information, increased focus, and creativity, as well as better sleep!

Thank you for your continued support.



Warwick Prep Tree

One element of our continued fundraising is a beautiful tree installed on the wall of the school next to Reception. A gift of £100 or more enables

you to sponsor either an oak leaf or acorn on the tree which can be engraved according to personal preference, with suggestions being a child or family name and dates of attendance. This not only raises funds but is also a beautiful piece of artwork for the children, staff, and parents to enjoy. The oak tree is fabricated from copper and is 212cm wide and 213cm high, with spaces for 500 recognition plaques.

This is an opportunity to be part of something special, and to support future WPSA fundraising initiatives. We anticipate that this opportunity will be available over the next few years until all the plaques are installed.

If you would like to sponsor an oak leaf or acorn, please use this QR code which will take you to an application form.



WPSA Committee Members

If you would like to join us on the Committee, attend Committee meetings and help organise the many events we put on throughout the year, please do reach out to Class Reps or WPSA members as we would love to hear from you!



Colour Run

On Sunday 19 May, WPSA held their first ever Colour Run for Warwick Prep and Warwick Junior School children. What a fun-filled and wonderfully successful event! The weather was kind, the atmosphere was amazing and the volunteers throwing the paint seemed to enjoy it as much as the children having the paint thrown at them! Many thanks must go to the sub-committee responsible for organising this and the volunteers and teachers attending the event. Thank you to all the parents who bought tickets for their children to support this fantastic event.





Summer Fayre

On Friday 28 June, WPSA held their Summer Fun Extravaganza! The children loved the variety of stalls with a tombola, raffle and the yummy bake sale. A fantastic array of raffle prizes were available which were kindly donated by local businesses. We are very grateful to the WPSA team for organising the raffle and the event.



Timeline Mural

The new science mural has been installed thanks to funds raised by the WPSA Uniform Shop, and it looks phenomenal - what a fantastic addition to the school! Thank you to the WPSA Uniform Shop organisers and volunteers for all their hard work, and thanks again to the parents for supporting WPSA!

WPSA Uniform Shop

This was the final year for the 'old crested' uniform which includes the blue and pink striped summer dresses. The WPSA Uniform Shop no longer sells any of the old crested items such as grey blazers, blue round neck jumpers, trousers or striped summer dresses.

The remaining non-crested items in stock will be donated to local schools or charities in need. The summer dresses will specifically be donated to a school in Cameroon; further details will follow in the next edition!

Additionally, we will repurpose the old crested grey blazers in stock and accept donations to create cushion keepsakes. All proceed will go directly to WPSA to support fundraising goals.

In 2024, we aim to donate funds to the Science Department to organise more science-based fun activities for the children, following the success of last year. We look forward to sharing more details throughout the year.

Thank you as always for your support of the WPSA Uniform Shop. Shopping and selling with us not only helps to find new homes for school uniform items but also contributes to our fundraising efforts!



Future WPSA Events

Here are some dates to put in your diaries for the Autumn Term:

- Uniform Sale, Tuesday 3 September
- Macmillan Coffee Morning & Uniform Shop, Friday 27 September
- Uniform Shop (including nativity costumes and Christmas jumpers), Friday 8 November
- Christmas Fayre, Friday 6 December

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Foundation Community

Orchestra of the Swan Primary Come and Play Day

On Saturday 13 April, Orchestra of the Swan, in collaboration with the Warwick Schools Foundation, hosted a Primary Orchestra Come and Play Day. This event gave young musicians the chance to be part of a full-size symphony orchestra for the day, play alongside professional musicians and work on some fantastic music with musicians from other schools in the county. The children had a wonderful time and greatly appreciated the opportunity to play with the orchestra.



Orchestra of the Swan

On Thursday 27 June, the Orchestra of the Swan returned for their third concert of the season at Warwick Hall - 'Songs of Innocence and Experience' - this time with Roderick Williams OBE. Roderick is one of the UK's most sought-after baritones, encompassing repertoire from the baroque to world premieres, while he was also announced as one of the composers to create a brand-new piece for the Coronation of Charles III and Camilla. The sold-out concert was an unforgettable evening of music, enjoyed by all.

Warwick – A Singing Town

Following the success of their 'Singing for Health' workshop in May 2023, Warwick – A Singing Town held 'Sing for Joy' on Sunday 21 April. This workshop explored the wonderful benefits of singing and singing together. As part of the new Warwick Pursuits Festival, a successful family singing workshop took place in St. Nicholas Park on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June.



WSF Home Festival

On Saturday 6 July, we welcomed Foundation family and friends and the local community to join us for our Home Festival. It was a fun-filled day of music, theatre, workshops and exhibitions celebrating all that is unique about each of our Foundation schools.



Future FWD



Future FWD focuses on the skills current and future generations of pupils will need to make positive contributions to their communities

and workplaces. In July, Warwick Schools Foundation had the privilege of organising and hosting the third Future FWD conference, welcoming educational practitioners and entrepreneurs in education and business.



By Polly Beidas, Development & Landor Administrator/OGA Secretary Founders and Benefactors' Service

The Warwick Prep and King's High School community, together with Warwick School, reflected with gratitude on the founding, history and progress of our schools and gave thanks to those who have supported our development over the years in a splendid Founders and Benefactors' Service at St. Mary's, Warwick on Friday 26 April.



In addition to our service of thanksgiving, the talents of current Warwick Prep and King's High School pupils were showcased in music, song and readings. Outgoing Landor President, Old Warwickian and former Chair of Governors David Stevens handed over the presidential baton to his successor Jane Marshall, herself a former Chair of both the Governors and KHAPS. He also announced five new Landor Fellows. These were STEM outreach pioneer Claire Beecroft; Old Girl, professor of pastoral theology and library benefactor Christie Cozad Neuger; former science teacher Jo Grant, former KHAPS and WPSA Chair Emma Griffin and Old Girl, theatre director and executive business mentor Sue Moore.





Landor Association All the Fours' Reunion

Over 80 Old Girls who took (or would have taken) their A Levels in a year ending in a four, along with the staff who taught them, returned to King's High School in June for an afternoon of Pimm's, a buffet, and nostalgia. Year groups from 1954 to 2014 were represented, with the Class of 1994 leading the turnout with 20 attendees. They began at King's High School in 1987, the same year new headmistress Mrs Jackie Anderson took the reins.

A nostalgia room, featuring 'long' school photographs and past copies of the Ilex, was set up for everyone to browse. Current students served as tour guides, showing their Old Girl counterparts around the Banbury Road site. Special thanks to Alexa, Charlotte, Charlotte, Georgia, Holly, Imogen, Joana, Maren, Minnie, Rhiannon, Roberta, Tamara, and Youkae. We were also delighted to welcome 12 former staff members, including Mrs Anderson, Mrs Best, Miss Clark, Miss Coupar, Mrs Dawkes, Miss Holyhead, Mrs Lampitt, Miss Lenygon, Mrs Macdonald, Mr MacFetridge, Mrs Siggers, and Miss Smith, spanning seven decades of teaching at King's High School!



OGA Secretary Polly Beidas explained the changes at King's High School since the guests' time, such as the shift from streaming to setting and the introduction of male teachers, leading to the appointment of Head Master Dr. Stephen Burley. Dr. Burley discussed the school's exciting current developments. Our star guest was 1964's Head Girl, Joan Taylor, a celebrated pianist and music teacher, who played "Jerusalem" for us in its 100th year as the school song. The guests' word-perfect rendition with her stunning accompaniment was truly spine-tingling.

This was only the second time we held an Old Girls' reunion for multiple year groups, but we plan to repeat the event next year for 'All the Fives' on Saturday 14 June 2025. If you took your A Levels (or would have taken them) at King's High School in a year ending in a five, look out for a booking form soon.

Landor Association OGA Annual Lunch and AGM

Nearly 90 Old Girls and former staff, representing nine decades of King's High Schools' history, came to Warwick on Saturday 23 March for the OGA Annual Lunch and AGM. Many were delighted to see their former teachers, including Mrs Russell, Mrs Grant, Miss Lenygon, Miss Clark, and Mrs Lampitt.

Guests were greeted with colour-coordinated name badges representing one of eight tables. The pink table, all from the Class of 1973, embraced their inner Barbie by dressing in pink! Current students led tours of the school, showcasing hens, a racing car, and a beautiful, airy Quad.

Many Old Girls remembered trying to view the long school photographs in Red Corridor at Smith Street, only to be ushered outside by prefects. At the Annual Lunch, these photographs were unscrewed from the walls and laid out on desks for easy viewing, with no prefects in sight!

After the AGM, delivered by OGA President and Head Master Dr. Stephen Burley and OGA Secretary and Old Girl Polly Beidas, guests enjoyed a lovely two-course lunch with wine, prepared by the school's Head Chef, M. Christophe Charpentier, and served by his catering team.

The highlight of the day was the after-lunch speech by Old Girl and actor Kim Hartman. Kim was warm and funny, sharing stories of her life 'Beyond the Blue Door.' She recounted her journey from learning to be on stage at school, through assistant stage management at the Belgrade Theatre, to her role as 'Helga' in 'Allo 'Allo. She also kindly took questions from the audience.



A raffle in aid of Kim's chosen charity, Shipston Home Nursing, raised £420. Thanks go to OGA committee members Felicity Bunker (née Akers) and Valerie Hurst (née Poole) for selling tickets, and to those who donated prizes, including King's High School eggs. The most popular prize was a painting of Eastgate and Landor House, donated by Old Girl Christine Legge.

Old Girl, singer, and broadcaster Catherine Bott introduced "Jerusalem" to end the proceedings. The school song has now been sung at King's High School for 100 years. Naturally, nobody needed the lyrics, even after 10, 40, or 70 years away from the school!

We look forward to seeing you all at next year's OGA Lunch and AGM on Saturday 22 March 2025, where the guest speaker will be Old Girl and former Liberal Democrat spokesperson on Health in the Lords, Baroness Judith Jolly (née Pritchard).

Landor Association Creative Careers Networking Event

As part of the Foundation's Creative Festival on the theme of 'Home,' the Landor Association held a Creative Careers Networking afternoon. Guest speakers from various creative industries, including Old Girls, parents, and friends of the school, led diverse workshops. Topics ranged from theatre and gaming design to cookery (featuring the 'choux pastry challenge'), interior design, intellectual property and the arts, and children's writing. Students had the opportunity to attend two different workshops in the afternoon. Afterwards, the speakers stayed for afternoon tea at King's High School, providing a chance to network with each other.

Upcoming School Open Events

- The Kingsley School Open Afternoon, Tuesday 10 September
- Warwick Preparatory School Open Morning, Saturday 21 September
- Warwick School Open Morning, Saturday 28 September
- Warwick Junior School Open Morning, Saturday 9 November

Key Dates Autumn 2024

Term Commences:
Wednesday 4 September

Half Term:
Monday 21 October –
Friday 1 November

Term Ends:
Friday 13 December

OPEN EVENTS 2024

Open Morning:
Saturday 21 September

Open Afternoon:
Tuesday 12 November

For more information about our
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