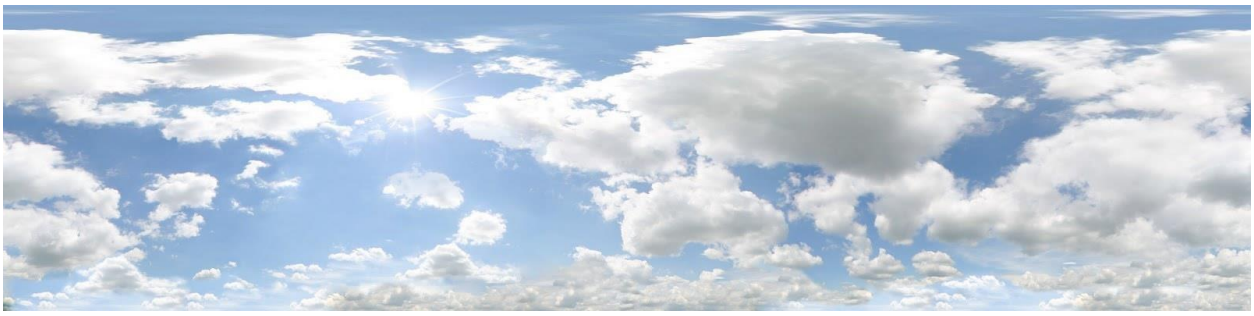
St Paul's C of E Primary School Nelson Newsletter

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Friday 22nd May 2026



Headteacher Message



Hello,

I will start by saying that I have thoroughly enjoyed this half term at St Paul's. The school feels like one big family. I would to thank the staff for their hard work and the support and encouragement we have received from the families of St Paul's Primary School. The children are polite, happy and work hard, they are a credit to you! Mrs Akram will be leaving today to start her maternity leave. We would like to wish her all the very best for this special time with her baby. Yesterday the Fire Service came to deliver an assembly and today we have some African Snails in our reception classes so there is an excitement about school. I am over the moon to announce that St Paul's won the fantastic Book Awards Competition. They recorded a story which is FANTASTIC!

We have planned the dates for big events over the school year so that you all have plenty of time to pop these on your calendars. The summer fair will be one of the first events along with

the Y6 production, leaver's services and the sports days - keep an eye out for these. We also hope to have more regular events such as tea and toast so that parents can have some time to catch up and chat with school staff. if you are interested in joining the PTFA then please contact the school office. My door is always open so if you have anything you would like to discuss please contact the school office.

Please take care over the holidays and remember the message that was given to the children about wearing seatbelts in cars in order to keep safe. Have a lovely rest and I will look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 2nd June on the gate in the morning.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Roberts

Headteacher

Fantastic Book Awards



Our Year 6 Book Club children attended the Fantastic Book Award Ceremony in Preston. They had an amazing time. The winner from our category was Alex Atkinson 'Spooksmiths investigates - The Cinderman' Alex Atkinson was at the ceremony along with another author Ramzee who won a different category. Children from all over Lancashire attended and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

As an extra all the schools had the option to enter a competition. The children had to choose part of a book and put together an audio clip no longer than a minute.

We are so proud to announce that the children from St Pauls' won the first prize! What an amazing achievement! The school received all twenty-five books that had been listed to read for this years competition. Well done children.






THE CHEAT BOOK
KAMZEE



Nelson Fire Station Officers Visit



We would like to thank Nelson Fire Station Officers for their visit to our school. They explained to the children the importance of car safety ensuring that all pupils wear seat belts in the car. The younger children were given the opportunity to explore the fire engine and even got chance to spray the hose! Thank you Mrs Ralph for organising this.

Accidental fatalities are at a high due to children not wearing seat belts so please be extra vigilant when traveling. Thank you.

Please see the below links:

Embrace Life - always wear your seat belt

Seat Belts Save Lives: See the Crash Test Proof #seatbelt #safety #crashtest #carsafety (this is at just 3mph!!




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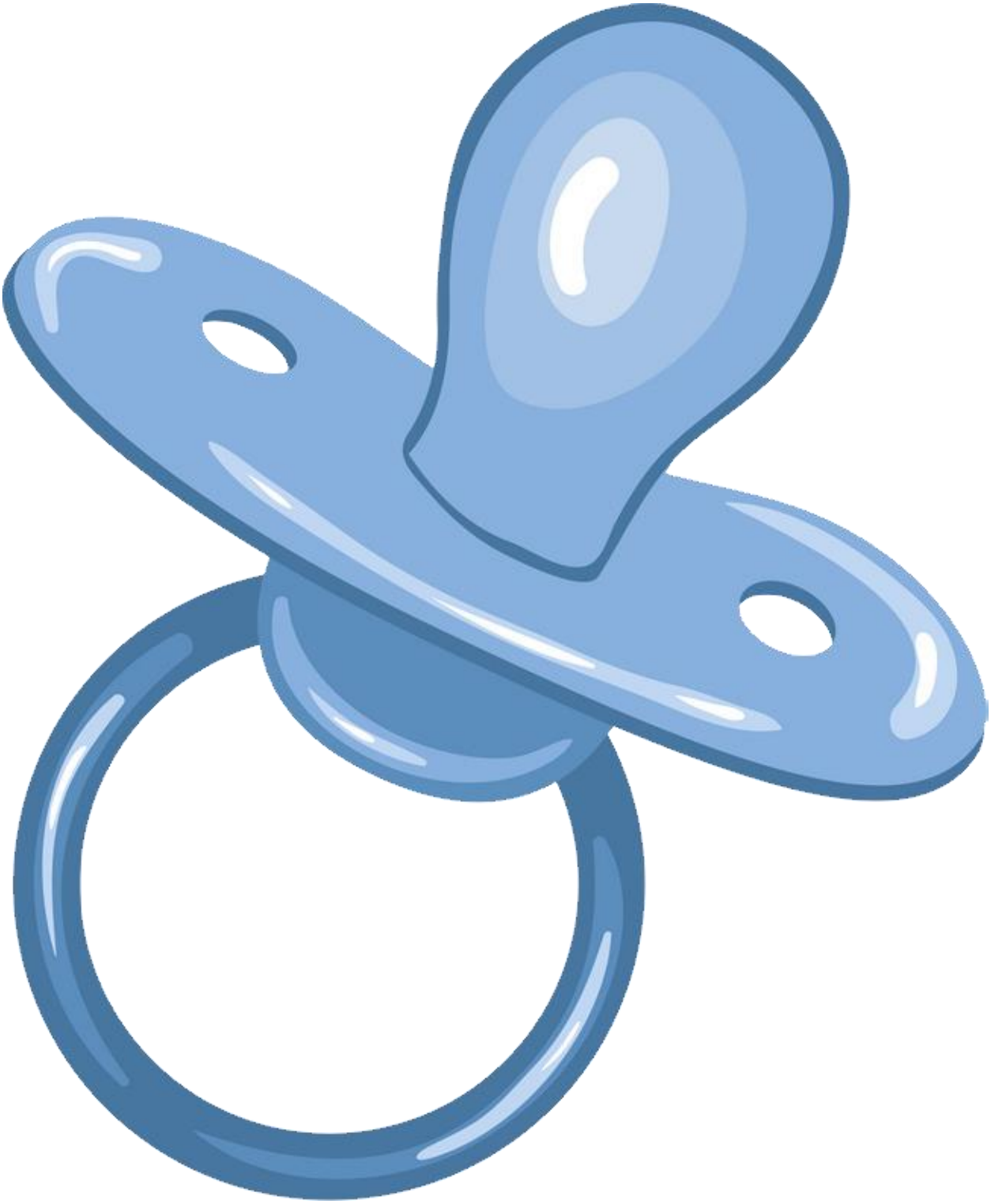

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Happy Maternity Leave - Mrs Akram



We would like to wish Mrs Akram all the best as she leaves us for her maternity leave. We will all miss her but cannot wait to meet the new baby when it arrives. We hope everything goes well and you enjoy all your time with the family.



Squirrels Forest School Adventure

Our children who attend Squirrels have been enjoying mini beast hunting and pond dipping with the help of Mr Evans.











British Wrestling Championships

Our very own Zayaan has competed in the British Wrestling Championship on Saturday 16th May and won the Silver Medal! Such a brilliant achievement for all his hard work. We are very proud of him!


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Year 5 Art Workshop with Ursula Hurst – an artist and illustrator



On Tuesday, Year 5 had a visit from an artist and illustrator – Ursula Hurst. Our work was centred around space.





We were making felt planets. Our imaginary planet would look like Saturn.

We had to manipulate the wool to find our preferred effect.



We listened and watched in fascination as we were given the different steps we needed to take.





The next step was to gently squash the wool and then rub it to cause friction so the fibres would interlink.





After rolling and throwing it to the table, the outer part of the planet was complete.





Our round planet was started with a ball of tin foil. We then pulled at the wool fibres and wrapped them around the ball.







We then had to squish, roll and rub the ball to cause friction again.





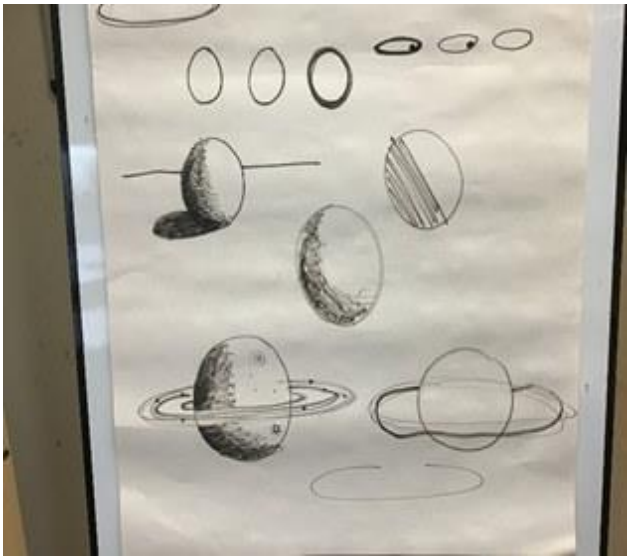
Eventually we were happy with our three coloured planet





Once we had cut a small hole in our flat piece of felt and manipulated our ball into the middle – our planet was complete.





To finish off our day, Ursula showed us how to draw 3D planets – using shading.

Astronauts - Art Tone and Shading

Year Two, Astronauts Class, have enjoyed learning about tone and shading in Art this week. The children used different tools to create dark and light tones through shading. Their finished pieces of work are fantastic!











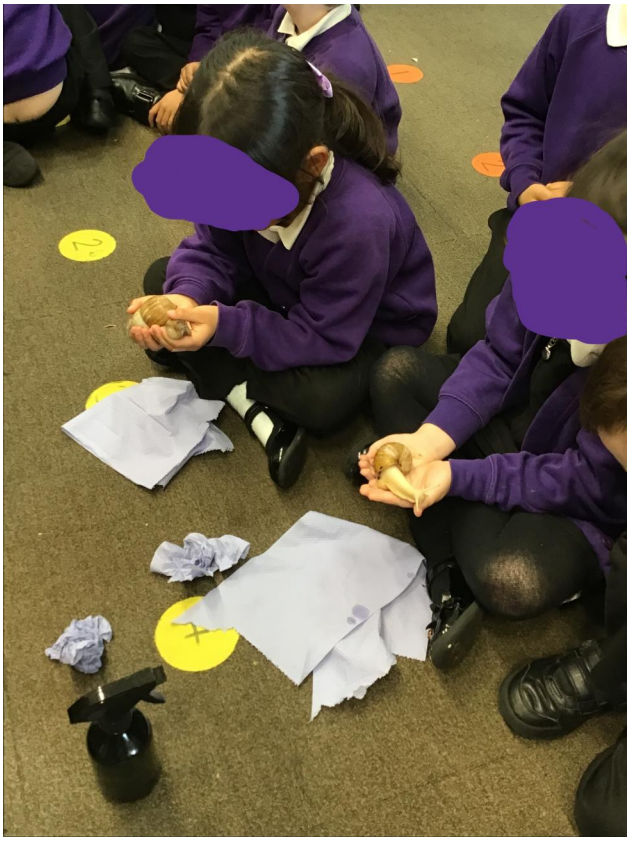
Critters Interactive Animal Encounters - EYFS

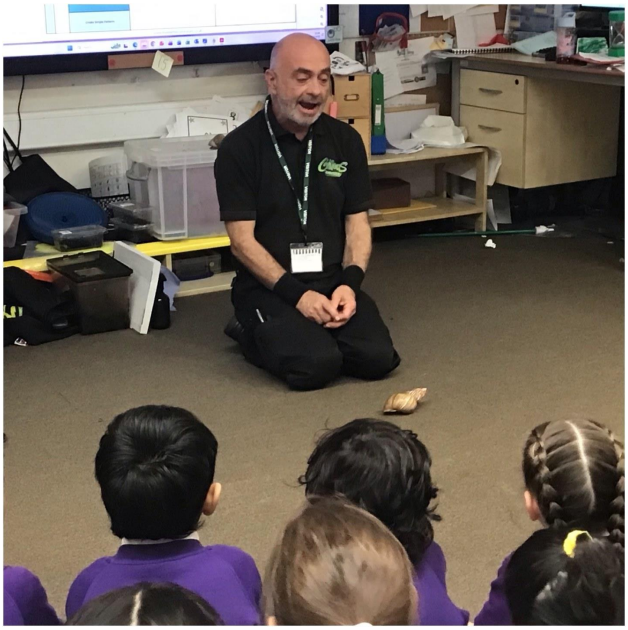
On Thursday, EYFS had a visit from Mike (Critters Interactive). He brought some African land snails for us to look at. Some of us were brave enough to hold them! We have been learning all about snails and are now experts!!!Thank you Miss Dewhirst for organising this.

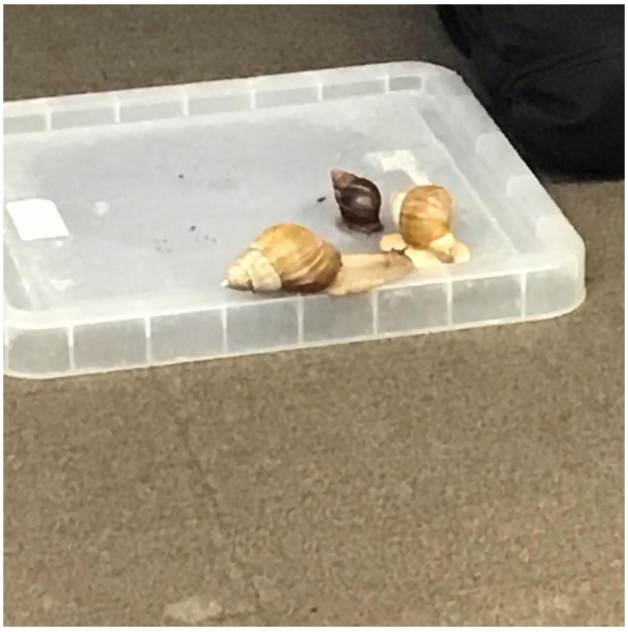
















Year 3 Art Project



Last term the year 3 children were invited to take part in an art project which involved printing using natural objects such as leaves. The artist Annette Marti used the children's work to create two finished pieces which are now installed in Wycoller Barn. If you are looking for a trip out in half term, maybe you could visit Wycoller and have a look at the art installations. Well done year 3.

Mrs Hawkins

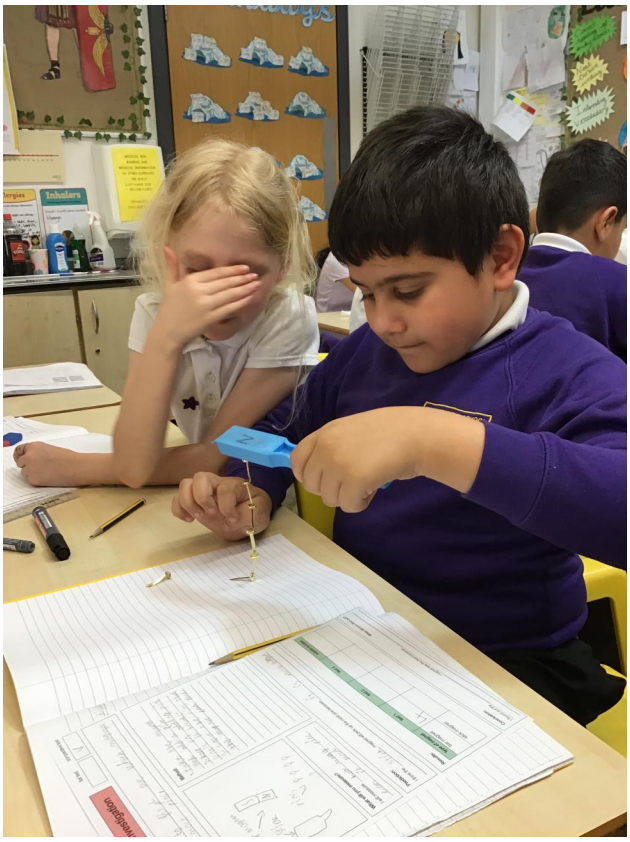


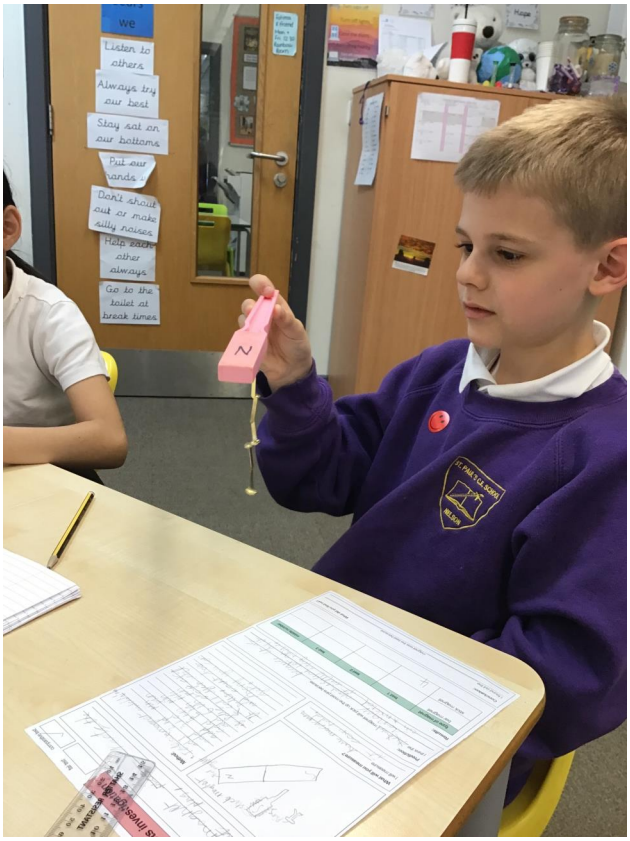


Polar Bears Science



Year 3 have had fun investigation which magnet is the strongest as part of their science learning. They planned and carried out their own investigation.




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Listen to others
Always try our best
Stay sat on our bottoms
Put our hands
Don't shout out or make silly noises
Help each other always
Go to the toilet at break times



Chess Club

Results are as follows:

Boys

Jacob vs Ismaeel (Jacob - checkmate)

Boys Semi-Final

Jacob vs Freddie (1 point start)

Referee Ismaeel

Girls Semi-Finals

Ravia vs Maleeha

Khadijah vs Emaan

Referee: Winner of Boys Final

Mr Marsden was playing Ravia in a friendly match. It was a draw 3 points all when Mr Marsden was called away POINTS SCORE.

2026 School Admissions



The deadline has now passed for families to select a preference for a Primary school for all children born between 1st September 2021 - 31st August 2022.

If you have not completed the online application, you MUST contact the Pupil Access team as soon as possible.

2026 Admissions - Parents Meeting @ 17:30pm - 19:00pm on Thursday 4th June 2026 (Main Reception)

All parents should have received New-Intake information via Admicity and set up their accounts. If any parents are struggling please come into the office and they can help.

Dates for the Diary



- **Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026 - Half Term (School Closed)**
- **Monday 1st June 2026 - Inset Day (School Closed)**
- Tuesday 2nd June 2026 - Thursday 4th June 2026 - Bikeability
- Thursday 4th June 2026 - New Intake Admissions 2026 - Parents Meeting 17:30 - 19:00 (Main Reception)
- Monday 8th June 2026 - Tuesday 9th June 2026 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- Tuesday 16th June 2026 - Year 5 - Leopards Pendle Hill Trip
- Wednesday 17th June 2026 - Year 5 - Jaguar Pendle Hill Trip
- Thursday 18th June 2026 - School Class Photos and Leavers Photos
- Friday 3rd July 2026 - Year 6 Transition Day - MHCC, Park, Sir John, Fisher-More
- Monday 6th July 2026 - Year 4 Trip to Brockholes
- Monday 6th July 2026 - EYFS Sports Day (Morning)

- Monday 6th July 2026 - Year 1 and 2 Sports Day (Afternoon)
- Wednesday 8th July 2026 - Year 1 Keighley and Worth Valley Railway Trip
- Thursday 9th July 2026 - Year 2 Blackpool Circus Trip
- Friday 10th July 2026 - Year 3 and 4 Sports Day (Morning)
- Friday 10th July 2026 - Year 5 and 6 Sports Day (Afternoon)
- Monday 13th July 2026 - Wednesday 15th July 2026 - Year 6 Anderton Centre Trip
- Friday 17th July 2026 - 9:30am-10:30am - Year 6 Leavers Service
- **Friday 17th July 2026 - Last day at school before Summer Holidays**
- **Monday 20th July 2026 - Inset Day (School Closed)**
- **Tuesday 1st September 2026 and Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - Inset Days (School Closed)**
- **Thursday 3rd September 2026 - Return to school**

Upcoming Family Fun Events (Please book on ParentPay to secure your place, as places are limited):

- **Thursday 2nd July 1.15pm-3.15pm - Summer crafts activity for parent and child**

St Paul's Church



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Kind Regards

Jo Roberts

Headteacher