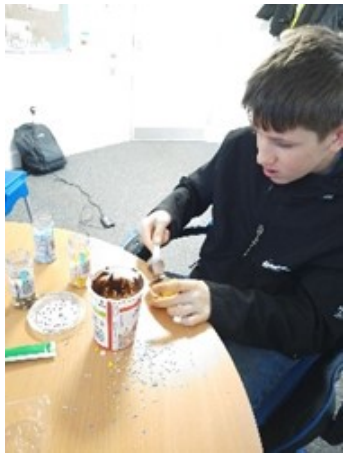
Newsletter

1 - 14 February 2025

A HUGE thank you to Paul, Lewis, Darrell and Nik from the Fire Brigade. Having completed our annual fire safety audit, you then met some of our pupils and gave them a taste of what it is like to be a firefighter. The pupils loved meeting you and getting your autographs too! You made such an great impression and who knows, maybe some of our pupils may aspire to join the emergency service.



Our pupils took part in their own act of service, by holding a fund-raising cake sale. Chocolate was the favourite flavour, and some of the cupcake decorations were truly beautiful. Pupils used their shop points and pocket money to buy cakes and team members and visitors also made purchases. Some of our pupils showed great business acumen, negotiating great prices for some of their products!

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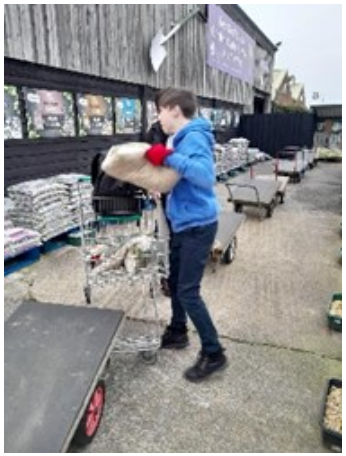
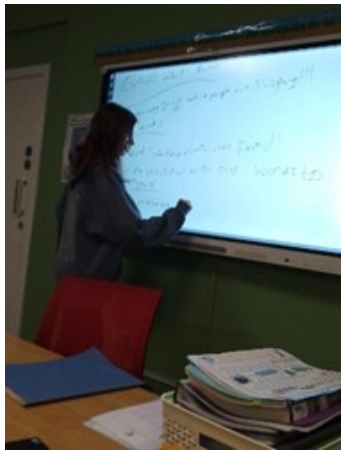
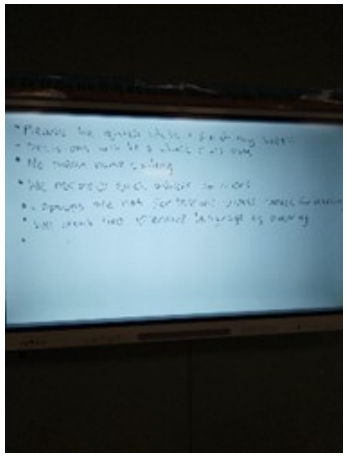
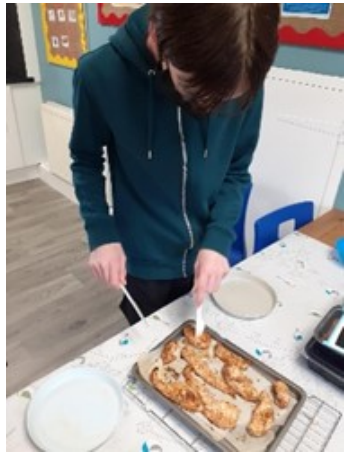






We continue to develop our outside learning space, with the help of our ranger Kai. We are also taking part in the Phoenix Gardening competition. We have the determination and grit to put in the hard-work needed to be winners—watch this space!

Developing citizenship skills is really important learning. Here our pupils are developing their own classroom rules, ensuring everyone's views are represented and respected. They have also made an anti-bullying display, as part of learning conversations about positive friendship, kindness, and respect



We aim to help our pupils discover and nurture their passions and their talents. Lexi is gifted in hoop and silks acrobatics. Kai thrives with creative activities, and Reuven loves cooking up a storm in the kitchen.

Little Clayhill Farm continues to provide rich learning opportunities for our pupils. Bobby has made this impressive bird box, alongside his other duties of feeding and cleaning for many of the livestock. Freddie loved his visit and got to meet so many different varieties of animal on his first day.

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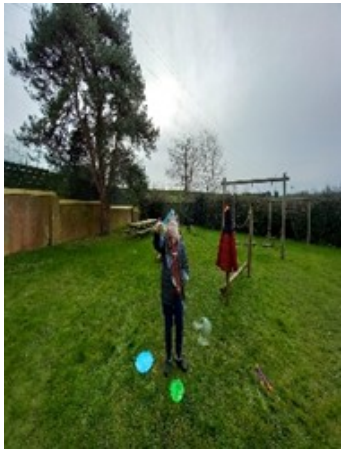
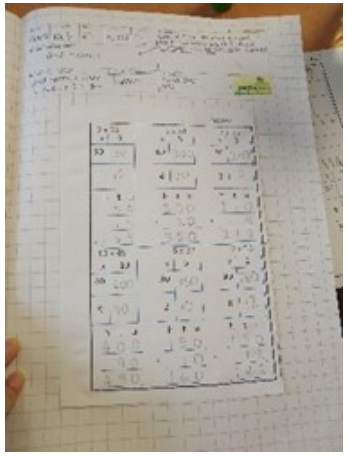
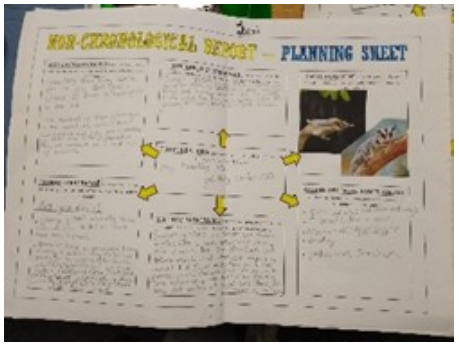
In science, we are learning about forces this term. In this experiment the pupils explored and learnt about upthrust, also known as buoyancy—the force experienced by an object when it is immersed, partly or fully, in a fluid. Interesting range of objects used in this experiment!

More science in action here—learning about water surface tension, and experimenting with different concentrations of solutions, to create the best/largest bubbles. As well as having a lot of fun! This also supports our Motional curriculum across the school!

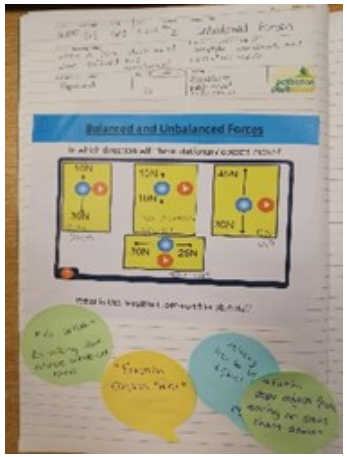


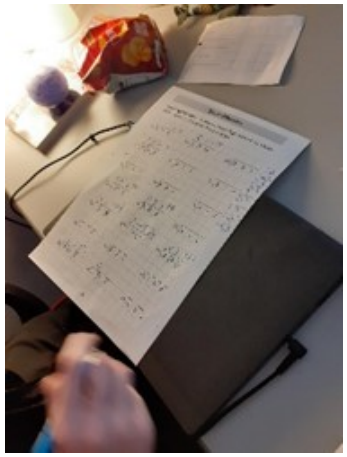




Some of our Wow! Work from our pupils showcasing our outstanding learning in English, Maths, and science.

We held our second careers workshop day recently. Here are Kian and Lexi exploring options for the future.

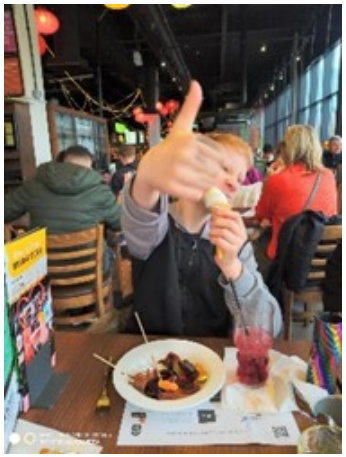




We've had a brilliant Spring Term3, and a fantastic start to 2025.

We agree with Tyler and give all our pupils and team members at Petherton a BIG thumbs up!

We wish you a happy half term holiday.



2024 2025 TERM DATES

Term	First Day	Last Day
Autumn Term 1	**04/09/24**	**23/10/24**
INSET DAYS Thursday 24 October & Friday 25 October **HALF TERM Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November**		
Autumn Term 2	**04/11/24**	**19/12/24** **12pm finish**
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Friday 20 December to Friday 3 January **INSET DAY Monday 6 January**		
Spring Term 3	**07/01/25**	**14/02/25**
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February		
Spring Term 4	**24/02/25**	**04/04/25** **12pm finish**
EASTER HOLIDAY Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April		
Summer Term 5	**22/04/2025**	**23/05/25**
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 5 May **HALF TERM Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May**		
Summer Term 6	**02/06/25**	**22/07/25** **12pm finish**

GOLDEN TIME TRIPS

10/01/2025	We the Curious, Bristol
17/01/2025	Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, Wraxall
24/01/2025	Montacute House, Montacute
31/01/2025	VR Escape Room, Taunton
07/02/2025	Beach Clean & RNLI visit
14/02/2025	Za Za Bazaar, Bristol
28/02/2025	To be decided
07/03/2025	National Trust Garden – Great British Bug Hunt!
14/03/2025	Bristol Museum, Bristol – Ancient Greeks study
03/04/2025	Hinkley Point, Cannington

MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Thank you to our incredible school community, it has been another successful term. Somerset County Council ame to visit us this week to audit our quality of education and blown away by the level of aspiration our pupils have across the school! More pupils have moved onto the GCSE pathway having achieved their functional skills exams - which is an incredible achievement. We celebrated our pupils successes at Za Za Bazaar today.

This week we celebrated Online Safety Week, for more information about how you can keep your child safe online please follow the link below Online Safety News Roundup | January 25

Reports have been posted, just look at how they have developed! If you would like to schedule a call with your class teacher please do let me know.

Have a wonderful half term and thank you for all of your support, Zoey.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

If you have any safeguarding concerns about ANY child (not just a child within our setting), please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):
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E: zshelley@phoenixschools.org.uk

Or alternatively, contact our Operations Director, responsible for Safeguarding Governance:
Darren Jackson
E: djackson@plcl.org.uk

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility