

2026 Newsletter

Welcome to the Community Action Week 2026 Newsletter! It's brilliant to see the creativity, kindness, equity and respect that have been so evident in all you have done during your CAW activities. Thank you for all your efforts - your work to support your communities has been amazing and makes us all feel so proud 😊

Woodland View

Primary This year Woodland View decided to do a whole school litter pick, in the community. We went out around the surrounding residential streets and a little further with the older children. We picked up lots of rubbish and helped clean up the area. We also painted lots of stones/rocks and placed them out in the community to help brighten and cheer up everyone's surroundings.



Sutton Road

Sutton Road Primary took part in a range of activities that brought children together with their local community while promoting care for others and the environment. Our EYFS children welcomed families to a Stay and Play session, Years 1 and 2 created bird feeders to support local wildlife, and several year groups took part in litter picking to help keep the local area clean. Year 5 pupils visited Baily House Care Home to help with gardening, while Year 6 enjoyed welcoming residents from Baily House into school to spend time together playing games and building intergenerational friendships.



Heage

As part of Community Action Week, we hosted a special tea party for elderly members of our local community. In preparation, every class created decorations for our school hall, including bunting, flowers and decorative jars, helping to make our school hall warm and welcoming. We then sent out invitations and were delighted to welcome almost 30 residents to join us.

Our Year 5 children proudly served tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches before spending time chatting with our guests. It was wonderful to see the children listening, sharing stories and building connections.

Other classes also visited to sing songs, read poems and share their writing. It was a truly special afternoon, celebrating kindness, community and the importance of bringing generations together.

A member of the local community said:

“I just wanted to say thank you for the Tea Party, my mother attended and she has just called me full of praise for the event and all the children. She loved all the effort that had gone into the event and was really impressed by the interactions and conversations with children from all classes across school. She was moved to tears by the whole thing! Such a lovely thing to do.”



South Wilford Endowed

During Community Action Week, children across the school made a positive difference in a variety of ways. EYFS pupils helped care for their local area by taking part in a litter pick around Wilford, while Year 1 created posters encouraging others to look after the environment. Year 2 spread kindness by delivering positive postcards to members of the community, and Year 3 planted sunflower seeds alongside messages of hope, which were shared through the local church. One recipient said the thoughtful gift had "made their day". Years 4 and 5 organised a sponsored fancy dress 5K, raising an impressive £442 for the Meadows Foodbank, and Year 5 also completed a separate sponsored 5K run to raise over £300 in support of Stonebridge City Farm.



Ravensdale Junior

As part of our community Action Week, we took part in a variety of activities to support both our local community and school environment. We hosted a special afternoon tea for members of our local community, where our guest enjoyed tea and cakes and spent time chatting and getting to know our year 6 children. Our school choir also performed a selection of songs, helping to create an enjoyable atmosphere for our visitors. In addition to this, pupils from different year groups took part in litter picking around the school grounds across the week. This helped to keep our school clean and tidy while encouraging everyone to take pride in their surroundings and environment.



Allenton

Our school came together to celebrate the importance of community and the people who support us every day. We began the week with a whole-school assembly focused on what it means to be part of a caring community and how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. The assembly encouraged pupils to think about the many individuals and organisations that help keep our local area safe, healthy and connected.

Throughout the week, each year group created thoughtful letters, cards and posters to thank members of our local community. Pupils wrote messages of appreciation to the church, fire station, police, local shops, the Salvation Army, healthcare workers, postal workers and the swimming pool staff. These were then delivered in person, giving children the opportunity to share their gratitude directly with those who support us. Community Action Week was a wonderful chance for pupils to show kindness, build connections and recognise the value of working together as a community.



Brierley Forest

We have completed a variety of activities for CAW and tried to include school community, wider family community and our local community. We started with a morning at our local care home, Stoneyford Care Home, where school council and CP did some general gardening work as well as planting flowers and composting. At school we had been growing sunflowers in school and took these along to plant with the residents, where they will have a competition to see whose grows the tallest over the summer. We also organised a reading circle for the residents.



At school we held First Aid workshops for the families, School council and CP led these sessions teaching the parents how to use the defib, administer CPR, how to use an Epi pen, stop a bleed and how to put someone in the recovery position. We created a leaflet for parents to take home. We also held a grandparent baking bread session, grandparents were invited into school to bake bread, this was led by Aspens catering company. This was a huge success and each grandparent and child baked their own bread. We then had a read and drink session with grandparents, where they got to read with a child whilst enjoying a refreshment before enjoying a school lunch of cottage pie followed by cornflake tart, designed by the school council and CP. On Friday, school council and CP enjoyed a walk to their local Asda store where they purchased extra school uniform for each class, this will be used for children that do not have the correct uniform on or have an accident at school. The children had raised the money by holding a preloved uniform sale in the spring.



Burford

During our Community Action Week, our KS1 children worked as a team to create a sustainable wild flower area at our Forest School. When it blooms, not only will it develop into an attractive site for the local community to enjoy but will hopefully provide a biodiverse habitat for a wide range of insects. Years 3 and 4 also worked together to make a tasty selection of freshly-baked biscuits and cakes for their cake sale. In total, they raised £102, which will be donated to the Salvation Army – a charity with historic links to Nottingham. In Upper Key Stage, 2, Year 6 utilised their design skills to create posters to remind motorists to slow down when driving past our school. The winning design will be printed onto a banner, which will then be displayed on the school fence near our school's main entrance.



Breadsall Hill Top

Treetops Hospice was at the heart of Breadsall Hilltop Primary's biggest and most successful Community Action Week yet. Following a powerful assembly about the charity's work, including a moving personal account from Samantha Blair about the bereavement support her family received, pupils, families and staff came together to raise funds and awareness. The week included a fantastic Cake Off competition and bake sale, which raised over £400, a fun-filled Parent Zumba session led by DJ Madeley, and a bright and bold non-uniform day that filled the school with colour and smiles. The enthusiasm and sense of community throughout the week were summed up perfectly by a Year 2 pupil who declared, "It has been the best week ever!" Together, the BHTP community raised an incredible £784 for Treetops Hospice, supporting families facing bereavement while creating lasting memories. CAW demonstrated the power of a school community working together for a great cause.



Abbey Hill

This year, our focus has been coming together around reading; we chose this as our focus because it is the National Year of Reading. Year 4 have led most of the main project which included a visit to our local library to learn more about the role of librarians and how libraries support communities. They have also collected donations of books from the local community, including: Ashfield District Council, Outwood school, the Community Café and the local Church. The children have sorted these books and are going to create mini bookshelves within the community to encourage reading where we live. Early years and Years 5 and 6 collaborated in reading sessions where our eldest children shared their love of reading with our youngest. Year 5 and 6 read stories to the early years as well as to KS1 in our weekly reading buddy sessions and KS1 invited parents in to read with their children in a stay-and-read session.

We successfully gained support from Transform Trust who came to school and revamped our reading garden. Our Y1 children then planted a range of beautiful plants for us to look after. Y3 helped the cause by tidying up the courtyard after the planting and making our reading nooks ready to use.



The school also took part in a reading poster competition to promote in our community – they will be displayed around Kirkby!



Zaytouna Primary have been collecting food and money for our local food bank 'The Mission' who also help the community with dept management and homelessness. We held a cake sale and raised £270.

We have also completed a whole school litter pick to help our school community.



Sneinton

For Community Action Week, we created a community poetry trail to spread kindness and celebrate the place where we live. After taking part in inspiring workshops with professional poets, every class wrote poems, many focusing on community, belonging and local places. We displayed them in venues across our neighbourhood, alongside a poster explaining that the poems are our gift to the community. The impact has already been wonderful, with families and local residents sending kind emails and messages to the school, and many positive comments being shared on local Facebook pages. We're proud that our words have brought joy, started conversations and shown how children can make a meaningful difference in their community.



Highbank

We did lots of different things for community action week. In year one we made post cards for the hospitals, police, firefighters and builders to say thank you. We really enjoyed drawing pictures and giving the post cards to them. In year 2 we made bracelets to sell and use the money to buy things for the homeless. In year 3 and 4 we went on a sponsored walk to Ruddington park for children in need. We enjoyed playing on the park with friends. In year 5 and 6 we went to local parks to put up posters and litter pick to help the community. We enjoyed having fun and finding places to hang the posters up.



King Edward

This week, our whole school came together for Community Action Week, a wonderful opportunity for pupils to show kindness, teamwork and pride in making a positive difference. Every year group took on a meaningful project, and the sense of purpose and enthusiasm across the school was fantastic.

Our youngest children in F1 created beautiful pictures for the care home, spreading joy to residents in our local community. F2 pupils rolled up their sleeves to help tidy and restore the forest area, making it a more inviting space for everyone to enjoy.

In Year 1, children worked hard painting signs for OPAL play, adding colour and creativity to our outdoor spaces. Year 2 showed great generosity by organising donations for the food bank, helping families in need.

Year 3 took on a big job, painting the grey huts on the sloped playground, brightening up an important play area. Year 4 demonstrated curiosity and care for nature by building a bug hotel, supporting wildlife on our school grounds.

Our Year 5 pupils continued the theme of giving by leading a collection for the food bank, showing real compassion and responsibility. Meanwhile, Year 6 used their leadership skills to write the OPAL Play Charter on the pallets, helping set expectations for play across the school.

Together, these projects showcased the values that make KEPS such a special community - kindness, teamwork, creativity and a shared commitment to making a difference.



Robert Shaw

The whole school completed a sponsored walk for the local charity Himmah and £416 was raised. In addition, our choir went to The Willows Day Service Adult Provision to sing for them.



Holgate

Team Holgate have enjoyed taking part in Community Action Week, making a positive difference both in school and across the local community.

The Nurture Provision created resources for Forest School displays, while Year 1 made bee-friendly planters and delivered them to local residents. Year 2 hosted a successful cake sale and donated the proceeds to a local cleft lip charity. Year 4 created thank-you cards for community helpers, and Year 5 joined the Hucknall Wombles for a community litter pick. Year 6 showed their appreciation for school staff by baking and distributing cupcakes. Unfortunately, the weather meant that some activities had to be postponed, but EYFS are looking forward to completing a school litter pick and Year 3 will be helping to clean St Mary's Church next week.

We were also delighted to welcome the Trust Central Team, who supported us with valuable grounds work around the school site.



Rosslyn Park

We campaigned for donations to our local food bank, at St. Margaret's Church in Aspley. This was a whole-school initiative, from Nursery to Year 6. Our school council members produced posters and spoke to their classes raising awareness of those within our community who are struggling with the cost of living and rely on food banks to get by. Throughout the week, each year group had a donation point and it was encouraging to see how much we received. Thanks to the generosity of the children, their families and staff members, Rosslyn Park collected trollies full of groceries which were delivered to St. Margaret's the following week and were gratefully received.





COMMUNITY ACTION WEEK

Monday 1st June - Friday 5th June
As part of our Community Action Week, we are organising a food bank collection.

Please send the donations before 5th June if you wish to contribute

Typical food parcels items include:

- Cereal
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned soup
- Tinned fruit/veg
- Baked beans



Please donate if you can. Together we CAN make a difference. Thank you 🙏



Pear Tree Junior

On the theme of community and supporting others, the children were delighted to learn they had raised an incredible £1,241.71 for Lifting Children's Hopes (LCH). LCH is an East Midlands charity which supports children and their families with school uniform and supplies, enriching experiences, visits and trips, as well as their mental health and wellbeing. Children raised the money by participating in a fun and obstacle-filled 'Colour Dash'; seeking sponsorship and making donations on the day of the race. The children were then introduced to their 'Community Action Week Bingo' mission – throughout June, they challenged themselves to carry out "small acts that can make a BIG difference."



Several of these tasks were suggested by the pupils. On Friday 5th June, parents & carers were invited into School to celebrate Eid-UI-Adha by joining their child's class to participate in Eid themed arts and crafts. There were wonderful creations from stained glass bookmarks to crescent moon and star mosaics, to woven prayer mats. During the afternoon, pupils from Year 5 & 6 held a bake, samosa and drink sale. The samosas were very popular - 250 were sold! Thanks to their effort, they raised £150 for the Pakistani Community Centre. We selected this charity because the Centre frequently hosts our whole school Assemblies and Events. Luckily for us as we can't fit all twelve classes into our School Hall! Year 6 pupils visited Douglas Court Care Home, spending time with the residents: playing games, enjoying craft activities, serving drinks and having a good old natter.



Ashbrook Junior

For Community Action Week, children at Ashbrook Junior School worked hard to improve the school grounds. The community were invited in to support the improvements taking place. All children and helpers got stuck in to remove the weeds and clear the area. Each class has now got their own planting bed where they will be able to grow a variety of different plants



William Booth

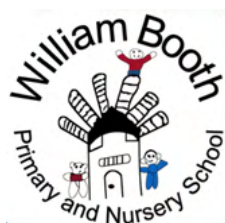
Our children worked hard to make a positive difference to our local community and wider school environment.

EYFS and Year 1 children made beautiful cards and flowers for the residents of a local care home.

Year 2 created an amazing piece of artwork to be displayed in the Community Café as a thank you for the delicious breakfasts they treat us to each half term.

Year 3 made 'positivity rocks' – painting pebbles with positive messages that were placed around our local area to bring a smile and raise residents' spirits when found.

Older year groups spent time working in the school garden, planting and weeding, as well as organising a litter pick to tidy the school grounds. Through this, they developed a strong sense of pride and learned the importance of working together to create a pleasant environment for the whole school community.



Whitegate

Pupils at Whitegate Primary and Nursery School took part in a wide range of activities to support and engage with the local community.

In Early Years, children focused on spreading positivity by creating postcards for local neighbours. Each child coloured a postcard, which included a simple message on the back wishing the recipient a nice day. In addition, representatives from Class 15 and Class 16 visited Clifton View Care Home to deliver kindness cards that had been thoughtfully created by children across both settings.



Year 1 pupils designed eye-catching posters encouraging people to pick up litter, which were then shared with local businesses to help promote community pride. Year 2 children created kindness cards for residents in local care homes, with these being personally delivered to Larkhill Care Home.

Year 3 pupils supported environmental awareness by decorating and assembling packets of wildflower seeds to give to neighbours at home, helping to promote Clifton as a bee-friendly area. Similarly, Year 4 pupils designed informative posters highlighting the importance of using bins correctly and the positive impact of recycling.

Year 5 pupils visited a local care home, where they spent time with residents taking part in arts and crafts activities, strengthening intergenerational connections. Meanwhile, Year 6 pupils made a significant environmental contribution by visiting the local flower park in Clifton, where they carried out a large-scale litter pick, collecting a total of 12 bags of rubbish.

Across the school, these activities demonstrated a strong commitment to community engagement, environmental responsibility and kindness, reflecting Whitegate's values in action.



Bagthorpe

As part of Community Action Week, pupils at Bagthorpe Primary School took part in a wide range of activities designed to give back to the local community and promote kindness, care and environmental responsibility. Across the day, children worked on projects such as creating "Positivity Rocks", making and sharing seed packages, building "Buzzy Bee Hotels", and delivering "Perfect Parcels" and "Special Deliveries" to spread joy. Older pupils also focused on "Leaving a Legacy" through gardening and environmental improvements in the school grounds and local areas, while younger children supported with "Helping Hands" activities, including visits to the local preschool.

The day culminated in a whole-school Colour Dash, bringing everyone together to celebrate their efforts. Throughout the event, pupils demonstrated teamwork, creativity and a strong sense of community spirit, making a positive impact both within school and across the wider Bagthorpe community.



Brocklewood

For our Community Action work, we have been taking part in the Bilborough Arts Festival. This is a community arts festival that happens in our local area. This brings together local schools, artists and community groups to celebrate the local community through creativity. The theme for this year is nature.



Some of our projects are:

FOUNDATION - Salt dough ornaments using natural resources from forest school.

YEAR 1-Making flowers out of natural resources from our forest school.

YEAR 2 -Collaging flowers.

YEAR 3 -Creating 3d plants and flowers

YEAR 5 - Pictures/art study with a piece of nature



Lawn

We did a variety of projects with charities and organisations from our local community, with the biggest being our partnership with Derby County Community Trust to fundraise for River Joy School in Kenya, where their teams have been working to improve the school's facilities. We held a school-wide football tournament, a design a t-shirt competition (and if you entered there was a chance that you would get your design on a t-shirt) and then had prizes for both presented by Derby County. Overall, we raised £767.44 and also donated over 100 pairs of school shoes that the volunteers took out to Kenya for the children of River Joy. Also, during the week Year 9 Language Leaders from Woodlands (our local secondary school) came in to teach Spanish and German to all our Year 2-Year 6s.

Some classes took part in 'balsam bashing' with The Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (where they pulled up the invasive Himalayan balsam plants- this is now an annual event for us! A group of children learnt maypole dancing with Folk3D and performed in Derby Market Halls part of the Derby 50:50 celebrations of 50 years of Derby being a city and also 50 years of being twinned with Osnabrück in Germany. At Lawn we link with the Franz-Hecke Schule in Osnabrück, who created a special assembly for us on the maypole dancing traditions that they also share. It was a busy and fun week of linking with our community partners!



Parkdale

The children of Parkdale have been busy collecting boxes of cereal, talking about the importance of breakfast to children and adults alike and how some children (and adults) don't get that privilege. The 191 boxes that our school community have collected and brought into school were set up to create a domino rally and after a couple of false starts were successfully knocked over!

The cereals will now be donated to Hope foodbank and a couple of other smaller local charities that our School Council have nominated so that our wider, local community can benefit from a good start to the day!



Bulwell St. Mary's

In EYFS, we have been learning about how to care for God's creation. We have linked this into our community action week by making bird feeding balls to put up around the school to help the local wildlife. We have mixed bird seed and mealworms with vegetable fat and then pressed them together around a string so we can hang them in the trees. We are looking forward to going out and watching to see if our feeders are being used.

As part of Community Action Week, Year 1 and Year 2 visited Bulwell St Mary's Church to support Father Andrew and Rev Bob with caring for the church. The children eagerly got to work, helping to dust and tidy the building, while a small group planted wildflower seeds in the church grounds to create something beautiful for visitors to enjoy.



In KS2, we've had lots of brilliant activities working for the benefit of our school community and beyond. Linked to their topic on animal habitats, one of our classes has been busily constructing bug hotels to provide vital nesting and hibernation habitats for beneficial insects. Also, within our school grounds, another class have dedicated their time to litter picking after break times to help improve the appearance of our school playground. As well as this, some children have made junk model creations out of recycled materials, which will be displayed in our local Tesco store. In Upper Key Stage 2, the children showed an awareness of issues in our local area and so decided to create some posters for display around the school perimeter fence asking the local community to dispose of their litter and dog waste appropriately. In addition, this class have a community litter-pick and workshop about how it will benefit the city more widely, arranged in conjunction with the Cleansing and Waste Services at Nottingham City Council.

Edale Rise

We did a colour run and raised £969.22p for Lifting Children's Hopes, a local charity which has supported families in our community - we had a great time!



Cantrell

Our pupils took part in a wide range of activities that strengthened community connections, promoted kindness and encouraged pride in their environment. Children raised money for the local food bank through a sponsored scooter wash, organised a community book hide, created a kindness rock garden, planted flowers and sunflowers, tidied and improved school grounds, wrote thoughtful letters to members of the community and delivered sunflowers to local residents. The school also worked in partnership with the Bulwell Academy Community Hub, demonstrating how small acts of kindness and teamwork can make a meaningful difference to the local community.



Trust Central

This year, colleagues from Transform central team worked together to complete projects at four Trust schools ☺

Abbey Hill - We painted and cleared raised flowerbeds and replanted them



Burford - We cleared parts of the forest school area that had become overgrown – we met lots of frogs and spiders too!



Holgate

We planted 300 saplings and repainted the EYFS playhouse.

King Edward - We cleared the turf from part of the field so that children can dig there during their OPAL lunchtimes.



We all loved being in schools working on the projects they identified. It was great to work together and connect with colleagues and children – thanks for having us!