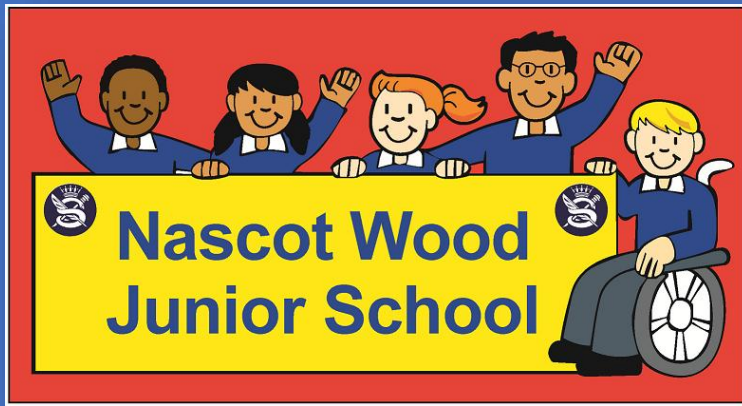




UPDATE FOR PARENTS

Friday 25th
September
2026

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Thought for the week...



‘The art of life is not controlling what happens to us, but using what happens to us’

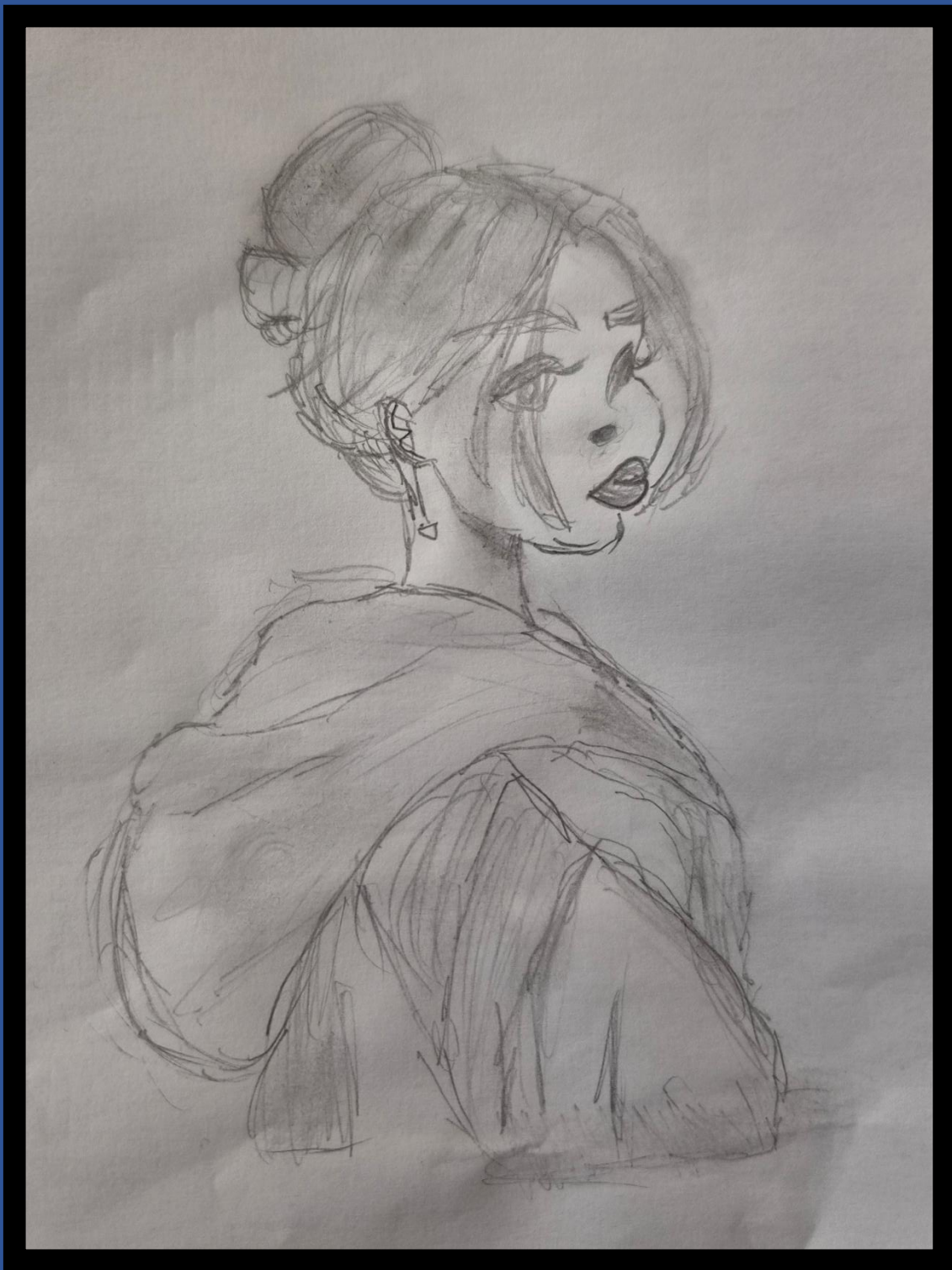
Gloria Steinem (1934-September 2026)

Art of the week



Annabel, year 6 Rowan

Art of the week



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Art of the Week



*Don't feel glum, Plum
Don't feel beaten.
You were made
To be eaten.
But don't you know
That deep within,
Beneath your juicy and flimsy skin,
You bear a mystery
You hold the key
You have the making of
A whole new tree.*

Submitted by Abubakar, Year 5 Beech

Art of the Week



Pulastya, year 3 Holly

Art of the Week



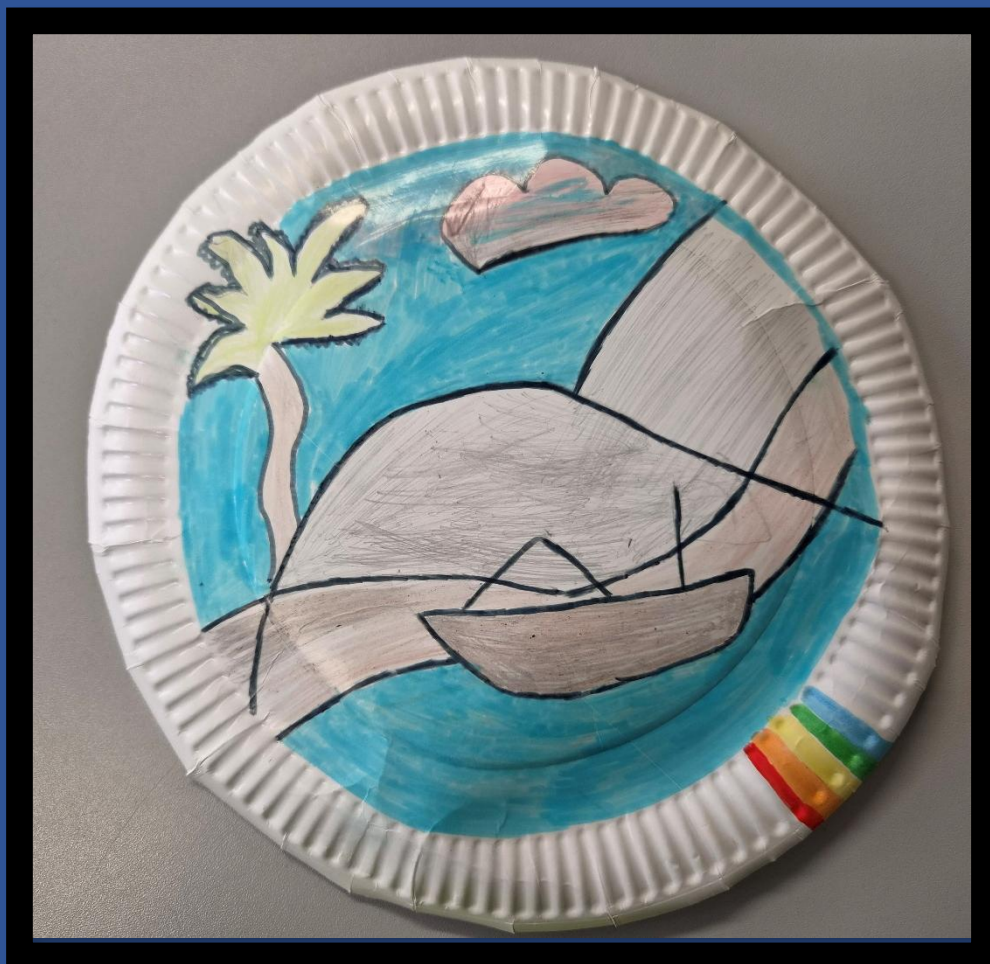
Elandra, year 3 Holly

Art of the Week



Elandra, year 3 Holly

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Eva, year 3 Holly

Art of the Week



Aaryan, year 3 Oak

Art of the Week



Jonas, year 3 Oak

Congratulations...

We are very proud of Ruby, who plays football for Chelsea's pre-academy. This is a foundational grassroots player pathway and development programme, designed to scout and train talented children.



I am pleased to share Ruby's official new photos for Chelsea.

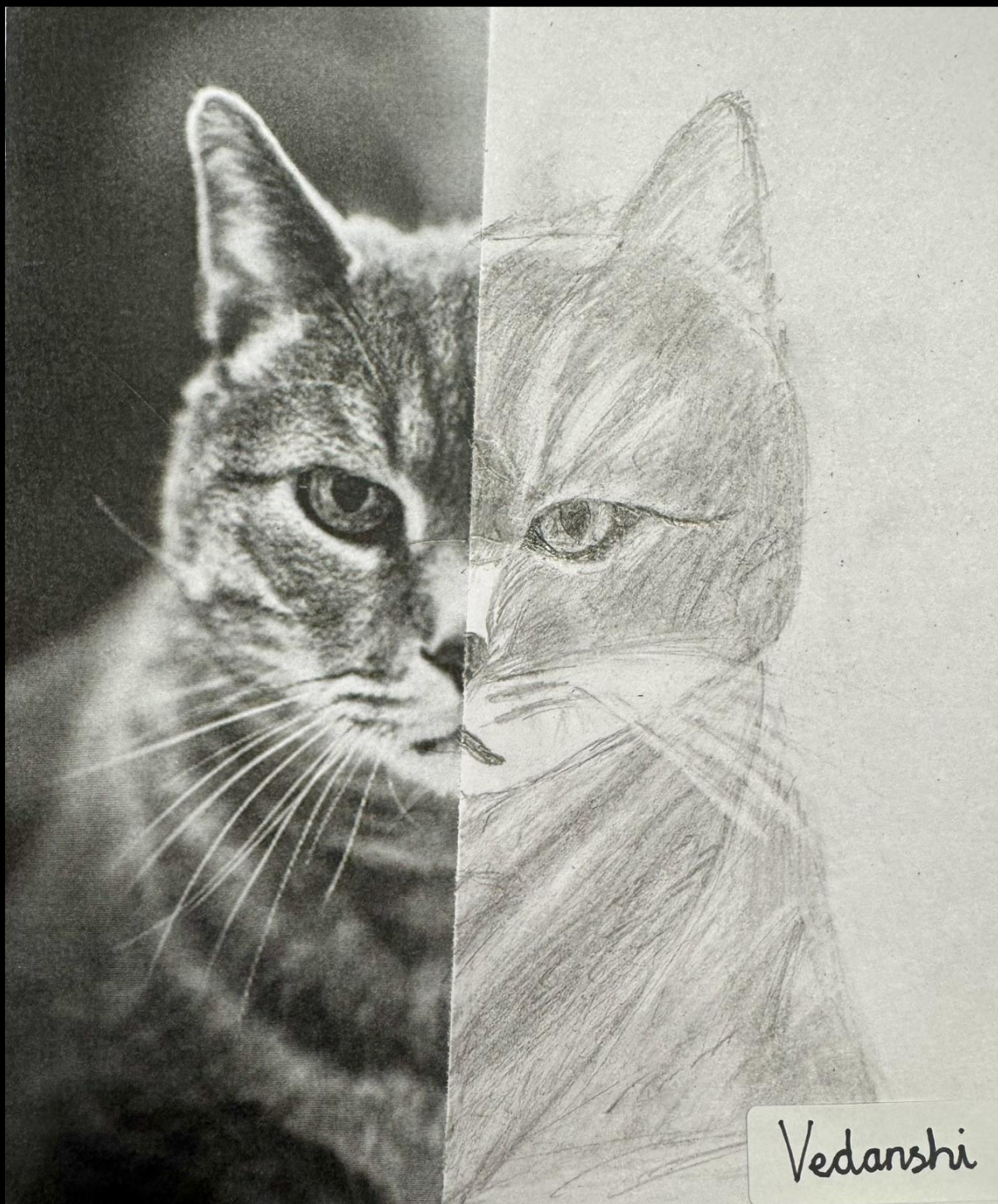
Year 5 Monochromatic art

As part of their Art unit on Monochromatic styles of art, Year 5 have been exploring symmetry, texture and detail through observational drawing. They carefully completed the missing half of an animal's face, paying close attention to the direction and texture of the fur, the shape of the features and the small details that make each animal unique. The children chose a realistic style and produced some very impressive detailed and lifelike drawings.



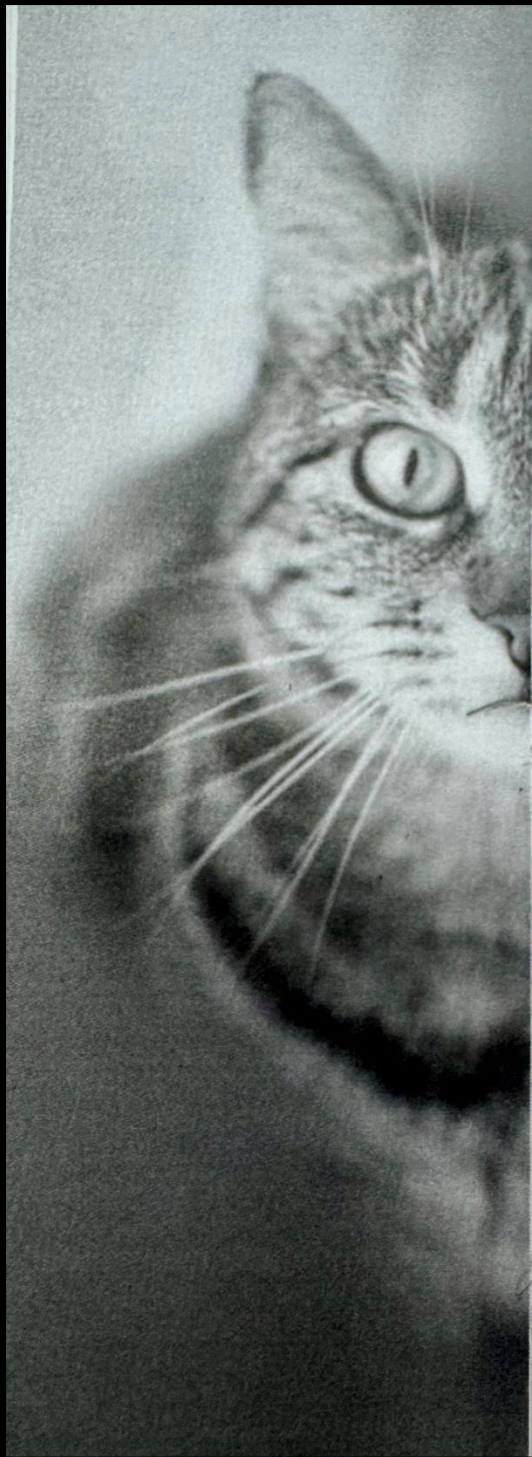


Isla



Vedanshi





Sonny





Chloe



Sophie



Amara



Hannah

Autumn Term Events 2026

Day	Date	Year	Event	Time
Monday	28/09/26	Whole School	Flu Vaccination	8:30am – 12pm
Wednesday	21/10/26	Year 5	Life in Saxon Britain Day	9am – 3pm
Friday	16/10/26	Year 4	Ark Farm visit – In school	
Friday	23/10/26	Year 4	Life in Ancient Greece Day	9am – 3pm
Mon – Fri	26– 30 Oct	Whole School	Half Term	
Monday	02/11/26	Whole School	Inset Day	
Thursday	5/11/26	Year 3	Chiltern Open air Museum	Whole day
Tuesday	10/11/26	Whole School	Flu Vaccination – catch up	1pm – 3pm
Tuesday	17/11/26	Whole School	Parents Evening	3:45pm – 7pm
Thursday	19/11/26	Whole School	Parents Evening	3:45pm – 7pm
Wednesday	25/11/26	Year 5	St. Albans Cathedral	9am – 3pm
Wednesday	09/12/26	Whole School	Christmas Dinners	12pm – 1:30pm
TBC	TBC	Whole School	Carol Service	
Wednesday	16/12/26	Whole School	Pantomime	10am
Thursday	17/12/26	Finalists	Singer of the Year – Final	
Friday	18/12/26	Whole School	Last Day of Autumn Term	12 noon

Focus on Attendance

Attendance and punctuality report
Week beginning: 14th September 2026

<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	98.06%	3
3 Oak	99%	3
4 Juniper	98%	4
4 Willow	98%	2
5 Beech	96.33%	7
5 Elm	96.33%	3
6 Poplar	89%	6
6 Rowan	91.67%	5

Congratulations to year 3 Oak class on their near-perfect attendance percentage!

It is pleasing to see that 4 classes have met or exceeded our target percentage.



Our target is 97% attendance each week!

Stars of the week

Friday 18th September



Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Hector	For your noticeable effort during all lessons. It is really pleasing to see you making a conscious effort to stay focused and engaged. The work you are producing is of high quality and so please keep this up
3 Oak	Eva	For a new found confidence and self-belief. Well done, Eva. Your growing independence has resulted in greater quantity and quality of work and I can see you are becoming proud of yourself (as you should be). I look forward to seeing what else you can achieve throughout your time in year 3.
4 Juniper	Gagan	For writing a fantastically detailed and descriptive narrative based on Arthur and the Golden Rope.
4 Willow	Khanak	For fantastic work ordering difficult numbers in our maths lesson. You really persevered, and absolutely nailed it. I really admire your tenacity and positive, hard working attitude.
5 Beech	Noura	For her fantastic Sutton Hoo work in History. Noura's detailed helmet drawing and thoughtful explanation showed a great understanding of what the discovery has taught us. I particularly loved your use of the word 'sophisticated' to describe the Saxons. What a fantastic historical observation!
5 Elm	Matthew	For his fantastic work in English, making great vocabulary choices and writing fluently and neatly. He takes pride in the way his work is presented neatly and clearly, and you can tell the effort he puts in from the quality of his end results. Well done.
6 Poplar	Jaazebah	For her confidence and enthusiasm in French. This week Jaazebah recited French phrases fluently, using an authentic French accent. Tres bien, Jaazebah!
6 Rowan	Devansh D	For some excellent English work using relative clauses to modify nouns and add detail and interest to sentences.