

New Beginnings



Nethergate Newsletter

Spring Term 2026

Dear Families and Friends,

I am sure you will agree with me that it is nice to finally begin to have longer days and some sunshine!

Our children have been enjoying lots of time outside playing and visiting lots of places to support the curriculum, including The National Space Centre, local parks, Wollaton Hall, the Snowdome at Tamworth, Working Man's Kitchen in Sneinton Market (definitely worth a visit if you like pizza-based products), to name but a few. We are looking forward to many more exciting trips and visits next term, including residential trips for some children.

A very exciting development is planned for the summer term-our very own on-site swimming pool! Our playground will become a heated, indoor swimming pool for the whole term. We are hoping that all of our children will be able to swim in the summer term. Those who would have difficulty accessing our on-site pool (ladder access) will be able to go to Clifton Leisure Centre. We are looking forward immensely to a summer of swimming!

It has been very exciting this term to see the old Clifton Youth Centre on Green Lane being transformed into our new sixth form centre. It will be opening in September and 32 students will be moving in. We are hoping, in time, that it will become a centre that is used by the community as well as our students.

I hope you enjoy reading about some of the things our classes have enjoyed this term in this newsletter.

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We are building relationships with







each other and learning how to share.









We made a bus and painted it!

OAK CLASS







We enjoy our daily sensory






story and shared reading.












We are enhancing our communication skills and regulation through TAC PAC.














 Birch class have been exploring light, dark and how







 shadows are created by shining light onto objects.





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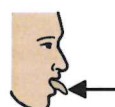
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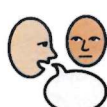


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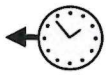


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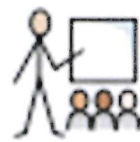


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IRONS CLASS



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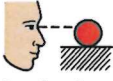




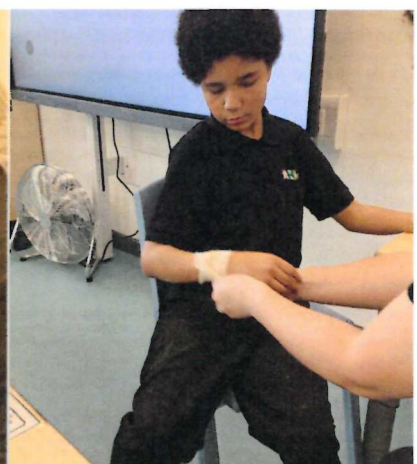
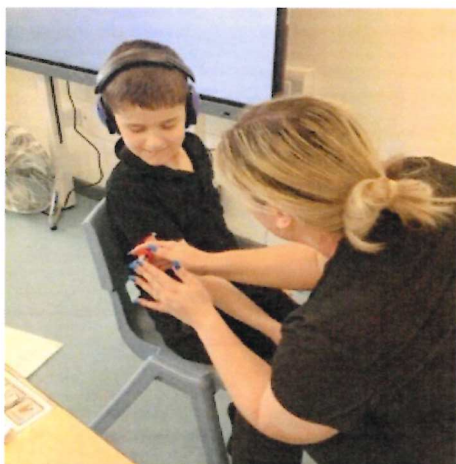
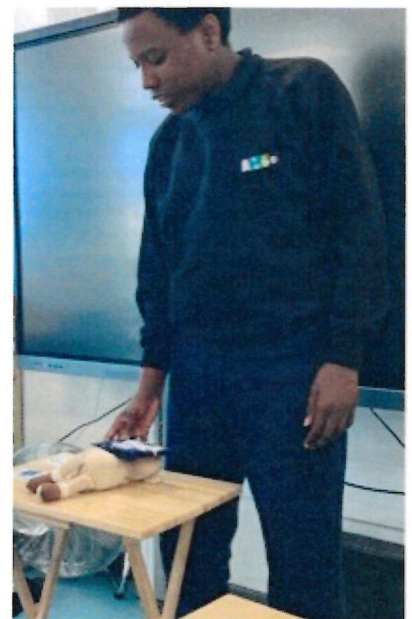
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KS3 Kanneh-Mason









In maths, we have been exploring money and










counting our coins to pay for our chosen snack.











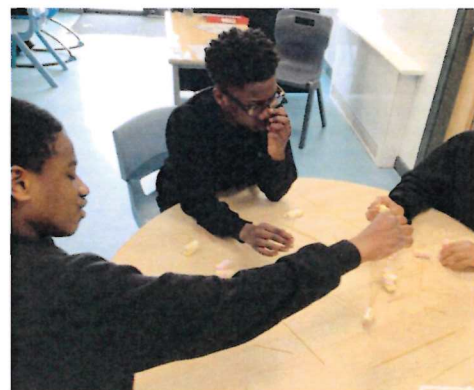

In careers, we worked as a team to create the








tallest tower using spaghetti and marshmallows.



Watts

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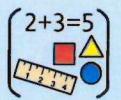
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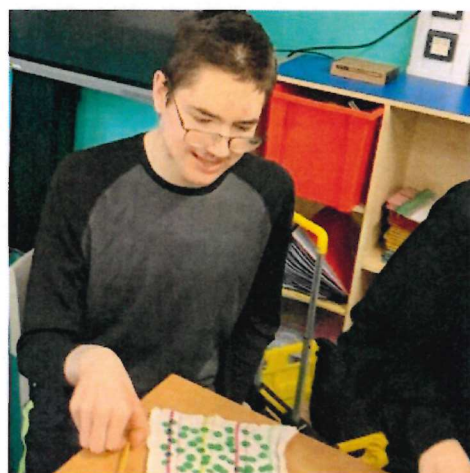
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 the National Space Centre!



Enrichment: Textiles

Boro: Exploring Surface Pattern



This term, Key Stage 4 and 5 pupils have explored surface pattern in Textiles, inspired by the Japanese mending tradition of Boro. Through tie-dye, block printing, weaving, and using a vintage hand-cranked sewing machine, they developed hand-eye coordination and practical pattern-making skills. The project also supported our school drivers by encouraging wellbeing through creative activity, promoting communication during shared tasks, building independence, and reinforcing safe use of tools and materials. Sara said, "I love Textiles!" Brianne said, "My new favourite thing is a sewing machine!" Marshall said, "I really enjoyed weaving!"

Food and Life-Skills:

Making mini-frittata



A group of pupils from Adlington class made mini-frittata. They worked with simple ingredients and followed clear steps, helping to build their independence as they prepared enough for friends and also to take some home. Staff supported safety throughout, guiding the children in using utensils and working hygienically. The session also offered opportunities for communication, with the children responding to each ingredient and discussing healthy choices and talking through the process together. This session supported wellbeing by making something tasty and full of protein, offering everyone a sense of confidence in what they could achieve.

Physical Education

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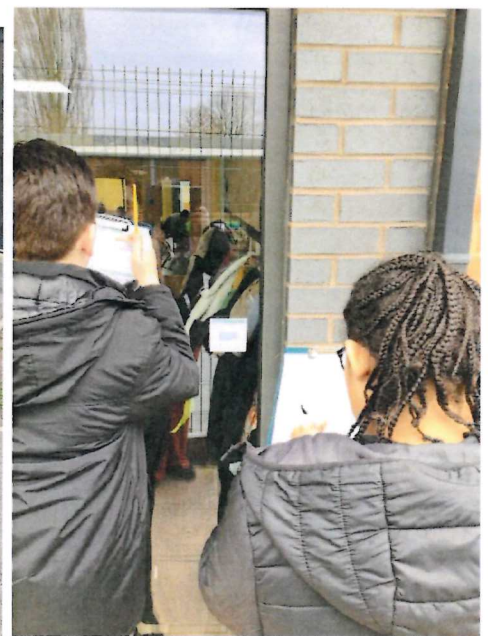


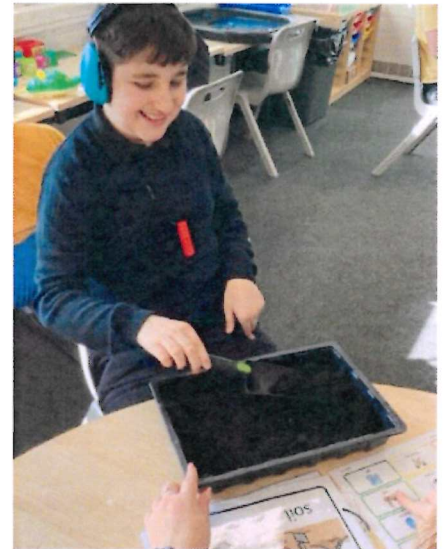
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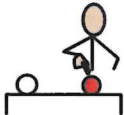
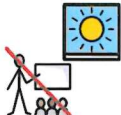
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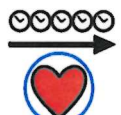


In PE we've been working as a team in OAA, discussing how to get from Island A to island B without being swept away by the current! Then we went on a symbol hunt to make a key for a map.





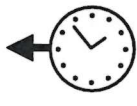
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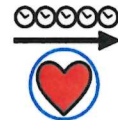
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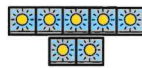
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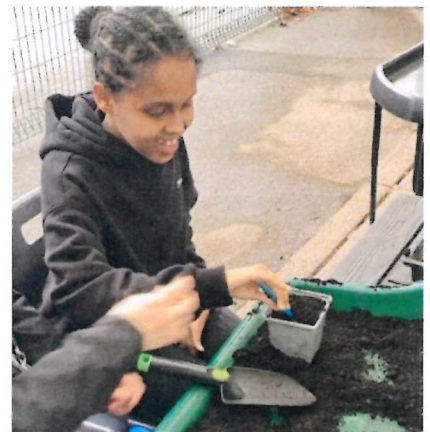
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horticulture lessons.



Adlington's class trip to the Cinema

Adlington class have enjoyed a morning out to the Cinema this term to go and see "Babe".

Some students from Adlington have also been horse-riding this term and have massively grown in confidence riding their horses.



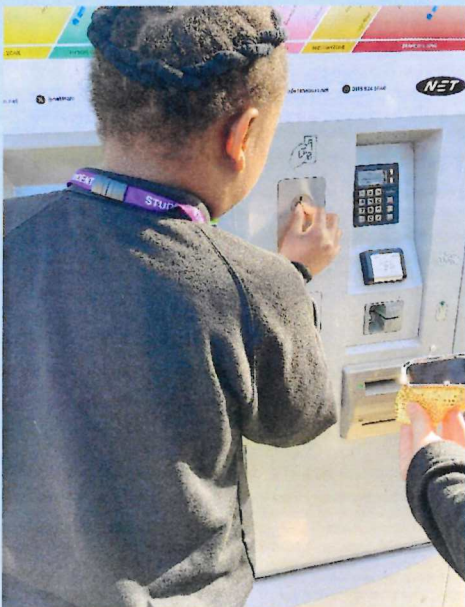
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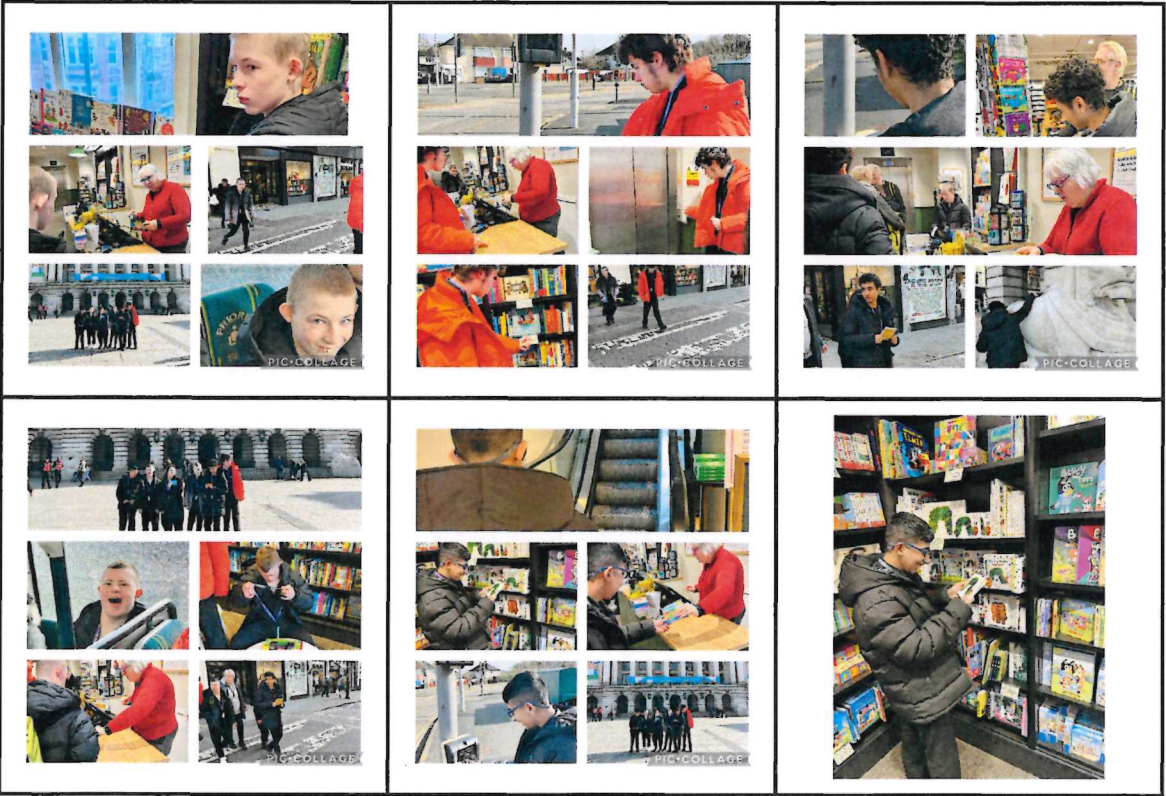
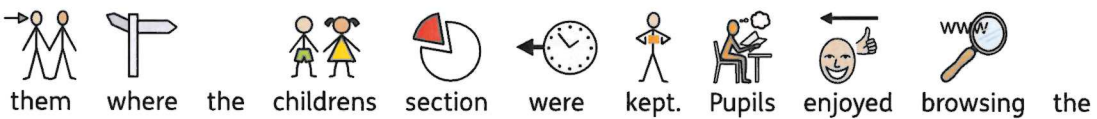
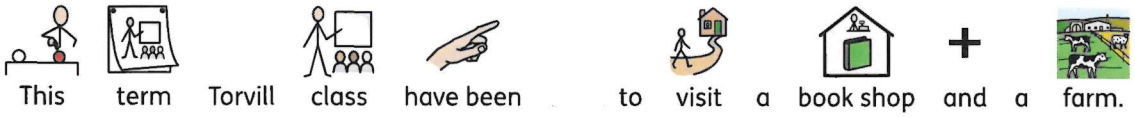
 In  My  Independence  we  have been learning about  modes of transport. We 

 role played  getting on a bus,  practicing the key  skills  queuing,  paying for a  ticket, and

 presenting our  ticket to a  ticket  inspector. We  then went on a  tram  journey in

 the community to use these  skills in a  real  world  setting.





 Later  in  the term,  Torvill Class  visited  a nearby  farm,  where  they

 learned  about  lots of  different  sheep.  They  learned  how  farmers  care for

 animals.  They  each  took  it  in  turns  to  feed  the sheep,  give  them

 some  water  to drink  and  some  hay.  The pupils  showed  great  curiosity.  The

 farmers  were  impressed  by  their enthusiasm  and  knowledge.



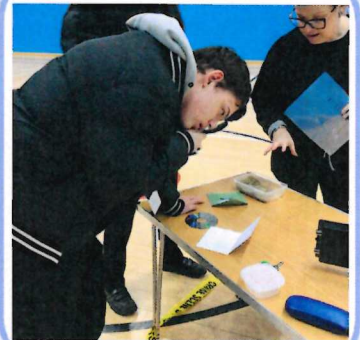
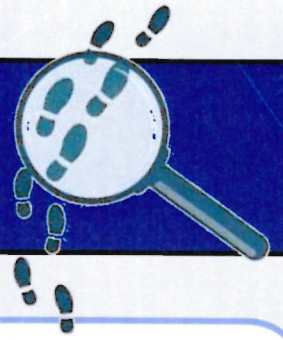
Clough Class



We took part in a wide range of hands-on learning experiences to explore, discover and understand the world around them.



Science Fair



This term Buttress Class attended a science fair in Nottingham.

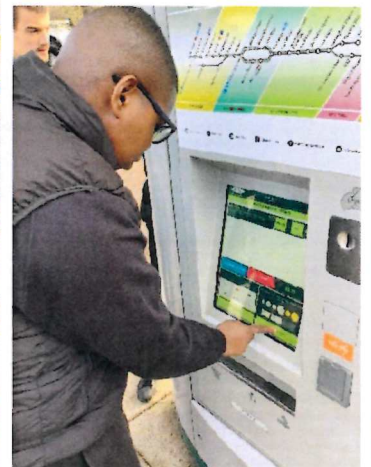
They learned about forensic science and used their knowledge to solve a crime.

Working in teams they examined clues, matched footprints, fingerprints and DNA profiles. All four teams discovered who the thief was. According to the teacher, this was the first time a school had been able to do this.

Well done Buttress Class!

KS4 Bains

In Bains class this term we have been on quite a few trips into the community. We went to Waterstones on the tram, to Working Man's Kitchen for delicious pizza, to the garden centre and a science fair at Woodland's Academy. We have also practiced working and collaborating with others in lessons by participating in group/pair tasks and made healthy food in our My Health lessons.





The Plane Tree



Tristen— It is really an enjoyable experience . My favourite part is serving customers

Kale— I have enjoyed learning how to use the till.

Kacper—I enjoyed making things

Blake— It was exciting

Some of our Sixth Form students have been spending time at The Plane Tree this term, where they've continued to develop a wide range of employability skills. As part of their placement, they've been interacting confidently with customers, handling money responsibly, and helping to keep the shop organised and welcoming. They've also been practising how to follow instructions carefully, manage tasks independently, and work collaboratively as part of a team. This experience is helping them grow in confidence, develop their communication skills, and gain a clearer understanding of what it's like to work in a retail environment.

KS5

Key stage 5



Making



pizza



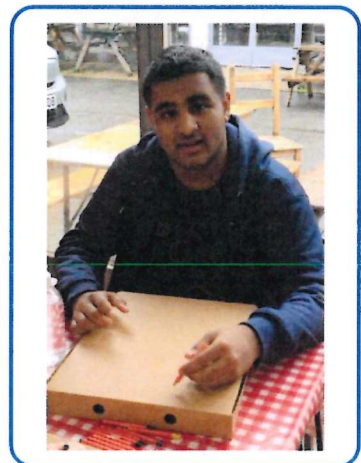
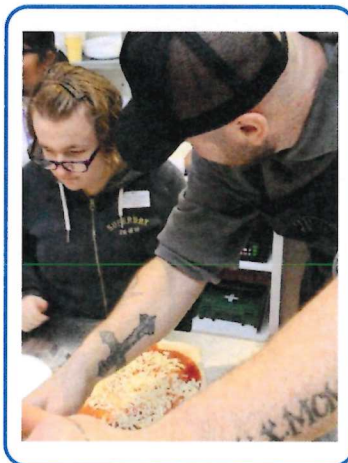
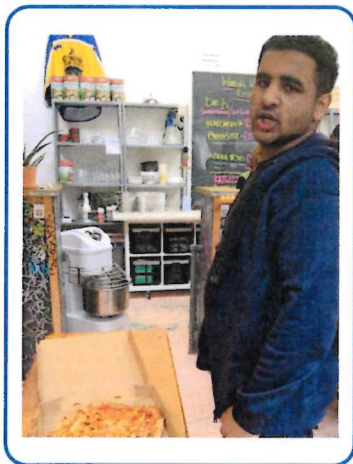
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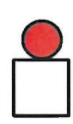


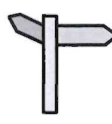
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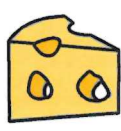
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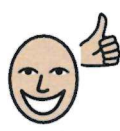
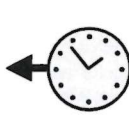


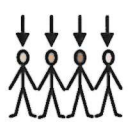
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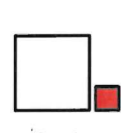
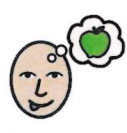
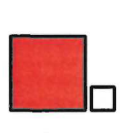
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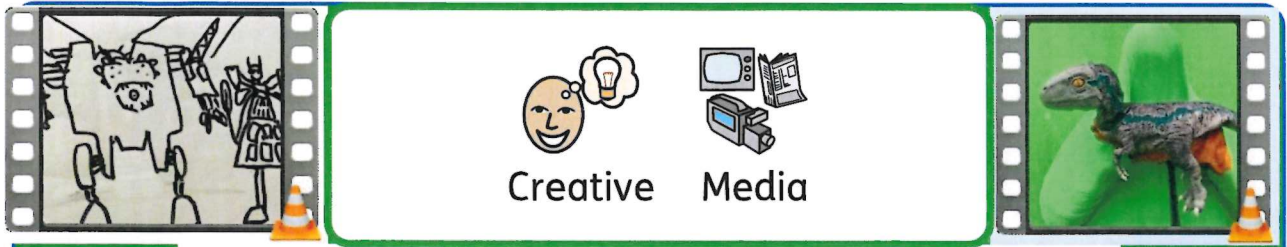
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+ KS4 and KS5 students have been doing animation.



We used Scratch JR on ipads to make animated bird cartoons.



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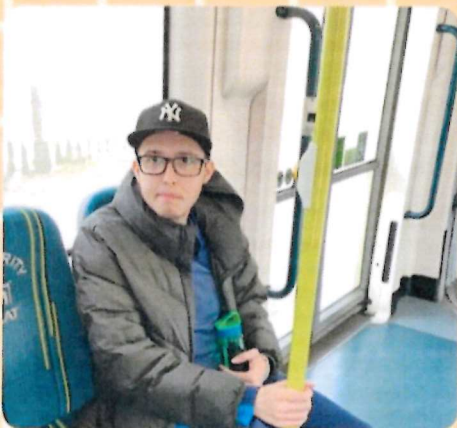
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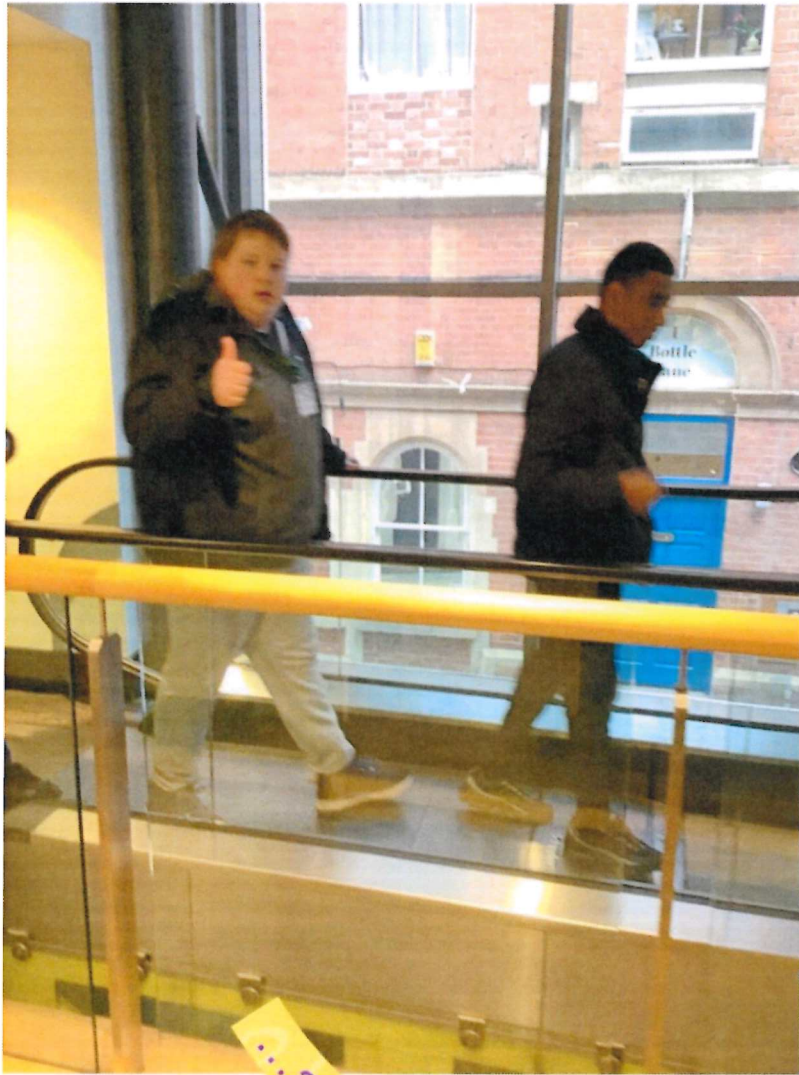
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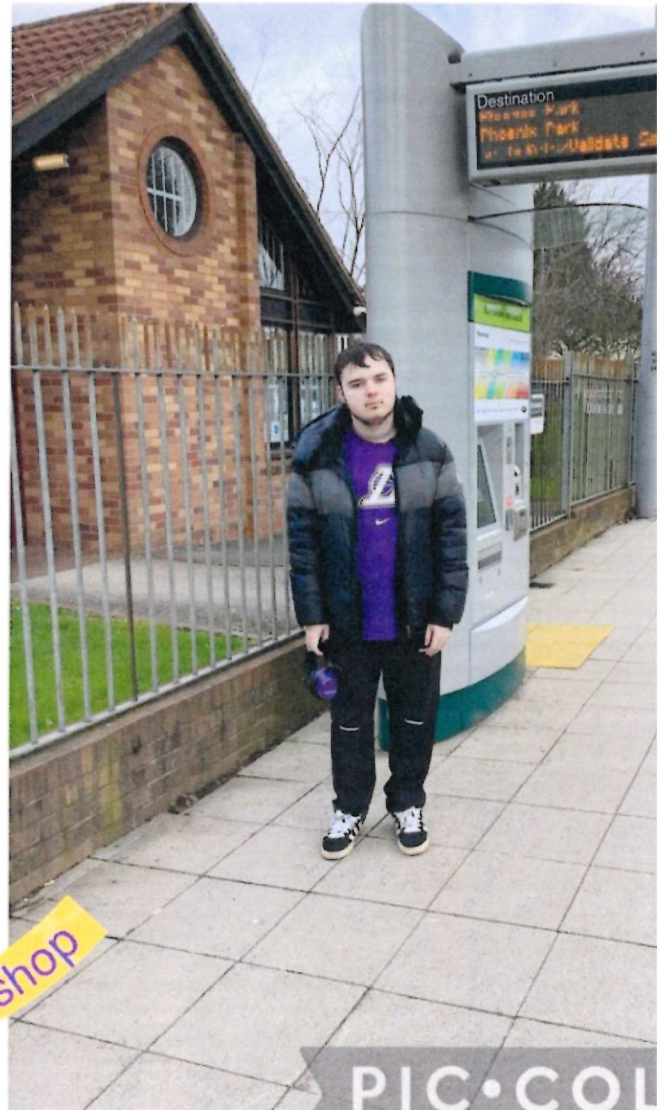


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Students enjoyed the experience of travelling on the tram



...and looking around the bookshop



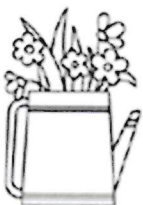
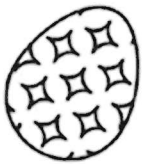
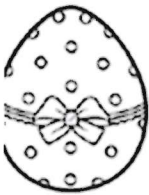
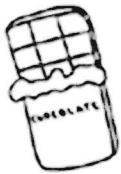
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