

Valence News



A Proud Moment for Our School Community

This week, we welcomed inspectors into our residential provision for our latest social care inspection. The visit began on Tuesday morning and involved a thorough and detailed exploration of our work, our practice and—most importantly—the lived experiences of our students.

I am absolutely delighted to share with you that the inspection went incredibly well. We are so proud of the result and of the way our provision was reflected throughout the process. As always, our students shone. They demonstrated their confidence, warmth, individuality and the tremendous progress they make every day. They are, without question, the very best ambassadors for our school.

Inspectors took time to speak with students, staff and leaders, and to look closely at the developments we have made over the past year. It was an opportunity to showcase not just what we do, but how and why we do it. The feedback recognised the nurturing environment we work so hard to create—one that enables every young person to feel safe, valued and able to grow. As Principal, I could not be prouder of our staff team. Their dedication, professionalism and unwavering commitment to our students are what make our residential provision so special. This success is built upon strong and determined leadership, and I would like to recognise in particular the exceptional leadership of Lisa Kavanagh and Jo Chivers. Their tireless commitment, alongside our highly dedicated residential team, ensures that our provision continues to thrive and evolve.

While we must wait for the final written report before formally communicating the outcome, I wanted you to know how exceptionally well the inspection has gone and how proud we are of the result. Once the report is published, we look forward to sharing the official outcome and grading with you in full and celebrating this achievement together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued trust and support.

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News from Fox Class

Last term, Fox class were very busy learning about winter by exploring artificial snow, looking at images of winter, making snowman pictures and singing winter themed songs. When it snowed, we loved going outside to try and catch the snowflakes!

We have also been enjoying our Superheroes topic, and we have listened to stories such as 'Supertato', 'Ten Little Superheroes' and 'My Mum is a Superhero'. We thought about our own superpowers such as kindness, curiosity, resilience, bravery and thoughtfulness.

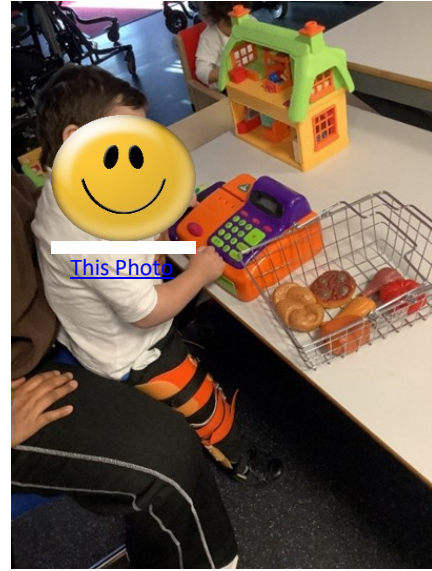
Fox class loved joining in with activities linked to children's mental health week with other Primary students. These included making cress heads and feelings monsters, as well as sensory play and collaborative artwork. We worked together to make a beautiful collage which is now adding some colour to our shared area in Primary Square.



We have been working hard on our individual targets, and we have all made impressive progress. Well done Fox class!



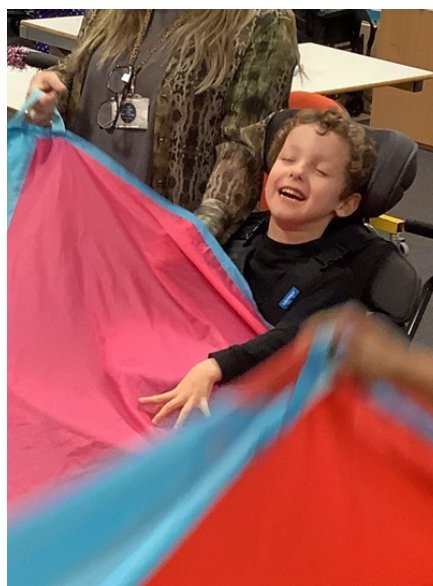
Mark making in foam and 'rescuing' small world people



Developing fine and gross motor skills through play



Having fun in the sensory room



Exploring sensory toys and having fun during a parachute game.

Senior Staff On-call Rota from 27th February 2026

Matt Strange **07894 483673**
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Jo Chivers **07896 905095**

Date	Day	Time	DSL	DSL
27/02/2026	Friday	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
02/03/2026	Monday	07:30 To midday	Matt Strange	
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
03/03/2026	Tuesday	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
04/03/2026	Wednesday	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
05/03/2026	Thursday	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
06/03/2026	Friday	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	

February Winners

- 1st— K Rogers
- 2nd—J Chladek
- 3rd— M Pantry

