



We are excited to share with you all the amazing events and activities that took place in the year 2023-2024. From theatre shows and residential to day trips and film projects, our children and young people had a blast participating in a wide range of enriching experiences. In this newsletter, you'll find highlights of our events, as well as some of the views of our children and young people after the events. We hope you enjoy reading about our adventures and look forward to sharing more with you in the future.

# Theatre Trips

Our theatre trips provide our children and young people with the opportunity to experience the magic of live performances. We offer a range of theatre trips, including visits to London's West End to watch world-famous shows such as Matilda the Musical, as well as local performances such as Paddington in Concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall. These trips are designed to provide our children with enriching cultural experiences and broaden their horizons

**Matilda**  
During the Christmas festive season, we visited London's world-famous Cambridge Theatre in London West End to watch Matilda the Musical



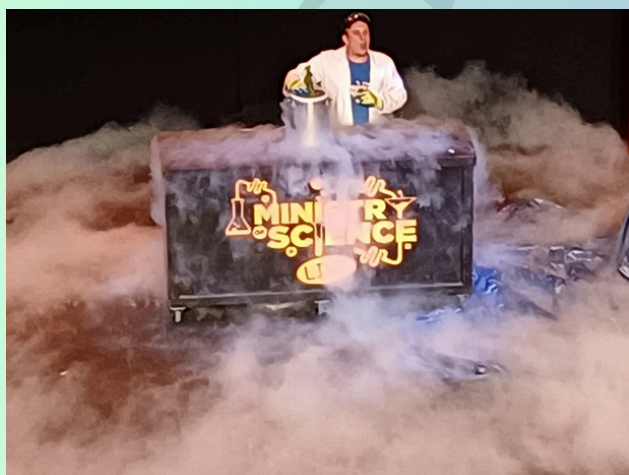
**Paddington in Concert**  
Children experienced 'Paddington in Concert' at Birmingham Symphony Hall with a full live orchestra.





## Ministry of Science

Our children watched a brilliant science show at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, which saw liquid nitrogen clouds, exploding oxygen & hydrogen balloons, fire tornadoes and a self-built hovercraft..





# Residential Trips

Our residential trips are an exciting opportunity for our children and young people to explore new places, learn new skills, and grow in confidence and resilience. We offer a range of residential trips, including a two-night stay at Hilston Park for Year 6 children to support their transition to secondary school, a two-night hotel stay over in London for KS2 children, a one-night stay over in London for KS3 children, and a two-night stay at Kingswood for KS3 children. These trips are designed to provide our children with enriching experiences that encourage personal growth, teamwork, and character development

## Hilston Park Year 6 Transition Residential

We took a group of 10 year 6 children to Hilston Park for a two-night stay to support their transition to secondary school. The aim was to grow confidence and build resilience through a range of outdoor activities including zip wire, leap of faith, campfire and rock climbing. The children were pushed out of their comfort zones in an environment that encouraged personal growth and teamwork.

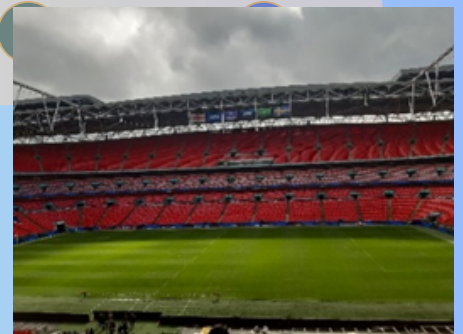


**Kingswood residential**  
Kingswood residential is a two-night stay for KS3 children, aimed at enabling them to grow in confidence, develop character, and become more resilient. During their stay, children take part in a variety of activity sessions, from aerial adventures to fun problem-solving initiatives, and enjoy a daily programme of adventure experiences that encourage them to bond and work together as a team.



# London

Our London trips provide our children with the opportunity to explore the city's most popular attractions. We offer a two-night hotel stay over in London for KS2 children, with a jam-packed itinerary that includes visits to the Science Museum, Natural History Museum, Tower of London, Madame Tussauds, HMS Belfast and more. For KS3 children, we offer a one-night stay over in London, with two days of exploring London's most popular attractions, including a boat ride on the River Thames, London Eye, open-top bus tour, and Wembley Stadium. These trips are designed to provide our children with enriching cultural experiences and broaden their horizons.

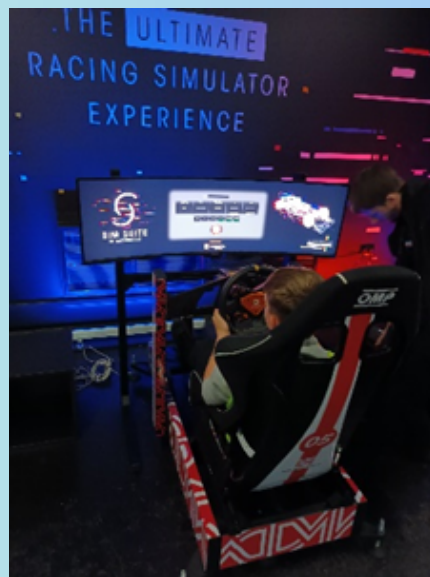
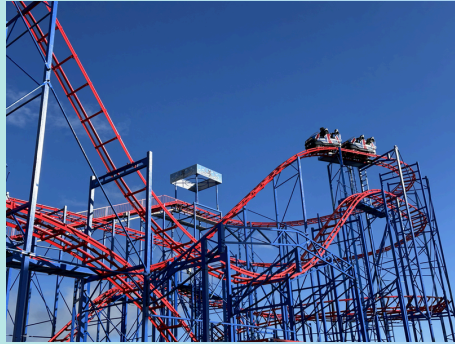




## Day trips

### Brean Sands

Our visit to Brean Sands was a day filled with sun, fun, and laughter. We spent some time at the beach with bucket and spades, exploring and rock pooling. Then we went for a lovely lunchtime meal, before heading to the Brean Theme Park and Amusements. It was a day of adventure and excitement for all involved.



### Silverstone Museum

We visited England's famous Silverstone motor racetrack. The children explored the historic museum, walked on the track and had a driving experience in a driving simulator. A meal at Pizza Hut was in order following an afternoon at Silverstone.





## Manchester Football Stadiums

Our trip to the Manchester football stadiums was a fantastic experience. We were able to tour both stadiums in one day, going inside the stadiums, changing rooms, media rooms, and visiting the club shops/museums. The young people thoroughly enjoyed seeing the state-of-the-art technology in a new football stadium as well as the history of our country's most decorated club. Are you a red or a blue?



## Warwick Castle and Hatton Park

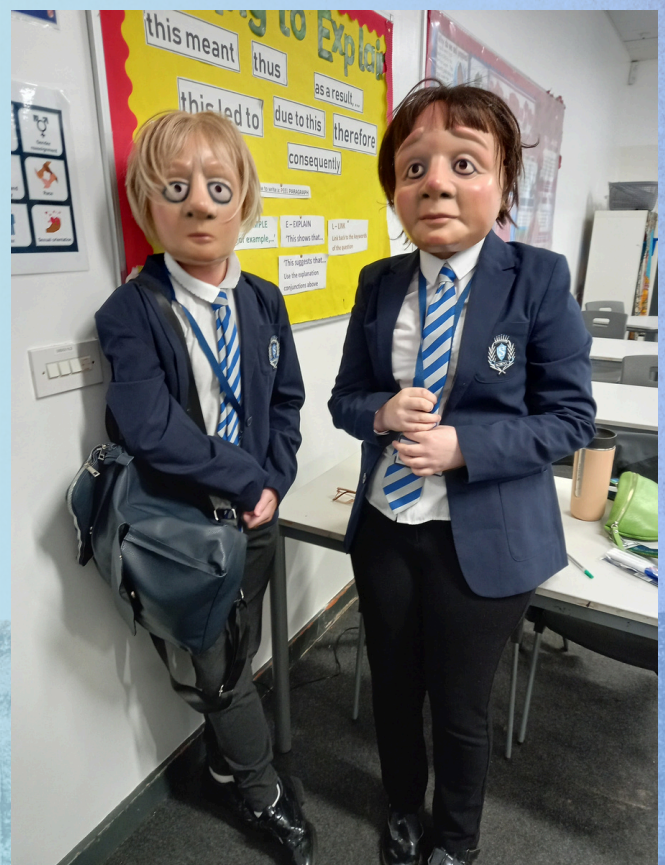
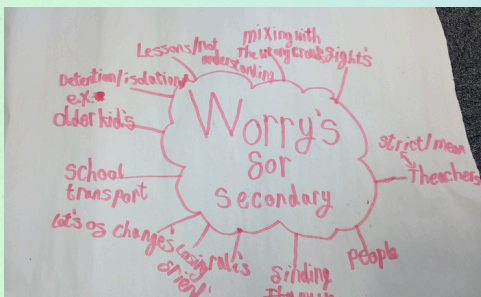
We headed to Warwickshire for a day of adventures, where we first went to Warwick Castle, children were able to experience the dark and mysterious castle dungeons. We then headed off to Hatton Adventure World. Sheep racing, falconry, tractor safari and the guinea pig village were but a few of the activities on offer.





# Vamos Film Project

Vamos film company worked with a group of our children to produce a short film which highlighted the potential challenges faced by children in care transitioning from primary to secondary school. The film is now complete and will be shared with children and schools to support children in care during transitioning from primary to secondary school.





**FUN!**

The driving simulator was great because it is a new experience for me

We loved going to see all of the animals. It was very cute to hold guinea pigs

**WELCOME**

I really enjoyed when the balloons popped. When things exploded. I also enjoyed the ice cream and sweets

*field trip*

I'm more confident to take part in things that scare me

**FUN**

The climbing wall and leap of faith was definitely a challenge for me but it helped me face my fears and now

I love the events, they are fun and we get to learn new things

Everyone supports each other, and I made new friends

**HAVE FUN**

**GREAT WORK**

# Activities planned for 2024/25

We are excited to share with you the activities we have planned for the year 2024/25 at Walsall Virtual School. We have been working hard to plan a range of exciting and enriching experiences for our children and young people. From theatre trips, ballet, Adventure days and residentials, we have something for everyone. We will be writing out to parents and carers in the coming weeks to gather interest for our 2024/25 enrichment activities

	Oct Half term	Christmas	Feb Half Term	Easter	May Half Term	Summer Break
EYFS	Stay and play	Pantomime	Animal man	Farm trip	Little Kickers	
KS1	Bewilderwood	Severn Valley Santa/Jingleclaw	-	Trip to the seaside	-	-
KS2	Bewilderwood	Severn Valley Santa/Aladdin	Golf/Thinktank	Trip to the seaside	London Experience	Transition residential
KS3	Manchester Stadium Tours	Ballet- Nutcracker	Bear Grylls	Liverpool Experience	RAF Cosford	-
KS4	Manchester Stadium Tours	Ballet- Nutcracker	Bear Grylls	Liverpool Experience	RAF Cosford	-
KS5	Manchester Stadium Tours	-	Bear Grylls	-	RAF Cosford	Seaside Trip
Post 18	Manchester Stadium Tours	-	-	-	-	Seaside Trip