

David Addy DT Week 2026

This week has been the David Addy DT Week and all the children from EYFS to Year 5 have completed a DT project. There have been some incredible designs and creations this week. We had the pleasure of welcoming Pauline Addy and Pauline James into School on Tuesday to see DT in action around school. On Friday Pauline, Bill and Jonathon have judged all the finished products and have given prizes to the 3 children who have shown exceptional skills and resilience during the week.

Each year group had a project to design, make and evaluate.



We have had children sewing, cutting and using saws this week.



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We have LOVED creating our own wind turbines as part of our whole school DT week this week! We were inspired to make wind turbines after talking about the importance of them last week as part of Earth Day 🌍🌱



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Year 1

To link into our Science topic, we made moving pictures to show stems growing from pots. We used a slider to show the stem and levers for the moving leaves and the fact flap. We had to ensure that we left enough room for the stem to move smoothly upwards.



Year 2



We really enjoyed making hand puppets this week! We learned about two different types of stitch (running stitch and whip stitch) and chose the one we felt we could do. The children really surprised themselves with how well they took to sewing.

Their designs are bursting with creativity and it was a joy to watch how immersed children were in the task.



Check out our hand puppets



DT Week -
Designing and
creating hand
puppets



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Year 3

Our project was to make a character with moving parts using a lever mechanism. The children put a lot of thought into planning their designs and which lever mechanism to use. They created their character and then they used strips of card and split pins to make the lever mechanism required to make arms/legs/wings move. They created some fantastic designs!



Year 4

In Year Four, our topic was to create our very own money holders from felt. The children have planned and designed their money holder and used different sewing techniques to create and decorate their money holder.



Year 5

It has been a truly special week in Year 5, with the children fully immersed in designing and creating their own space-themed lanterns in DT.

Throughout the project, the children explored different frame structures and learned how to make them strong and stable, using techniques such as triangulation and bracing to reinforce their designs. They carefully planned their lanterns, thinking about their purpose, user and overall appearance.

Using a range of tools and materials—including junior hacksaws, glue guns and wooden beams—the children worked responsibly and with great care to construct their structures. It was fantastic to see them measuring accurately, cutting safely and building their frames step by step, starting with a secure base and strengthening as they progressed. They then brought their creations to life by adding colourful coverings and imaginative space-themed details, producing some truly impressive final pieces.

Throughout the week, the children showed excellent creativity, resilience and problem-solving skills, refining and improving their work as they went along.



