



Year 4 Visits to Carding Mill Valley



Friday 5th and 12th June 2026

Fieldwork is learning directly in the real world, outside the classroom. It is an experiential form of learning with a long tradition in school geography, often described as 'learning geography through the soles of the feet.'

Fieldwork is an essential part of geography because it provides a 'real-world' opportunity for children to develop and extend their geographical thinking, using the outdoors as a resource for learning. It enriches classroom experiences and is embedded within the geography curriculum at St Giles' C.E. Primary School.

Fieldwork immerses students in geographical practice. It involves observing, collecting data, describing findings, and analysing them. Through this process, children actively engage in geographical thinking and connect different strands of geographical knowledge.

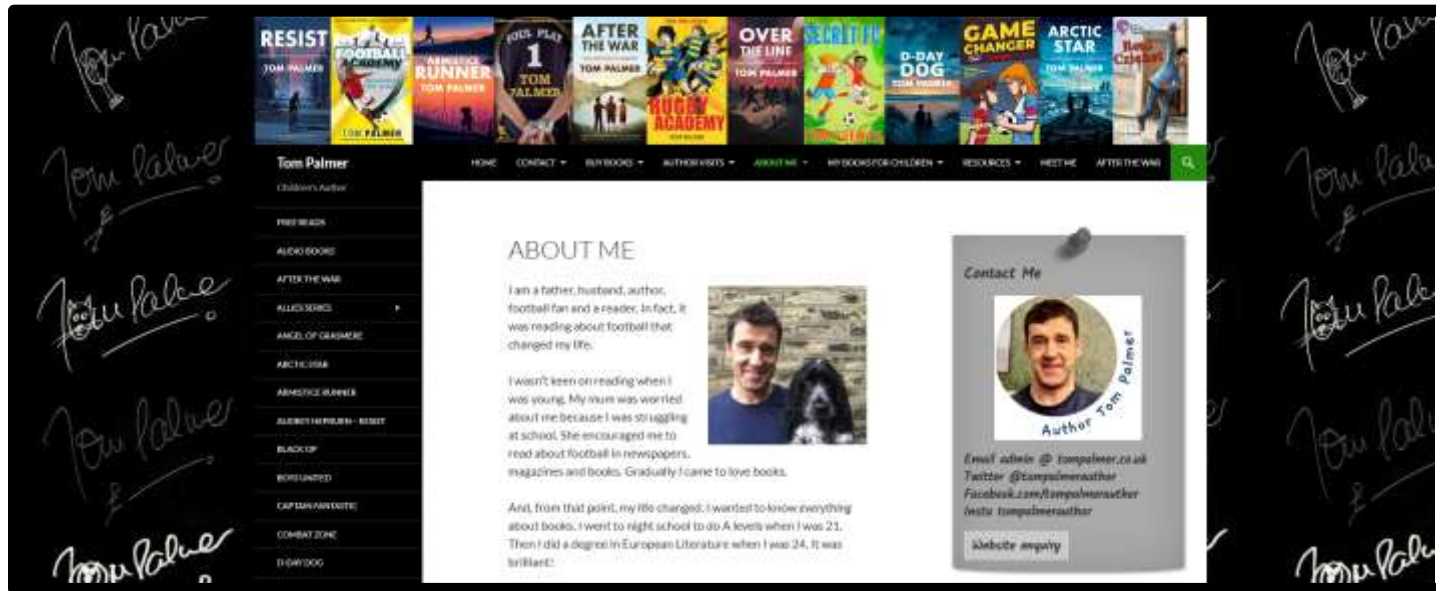
To explain what they observe, children must draw on their understanding of human and physical processes as well as location. This active engagement with geographical knowledge in a real-world context helps students to retain it more effectively in long-term memory.

This was a wonderful opportunity for children to experience observing landscapes and investigating streams.

National Year of Reading 2026

Author ZOOM Visit- Tom Palmer

Thursday 12th June



Tom is the award-winning author of over 70 books about spies, detectives, ghosts, history and war. Many of them are in sporting settings – football, rugby and running. His best-known stories are Roy of the Rovers and Puffin’s Football Academy and Foul Play series.

His NEW historical children’s story set in WW2 Cornwall – ***If the Invader Comes*** – is out now!

Tom will be visiting St Giles’ C.E. Primary and our new library in person on Wednesday 14th October 2026!





National School Sports Week

Monday 06 July - Sunday 12 July 2026

This summer of sport, every child deserves to feel part of the action

National School Sports Week 2026 invites schools, families and communities across the UK to get moving together, inspired by a landmark year of global sport and the everyday moments of encouragement that happen in playgrounds, classrooms and communities.

Watch the National School Sports Week 2026 Hero Film and join a nationwide celebration supporting the Chief Medical Officers' recommendation.

National Sports Week Video

Sports Week Events will take place on the School Field - Parents and Carers Welcome- Please bring your own camping chairs.

Monday 6th July 10.00am - Nursery am and Reception (RS)

Monday 6th July 2.00pm - Nursery pm and Reception (RG)

Tuesday 7th July 9.15am – Year 1

Tuesday 7th July- 10.45am Year 2

Wednesday 8th July 9.15am Year 3

Wednesday 8th July 10.45am Year 4

Thursday 9th July 9.15am Year 5

Thursday 9th July 10.45am Year 6



St Giles' C.E. Primary School

Soccer Aid 2026- Led by School UNICEF Ambassadors

Friday 10th July 2026

PENALTY SHOOT-OUT- OBSTACLE RACES- SMALL GAMES- CROSS BAR CHALLENGE- DRIBBLING COURSES- FOOTBALL FUN

Throughout the day, children will be taking part in football themed activities on the main field, organised by UNICEF Ambassadors and supported by Walsall Football Club.

All money raised will go towards SOCCER AID 2026!

Kuhafjua and Nopoo take part in Galz and Goals, a partnership between the Namibia Football Association and UNICEF, that empowers girls through sport.

- £2** could buy a bednet to protect a family from malaria
- £5** could provide enough tablets to purify 1,003 litres of water
- £10** could help vaccinate over 50 children against deadly and devastating diseases
- £20** could buy thermal blankets to keep 3 babies warm in an emergency

EVERY POUND YOU RAISE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

SOCCER AID



**NATRE- Spirited Arts Exhibition
Wednesday 8th July**

St Giles Church 3.30pm-5.00pm

This year we are taking part in the Spirited Arts competition organised by NATRE. Each class will take part and create a piece of artwork related to one of the following themes.

- Searching for God
- Sacred spaces
- Open Bible
- Faith in our future, hope in our future
- Prayers for all that lives! Animals, Earth, God
- Children of God

Please do save the date and come along...

SUMMER TERM ATTENDANCE RAFFLE



**ALL CHILDREN WITH 96%+
ATTENDANCE WILL BE ENTERED
PRIZES INCLUDE SCOOTERS
AND SWING BALL SETS
EVERY DAY COUNTS...**



Online Safety Newsletter

June 2026

Pinterest

You need to be at least 13 years old to use Pinterest.

Pinterest is a social media app, where users can share images and videos (called Pins). Users can browse through the images based on their stated interests, for example cooking. Users can then 'pin' (save) these images to their own boards to revisit.

There is content on Pinterest that is not suitable for young people to see. Also, did you know that there is a messaging element to it, so your child could be interacting with strangers? Therefore, if your child is using Pinterest, it is important to show your child how to use the blocking and reporting tools. You can find out more information, including how to set up parental controls here: <https://help.pinterest.com/en/article/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers-of-teens>

Find out more here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-pinterest-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleylcs.org.uk/june-2026-primary/>

Online Scams

It is important to be aware that scammers can target your child whilst online through social media, messaging apps and games. These scams often look genuine, and children may not have the digital literacy skills to question their authenticity. This can happen across lots of platforms that your child is accessing, for example Roblox or TikTok. Scams can include:

- Offering in game currency.
- Befriending your child, which can then lead to requests for money or account details/personal information.
- Phishing links, with the intention of sharing malware or requesting account details/personal information.

What can I do?

It is important to have regular conversations with your child about what they are doing online and remind them to:

- Never share passwords or verification codes.
- Speak to you or another trusted adult if they are unsure about anything.
- Ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are in place.
- Talk to your child about the different scams that can appear online and remind your child to check links before clicking on them.
- Remind your child that if they do think that they have been scammed, then to tell you straightaway.

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide>

Digital Footprints

When we go online, we create a digital footprint, which is a record of what we do online. This can be by visiting websites, sharing photos, liking or commenting on other people's posts or playing games. It is important that children are aware of the digital footprint that they are creating and the lasting effect it can have. Childline provides further information about digital footprints, including advice on how to protect our privacy online:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/taking-care-your-digital-footprint/>



Risks of Auto saving

Does your child use the likes of WhatsApp, which may automatically download any image/video that is sent to them to their phone's own camera roll? We would advise switching this feature off.

Children may receive lots of photos/videos, particularly within group chats, that they have not requested. If auto download is allowed, then your child does not have control over what is being saved to their camera roll. Potentially, it may also be content that you would not want your child to have saved. Additionally, from a safeguarding perspective, if everything is automatically downloaded to your child's camera roll, it can become difficult to ascertain the source of the image.

How can I disable this feature?

If your child is using a platform that allows this, then there is usually an option to disable this feature, so your child has control over the images saved to their device. The option to disable will be within the settings of the App, here is how to do this on WhatsApp:

- In WhatsApp, go to settings (click on 'You' in the bottom right).
- Click on 'Chats'.
- Toggle 'Save to Photos' to off.



Storybooks and games from the BookTrust

BookTrust have a whole host of storybooks and games on their website. They have storybooks to read, story time videos to watch and kid's games to play.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/how-we-help/have-fun-at-home/storybooks-and-games/>

Emoji Meanings

Did you know that some children and young people may be using emojis to mean something completely different? For example, a cap emoji may be used to represent a lie. It is important that you are aware of how emojis can be used and keep up to date with the way in which they can be used as their meanings are changeable. You can find out further information here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/emoji-slang-guide/>

"Retro – Photos with Friends" App

This is a photo sharing app, and it is rated as 13+ by the App store. The aim of the app is users share their photos with close friends only, like a photo journal. Whilst it is marketed as a safer alternative to other social media apps, you do need to be aware of the following:

- Privacy and data access.
- It does include group chats so there is still the potential for cyberbullying and peer pressure.
- Users may feel safer sharing images as it is with close friends, but content can still be shared with others (through screenshots).

If your child is using this app, make sure you check that privacy settings are set up appropriately.

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Omoggle

Omoggle is an online platform that is for adults only. However, you can simply lie and say you are over 18 to access it. The platform joins two strangers together and uses AI to rate their appearances in a "mog battle."

As you are paired up with a stranger and can see and hear them, there are serious safeguarding concerns and young people should not be accessing this site. Find out more here: <https://www.waynedenner.com/omoggle-parent-guide/>



AIM HIGHER

ARCHER PERFORMANCE CENTRE

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YR 1&2 | 5-6PM

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YR 3&4 | 6-7PM

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TALENT IDENTIFICATION



School Uniform /PE Day Reminders

Thank you for ensuring children attend school looking smart in their school uniforms. As a reminder, it is essential that children attend wearing school shoes and not boots, particularly now as we are hopefully over the winter weather.

On PE Days– please ensure your child attends wearing the agreed kit:

- 1) White Polo Shirt under the school jumper/cardigan**
- 2) Black Shorts /Black Jogging Bottoms**
- 3) Trainers**

Support as always is much appreciated.



CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshops

Come and join our Parent/Carer Workshops, run by Black Country CAMHS services (on MS Teams for 1 hour). Groups held 12pm - 1pm.

We know that suffering from mental health difficulties does not only affect the person struggling, but also the family around them. Parenting a child/young person with mental health difficulties can create additional challenges for parents.

We are running workshops exploring a range of difficulties that children/young people may experience, that can impact their emotional wellbeing.

22.04.2026 - Anxiety

27.05.2026 - Understanding Autism

17.06.2026 – Low mood in Children

15.07.2026 - Anger Conduct

23.09.2026 – Trauma with attachment

21.10.2026 – Self Harm with DBT skills

18.11.2026 – Anxiety and OCD



To register your interest telephone **Andrea Ehgartner / Nicole Whitehouse** on
01922 607400



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www.blackcountrychildrens.nhs.uk/camhs

IMPORTANT REMINDER: BRING YOUR BOOK BAG!



Our school has invested thousands of pounds into providing quality reading books for the children.

To help us keep these books in great condition:



Please ensure your child attends school with a book bag.



Please do NOT place water bottles inside book bags.

Water bottles are causing books to become water damaged beyond repair, and we want every child to enjoy these wonderful reading resources.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together we can protect our books and foster a love of reading!



**NATIONAL YEAR
OF READING
GO ALL IN**



Poetry Recitals

9.00am In Church Each Friday!

Friday 27th February - 6S

Friday 6th March - 6G

Friday 13th March - 5S

Friday 20th March - 5G

Friday 27th March - 4S

Friday 17th April - 4G

Friday 24th April - 3S

Friday 1st May - 3G

Friday 8th May - 2S

Friday 15th May - 2G

Friday 5th June - 1S

Friday 12th June - 1G

Friday 19th June - NAM/RS



Friday 26th June - RG/NPM
(2pm St Giles Church)



Term Dates

2025/26 academic year

Autumn term 2025

- Term starts: Monday 1 September 2025
- Half term holiday: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025

Spring term 2026

- Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026
- Half term holiday: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Summer term 2026

- Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026
- Half term holiday: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Term ends: Monday 20 July 2026

Non-Pupil Days

~~INSET 1 Monday 1st September 2026~~

~~INSET 2 Wednesday 1st October 2026~~

~~INSET 3 Wednesday 28th January 2026~~

~~INSET 4 Wednesday 24th June 2026~~

~~INSET 5 Monday 20th July 2026~~

2026/2027 academic year

Autumn term 2026

- **Term starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026**
- **Half term holiday: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026**

Term ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring term 2027

- **Term starts: Monday 4 January 2027**
- **Half term holiday: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027**

Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer term 2027

- **Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027**
- **Half term holiday: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027**

Term ends: Wednesday 21 July 2027

2027/2028 Academic Year

Autumn term 2027

- **Term starts: Thursday 2 September 2027**
- **Half term holiday: Monday 25 October 2027 to Friday 29 October 2027**

Term ends: Friday 17 December 2027

Spring term 2028

- **Term starts: Tuesday 4 January 2028**
- **Half term holiday: Monday 14 February 2028 to Friday 18 February 2028**

Term ends: Friday 7 April 2028

Summer term 2028

- **Term starts: Monday 24 April 2028**
- **Half term holiday: Monday 29 May 2028 to Friday 2 June 2028**

Term ends: Friday 21 July 2028

NSPCC 

HELPLINE

0808 800 5000

help@nspcc.org.uk

If you have any concerns about a child, trust your instincts and contact the NSPCC Helpline. Our specialist team will listen, advise and take any action needed.

An estimated 1 in 20 children have experienced sexual abuse. And child sexual abuse is under-reported by adults. It's time for that to change.

It's never too soon to talk to us. And what you share could make a life-changing difference to a child.

You can contact the NSPCC Helpline by calling 0808 800 5000, emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk or completing our report abuse online form.

Due to an increase in demand across our service, our voice Helpline is currently available 11am–5pm Monday to Friday. You can still email help@NSPCC.org.uk or complete our report abuse online form at any time for free. You don't have to say who you are.

If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999 straight away.