

Pupil Voice – British Science Week 2024
Theme: TIME – Asking Questions, Exploring, Discovering

British Science Week burst into life at Aston Rowant as children across all year groups became inquisitive scientists, asking those all-important “I wonder...” questions. The week was full of curiosity, surprise, practical investigations and inspired thinking - and here is what the children said...

EYFS

“The egg went all wobbly! It changed!” (EYFS)

“My water clock dripped slowly... that’s how it tells the time.” (EYFS)

“The colours on the Skittles ran like rainbows.” (EYFS)

Year 1

“The potato clock was amazing - I didn’t know vegetables had power!” (Year 1)

“I liked guessing what would happen. Sometimes I was right and sometimes I wasn’t!” (Year 1)

“The live lesson was cool - space people have to do everything very slowly.” (Year 1)

Year 2

“The lemon battery actually worked! I want to try it at home.” (Year 2)

“The egg in vinegar got bigger and squishy. It changed over time.” (Year 2)

“I liked asking why things happened. It made me think.” (Year 2)

Year 3

“Tim Peake explained space bones! I didn’t know astronauts get weaker bones.” (Year 3)

“Our water clocks were different - we tested which one kept the best time.” (Year 3)

“The moth experiment showed how animals change to survive. That was clever.” (Year 3)

Year 4

“Chromatography was like solving a mystery - I felt like a detective.” (Year 4)

“The magnesium in water exploded! It was loud but really interesting.” (Year 4)

“I liked shaking test tubes and seeing the mixtures change.” (Year 4)

Year 5

“Science helps us understand time — from fossils to half-life to space travel.” (Year 5)

“We watched sound waves on the iPads. Time changes the shape of the waves.” (Year 5)

“The forensic workshop showed how scientists catch criminals.” (Year 5)

Year 6

“The whole week showed how science explains the world step by step.” (Year 6)

“We used real scientific equipment — Bunsen burners, data loggers, and everything!” (Year 6)

“I loved finding the fake cheque using chromatography. Proper science!” (Year 6)

“Time connects all science — change takes time.” (Year 6)

Whole-School Reactions

“This is the best Science Week ever!”

“Science is fun when you get to try things out.”

“I like being a scientist because I can ask questions.”

“We worked together like a real science team.”

“It made me want to learn more science.”

What Science Week Meant to Our Pupils

Children across the school said Science Week helped them:

Ask bigger questions

Predict, test and discover

See how science connects to real life

Try equipment they'd never used before

Experience awe and wonder

Work collaboratively across the school

The week showed our children that science is everywhere - in space, in food, in liquids, in light, in sound, in time and in every change happening all around us.

Summary

British Science Week 2024 captured everything we value at Aston Rowant: curiosity, critical thinking, teamwork, joy, creativity and Growing Together. Our pupils showed incredible enthusiasm, resilience and scientific thinking - a powerful reminder of the high-quality science teaching that underpins our Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) Gilt Award.

Another inspiring and unforgettable week of science!