

A Visit From the Fire Brigade – Learning About Safety in the Most Exciting Way

We were thrilled to welcome our local Fire Brigade to school for an engaging and memorable morning of fire safety learning. The firefighters delivered an interactive safety talk, gave us a guided tour of their fire engine, and even let everyone - including the adults! -- have a go with the powerful fire hose. It was an unforgettable experience for all involved.

Learning About Fire Safety

The firefighters led a child-friendly session on how to stay safe at home and what to do in an emergency. They discussed:

- the importance of **never playing with matches or lighters**
- how to safely leave a building if the smoke alarm sounds
- when and how to call **999**
- keeping kitchens safe and staying alert near hot surfaces

The firefighters were brilliant at explaining safety rules in a calm, reassuring way that the children really understood.

A Fire Safety Saying to Remember

A 'take home' for the children and adults was '**Test it Tuesday!**' - encouraging families to test their smoke alarms once a week. It's simple, memorable and perfect for all of us to take home and share.

We also practised: "**Get out, stay out, call 999.**"

Exploring the Fire Engine

One of the highlights of the visit was getting to explore an actual fire engine. The firefighters showed the children:

- where the hoses, ladders and rescue tools are kept
- the breathing apparatus they use during real emergencies
- the high-visibility protective clothing they must wear
- how they communicate with each other during a call-out

The children were absolutely fascinated, asking thoughtful questions and showing real curiosity about how everything worked.

Having a Go With the Fire Hose

Much to the children's delight, the firefighters set up the hose and let each child have a turn controlling the jet of water. Their faces lit up with excitement as they aimed the hose and felt how powerful it was. Staff also had a go - to the children's great amusement!

This hands-on experience helped pupils understand:

- the strength needed for firefighting
- how water is used to control fires
- the teamwork involved in staying safe

Respect, Responsibility and Real-World Learning

The visit reinforced several key areas of learning, including:

- PSHE – staying safe, asking for help, understanding trusted adults
- Science – understanding heat, materials, and how water extinguishes fire
- Community awareness – understanding roles of emergency services
- Personal development – confidence, listening, asking questions appropriately

Children left the session excited, inspired and much more aware of how to keep themselves and others safe.

A Valuable Visit We Won't Forget

We are extremely grateful to our local firefighters for giving their time so generously and for providing such a powerful, engaging learning experience. The visit strengthened children's understanding of safety, encouraged responsible behaviour, and offered a wonderful glimpse into the vital work done by our emergency services.

It was a day full of learning, excitement and inspiration - one that the children will remember for a long time to come.

