

Ed Wicke at Holy Trinity Primary School Term 3 2025

Last year, Holy Trinity pupils from Primary 5 to Primary 7 were treated to a truly unforgettable experience when local author, Ed Wicke, visited our school. Known for his witty and wildly imaginative retellings of classic tales, Ed captivated his audience with his mischievous and laugh out loud short stories.

From the moment Ed began, pupils were enthralled. His animated storytelling brought each tale to life, with characters leaping off the page and into the imaginations of every child in the audience. One particular favourite was the Iron Man who rose from the swamp — a twist that had pupils wide-eyed and on the edge of their seats. Laughter echoed through the hall during the hilarious antics of Super Baby, and the suspense was palpable as everyone waited to discover the fate of Goldilocks as the traditional tale was flipped.

The stories were described by pupils as 'wicked' — in every sense of the word! Ed's energy and expressiveness made the session feel like a theatrical performance, and pupils were fully immersed from start to finish. Even now, pupils still talk about Ed's suitcase of hats — a treasure trove that inspired giggles, gasps and, of course, glorious headwear!

In addition to storytelling, Ed also delivered a workshop on illustration, offering our Primary 7 pupils a behind-the-scenes look at how illustrators collaborate with authors to bring literary creations to visual life. Pupils were encouraged to use their inferencing skills, creativity and imagination to design their own 'beasties'—creatures so unique and fantastical that even Ed admitted he'd never seen anything quite like them before!

Ed's visit not only sparked joy and laughter but also inspired a deeper appreciation for storytelling and illustration. It was a celebration of creativity, collaboration, and the power of imagination—and one that pupils will remember for years to come.

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