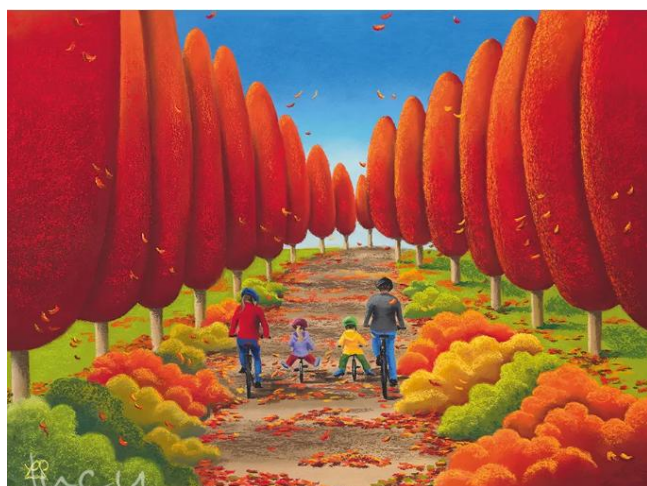


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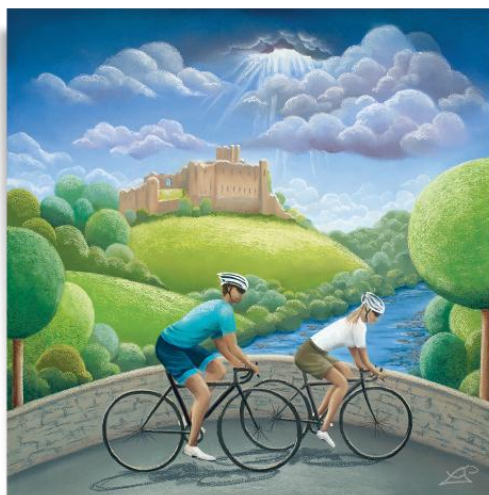
Artist of the month is a competition that runs in school. Each month we look at a different artist and their work, children can then respond to this artist by either creating a picture, taking a photograph, writing a story, doing some research or a different response that inspires them. Mrs Britten our Art and Design subject lead shares the artist of the month via the school art notice board. The artist of the month winner will be announced at the end of each month.

To enter you need to respond to the artist however you choose. Put your entry into the 'Artist of the Month' basket next to the art gallery display or email it to enquiries@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk with the title 'Artist of the Month'. Please enter by Tuesday 30th September 2025

This month's artist is: **Lucy Pittaway**



'Treasured Times'



'Escape to the Country'



'Riding High'



Meet Lucy Pittaway, Lucy Pittaway is a British artist known for her colourful, cheerful, and imaginative paintings. She grew up in Yorkshire and is inspired by the beautiful countryside around

her. Lucy didn't start out as a full-time artist—she was once a teacher! But her love for drawing and painting grew so strong that she decided to follow her dream and become a professional artist.

Lucy uses soft chalk pastels for her art, and she even uses her fingers, palms, and knuckles to blend the colours and create different textures. Her ideas often come from her own life, like her family, pets, and the wonderful countryside around her. When she had her twins, she even started adding two flowers to her paintings to represent them.

Lucy's artwork often tells stories about everyday life, nature, and the joy of being outdoors. One of her favourite subjects is cycling. She paints cyclists riding through rolling hills, winding country roads, and peaceful villages. Her bicycle paintings are full of movement, fun, and freedom.

Her style is easy to recognise, she uses bright colours, soft shapes, and lots of texture. You might spot sheep, dogs, or even hot air balloons in her paintings! Lucy says she wants her art to make people feel happy—and it certainly does.

Questions to Think About when looking at Lucy Pittaway's artwork

1. **What do you notice first when you look at Lucy's bicycle paintings?**
2. **How do her colours and shapes make you feel?**
3. **Can you imagine where the cyclist is going? What might they see on their journey?**
4. **What would you add to one of her paintings to make it your own?**
5. **Why do you think Lucy enjoys painting bicycles and countryside scenes?**

Find out more about Lucy Pittaway by following the link below to take you to a YouTube video with further information about the artist.

Meet Lucy Pittaway

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8k6V5GMrkwE>

Or scan the QR code to take you to the website.



How to paint Lucy Pittaway's lollipop trees

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FcSI3M4fzdY>



How to paint Lucy Pittaway's sheep

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5fHWhBav6U>



Your turn

Now it's your turn to be the artist! Just like Lucy Pittaway, you can use bright colours, soft shapes, and your imagination to create a picture of your favourite bike ride.

Think about where you love to cycle—maybe through a park, down a country lane, or even just around your neighbourhood. What do you see along the way? Trees, animals, hills, houses?

Try using pastels, paints, or pencils to show the joy and freedom of riding your bike. Don't forget to include your bike in the picture—make it as colourful and unique as you like! Your artwork could tell a story, just like Lucy's does.

Lucy Pittaway has created artist activity booklets for KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2. If you would like a copy these can be sent home with your child or emailed to you please inform the school office or your child's class teacher. Copies are available to view in school.

Pupil Activity Booklets

