

ARTIST OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2025

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 Friday 28th November 2025

This month's artist is: **Andy Warhol**



Marilyn Diptych
1962,



Campbell's Soup Cans (1962)



Cows 1966-1976

Andy Warhol and His Art

Andy Warhol was an American artist born in 1928 in Pittsburgh, USA. He was one of the most famous artists of the Pop Art movement, which started in the 1950s and 1960s. Pop Art is all about turning everyday things—like soup cans, celebrities, and cartoons—into exciting works of art. Warhol wanted to show that art could be about things we see every day, not just fancy paintings in museums.

One of Warhol's most famous techniques was screen printing. This allowed him to make the same picture many times, but in different colours. For example, his artwork "Marilyn Diptych" shows the

actress Marilyn Monroe repeated over and over, each image in bright, bold colours. He also made prints of Campbell's Soup Cans, showing how something ordinary could become art.

Warhol liked repetition because it reminded him of advertising and magazines, where the same image appears again and again. He thought this showed how modern life was full of repeated images and famous faces.

Interesting Facts

- Warhol started as a commercial illustrator before becoming a famous artist.
- He loved bright colours and patterns, often using pink, yellow, and blue in his prints.
- His studio was called "The Factory", where he worked with other artists and musicians.
- He didn't just make paintings—he also created films and designed album covers.

Questions to Think About

- Why do you think Andy Warhol repeated the same image in different colours?
- How do the bright colours in his prints make you feel?
- If you could choose an everyday object to turn into art, what would it be?
- Do you think art should always be about special things, or can ordinary things be art too?

Want to find out more about Pop Art?

Watch this YouTube video from the Tate gallery in London. Remember to always ask an adult before accessing YouTube to watch.

What is Pop Art? | Tate Kids



Now it's your turn

You could create some repeated art inspired by Andy Warhol – watch this short video for inspiration. Click the link or scan the QR code

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2PLwrzJf5I>



Or visit **BBC Bitesize** for more information and inspiration...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/ztcn3qt>

How to make pop art like Andy Warhol did



Or make your own mono-print following the simple steps below.

Mono-Print Activity: Pop Art Repeats!

What you need:

- A piece of smooth plastic or foil (or even the back of a baking tray!)
- Paint or printing ink
- A paintbrush or roller
- Paper
- A pencil or cotton bud for drawing

Steps:

1. Choose Your Image

Pick something simple and fun—like a piece of fruit, a favourite snack, or a toy. Andy Warhol loved everyday objects!

2. Prepare Your Printing Surface

Spread a thin layer of paint or ink on the plastic or foil using a brush or roller.

3. Draw Your Design

Use a pencil or cotton bud to draw your chosen image into the paint. This will create lines where the paint is removed.

4. Make Your Print

Carefully press a sheet of paper onto the painted surface. Smooth it gently, then peel it off to reveal your print!

5. Repeat in Different Colours

Clean your surface, add a new colour, and print the same image again. Try making a row or grid of colourful prints—just like Andy Warhol's famous repeated artworks.



Extra Challenge:

Arrange your prints in a pattern and add bright backgrounds to make your own Pop Art masterpiece!