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Friday Newsletter – 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

From unearthing the secrets of the Shang Dynasty and exploring scientific properties to demonstrating incredible dedication in SATs preparation, it has been a week of investigation, creativity, and hard work across the academy.

Y5 Archaeologists

Year 5 had the chance to be archaeologists this week! They investigated artefacts from the ancient civilisation of the Shang Dynasty. The class put their magnifying glasses to good use to look closely at the artefacts to discover lots of information about the era. They were looking forward to finding out much more about this period of time.



KS1 Scientists

In Reception and KS1 this week, the children have been learning about different materials and their properties. They enjoyed identifying and sorting materials, and exploring water through ice painting and a simple experiment to see how different substances affect ice. In Geography, the focus was on the seasons. The children identified the signs of each season and created their own seasonal artwork. Our Commando Joe lesson focused on teamwork, with children working in groups to design and build constructions with specific features, such as a chimney.



Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Nevaeh
Year 3/4 – Riley

Year 5 – Ruby T
Year 6 - Primrose



Superstars Certificates for outstanding work

The following children have all worked their socks off in class and have been awarded a certificate for their great attitude to learning:

Miss Spencer – Harry and Ayesha
Miss Mills – Thuy Chi and Evan

Mrs Hamer – Lily C and Lucas
Mrs Robinson - Aron and Daniel

Broadway here we come!

Year 3 and 4 have been freezing moments in time from their story! They explored the vocabulary the author used and how that impacts the reader. They used this to then dramatise the story!



Year 5/6 Residential Trip

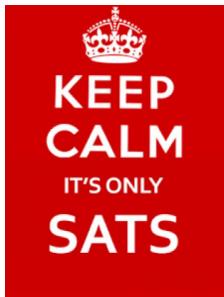


Thank you to those who attended this week's residential meeting. We are delighted to announce that our pupils will be going to **Winmarleigh Hall, PGL** on the 8th July-10th July 2026. Non-refundable deposits are due by the **13th February**!

Google Classroom

If you are experiencing any issues or problems logging on to your child's Google Classroom, please do not hesitate to pop in and our amazing staff will be able to support you.

The Google classroom enables our children to access work at home - it's great!



Year 6 SATs

Our Year 6 pupils have truly impressed us with their focus this week as preparations for the May SATs begin in earnest. With the launch of our booster classes, the children have shifted into a higher gear, demonstrating remarkable resilience while tackling complex arithmetic, advanced grammar, and challenging reading texts. We are incredibly proud of the maturity and determination they are showing, and we have no doubt that their dedication will be rewarded.

Dates for this half term:

Thursday 22nd January - Football County Finals
Friday 23rd January - Teacher training day - no school.
Friday 6th February - Young Voices (Full Day)
Friday 13th February - Deadline to sign up for the Y5/6 Residential trip.

Kind regards,

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