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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	96.1%
Foundation 2	96.7%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	96.3%

Message from Mr Wilkes

Congratulations!

I am really excited to announce that Mr Dean White has been named the winner for the Nottingham University Teaching Awards in the Primary Phase category! This is a well deserved award for Mr White who goes above and beyond for his pupils building strong relationships and enabling the children he teaches to flourish!

Mr White will be receiving his award on Saturday 21st March at the Notts County Football match during half time - as a Forest Fan Mr White is not too happy about this! We have been given a number of complimentary tickets for the match - further information on how to obtain tickets will be sent out tomorrow.

Red Nose Day!

It is Red Nose Day next Friday 20th March. Children are welcome to come in their Red Noses and if you want to make a contribution we are happy to send the money off. We will be talking about the purpose of Red Nose Day and engaging with some activities throughout the day.

School Review

The school reporters told you about a school review that was taking place a couple of weeks ago. We have had the review today and they have looked at our reading, phonics, early years and inclusion. We have had some fabulous feedback about the wonderful children and the expertise of the staff. The reviewer commented that the school feels very loving and there is 'fizz and joy' across the school! It has been a very positive day and makes me feel incredibly proud of the children and the staff.

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Last week we had a brilliant book day! It was great to read a new story and use our oracy skills to think about if we would like to live in our stories!

We have loved our phonics this week rhyming lots of words like lock, sock and clock with the rhyming witch!

We have had fun reading the Tiny Seed and are ready for another week.

WORLD

BOOK

DAY



Dates for your diary

- We will be heading to Cator Lane for a session of outdoor learning soon! More details to follow closer to the time.
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

This week will be the last week of story sacks! Please return them next Wednesday. If you have not yet had an opportunity to sign up for the scheme we will offer an opportunity soon!

We are looking for volunteers who can help the scheme continue to run. If you are interested please contact the school office.



Looking ahead

Next week we will be beginning a focus on pattern, noticing pattern and making our own.

In Phonics, we are reading Oi Frog! And singing 5 little speckled frogs and using fly swatters to swat rhyming words.

In Maths we will be looking at repeating and seeing this in lots of different ways.

We are learning this song [A Tiny Seed was Sleeping](#). Here it is for you to listen to at home!

FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We had a fantastic time at the Farm. We saw lots of animals and were able to feed them. We were very lucky to meet the new Highland calf.



We began our new text, 'What The Ladybird Heard'. Listen to the link of Julia Donaldson singing the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NbyiDpY6Ww>

Important information

Please return all story sacks on Wednesday. This has now finished and we hope to continue with this valuable, fun, home resource soon for the other classes. If you would like to volunteer to organise the Story Sacks please contact the office.



Looking ahead

Next week

We will be assessing the children's digraph and tricky word knowledge in Phonics.

Maths will be focusing on subitising, ways of making numbers to 5 and talking about shape and size.

Handwriting will be 'p and g'

Our writing focus will be on letter formation and applying our phonics.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We had a wonderful time at Nottingham Castle on Monday and the children were all complimented by the castle staff on their super behaviour. We were very proud of them all.

All the children will have (by Friday) lines to learn for their class assembly, please practise them at home ensuring that they use a clear and loud voice.

In Maths we have been practising the pattern of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. In our mastering number lessons, we have been making amounts to 10 and learning odd and even numbers.

This week the children enjoyed a workshop by the Broxtowe Mental Health Team where we learnt breathing techniques if we have big feelings.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Our class assemblies are as follows;

Mon 23rd 1WV

Tue 24th 1EH

Wed 25th 1AW

All parents are invited to watch at 9.10 it will last around 15-20mins.



Looking ahead

In our history lesson we will be learning more about a castles defence eg, moat, thick walls, portcullis, drawbridge etc. In DT we will be building castles out of boxes **in pairs** so the children will work as a team. We will take photos of their completed castles. We will also be bombarding the castles with tennis balls to test the strength of them! Can they build a castle strong enough to protect their knight?

Our stars of the week tomorrow are.
1WV Roux 1EH Rex 1AW Flo

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We have enjoyed writing as bat experts this week. Ask us about our bat facts!



We have completed our maths assessments, reading and SPAG are next week.

We explored microhabitats in science and what minibeasts might live there.

We also explored creating music pattern using the ipads.

Important information

On Monday 23rd of March there will be a residential information meeting after school at 3:40 in the hall. All parents are welcome to attend. The slides will be sent out for anyone who cannot attend.



Looking ahead

English: Begin exploring owl poetry and assessment papers.

Maths: 3-D shapes patterns.

Science: food chains.

Art: sculpturing hedgehog.
Our DT project will resume next week, where we will make our hand puppets.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Year 3 have had a brilliant week full of hard work and creativity. The children showed fantastic effort during their Maths assessments, tackling each question with determination and giving it their very best. In English, they wrote persuasive texts encouraging readers to visit Ancient Greece, using impressive vocabulary and a range of persuasive techniques. We have also started reading about the Greek myth of Prince Theseus and the Minotaur. In Science, we planted sunflower seeds—each missing one key requirement—to explore how this affects growth, and the children are already excited to observe the changes. We also ended the week with some lovely Mother's Day cards, made with lots of care and thought.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Year 3 PE days this half-term

3DC - Tuesday

3IM - Tuesday

3CD - Wednesday



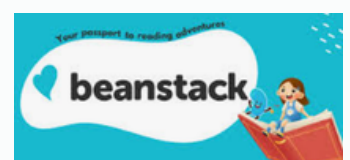
Spring Term Assessments

Next week, the children will be completing a few short reading assessments. These help us check how everyone is getting on and see what we might need to practise more in class. They are nothing for the children to worry about and will be carried out during normal lesson time.

Looking ahead

Next week is looking fun and full of great learning. We'll be doing our reading assessments and diving into some brilliant Greek myths and legends, picking out key vocabulary and exploring the exciting language they use. In Maths, we'll be getting hands-on with fractions, learning how to make the whole and starting to work with tenths. It should be another busy but enjoyable week for Year 3.

Please continue to log reading on beanstack and encourage use of TT Rock Stars.



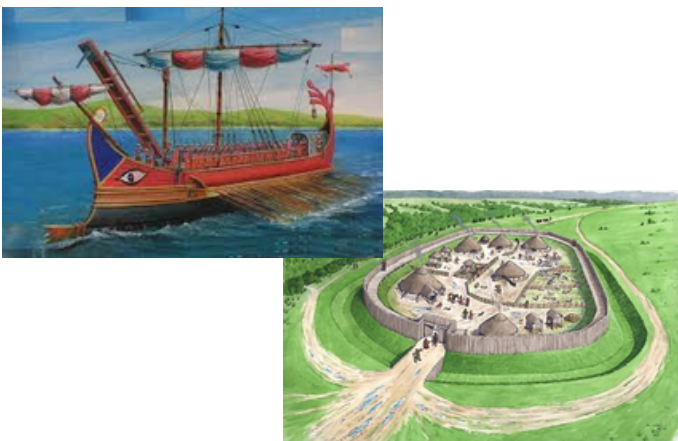
YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

- We had a lovely time last week at the residential. There were lots of great activities based on our Romans topic.
- In English we have been investigating what makes a character funny. We have also been learning lots of new words to do with being silly, comical, exaggerated and absurd.
- In History this week we looked at the 3 different times the Romans invaded Britain.
- For Geography we have been looking at where the best locations would be for settlers to build a new settlement.



Important information

Don't forget our times table check meeting tomorrow on Friday 13th March 2026 in 4RR.

4TG have their outdoor learning session tomorrow Friday 13th March and also next Friday 20th March. Children should come to school ready for outdoor learning and bring spare uniform including shoes to change into before lunch.

Miss Kirilova's last day in 4RR will be next Wednesday 17th March - We are really going to miss her!

Stars of the Week

4RR - Orlo & Emily

4MN - Vogue & Henry

4TG - Olivia & Noah

Looking ahead

Next week our maths lessons will focus on adding and subtracting fractions.

In ICT we will be using photo editing tools to improve some digital images.

Our science lesson will include identifying animals using a classification key.

The RE lesson this week focuses on the Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 13th March - Multiplication Check Meeting - 4RR
- Friday 13th March - 4TG outdoor learning.
- [Link to whole school dates](#)



YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Use the alignment feature to help you build the rest of the penguin.



- ICT - We continued using “vectorpro” app to create digital art.
- In Maths, we finished the unit looking at division and operations as a function.
- In reading, we continued Beowulf, with a focus on the main character.
- In writing we started work on our openings to grip, endings (cliff hangers) and scene description (using parenthesis)...



Important information

- 5CC - This weeks swimming will be linked to water safety. Further information will be sent to ensure that you are prepared (kit, etc).
- 5CC: will be swimming on Tuesday mornings and will have PE on Fridays.
- 5MS: P.E. will be on Wednesdays with the sports coach teaching dodgeball and orienteering.
- 5CT: Outdoor learning will be on Wednesdays with Miss Howe, so please ensure that appropriate kit is provided, including additional socks. P.E. is on Friday.
- For orienteering, a change of footwear is suggested due to the muddy field.



Looking ahead

- Spring Assessment Week: Reading paper.
- Maths: We will start looking at decimals and percentages.
- Reading: We continue to learn about the Hero's plight to tackle the monster.
- Writing: We will build are skills tool box plan and start writing our text.

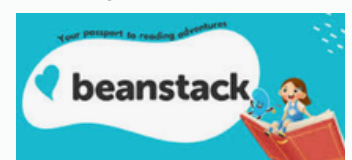
Reminders

- Reading x4 on Beanstack.
- Timestable Rockstars - Competition.
- Spellings will continue coming home on Thursday for homework (please complete by Wednesday.)



Dates for your diary

- Residential dates
- 5CT and 5CC 23rd to 24th March
- 5MS and 5CC 24th to 25th March
- [Link to whole school dates](#)



YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We have had an excellent week looking at some of the smaller topics in maths - perimeter and area. We have also been exploring different measures and the methods used to convert between imperial and metric.

As a year group, we decided that Metric was best and easiest to use.

In PE, some classes have made it onto the field again and enjoyed the freedom that comes with fresh air and open spaces. Please remember that PE kits should follow the school policy and should not be football shirts.

There will be an open football training session on Tuesdays at lunchtime. Please ensure that an alternative set of footwear is brought to school in case the field is wet.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

This week your children will be taking part in the final round of practise SATs. These assessments we are aiming to run in the same manner to the actual test in May. Your child's scores will be made available to you at a later point. Please remember, these are an end of year assessment and there is still teaching to take place.

SATs homework will begin to change as we seek to empower they Year 6 children. After this round of testing we hope they will recognise where their weaknesses are and then try to plug those gaps.

As always, any questions can be emailed into year6@thelanes.notts.sch.uk

Looking ahead

SATS homework

Reading - I asked the river pg 22

Maths - Areas and Parallelograms pg 63

Spag - 'ough' spelling pg 90-91

Holidays

Hoodies

Soon, a link will be available so that hoodies can be ordered for our Year 6 cohort. These will be given out on the Friday before the SATs; the hoodies will then act as part of their school uniform. Please ensure that they are named as they are easily mixed-up.

Joke of the week

Q. What do you call a
sleeping dinosaur?

A. Tyrannosoreous
rex!

School News

FROM THE REPORTERS

Headlines

Mr White Wins a Teaching Award

We had some exciting news in school this week! Mr White, one of our Year 6 teachers, has won an award for being an excellent teacher. We asked him some questions about his experience in teaching.

Laura: How did you feel when you found out you had won an award?

Mr White: At first I thought Mr Wilkins was playing a joke on me but, when I realised I really had won, I felt emotional and a bit overwhelmed.

Eloise: What makes a great teacher?

Mr White: You have to have a good relationship with the kids. And you need to know what you are doing - or look like you do!

Laura: Like if you make a mistake in maths, you can ask the children if they can spot it.

Elora: How long have you been teaching for?

Mr White: I'm not sure. Mr Wilkins?

Mr Wilkins: Eleven years (Mr Wilkins and Mr White started on the same day).

Mia: What do you enjoy about teaching?

Mr White: I love it! I just like being with the children.

Everybody in school is very proud of Mr White and his amazing achievement. We hope you enjoy your award presentation at Notts County Mr White!

Year 1 Trip to Nottingham Castle

On Monday, Year 1 went to Nottingham Castle. Everyone went, including lots of teachers. It was a very windy day but sunny so the children spent lots of time outside, including on an adventure playground in the old moat! The children had a tour of the castle grounds and looked for clues about what it would have been like in Medieval times. They visited the art gallery where they saw lots of paintings and sketched their favourite. The strangest part of the day was going underground into a big tunnel to store their bags and lunch boxes.

Mrs Ireland said, 'It was fabulous. My favourite part was the art gallery because they had a gigantic, green, ceramic pumpkin!'

What an amazing day for everyone in Year 1 to enjoy!

DIARY DATES

Spring term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

Date	Day	Event	Location	Who?
27th Feb	Fri	Y4 Parents event @ 2.45pm	CL	Y4
3rd March	Tues	Y6 visit to Holocaust Museum	Newark	Y6
4th - 6th March	Weds-Fri	Y4 Residential to Castleton	Castleton YHA	Y4
5th March	Thurs	World Book Day	ML & CL	All
5th March	Thurs	Y6 parents SATs meeting @ 5.30pm	CL	Y6
9th March	Mon	Y1 visit to Nottingham Castle	Nottm Castle	Y1
10th March	Tues	F2 visit to Bluebells farm	Bluebells farm	F2
11th March	Weds	Disco 5pm - 6pm	CL	Y2-Y6
13th March	Fri	Multiplication Check Mtg 3.30pm	CL	Y4
20th March	Fri	Red Nose Day	ML & CL	All
23rd-25th March	Mon-Weds	Y5 Residential to York	York YHA	Y5
23rd March	Mon	Class 1WV Assembly @ 9.00am	ML	1WV
23rd March	Mon	Y2 Residential Meeting @ 3.40pm	CL	Y2
24th March	Tues	Class 1EH Assembly @ 9.00am	ML	1EH
25th March	Weds	Class 1AW Assembly @ 9.00am	ML	1AW
25th March	Weds	Disco	ML	F2-Y1
26th March	Thurs	F2 Parents Event @ 8.40am	ML	F2
26th March	Thurs	Y3 Parents Event @ 2.45pm	CL	Y3
27th March	Fri	Last day of term	ML & CL	All
30th Mar - 10 Apr		Easter Holidays	ML & CL	All