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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	96.5%
Foundation 2	96.2%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	96.6%

Message from Mr Wilkes

Welcome to the new newsletter!

We have been working hard on putting together a more user friendly version of the newsletter. This is very much a first version and we would appreciate your feedback. You will notice that we now have a children's section of the newsletter! Our reporters will bring you a range of information each week.

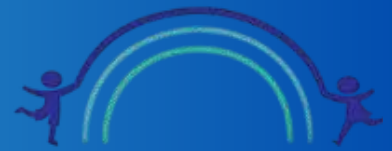
What a fantastic term we have had. We have been working hard on developing our writing and reading curriculum whilst also making sure we keep developing the wider experiences for the children. It has culminated in some wonderful performances where the children who showed such confidence and talent!



Thank you for all support this term. I am looking forward to next term where we will be welcoming some new staff to the team. We will also be starting our parents SEND focus group, hosting a parents Vision and Values evening, hosting more curriculum themed events and continuing the open events for parents to find out about what the children have been learning.

Have a fabulous Christmas break and happy new year - see you in 2026!

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Well done to all the children for a fantastic Nativity performance. We are so proud of every one of them—they sang beautifully and showed such confidence and teamwork. Thank you so much to all our families for your support.

We would also like to say a huge thank you for the lovely cards and gifts. They are truly appreciated and very kind.

We hope you all have a great break, filled with rest, fun, and special time together. This first term has been so special. We look forward to seeing you in the new term!

From Miss Clarke, Miss Shepherd and Miss Carlin

Important information

School begins on the 5th of January. We will be having new members of Nursery starting! We look forward to seeing everyone rested and ready to go in 2026.



Looking ahead

Phonics – Our new phonics focus is word rhythm. We will begin looking at clapping the syllables in our names.

Maths – This week we will focus on labelling amounts 1,2 and 3.

Enquiry – Our enquiry question for our new term is ‘What can we learn by exploring?’ This week we will be introducing our question.

Gross and Fine Motor – This week we will finish finger games learning in and out the dusty bluebells and fireworks. Towards the end of the week we will begin modelling with hard materials.

Dates for your diary

- School starts again on Monday 5th January
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FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Welcome back! We hope you have had a brilliant break over the holidays and your children are well rested and ready for another busy half term!

PE day will be on a Tuesday again this half term. Please remind your child to bring in their PE kit from Monday 5th.

Important information

Please remember to keep reading with your child as often as you can, it really makes a difference.

If you have bought any new school uniform over the holiday, please check it has been clearly named. We get such a lot of lost property that isn't named. It's also worth checking that name labels haven't fallen off from old uniform as well. If you are missing anything, please come and have a look in our lost property box at the end of the day..

Looking ahead

In Literacy this week we will be writing our wishes for the New Year. This links with this half term's PSED themes of happiness and positivity.

In Maths we will continue to develop subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5.

In Phonics we will be learning 'ch' and 'sh'. We will practise reading and spelling words with these sounds in them.

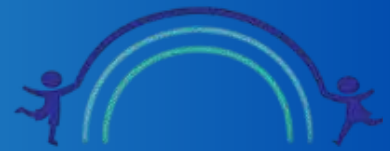
In RE we will be learning different Bible stories. This week, we'll look at Noah's Ark.



Dates for your diary

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YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

PE day for this week will be Thursday and we will inform you of any changes to this as soon as we can.

The register will be taken at 8:45. On Friday mornings at 8.45-8.55 we will have family reading morning, please come and join in if you can.

Star assembly
1EH – Rohan 1AW – Stan 1WV – Dotty

If you need to talk to us, we prefer to do this either face-to-face or on the phone. You can catch one of the team on the playground in the morning or at the end of the day. If you can't catch us, you can email the year group team on year1@thelanes.notts.sch.uk

Important information

Outdoor learning for 1AW will be on Fridays for the first two weeks of term. Please can children arrive at school in their outdoor learning kit and bring uniform in a named bag.



Looking ahead

Maths – We will be learning all about subtraction within 20.

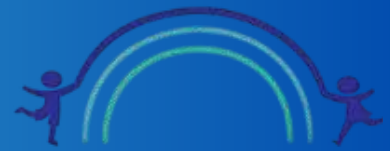
English – We are reading and discussing the story Penguin, focussing on new vocabulary and the meanings of these words.

Topic – We will begin our new topic of Hot and Cold places and answer our Big Question – Would you rather live in a hot climate or a cold climate. We will learn the meaning of climate and locate the UK in relation to The Equator on a map. We will learn that places closer to the Equator are warm/hotter than further away. In science we will begin our new topic on materials.

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YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Thanks for all your support this term. We hope you have a Wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our topic next term is A Ghanaian Adventure. We will learn about the geography, culture and language of Ghana and then compare life in Ghana to England.

If you need to talk to us, we prefer to do this either face to face or on the phone. You can catch one of the team on the playground in the morning or at the end of the day. If you can't catch us, you can email the year group team on year2@thelanes.notts.sch.uk



Dates for your diary

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Important information

On the first day back we will have a Ghana WOW day, where we will explore the music, food, dress, language and culture of the people of Ghana. There is no need for your child to make or prepare anything for this day, but if they would like, they can find out a bit about Ghana before we return in January.

PE day will stay on a Monday so please wear PE kit on the first day back.

Keep reading over the holidays and logging this on Beanstack. Try to practise times tables if you can!

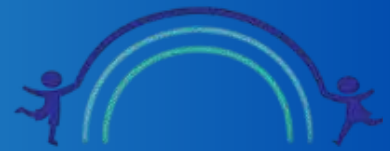
Looking ahead

In English, we will explore our new book, Emmanuel's Dream.

In Maths, we will continue to work on our multiplication skills and then move onto division and making equal groups for sharing.

Topic: In PE, we will be learning a Ghanaian dance. In Geography, we will explore the continents and oceans of the world and also have an in depth look at Ghana and it's Geography. In Science, we will explore what things are essential for life. In RSHE, we will focus on diversity in groups of people, with a closer look at disabilities and the character Emmanuel.

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

There will be a change to PE Days this half-term which effects both 3IM and 3DC. Please read carefully!

3CD and 3DC PE day will be on Tuesday.

3IM PE day will be on Wednesday.



Dates for your diary

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Important information

Thank you to all our parents for your continued support throughout this half term – it truly makes a big difference.

The children have been wonderful, showing great enthusiasm, kindness, and effort in everything they do, and we are very proud of them.

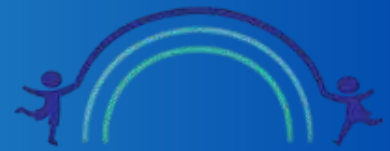
Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a joyful holiday season.

Looking ahead

Maths - developing skills through multiplication and division, working on times tables, solving word problems. English will focus on narrative writing, helping the children plan and structure their stories with interesting characters and settings.

History will explore life in the Stone Age, and in Science, children will investigate the appearance and properties of rocks. PE will focus on netball skills and fitness activities. Art will look at cave paintings and the work of Paul Klee. In RE, children will learn about prayer, PSHE will focus on healthy living, ICT - editing text and layout, and in Music, we will explore a variety of musical styles.

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week we've been working really hard on writing our Hogarth persuasive speeches. We've been really impressed with how well the children have created compassion for the Iron Man – not an easy task!

Our Christmas parties are tomorrow. Please come to school in uniform. You can bring a snack and a game (no electronics please).

We would like to say a big thank you for all of the Christmas Cards and gifts which have been sent into school this week. They are very gratefully received.



Dates for your diary

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Important information

Our meeting about the Year 4 Residential to Castleton will be after school on Friday 9th January.



Here is the link to the times tables website that we use if your child would like to practice over the holidays:

<https://www.timetables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

The Y4 team wishes you a lovely and restful Christmas.

Looking ahead

After Christmas we will be learning about the Egyptians – a brilliant topic that your children will love. We'll cover the pyramids, the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter, mummification and a whole lot more! We'll also be learning about digestion in Science, the River Nile in Geography and coding in ICT.



YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

What a truly fantastic term it has been! The children have shown incredible enthusiasm and energy throughout, embracing every opportunity that came their way. From the exciting Bikeability sessions, where they demonstrated confidence, determination and a real willingness to learn new skills, to the joyful Christmas class time. Enjoy the Christmas Break. As we look ahead to the New Year, we are excited and ready to continue where we left off, building on this enthusiasm and momentum as we move into the next chapter of learning together



Dates for your diary

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Important information

5CC: Swimming Tuesdays this will begin on the 6th January. Reminder of the Googles form and ensure that the swimming attire follows council guidelines.



5MS: P.E. will be on Wednesdays with the sports coach – Circuit training and tag rugby. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

5CT: Outdoor learning will be on Wednesdays with Miss Howe, so please ensure that appropriate kit is prepared, including additional socks.

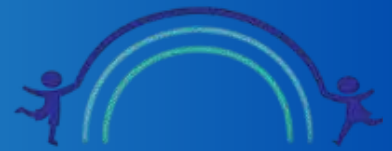
5CC and 5CT: P.E. will be on Fridays for tag rugby and circuit training (monitoring over the term).



Looking ahead

First week, our focus in **Maths** will be on deepening our understanding of division, using formal written methods to build accuracy and confidence in problem-solving. In **Reading**, we will begin exploring Macbeth, looking closely at the plot, characters, and key themes. Our **Writing** will be closely linked, as we immerse ourselves in the story to inspire rich vocabulary, descriptive language, and creative responses. In **French**, we will be learning how to ask and answer questions about pets, while in **Topic** we will continue to explore Scotland, learning about its geography and culture. In **ICT**, our focus will be on understanding databases and how information is organised and used.

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

What a week we have had. This week has been delightful and the children have produced some great writing. In writing this half term you produced some amazing work about 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Whether producing an information guide for surviving Camp Green Lake or writing your own train robbery heist with the lovable rogue, Kate Barlow- your work was of the highest standard. We have been exploring types of number in Maths and this will continue as we start to think about percentages in the new half term. Outside of the classroom, Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed watching the Nativity performed by some of the children at Meadow Lane.

Important information

Looking forward to the next half term, there will be some changes to our weekly timetables. Next half term there will be new PE days for 6PW and 6DW. PE will now take place on a Tuesday and will be Basketball. 6LS, you will continue to have PE on a Thursday with an external provider. The topic and focus will be World War 2 with a specific area of interest being Dunkirk. This topic will feed into our Art, History, RSHE, RE and also our reading and writing. We hope that the children will enjoy the topic and will learn some important messages from history.

Looking ahead

Year 6 children will be taking part in a series of assessments in the fifth week of this half term. This will consist of 3x maths papers, 1x reading paper, 1x grammar and 1x spelling paper.

Dates for your diary

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School News

FROM THE REPORTERS

Joke of the week

Which of Santa's reindeers have the best moves?

Dancer

Headlines

Hello and welcome to our school newspaper! We are the news team, consisting of Mia, Elora, Heath, Sophie, Gracie, Teresa, Lily, Laura and Jonah. We are excited to entertain everyone with our hilarious jokes, and deliver all of the weekly news just for you!
MERRY CHRISTMAS! :)



CHRIST CHURCH VISIT

We visited Christ Church this week
"The singing was excellent!" Y6
"It was well-prepared and the decorations were lovely." Y5

CHRISTMAS DINNER



Last week, we had Christmas dinner which was delicious! We even had some dancing on the stage and a singalong!

"I was dancing on stage and it was great fun."

"I liked that we had a choice of what ice cream we wanted."

"I liked that the Christmas crackers had jokes in them."

PANTO FEVER

The Year 3 and 4 did an amazing panto of Peter Pan. Here are some comments from the cast:

"I was captain Hook and I think the hardest part was knowing when to come on and go off the stage," said Lara in Y4

Esme from Year 4 said, "I played Wendy and the timings and choreography was hard as well as memorising lines."

Everyone pulled off the show with excellence!

The early years did a wonderful nativity of the story of the birth of Jesus!



DIARY DATES

Spring term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

Date	Day	Event	Location	Who?
5th Jan	Mon	Y2 Ghana WOW day	CL	Y2
6th Jan	Tues	5CC first swimming session	Bramcote Baths	Class 5CC
13th Jan	Tues	Great Project – every Tues	CL	Y5
22nd Jan	Thurs	MHST Body Image Workshop	CL	Y5
26th Jan	Mon	Y3 visit to Creswell Crag	Creswell Crag	Class 3CD
26th Jan	Mon	Dental Survey	ML	F2 & Y1
27th Jan	Tues	Y3 visit to Creswell Crag	Creswell Crag	Class 3DC
27th Jan	Tues	Young Voices visit to BP Pulse	Birmingham	KS2 Choir
29th Jan	Thurs	MHST Body Image Workshop	CL	Y6
29th Jan	Thurs	EY Height & Weight Check	ML	EY
30th Jan	Fri	Y3 visit to Creswell Crag	Creswell Crag	Y3
3rd Feb	Tues	Y6 Height & Weight Check	CL	Y6
13th Feb	Fri	INSET DAY	CL & ML	ALL
16th – 20th Feb	Mon-Fri	HALF TERM	CL & ML	ALL