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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	96%
Foundation 2	96.6%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	96.3%



Message from Mr Wilkes

I have had the absolute pleasure of spending a couple of days in Derbyshire with Year 4 this week. We had glorious weather and the children are having a fantastic time. Year 6 have been on a very poignant visit to the Holocaust centre linked to their work on World War 2.



Spelling

As part of our school improvement work on English, we have been reviewing the approach to the teaching of spelling. As part of the refined approach, from next week, we will be sending home spelling homework for children in Years 2 to 6. This will be a simple task which relates to the children's spelling work earlier in the half term such as a passage to correct or a challenge to find words which follow a specific spelling rule. The children will not be tested on this work as research shows that it is the process of investigation that most supports their learning. The children will need to complete their work by the following week.

We hugely appreciate your support with your child's spelling homework - revisiting their learning improves their chances of remembering it by nearly 40%.

World book day has been a great success, The children have had the opportunity to hear from Marte Altes and Kwame Alexander and use this to inspire their work.

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Our tank has arrived! We worked together to fill it with stones, rain water and some plants then some pond snails and water fleas have moved in. Everyday we are checking for signs of spring to see if frog spawn is going to be laid.



Everyone had loved getting out the big paper this week for our mark making in fine motor and it's been even nicer heading outside for this job as the weather has improved.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)
- [Including Early Years Parent Conference](#)

Important information

We are still short of boys and girls pants if you have any clean to donate. Thank you so much!

A message from the lunch staff - please pack cuterly if your child requires it! Thank you!

Reminder: Story Sacks are due back to school every Wednesday!



It's the final week to have your say as to how you'd like to get involved in school life.

The form is attached:

[HERE](#)

Looking ahead

Next week we will be reading the brilliant [What's in Witch's Kitchen?](#) Here's the video but get yourself to the library for it's real rhyming magic!

We will be singing [Magic Porridge](#) and [Down in the Jungle](#).

Continuing our one-handed equipment focus. Next week we will be making art with Spray bottles.

In Fine and Gross Motor we will be moving to music in big ways (like using the parachute) and small ways (drawing)!



FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Today we had a visitor from the NHS Mental Health Team to do a 'What Feeling' workshop. This was based around all the different feelings we all have and how to identify them. He also did some mindful breathing with them. Ask your child about 'candle breathing' or 'bunny breathing'.



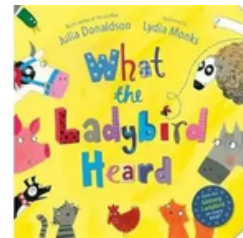
We have bought some all in one suits for the Mud Kitchen so hopefully your child will not come home too muddy from now on! They have loved wearing them.

Important information

Farm trip is on Tuesday 10th. Please can your child come in warm trousers, school jumper, wellies or walking boots with a waterproof coat. They will also need to bring a water bottle.

Reminder that Parents' Reading morning is now every Thursday morning.

Please can you ensure that your child brings their reading folder into school every day and keep all books inside. The Bug Club books are given to the next class so we need to make sure we have a full set. Many thanks



Looking ahead

Next week:

Maths will be comparison of numbers up to 8

Phonics will be 'ur and ear'

Handwriting will be 'a and c'

Our new book for **Writing** will be 'What the Ladybird Heard', focusing on the vocabulary and the plot of the story.

In **Art** we will be exploring mixing colours using our new paint equipment and looking at how colours can be made darker and lighter.

In **PSED** we will be talking about celebrating success. What have you done to make you feel proud

Our focus for Understanding the World will be looking at dairy farms and how milk is produced.

Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)
- [Including Early Years Parent Conference](#)

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week we have measured the capacity of an object and ordered objects according to which container can hold the most/least.

In English we have written some super sentences and wrote facts about an enemy attack on a castle!

In our topic work we have looked at features of a castle and identified these on a range of castles across the UK.

We discussed why knights carry shields and what the patterns and pictures mean on it. We loved designing our own shields and we look forward to painting them next week.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Monday 9th March is our trip to Nottingham Castle.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle and rain/warm coat and a small backpack for these items and a packed lunch. If your child usually has a school dinner they will be provided with a school packed lunch.

We need boxes to make our castles!! Please send your child to school with any old boxes which have NOT contained food (for allergy reasons) Thank you!

Looking ahead

On Wednesday 11th March the children will take part in a wellbeing workshop delivered by the Broxtowe Mental Health Team.

The children looked amazing in their World Book Day outfits! Thank you for supporting this.

Today we will send home song words to learn for our class assemblies, this will be followed next week with your child's lines. Please help your child to learn them, thank you.

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week in music, we explored our song and developed rhythm using some instruments:



We began looking at 3-D shapes in Maths and explored the number of faces different 3-D shapes have.



Thank you to everyone for your engagement during World Book Day. We had lots of great costumes from all types of books! We also had a great time exploring lots of interesting books, and we shared books with a friend!

Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Spellings will be sent home every Friday, please let us know if your child needs a new spelling book.

It is assessment week over the next two weeks, children will be completing arithmetic, reasoning, reading and SPAG papers.

We are looking forward to having Miss Mahmood join 2JB as class teacher from 10th March. She will be teaching in class 2JB from Mondays to Wednesdays.

Looking ahead

Maths: 3-D shapes and patterns.
English: Writing facts about bats.
Science: Exploring micro habitats and what lives in them.

Art: Clay sculpture, investigating in preparation for making our own sculptures.

PE: throwing for distance and dance.



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

It has been another busy week in Year 3! In Maths, the children tackled some tricky multiplication and division problem-solving challenges. In English, we explored how authors persuade their readers by analysing the techniques writers use to make their writing convincing. In Science, we investigated how water is transported in plants and carried out an experiment using flowers and celery with food dye. World Book Day was also a great success, and it was wonderful to see the children celebrating their love of reading.



Important information

Year 3 PE days this half-term

3DC - Tuesday

3IM - Tuesday

3CD - Wednesday



Spring Term Assessments

Over the next two weeks, the children will be completing a few short maths and 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 in English, the children will be writing to persuade their reader to time travel and visit Ancient Greece, using persuasive vocabulary, direct address and rhetorical questions. In Maths, we will focus on fluency with formal methods for the four operations and complete some assessment papers. In Science, we will investigate the requirements plants need for life and growth. In History and Geography, we will compare Athens and Sparta as well as modern-day Athens and London. In PE, the children will continue with tennis and dance.

Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?



Mr Grain really got into character defending his class!

We had a great time in Castleton! We are incredibly proud of all the children and we are practically Romans now!



Important information

Don't forget we have a Times Tables meeting on Friday 13th March at 3.30 in 4RR. You will find out about the upcoming Multiplication Check and how to support your child at home.

We will ensure we hand out the work the children have created on residential on Monday.



Looking ahead

Next week in maths we will be carrying on learning about fractions - we will be adding and subtracting them.

We will be reading more of our book Ditherus Warts and meet some more characters.

We will be practising how to punctuate speech in our writing.

And spending lots of time talking about the residential.



Dates for your diary

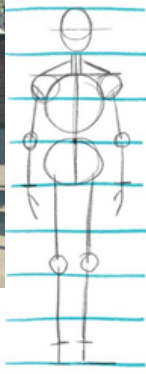
- Friday 13th March - Times Tables meeting
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?



KWAME ALEXANDER ★ KADIR NELSON
THE UNDEFEATED



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](#)

Important information

Stars of the week

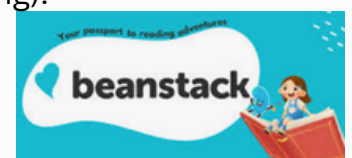
- Stars in 5CT: **Sofia and Art**
- Stars in 5MS: **Luna and Jonah**
- Stars in 5CC: **Charlie and Amelie**
- 5CC: will be swimming on Tuesday mornings and will have PE on Fridays.
- 5MS: P.E. will be on Wednesdays with the sports coach teaching badminton and orienteering.
- 5CT: Outdoor learning will 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: Maths papers x3, SPAG papers and reading paper.
- Reading and Writing - We continue reading Beowulf and looking at key writing skills.
- Maths - we will continue looking at multiplication of fractions.

Reminders

- Reading x4 on Beanstack.
- Timestable Rockstars - Competition.
- Spellings have been sent home for homework completion (as mentioned at parents evening).



YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



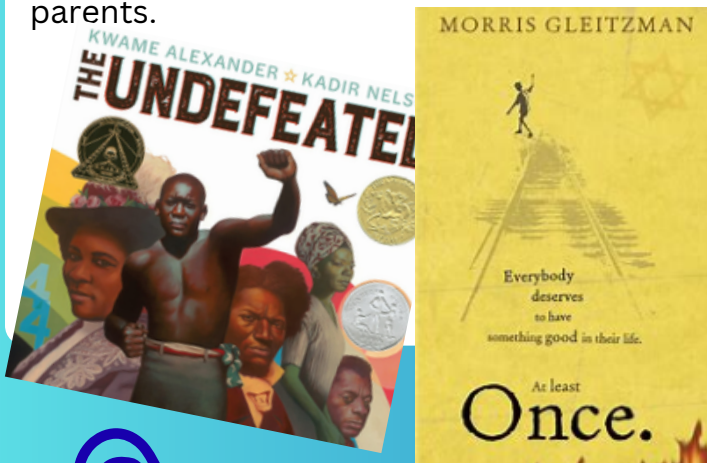
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What's been happening?

This week has been a blast! We have been able to dive deep into our topic with a trip to the National Holocaust Museum. At this site, we explored the fictional story of a Jewish boy called Leo as he came to terms with a Nazi invasion.

This week we have also had World Book Day. This day included time to slow down and enjoy a bit of quiet reading, a special online assembly with a famous author and the chance to dress up as a character from one of their favourite books.

We also offered a Parent's SATs info' meeting where questions could be asked and the Plan Of Action for the 'big day' was laid out to parents.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

SATs homework

Maths - X and \div 10,100,1000

Reading - I asked the river pg 22

SPAG - semi colons 60-63

Please can you ensure that SATs homework is complete and the books are brought to school by all.

Our school day begins at 8:55. Children should be in class and sat by this time, therefore arriving earlier than this is essential.

Star of the Week

6PW - Izzy / Byron

6DW - Harrison W/ Hilary

6LS -Fares / Paeton

Looking ahead

Assessment week - 16th March

Monday - Reading

Tuesday - Grammar/ Spelling

Wednesday - Arithmetic/ Reasoning 1

Thursday - Reasoning 2

School Disco - 11th March

6:15 - 7:15 - will cost £3.00 on the door.

Joke of the week

Q. Why did the scarecrow win an award?
A. Because he was outstanding in his field.

School News

FROM THE REPORTERS

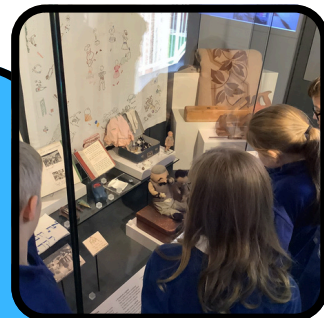
Headlines

World Book Day Celebrations
Today's World Book Day brought a burst of colour and creativity to the school. Pupils arrived dressed as characters from Harry Potter, Roald Dahl, Disney fairytales, and many more beloved stories. Years 5 and 6 also joined a live video call with schools across the country, where they had the chance to ask questions to Kwame Alexander, the award-winning author and poet. His answers inspired the pupils to think about storytelling, creativity, and the power of reading.



Year 6 Visit to the National Holocaust Centre

Year 6 spent Tuesday at the National Holocaust Centre, exploring the life of Leo, a ten-year-old German Jewish boy living in 1933. As they moved through the museum, they listened to extracts from his diary and learned about the challenges he faced as antisemitism grew in Germany. One pupil from 6DW reflected on the experience, saying, "I thought it was very fascinating." The visit also included a powerful presentation about Zdenka, a survivor of a concentration camp. This gave pupils a deeper understanding of the experiences of people who lived through the holocaust



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 vist 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
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

