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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

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

Message from Mr Wilkes

It was great to see the year 4 children creating some clay, coil pots this week. Lots of messy hands and happy faces!

Values

Back in September we started the year with a review of our vision and values. We have spent a lot of time discussing this as a staff team and discussing it with the children. We have reduced the values from 13 to 6 and will be spending the rest of the year embedding them into the behaviour policy, curriculum and environment.

Our final set of values are **Respect, Pride, Responsibility, Aspiration, Kindness and Resilience.**

I have tasked the children to think about some values stories and consider if we need some value characters and if so what they would be. I am looking forward to hearing and seeing their ideas.

Communication

Last week I talked about the changes we are making to try and streamline our communication. After half term we will be using Reach More Parents as the main tool to send messages. During the next couple of weeks please can you download the app and ensure you enable notifications in order to receive the messages.

We will send you the information you require to set up your account and log on in the next couple of weeks.

Parents' evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you to school next week. Mrs Langon our Inclusion Lead will be around on Wednesday evening if there is anything you want to chat about.

Illness

We have had a period of staff illness and absence. We work really hard to ensure there is as much consistency for the children but please bear with us whilst we get through this patch!

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

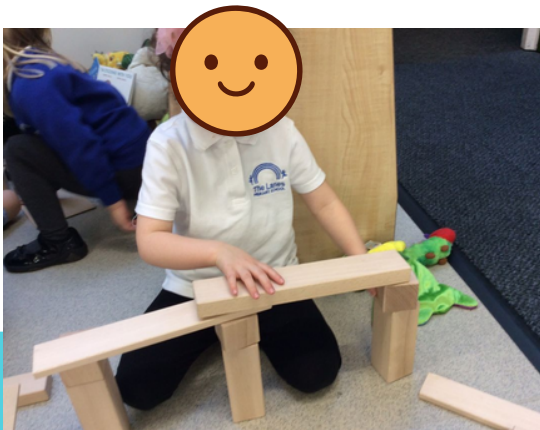
This week we have been reading [Martha Maps it out](#), exploring around our immediate environment and far beyond!

We've enjoyed the solar system song...



and describing the doors, windows, gardens and rooms of our houses.

In Maths, we have loved exploring shape and space through construction!



Dates for your diary

Friday the 13th is a training inset day across school including nursery. If your child attends on a Friday, please make sure you have other arrangements.

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Our Parent's evenings will be taking place on Tuesday the 10th and Wednesday the 11th.

The children have been doing brilliantly and I can't wait to share what we have been learning.

Children are welcome to come and say hello in F1 but not further through the school.

I'm looking forward to seeing lots of you there!

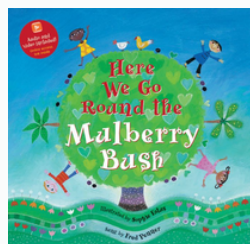
The office are missing some children's GDPR permissions. A letter will be sent to you if they need updating.

Looking ahead

This week we will take our first steps into our new half terms phonics focus - Rhyme!

We will be reading the brilliant Nick Sharratt books - Pants

Our Rhyme of the week is Here we go round the Mulberry bush.



Our Fine Motor artist studies continue with Matisse - We will be creating our own snails.

FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We have enjoyed learning about Space and have been learning the names of the planets.



We have used pastels, marker pens and Brusho paint crystals to create some space pictures.



Important information

Please remember our Parents' Event on Tuesday 10th February from 8:40 - 9:30, we would love to see you and show you what the children have been learning!

Don't forget about the INSET day on Friday.

Please look at home for any Bug Club books, we are missing a few and it means that the next class cannot take them home to read. Thank you!



Looking ahead

In our Writing work next week we will be designing and describing our own aliens. The children are very excited!

We have loved learning about the different number bonds to 5, and are enjoying investigating 6 and 7 as being made of '5 and a bit'.



We will be doing some work with the children to check how their phonics is coming on. We will also be learning the 'ar' grapheme.

Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week we have worked very hard on our phonics. We have read and written words with the graphemes eer, ere ck, oy.

The children have loved programming the Bee-bot robots to move to specific places. We all showed super partner work too!

We are learning all about how to keep our bodies healthy. We know that we need to eat healthy foods, drink water, exercise, sleep well and have good hygiene routines.

In Maths, we have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. Counting in 5's was quite tricky but we looked at the pattern that it made on the 100 square.

We have enjoyed writing in English and our handwriting is really improving. We wrote sentences about our story Meerkat Mail that include the subordinating conjunction 'and'.

Our stars of the week tomorrow are...
1EH George 1WV Dotty 1AW Toby P



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

We are looking forward to seeing you all at parents' evening on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February. The children have been working really hard and we can't wait to tell you all about it.

Remember we have Inset day on Friday 13th February.

Our topic after half term will be all about Castles.



Looking ahead

We enjoy our mastering number sessions and this week we are identifying the odd and even numbers.

We will end our topic on hot and cold places with a review to see what we can remember.

It is Children's Mental Health Week from 9th-15th Feb. This has a focus on the importance of belonging and feeling safe, valued, accepted and connected in the places where we live, learn and grow. It is also Safer Internet Day on 10th Feb.

In the half term holiday, please enjoy lots of reading with your child.

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We have been gathering some great vocabulary in readiness of our Ghanaian Safari in English. With a focus on subordinating clauses 'if'! We compared Ghana to the UK in geography.



Please ensure you have booked your parents' evening slot:
Monday & Tuesday: 2JB
Tuesday & Wednesday: 2HP, 2CH

Dates for your diary

- Parents' art celebration Thursday, 12th February,
- Inset day Friday 13th February
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Parents' Art Celebration Event:
Thursday, 12th. Please join us! Come to the reception at 2:30 pm.

Please remember your child must come in the correct PE uniform, see our website below. Any problems/queries, please talk to year 2 team.
Thank you.

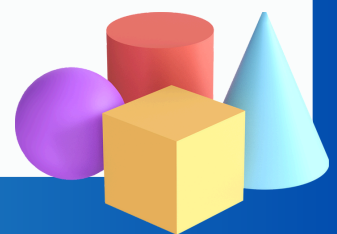
[Lanes Uniform info](#)



Looking ahead

Maths: New unit: 2D, 3D shapes.
English: Non-fiction leaflet about animals.

RE: importance of a Rabbi
PE: volleyball and dance skills.
Art: Ghanaian printing techniques, Ghanaian patterns - with parents!



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week, we have had some great discussions about using appropriate vocabulary when writing to inform. In our science lesson, we shared ideas and made predictions about what a soil is and how it is formed.



Important information

PE dates for this half-term
Tuesday - 3CD and 3DC
Wednesday - 3IM

We look forward to seeing you at parents' evening. If you haven't already booked your appointment then please do so if you're in a position to attend.

We've had a few questions about TT Rockstars in the last few weeks. Children have been given log in's but we will also have a copy of their details to give to you at parents evening.

Thanks
Year 3 Team

Looking ahead

English - Children will apply the knowledge and skills they've learnt this half-term to write a non-fiction piece to inform the reader about life in the Stone Age.

Maths - Multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.

History - How did settlement and trade change during the Iron Age.

ICT - Safer Internet Day

PE - Netball and fitness

RE - Comparing Christian and Islamic prayer.

Music - Listening and responding to gospel music (He's got the whole word in his hands).

Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

- We investigated the purpose of canopic jars in the mummification process and made a clay version of our favourite one.
- We have now finished looking at division and ended the topic by learning the short division method.
- We finished our diary entry from Howard Carter and practised our editing skills by reviewing our work.
- In Science we played a great game that allowed us to better remember all the steps of the digestive process.



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Important information

We're looking forward to seeing you for parents evening appointments next week on Wednesday and Thursday. If you have any questions about booking an appointment, please let us know.

4NM will have their first outdoor learning session tomorrow on Friday 6th February. Please ensure that they come to school with suitable clothing and footwear, and they also bring school uniform and school shoes in a bag to change into at lunchtime.

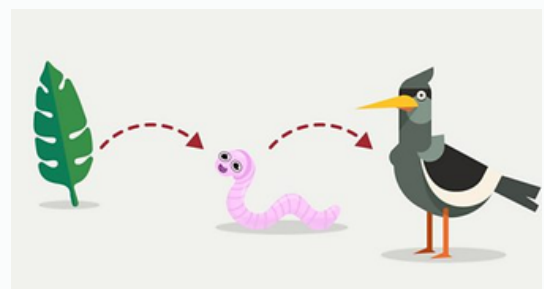
There will be a chance to come in and see your children's lovely work on the Ancient Egyptians when we get back to school after the holidays. More details to follow.

Looking ahead

Next week our maths lessons will focus on finding the area of a shape and then comparing the areas of different rectilinear shapes.

In ICT we will be creating repeating patterns by looping the screen turtle and changing the pen colour.

Our science lesson will include creating food chains and webs to see how animals survive in their individual habitats.



Dates for your diary

- Upcoming - Friday 13th March - Times Tables Check Meeting 3:30PM
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

- We concluded The Great Project creating a pledge for how we can promote positive relationships.
- In Maths, we focused on adding fractions with different denominators.
- In reading and writing, we have continued to explore Macbeth - looking at author's intent the English sequence regarding tension.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)
- Parents evening Year 5: Monday 9th or Wednesday 11th
- Last Day of Term Thursday 12th February. School closed to pupils Friday.
- Residential Consent form by Wednesday.

Important information

5CC: will be swimming on Tuesday mornings and will have PE on Fridays.

5MS: P.E. will be on Wednesdays with the sports coach.

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

P.E. This term - Tag Rugby and Circuit Training.

Star of the Week:

- 5CC - Franklin and Georgia
- 5CT - Mila and Theo
- 5MS - Helayna and Grayson

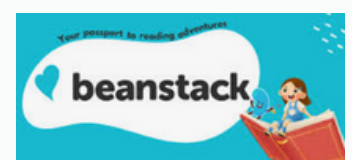


Looking ahead

- Reading - we will conclude the book and review how Macbeth has changed.
- Writing - we will conclude the writing sequence to build tension in writing.
- Maths - we will be looking in depth at subtracting fractions using different denominator.
- DT - We will create our own biscuits.

Reminders

- Reading x4 on Beanstack.
- Timestable Rockstars - Competition.



YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week we are enjoying four more days together before we break-up for Half Term. We will be continuing to explore angles and shape in maths.

In writing, we will be finishing off our radio broadcasts in the style of Edward Murrows who reported on events during the Blitz.

Star of the week

6PW - William B / Robert A

6DW - Oliver A / Alfie D

6LS - Fares / Pengyau



Important information

Trip to Holocaust museum - 3/3/25

Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform and with a packed lunch

SATS parent meeting - 5/3/25

This will take place after school and will provide parents with some information about: what the tests are, when they will be and how they will be administered.

March 3rd - Year 7 school places published.

Homeworks

Maths - 3d Shape - page 74/75

Reading - Lord of rings - page page 18

Grammar - Present and past tense page 19

Progressive page 20

Looking ahead

We are looking forward to a new topic and a new book after half term. Our topic will be very close to RE and will have a holocaust focus. Once, by Morris Gleitzman will be a class read and will focus on the life of a fictional Jewish orphan, called Felix.

PE after half term is going to be on a Tuesday for 6PW and 6DW.

Dates for your diary

- Friday - 13/2/26 INSET DAY
- Link to whole school dates



Joke of the week

What do cats eat for breakfast?

Mice Krispies

School News

FROM THE REPORTERS

Headlines

This week Gracie, Teresa and Bella went into Year 5 to find out all about Crew, which is happening in 5MS. Crew is all about learning about team building, community, friendship and emotions. We asked some Year 5s what they have been doing. They said, "The first thing you do when you walk into crew is sit in a circle and share what we appreciate about each other. Then we go around the circle and say how we feel. We debate questions like 'If you cannot be both kind and honest, would you be kind or honest?' or 'is it better to stand up to yourself or others?' 5MS all agreed that they really like Crew and can't wait to help introduce it across the school

We have been wondering what our school ambassadors are up to at the moment, so we asked guest reporters Verity, Sophie and Eliza, who are ambassadors, to tell us all about it.

They told us:

"At this school, we have ambassadors who have been chosen by Mr Wilkes (our headteacher) after a long selection process. These ambassadors do jobs around the school including hosting visitors, attending meetings where they discuss issues, achievements, positives and solve problems. They have been working to conduct fundraising events to raise money for our chosen charity: Young Lives vs Cancer. So now you know what the ambassadors do, we hope you can help us in our mission to raise money and make the school an even better place.

School has been a very busy place this week as the teachers are getting ready for a School Review after half term. This is where another headteacher will visit our school to help Mr Wilkes know what the school is good at and what we need to work on. We found out that there are lots of leaders in school, not just Mr Wilkes! Miss Hodkin is deputy head teacher and she and Mr White are in charge of English. They hope the review will help them know more about how we are doing with our phonics and reading. Mrs Wignell makes sure the Meadow Lane site stays safe and Mrs Strickland helps our children who are learning English. Mr Wilkes and all the teachers are looking forward to the visit so that they can help make our great school even better

DIARY DATES

Spring term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

Date	Day	Event	Location	Who?
9th - 13th Feb	Mon -Thurs	Children's Mental Health Week	ML & CL	ALL
9th, 10th & 11th Feb	Mon,Tues, Wed	Parents evening week	ML & CL	All
10th Feb	Tues	F2 parent morning @ 8.45am	ML	F2
10th Feb	Tues	Safer Internet Day	ML & CL	All
12th Feb	Thurs	Y2 parent afternoon	CL	Y2
13th Feb	Fri	INSET DAY	CL &ML	ALL
16th - 20th Feb	Mon-Fri	HALF TERM		
24th Feb	Tues	Swimming Gala	Bramcote Baths	
3rd March	Tues	Y6 visit to Holocaust Museum	Newark	Y6
3rd March	Tues	Vision and Values evening - 6pm	CL	All
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 parenst 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	ML	F2 & Y1
13th March	Fri	Y4 Times Tables Meeting 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
25th March	Weds	Disco	CL	Y2 - Y6