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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	97.4%
Foundation 2	96.4%
Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	97.5%

Message from Mr Wilkes

It was great to see the Year 2 children in their Superhero outfits on Monday, ready to start their new topic.

Mobile phones and Smart Watches

As you may be aware, new legislation means that mobile phones and smart devices must not be used in school. While this has always been our expectation at The Lanes, we have reviewed and updated our policy to reflect the latest guidance. Please click [here](#) to see the latest information.

LifeVac Anti Choking device

A huge thank you to Freddie, Finley and Flynn for their fantastic fundraising over the summer to help us purchase anti-choking devices for school. Thank you too to all the families who supported the football events. As a result, we now have LifeVac devices available in school and to take on visits. A massive thank you to the family for their generosity and hard work. If you would like to find out more about LifeVac, please visit [LifeVac UK](#).

Change of morning routine at Cator Lane

As a school, we have been reviewing our morning arrival arrangements and how we can best support children as they enter school. We recognise that it can be challenging for teachers to greet children at the door while also supervising the children already in the classroom. We have therefore decided to trial a change to our morning entry arrangements.

From Monday, children who are in a downstairs classroom will enter school through the patio area at the back of the school building. This will allow teachers to be at the classroom door to welcome children while continuing to supervise those already in the classroom. We will trial this arrangement for half a term and then review how well it is working.

Please note: this change only applies to children whose classrooms are downstairs at Cator Lane.

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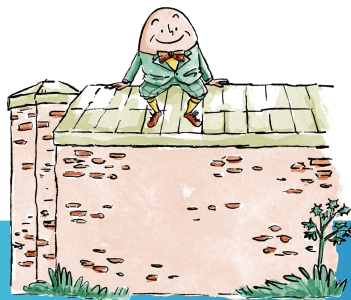
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What's been happening?

We have had a great first FULL week. Everyone is settling really well into routine and learning how to use our classroom.

We have been enjoying reading and learning about our focus story - Lulu's first day.

We have been looking at the similarities and differences in Lulu's school routine and our own.

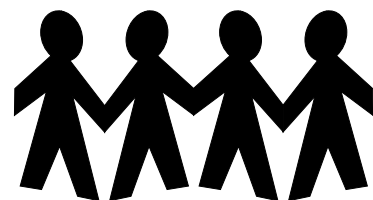


Important information

Please make sure you pack everything your child needs to toilet in their bag. E.g. changes of clothes, flushable wipes etc. and have a go using them/dressing at home.

Next week we are discussing our families in class. Please could you send a photograph and a short discription of who is in your child's family to

nursery@thelanes.notts.sch.uk



Looking ahead

Next week we will be starting a new focus story - [Owl babies.](#)

We will be reading and watching the story to aid discussion on our own families.

We will also be starting our Phase 1 Phonics playing a Mr Bear listening game and singing Humpty Dumpty.

We will also be starting our first gross Motor unit - Whole Body Movement!

Dates for your diary



FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

What a fantastic first full week at school the children have had! We have loved getting to know them better and learning what they like.

We have had lots of fun investigating our new classrooms and the Early Years Garden.

We have enjoyed reading The Mega Magic Hair Swap and talking all about how we are the same as and different to each other.



We have loved starting our Maths learning with Numberblocks, and learning to subitise the numbers 1, 2, and 3.

Important information

We are starting PE next week on Tuesday 15th September. Please remember to send your child's PE kit in to school as they are going to practice getting themselves changed.

Lilac reading books will be coming home on Friday, along with some letters explaining what to do and how to access Beanstack to log any reading you do with your child. If you have any issues do let us know.

Please remember to send fruit or vegetables in for a morning snack for your child, and only water in bottles. Thank you!

Looking ahead

Next week we will be talking about families, and investigating what our families are like. An email will go out tomorrow asking for photos, more information is coming!

In Maths we will be learning all about counting. We will be learning to count lots of different things, including objects and sounds!

We will be continuing our work on Phase 1 phonics, thinking about orally segmenting and blending words.

Dates for your diary



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What's been happening?

We have had a lovely first week back and the children loved acting out the story so far of....



Bunting is the main character and all the toys disappeared! Can your child tell you all about the story?

In Maths we have been making numbers in several ways eg. Writing the numeral, writing the word and making the number with objects.

In ICT we talked about 'What is technology?' and the children organised a set of pictures into Technology/Not Technology.

Important information

Thursday is our PE day so please send your child in weather appropriate PE kit as 1 of the lessons will be outside.

Friday morning is our family reading morning so all are welcome into classrooms at 8.40-8.55.

We are celebrating the Year 1 stars of the week and they are...
1EH Gray and, Jemima
1JW Ismail and Ariyana
1PW Sophie and Benjamin

Looking ahead

Each child will have 3 books to take home beginning 11th Sept these are:

A library book to share, your child's reading level book (bug club, reading scheme) and a book that we have spent a week reading together.

Please make sure that your child brings their reading book every day.

Thank you - Happy Reading!

Dates for your diary



YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Our WOW day was fabulous on Monday! Thank you for all your great costumes. Hope everyone had a great day!



We have begun looking at Adjectives and Nouns in English this week when looking at Elliot the Midnight Superhero!

Please could you bring in any tissue-style boxes or similar to this for a DT project in a few weeks' time!



Dates for your diary

Important information

PE days are Mondays. Please send your child in a suitable PE kit; we will be outside for one of the lessons. Earrings removed, hair tied up please.



2CO will be starting outdoor learning on Wednesday 16th September in the afternoon. Please send your child to school with a bag of appropriate outdoor clothing and shoes. They will change into these clothes after lunch.

Looking ahead

English: Planning our own superhero mission.

Maths: Comparing and ordering numbers.

PE: football and circuit training/ games/

Science: Hygiene

Geography: 7 Continents



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

☀️ This Week ☀️

What a fantastic first week back! The children have returned with wonderful energy, enthusiasm and excitement for their learning. 😊

✍️ **Writing** – We explored how to create atmosphere in settings.

📖 **Reading** – We began Engelbert Sneem and His Dream Vacuum Cleaner, developing our vocabulary and prediction skills.

➗ **Maths** – We explored place value up to 1,000 and different ways to represent numbers.

🎨 **Art** – We created colourful bubble-work backgrounds for our dream castles.

🔧 **Science** – We investigated push, pull and twisting forces.

🎵 **Music & 💻 Computing** – We learned a new song and explored e-safety.

A brilliant start to Year 3 – well done everyone!

Important information

Stars of the week

- Stars in 3CD: **Hallie and Layla**
- Stars in 3IM: **Lachlan and Natalia**
- Stars in 3MS: **Ada and Robbie**

⚽ PE Days

- PE is on **Tuesdays for all Y3 classes** – Football and Foundation Movements.

Please ensure children have suitable PE clothing and footwear to take part outdoors in most weather conditions. ☀️ Please be advised to bring in spare trainers and socks in case of wet weather

🌳 Outdoor Learning – 3IM

3IM will begin Outdoor Learning with Miss Howe on Monday 14th September.

Gentle request: During the day the children can misplace items, so please check labels at home and return to school if not your child's. Thanks 😊

Looking ahead

☀️ Looking Ahead to Next Week ☀️

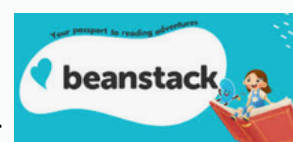
We have another fun-filled week ahead! In English, we'll continue developing our setting descriptions, while in Reading we discover what happens next in Engelbert Sneem and His Dream Vacuum Cleaner. In Maths, we'll continue exploring numbers to 1,000.

In our wider curriculum, we'll investigate friction in Science, explore European capitals in Geography, and add glockenspiels to our song in Music. We'll also discover more about French culture. 🌍🎵

Our library day is Tuesday to change books.

Reminders

- Reading x4 to record on Beanstack.



Dates for your diary

- 14.9.2026 - 3IM Outdoor learning

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We've had a great week getting to grips with our new topic of Sound.



The children loved making and testing string telephones and have been exploring sound vibrations using different fun equipment.



We've also been exploring the topic of Online Safety and talking about why things are posted online.



There has been lots of talk about our school values and rules this week, and the children have been busy applying to be school counsellors.

Important information

Don't forget that PE lessons are on every Wednesday. This half term we will be learning Basketball and Hockey skills.

In 2 weeks time we'll be beginning our first Design and Technology project! We'll be making musical instruments out of cardboard. If you have any spare boxes that you think would be useful, please send them in! (No nut products please).

Congratulations to our Stars of the week:

4RR - Ella and Stanley S

4TG - Nora and William

4CC - Ralph and Luna

Don't forget you can contact us at
year4@thelanes.notts.sch.uk

Looking ahead

Next week we're looking forward to :

- Exploring how Wassily Kandinsky created his abstract artworks and we will be creating abstract artworks of our own while listening to music.
- Learning about devices that have microphones and speakers in Computing.
- Learning about place value into the thousands in Maths.
- Delving a bit further into biography writing in English especially learning about fronted adverbials of time (these are a big deal in Year 4).



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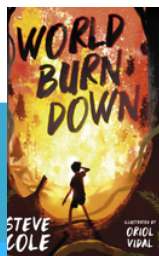
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What's been happening?

Welcome back! It's hard to believe that we have only been back for one week, it seems like we have been working in our new classes for years. The Year 5 teachers have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the new classes and seeing what they can do. This week has been a chance to explore a new book, titled 'World Burn Down'. This book will be our focus for reading and writing this half term as we try to emulate the writers style and create a sense of peril and suspense.

In maths, we have been exploring place value and what 'makes a number'. This knowledge is vital and if learnt well will help all the other areas of the curriculum make sense.

Homework – this will be set in class. The expectation is that the children will read at home and complete sessions on timestables rockstars. These multiplication facts are very helpful and will make accessing the arithmetic lessons later in the year far easier. Thank you for your support in this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at year5@thelanes.notts.sch.uk



Dates for your diary

Important information

Please note, from Monday 14th September 5PW will enter their classroom at the beginning of the day through the fire exit (field side). The aim is to help communication between parents and class teacher whilst ensuring supervision of those already in the school building. Furthermore, please be aware that Thursday 10th September is the first swimming lesson for 5PW. Children will be expected to bring appropriate swimwear for a lesson and should have returned a goggle form if they wish to use them in the pool. The first lesson is used as an assessment opportunity by the teachers.

PE – 5PW/5CT and 5NM will be Friday. This will be a mix of indoor and outdoor pe. Please ensure that you child arrives in appropriate kit and has a suitable jumper should the lesson be moved outside.

Looking ahead

Key dates

Monday 12th October – Art show after school.

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

What a fabulous start to the term we've had in Year 6.

We are really enjoying our work on Holes and have loved role-playing and putting on American accents.

The children have done really well in maths this week and have put a lot of effort in to their place value work.

Thank you so much to those children who have spent so much time and effort writing their ambassador applications. We are so proud of you all for putting yourself forward for this.

We are focusing on presentation and handwriting at the moment so any handwriting practice you can do at home would be incredible.



Dates for your diary

- 17th–20th November 2026 – Year 6 Residential to Mount Cook - we need desposits ASAP - thanks.

Important information

From 14th September, 6LS will be going in through the door leading on to the field (on the other side of the building).

Residential deposits need to be in as soon as possible as the official deadline was Monday this week.

PE day is on Wednesday for 6LS and Thursday for 6DW and 6HM.

Looking ahead

We will be doing weekly times tables tests and we will be checking TT Rockstars and Beanstack too so please make sure that your child is regularly reading and using Times Tables Rockstars. Thank you so much for your support with this.

Next week, we will be analysing a Camp Green Lake survival guide and continuing with our guided reading lessons using the fabulous book *Holes*.

In maths, we will be moving on to the four operations and starting with division using the bus stop method.