

NEWSLETTER



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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	96.5%
Foundation 2	96.9%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	96.1%

Message from Mr Wilkes

Year 2 residential

I have had the privilege of spending some time away with the year 2 children this week and it has been wonderful! The children were exceptional, even in the rain they were full of enthusiasm and joy! Well done year 2 and a huge thank you to the staff for giving up their time to make the residential happen.

Transition information

I mentioned previously the lack of focus we are putting on discussions about next year, however we need to start the process, albeit it quietly and with as little fuss as possible.

We are working towards a policy where the children will remain in their class groups for 2 years or longer as we recognise the challenges mixing classes presents. Having reviewed the current classes and discussed this with the teachers we have made the decision to keep the current year 3 and year 4 children in their class groups next year. They will move up as a class and this will be reviewed again in June 2027.

All other year groups will be mixed. This is because, despite the work and thought that goes into class groupings, as the children mature over the year, and as we get to know the relationships between them it becomes clear that some of the dynamics could be improved. Therefore, with your information, the children's view and the teachers expertise we are hoping to refine the class groupings.

The first stage of the process is to capture any relevant information from parents. If you have any key information you feel we need to know, then please click on the link below and complete the form. **This must be completed by 19th June.** [Click here for the form](#)

Once we have this information we will be talking to the children and asking them to give us four names from their current year group. This is not necessarily their 'best friends' but children who they work well with. We will not ask the children to rank the four names and we do not expect the children to discuss this with their peers as this may cause unnecessary stress. You may want to discuss these choices with your children.

Children and parents will be informed about their new classes on 7th July. Transition days will take place on 8th and 9th July. Additional transition activities will take place for identified children - more details will follow.

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week we have been inviting visitors to our classroom as new children get ready to join us in September. The children have been so welcoming and great role models!

We have also begun practising for our sports day next week. Here's our obstacle course we have been using in the hall. Cross your fingers the weather is in our favour!



Important information

Key dates for your diaries!
This Friday the 12th we are Outdoor Learning at Cator Lane. Feel free to come along just let us know via the Nursery email.

The following Friday the 19th is Sports day up at Cator Lane. Please come dressed ready for activities in appropriate footwear. Families are welcome to attend!

Looking ahead

Next week we will be learning to stop counting after a certain number. In phonics we will be reading port side pirates - here is the link to watch at home

<https://youtu.be/qAngsMJD3I?feature=shared>

And we will be singing head shoulders knees and toes - here's the link to sing at home

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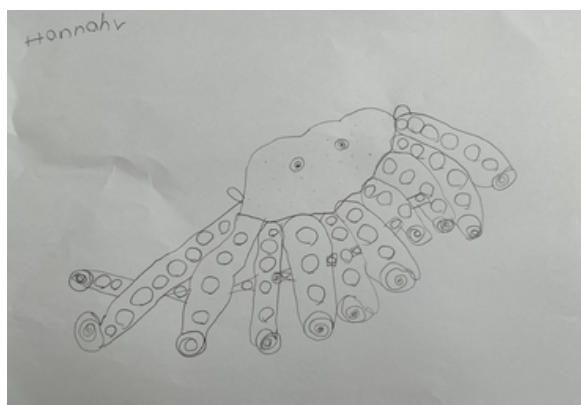


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What's been happening?

In Art this week we talked about the artists Rebecca Seddon and Jenny Berry, looking particularly at their drawings of sea creatures.

We then had a go at drawing some of our own sea animals. We tried really hard and enjoyed thinking about how to make our drawings better.



We have started learning some songs for our Grandparents' Morning and the children have been loving it!

We can't wait to sing for them all. Don't forget to send back the slips if your child's grandparents can come!

Important information

We will be starting Outdoor Learning this half term! You should receive a letter from Miss Howe, our Outdoor Learning teacher, but below are the dates for each class' sessions:

Thursday 18th and 25th June F2DW

Thursday 2nd July and Friday 10th July F2AO

Thursday 16th and 23rd July F2PB

Stars of the Week:

F2DW - Evelyn W and Sophie M

F2AO - Chester and Evelyn B

F2PB - Freddie F and Molly

Looking ahead

In Literacy we will be continuing our work on Clean Up! We will be having a go at writing our own Did you know? sentences.

In Maths we will be focusing on automatically recalling our number pairs to 5 and 10.

In Phonics we will be continuing to look at consonant blends and polysyllabic words.

As part of our Understanding The World learning, we will be talking about holidays to the beach.

In Handwriting we will be practicing our 'curly caterpillar' letters again - c, a, d, s, e

Dates for your diary

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What's been happening?

All the children have been amazing and completed the Year 1 Phonics Screening this week. More information about this will be included in your child's report which will be given to you in July.

In ICT we have been programming on Scratch Junior. The children have been able to program their sprite to move in different directions against a variety of backgrounds.



In Science we enjoyed tasting and describing a variety of fruits and we discussed what makes a healthy balanced diet.

In Maths we have started to explain time using terms before, after and next. We also understood how to read a calendar, learning months and dates.

Important information

Sports day on Tuesday 16th June, it starts at 9.30. Please head straight to the Cator Lane field and stay with your class as they rotate around the various activities. The weather looks good so far! Please put suncream on your child before school, bring a hat and a water bottle. (Likewise should this forecast change, make sure your child has a raincoat please!)



This week we will enjoy celebrating the foundation 'Stars of the week'

Looking ahead

In Maths we will learn how to read and write o'clock and half past times.

In English we will complete the story of 'The Hare and the Tortoise' and decide if we think the Hare will change his ways!

In RSHE we will make honesty posters and discuss why being honest is important.

In RE we have been learning about the Jewish faith, we will learn why The Torah is important to the faith.

Please keep reading with your child at home.

Dates for your diary

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YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We had a fantastic time at Sherwood Forest this week! The children took part in lots of exciting team-building activities and carried out geography fieldwork linked to their learning. From bug hunting to den building, they embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, showed excellent behaviour throughout, and made us incredibly proud. It has been a wonderful experience and one that we are sure they will remember for a long time! Huge thank you to all the staff!



Back in the classroom, children worked hard on their non-chronological report writing in English.

Dates for your diary

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- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

It is sports day next week on Tuesday, 16th June. It will start at 9:30. Please arrive, head straight to the field, and stay with your class as we move around each activity.

We have changed our year 2 production to be:



Apologies for any confusion this may have caused. Parts and scripts will be distributed next Monday, with rehearsal commencing the following week.



Looking ahead

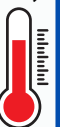
It is **assessment** week next week - focusing on **Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar** as well as our **reading** papers.



(Maths assessments will be the following week)

Sports day will involve races like sack race, egg and spoon, sprint races, etc.

Maths: Weight, volume and temperature



Computing: Outcomes: continuing Scratch.

Music: The Power of Communication

RSHE: Respecting our environment.

PE: Sports day practice & team building.

Geography: mapping/compass work.

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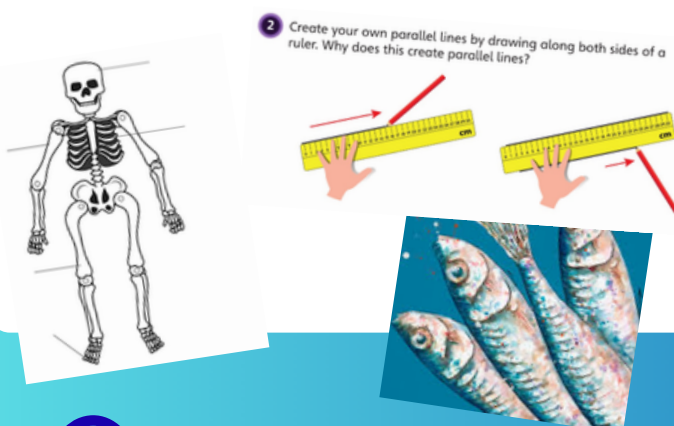
What's been happening?

This week, the children have been developing their narrative writing skills, focusing on creating curiosity and engagement. They impressed us with their use of ambitious vocabulary, rhetorical questions and ellipses, producing fantastic final pieces.

In Maths, we have been exploring parallel and perpendicular lines, as well as identifying lines of symmetry, with the class showing great effort.

In Science, we learned about the skeleton and how it provides protection and support for the body.

In Art, we experimented with emulsion paint to create texture inspired by Giles Ward, producing some creative outcomes.



2 Create your own parallel lines by drawing along both sides of a ruler. Why does this create parallel lines?

Important information

PE Days this half-term

Tuesday: 3CD & 3DC

Wednesday: 3IM

Sports Day

Tuesday 16th June. Gates open to the field for parents at 9.25 with events starting at 9.30.

Stars of the Week

3DC – Teddy & Elise

3IM - David & Alice S

3CD – Isla & Andrew



Looking ahead

Over the next fortnight, the children will be completing their Summer Assessment papers in a calm and supportive environment. Next week, we will focus on Literacy, beginning with a Grammar and Spelling paper followed by two Reading papers.

The following week, we will move on to Maths, where the children will complete an Arithmetic paper and two Reasoning papers. These assessments are simply an opportunity for the children to show what they have learned, and there is nothing to worry about. We are very proud of their hard work and know they will do their best.

Dates for your diary

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YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

- In Maths, we have been rounding money amounts and solving money problems.
- In English, we have created intrigue by describing things without naming them.
- In RE we compared birth ceremonies in different religions.
- In cricket we tried to aim the ball a certain direction and practised our Athletics skills.
- In French we have learnt about the words for the different types of habitat.
- In Geography we looked at the causes and effects of flooding.
- In ICT we looked at collecting data, when this is useful and what do we do with the information.
- In PSHE we had to decide when to keep a secret or when it was better to tell an adult.

Favorite Colors		
Color	Tally	Total
Red		6
Yellow		1
Blue		3



Important information

We're so close to finishing the multiplication checks now! We've been blown away by the children's attitudes and have had so many compliments from other teachers on the children's knowledge of times tables. Well done Y4!

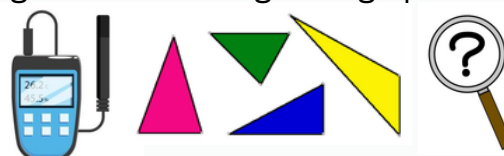
Don't forget about Sports Day next week on Thursday 18th June. It will be kicking off at 9:30 am.

We're experiencing very changeable weather at the moment..! Please ensure that children have a light raincoat with them at school.

We've noticed lots of fiddle toys and jewellery making its way into school. Please ensure these are safely left at home.

Looking ahead

- In Maths we will learn about identifying and comparing angles. We will also look at the properties of triangles.
- In English we will be wondering what the author wants us to think of the main characters in our class book. We are also ready to start writing the beginning of our stories - we're hoping to hook the reader in straight away with an intriguing start.
- In ICT we will be looking at a data logging device and using it to measure sound, temperature and light.
- In RE we will be looking at how different religions celebrate growing up.



Dates for your diary

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YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Another fantastic week of learning in Year 5! 😊

÷ Maths

We have been learning how to convert metric units and when we use imperial. This is a great skill to practise at home, for example: 1 cm = 10 mm, so 3.2 cm = 32 mm ($3.2 \times 10 = 32$). 📏

📖 Reading

In Professor Astro Cat's Frontiers of Space, we focused on the Sun and explored how the author presents complex vocabulary and scientific ideas in an engaging way.

✍️ Writing

We have analysed the vocabulary, structure and grammatical features used by the author, while also focusing on the spelling of key words.

🌍 Science

We investigated the idea of Earth as a spherical body, using practical experiments and evidence to support this scientific understanding.

🎨 Art

We have been experimenting with shading techniques to create the illusion of 3D form. Our aim is to develop close observational skills so that we can accurately match tone and detail when drawing planets.

Thank you for your continued support 🌟



Dates for your diary

- **18.6.26** - Sportsday
- **25.6.26** - Golf at Chilwell Manor Golf club.
- **6.7.26** - Chilwell School taster day
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

- 5CC: We will have **PE on Wednesday** with the sports coach (Striking sports and Sports day preparation).
- 5MS: **Outdoor learning** will be on **Wednesdays**, so please ensure that children come into school in outdoor kit (with change of clothes including waterproof coats). **P.E.** is now on **Friday** (Striking sports or Sports day preparation). **Swimming Tuesday.**
- 5CT: **P.E.** is still on **Friday** (Striking sports and Sports day preparation)



Looking ahead

÷ **Maths** – We will complete our summer assessments.

📖 **Reading** – We will complete our summer reading assessments.

✍️ **Writing** – We will review key writing skills and begin planning for our next piece of writing.

🌍 **Science** – We will continue exploring the Earth, Sun and Moon as spherical objects using scientific evidence, before investigating the planets and their orbits. 🚀🌍☀️🪐

Reminders

- **Reading x4** on Beanstack. (please log)
- Timestable Rockstars - Competition.
- **Spellings** will continue coming home on **Thursday** to be completed in the spelling homework book (please complete by **next week.**)

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Wow, what a week! We have now nearly completed two weeks of our final term. Things are now starting to get interesting as we start practising our performance in the hall. A huge thank you to all children who have been learning their lines - it makes the show so much easier.

Golf has been great fun as we enjoyed the best of the British Summer. Sunny spells with intermittent showers turned very quickly into storms and downpours as we practised our chipping, driving and putting at Chilwell Golf Club.

Writing this week has been a huge focus. Looking at Horrible Histories for inspiration, children wrote amusing and informative pieces of work detailing grim facts and funny anecdotes.



Dates for your diary

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Important information

The boys put on a brilliant display at the Roundhill tournament and came a very close second after losing in a penalty shoot-out (hopefully this isn't a sign of things to come).

Homework

Year 6 need to learn some songs (even the swahili parts). Please follow these links to learn the Lion King Jnr songlist.



Looking ahead

Sports Day

18/6/26 SPORTS DAY

Performance fund raising - 25/6/26

We need your help! Please could you provide cakes and nice sweet nibbles to be sold after school. The money raised will help us to purchase the rights to the show.

End of year Disco - 20/7/26

This is for Year 6 only and will be an opportunity for one last dance

End of year graduation - 23/7/26

Parents are invited to the graduation where children will discuss their memories from their time at The Lanes.



The Lanes
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School News

FROM THE REPORTERS

Joke of the week

Q. Why did the Maths
book feel sad?

A. It had too many
problems!

Year 2 Residential

Year 2 have been on residential this week at Sherwood Forest. They had a fab time, walking to the Major Oak and even staying up late to do a bat walk. Each class stayed one night and had lots of fun doing activities. It was a bit scary at first to stay somewhere without their parents but they had a brilliant time, even 2HP who had very rainy weather. Everyone showed excellence for the school and set a great example.



Year 2 Phonics

All the kids in Year 1 and some in Year 2 did a phonics test this week. They had to read lots of words - some real words and some alien (not real). Everyone tried really hard and lots of children passed the test. The teachers were really pleased with the results and everyone is super proud of all the children who took part.

Section 1	Section 2
brend 	label
throst 	vanish
stret 	blossom
spraw 	thankful

DIARY DATES

Spring term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

Date	Day	Event	Location	Who?
1st Jun	Mon	School re-opens	All	All
1st Jun	Mon	MHST Mentoring Training Y5	CL	Y5
2nd Jun	Tue	Y6 Tennis sessions begin	Chilwell Tennis Centre	Y6
4th Jun	Thu	Y6 Golf	Chilwell Golf Club	Y6
4th Jun	Thu	Y6 Football tournament	Roundhill	Y6
5th Jun	Fri	Y5 peer mentoring	CL	Y5
8th Jun	Mon	Dental Survey	ML	Age 5
8th Jun	Mon	Phonics Screening Check Week	ML	Y1
8th - 9th Jun	Mon-Tue	Y2 Residential	Offsite	Y2
9th - 10th Jun	Tue-Wed	Y2 Residential	Offsite	Y2
10th - 11th Jun	Wed-Thu	Y2 Residential	Offsite	Y2
11th Jun	Thu	Y6 Golf	Chilwell Golf Club	Y6
11th Jun	Thu	Boys Football Match V trowell	CL	Y6
16th Jun	Tue	Sports Day - AM Y1,2 & 3	CL	Y1,2 & 3
16th Jun	Tue	Year 6 Tennis		Y6
17th Jun	Wed	Family of Schools Singing Event	John Clifford	
18th Jun	Thur	Sports Day - AM Y4,5 & 6	CL	Y4,5 & 6
18th Jun	Thu	Y5 Golf	Chilwell Golf Club	Y5
19th Jun	Fri	Sports Day - AM F1 & F2	CL	F1 & F2
19th Jun	Fri	Bracelet sale - Ambassadors	CL	
23rd Jun	Tue	School Photos	CL & ML	All
23rd Jun	Tue	F2 visits to Aeropark		F2
23rd Jun	Tue	MHST Transtition Workshop Y6	CL	Y6
23rd Jun	Tue	Year 6 Tennis		Y6
23rd Jun	Tue	Year 6 Tennis		Y6

DIARY DATES

23rd Jun	Tue	Year 6 Girls football Match V Trowell	CL	Y6
24th Jun	Wed	SEND Parent Forum	CL	All
24th Jun	Wed	Disco - CL	CL	Y2-6
25th Jun	Thur	Year 6 Football tournament	Roundhill	Y6
25th Jun	Thu	Y5 Golf	Chilwell Golf Club	Y5
30th Jun	Tue	Year 6 Tennis		Y6
30th - 2nd Jul	Tue - Thu	Alderman White Transition Days	Alderman White School	Y6
1st Jul	Wed	New starters parents infor evening	ML	
3rd Jul	Fri	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY	All	All
6th Jul	Mon	Y3 @ Yorkshire Wildlife Park		Y3
6th Jul	Mon	Y5 Taster day at Chilwell	Chilwell school	Y5
7th - 8th Jul	Tue - Wed	George Spencer Transition Days	George Spencer School	Y6
7th Jul	Tue	Year 6 tennis		Y6
8th Jul	Wed	ML Summer Disco	ML	
8th - 10th Jul	Wed - Fri	Chilwell School Transition Days	Chilwell School	Y6
14th Jul	Tue	Year 6 Tennis		Y6
14th Jul	Tue	Rock Steady Concert	CL	Y2-6
16th Jul	Thu	Y6 Production	CL	Y6
17th Jul	Fri	Rock Steady Concert	CL	Y2-6
20th Jul	Mon	Y6 Leavers Disco	CL	Y6
20th & 21st Jul	Mon, Tue	Y2 Performances - timings to follow	CL	Y2
21st Jul	Tue	Year 6 Tennis		Y6
22nd Jul	Wed	Y6 Celebration Outing	Offsite	Y6
23rd Jul	Thu	Talent Show	CL	All
23rd Jul	Thu	Y6 Graduation	CL	Y6
24th Jul	Fri	Last Day of Summer Term	All	All