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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	96.4%
Foundation 2	96.9%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	96.2%

Message from Mr Wilkes

SATs week

What a fabulous week it has been. The year 6 children have been fabulous with how they have approached their SATs and the School Reporters have summed it up in their article below. Well done children and a massive thank you to all the staff involved.

Staffing up date

There are a few updates we want to inform you about. Firstly, we are very excited to share the news that Miss Williams is pregnant and will be going on maternity leave in June. We are thrilled for her and plans are being put in place to ensure there is consistency for her current class. Mrs Darke who has been working at the school for more years than some of our staff have been alive, has made the decision to leave at the end of this year. Whilst we will really miss her, I am really excited that she is leaving the school to explore other new adventures. We are in the process of appointing a new Early Years Leader for September and will let you know once we have found the right person.

Friends of the Lanes final call!

The friends are still in desperate need of volunteers for a range of roles - formal roles within the committee, wider committee members and people in the volunteer pool. These roles do not require a huge commitment but this is such an important part of our school community and they work really hard to create fantastic events. They are getting to the point where they will not be able to function so please sign up. If you have already expressed an interest someone will be in touch soon, if not then please fill out this form.

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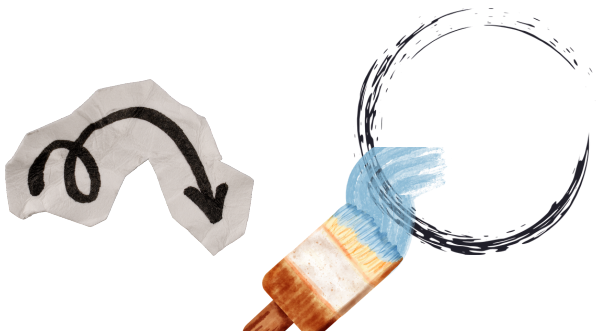
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What's been happening?

This week we have been identifying numerals in maths to finish off our subitising module. We have also been creating curves in lots of different ways!



We've loved painting curves outside when the weather has been good on the Early Years Garden. Towards the end of the week we have been relating these curves to letters.



Dates for your diary

School will be closed week beginning the 25th of May for Half Term.

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

If your child is starting with us in F2 (Reception) in September, please make sure you have confirmed your child's place.

If you need assistance with this just pop into the school office.

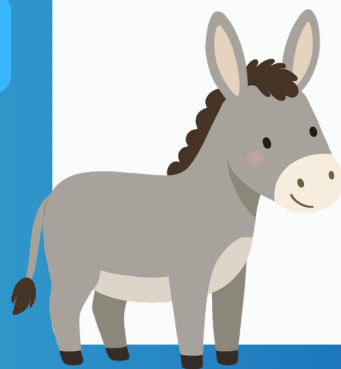


Looking ahead

Next week we will continue learning about the hare and the tortoise. We will be keeping a steady fast and slow beat using instruments.

Our phonics story is [The Wonky Donkey](#) and we will be singing [The Bear Went over the mountain](#).

Click a title to listen at home.



FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We are closely watching our beans that we have planted in the classroom. Some are already sprouting shoots.



Important information

With the uncertain weather this week and looking forward please could you send your child with a waterproof coat. Thank you



Looking ahead

We will be working coaboratively to create a large flower picture in **EAD**. We will be using mixed media to create a range of different flowers.



We will be starting our new Phase 4 in **Phonics**. This will focus on consonant clusters eg tr, cl, br, and the tricky words.

Maths will be all about number bonds to 10.

Handwriting will be s and z.

We will be exploring plastic pollution in our **Understanding the World** lesson.

Dates for your diary

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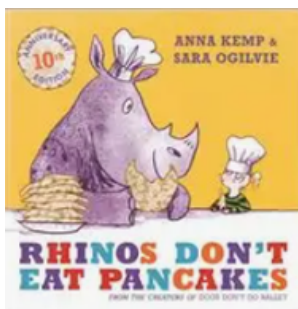
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What's been happening?

In English, this week we have been enjoying reading our new book 'Rhinos Don't Eat Pancakes!'



In Maths, we used the language for position and direction eg above, below, under, in between, to the left/right of, forwards, backwards, clockwise and anticlockwise.

In phonics, we have revised the sound 'au' in words such as launch, sauce and haul. The sound 'ou' as in about and bounce and also the prefixes 're, de' and 'pre' eg reuse, decode and prepaid.

Important information

We hope to see you at our Science afternoon on Monday 18th May at 2.45pm.

The weather is a little changeable at the moment so please ensure your child is provided with a raincoat for our trip on Wednesday 20th May to Twycross Zoo. Please also provide a small rucksack for their lunch, water bottle and snack.

Our stars of the week this week are;

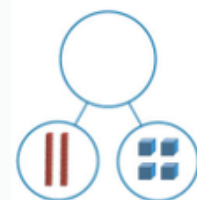
1EH Thea and Grace
1WV Isla R and Leonie
1AW Elsy and Mae

Looking ahead

In English we will be letter writing, including questions and describing our feelings.

We will be taking part in a workshop for childhood mental health. The children will bring an activity home should you wish to complete it together.

In Maths we will be exploring number patterns up to 100 and partitioning numbers up to 100.



Dates for your diary

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YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

In our art this week, we explored making different-sized dots inspired by the artist Yayoi Kusama. The children used oil pastels, pencil crayons and water colours!



We have also continued working on our batting and bowling in our PE lessons this week.

Important information

2HP and 2CH have now completed their outdoor learning. Both classes worked hard to develop creative thinking and teamwork skills!



2JB outdoor learning is on the following dates: Friday 22nd May & Friday 5th June.

Please return all residential forms by next Friday. Thank you.

Looking ahead

English: Writing our instructions for tying a tourniquet.

Maths: Continuing with our topic on telling the time.

Art: Plan and make our own artwork based on Yayoi Kuasama.

DT: 2HP & 2CH are completing our moving books, and children will be taking these home at the end of the week.

PE: Hit Catch Run unit 1 and gymnastics.

RSHE: Knowing how to make an emergency call.



Dates for your diary

- Year 2 shows: 20th and 21st July.
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week in Year 3, the children have been working incredibly hard, even with the timetable changes brought about by the Year 6 SATs. In English, they explored the vocabulary choices and grammar features that help a reader feel relieved, while in Maths they focused on telling the time to the nearest minute. In Science, the class learned how nutritional information is presented on food packaging and why it matters. In DT, the children also planned the ingredients for their own wrap or sandwich using the Eastwell guide, thinking carefully about healthy and balanced choices. They have shown fantastic resilience, enthusiasm and adaptability throughout the week.



Each serving (150g) contains

Energy	Fat	Saturates	Sugars	Salt
1046kJ 250kcal	3.0g LOW	1.3g LOW	34g HIGH	0.9g MED
13%	4%	7%	38%	15%

of an adult's reference intake
Typical values (as sold) per 100g: 697kJ/167kcal

Important information

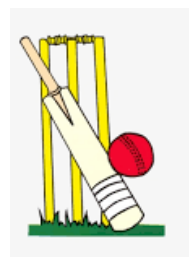
Volunteers wanted

Our Year 3 parent event takes place in the classrooms on **Thursday 21st May** from 2.45 - 3.15. We would appreciate a few extra pairs of hands to help the children with chopping and preparing the food to try and make the afternoon run as smoothly as possible. If anyone would like to come in and help please let us know via year3@thelanes.notts.sch.uk

PE Days this half term

3CD & 3IM – Tuesday

3DC - Wednesday



Looking ahead

In our last week of this half-term, we are looking forward to our taste testing event on Thursday, where the children will combine the learning they have taken from our Science and DT topics.

English - Writing to make the reader feel relief.

Maths - Duration of times and measuring time in seconds.

Science - Learning about different diets.

PSHE - Reflecting on our own skills and qualities.

PE - Cricket and athletics

DT - Making and presenting our wraps/sandwiches.

ICT - Branching databases



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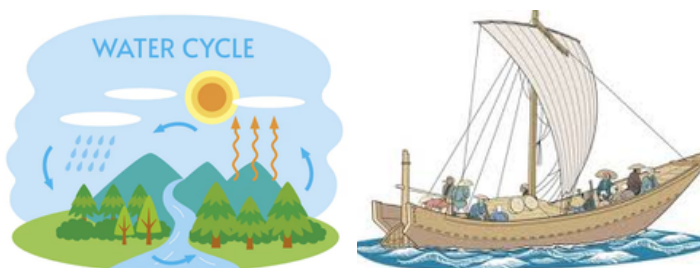
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What's been happening?

- In Maths, we have been reading information from bar charts, line graphs and pictograms.
- In English, we have been using all of our descriptive language to explain the water cycle.
- In RE we looked at the Muslim beliefs about the Afterlife.
- We really impressed the instructors with our golf skills during our second and final session at the golf club.
- In French we started to create our weather report to present to the rest of the class.
- In Art we added fine details like boats, mountains and birds to our Hokusai sketches.



Important information

Thank you so much to any and all of you that were able to help walk the classes to and from the Tennis and Golf sessions this week. We all had a great time and the children really loved doing it and that wouldn't have been possible without your help.

That was the last golf session, so next week we will need their PE kits on Tuesday for tennis and Thursday for our regular lesson.

We are into the final push for the times tables test and so many children are getting great results in our practise sessions. 2 weeks to go so keep practising those tricky ones at home - it's making a huge difference!

Looking ahead

- In Maths we will investigate different units of time and convert one length of time into another.
- In English we will be creating metaphors to describe rivers.
- In ICT we will be making changes to a game by adjusting the counted and infinite loops.
- Our Science lesson will focus on how changes in temperature alter the evaporation speed of water.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Another great week of learning in Year 5! The children have continued to show focus and enthusiasm 😊

➗ **Maths:** We have finished learning about angles and explored parallel and perpendicular lines through reasoning activities.

📖 **Reading:** In Voyaging Vessels, we focused on supporting ideas with evidence and explaining our answers in detail.

✍️ **Writing:** We analysed the WAGOLL for exciting vocabulary and grammatical structures, before finishing with key spellings.

🌍 **History:** We learned how Wessex rebuilt its strength and defeated the Viking leader Guthrum.

🔬 **Science:** We have been learning about adulthood and the physical peak.

Thank you for your continued support 🌟

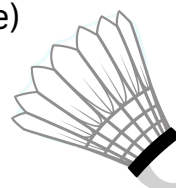


Dates for your diary

- Last day of Half Term: Friday 22nd May.
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

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



Looking ahead

➗ **Maths** – We will look at polygons, 3D shape, reflection and coordinates.

📖 **Reading** – We continue building our inference skills using evidence while reading Viking Voyagers.

✍️ **Writing** – We will be developing our use of direct speech and concluding our Viking raid action writing.

🌍 **Topic** – We will continue building our historical Viking knowledge and sew a coin purse.

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.**)

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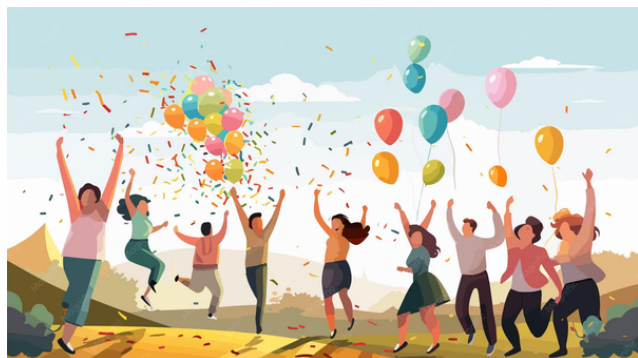


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What's been happening?

We are so proud of our fabulous Year 6 bunch this week. Not only the resilience they have shown, but also their positive attitude, not only to the assessments but in supporting each other. You have amazing children and they deserve a big treat. We are going to the park tomorrow (weather pending) where an ice cream van will be making a delivery 😊

The Year 6s have enjoyed wearing their hoodies and look really smart - please remember to put a name in them incase they get misplaced.



Important information

The Year 6s have performed brilliantly and as you imagine, they now want to know how they have got on. The results from the assessments will be on the end of year report that you child receives in July. The assessments are marked externally and we have no involvement.

Next week we will be starting a new piece of writing, taking us back to our class reading book - Once.

Please remind your children that the school year is not over and we do still want them to be the best that they can be both in the classroom and around school.

Looking ahead

End of year performance - Auditions will happen soon and parts allocated. Please help your child to learn their parts and to get involved with the show.

Fun Stuff

End of year production dates - 16/7/26

An afternoon and evening performance will be available.

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.

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School News

FROM THE REPORTERS -
Y6 SPECIAL

Joke of the week
What was the maths
paper so sad?

Because it had too many
problems!

SATs

All year, the Year Sixes have been preparing themselves to take their SATs. This week, they have tried their absolute hardest which, no matter the outcome, is all that matters. SATs are tests that all Year Sixes take. There are Grammar and Spelling. Reading and Maths texts - six tests altogether



Proud Teachers

All the Year Six staff are very proud of the way the students handled the tests and the support they have shown to one another. Mr Wilkes has said that he was really impressed with the kids' resilience and perseverance. Overall this week has been an incredible display of our school values and what The Lanes is all about.

Upcoming Events

Even though Year Six have been working hard, in school and out, there are many fun things in the calendar for the rest of the year. Some of these fun activities will be happening very soon, like the Year Six trip to Cator Lane Park, where there will be an ice cream truck for anyone who wants a sweet treat. After this difficult week of revising and hard work, the Year Six team's next mission is to put on an amazing performance of The Lion King.



DIARY DATES

Summer term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

Date	Day	Event	Location	Who?
4th May	Mon	SCHOOL CLOSED - Bank Holiday		All
5th May	Tue	MHST Worry Workshop F2	ML	F2
6th May	Wed	Y4 Golf	Chilwell Golf Club	Y4
8th May	Fri	MHST Mentoring Training Y5	CL	Y5
11th May	Mon	Y6 SATS Week	CL	Y6
13th May	Wed	Y4 Golf	Chilwell Golf Club	Y4
14th May	Thu	Parents' Event F2	ML	F2
14th May	Thu	MHST Mentoring Training Y5	CL	Y5
15th May	Fri	Girl's Football Match	Eskdale Junior	Y6 Team
18th May	Mon	Y1 WOW Science/Art	ML	Y1
19th May	Tue	MHST Worry Workshop Y1	ML	Y1
19th May	Tue	Family of Schools Dance Festival	CL	
20th May	Wed	Twycross Zoo Trip Y1	Offsite	Y1
21st May	Thu	MHST Mentoring Training Y5	CL	Y5
21st May	Thu	Y3 parents Event - Food tasting	CL	Y3
21st May	Thu	Y6 Football Match v Bispham Drive	CL	Y6
25th - 29th May	Mon - Fri	Half Term	All	All
1st Jun	Mon	School re-opens	All	All
1st Jun	Mon	MHST Mentoring Training Y5	CL	Y5
2nd Jun	Tue	Y6 Tennis sessions begin	Tennis Centre	Y6
4th Jun	Thu	Y6 Golf	Chilwell Golf Club	Y6
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

DIARY DATES

Summer term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

10th - 11th Jun	Wed-Thu	Y2 Residential	Offsite	Y2
11th Jun	Thu	Y6 Golf	Chilwell Golf Club	Y6
16th Jun	Tue	Sports Day - AM - Y1, 2 & 3	Cator Lane site	Y1-3
17th Jun	Wed	Family of Schools Singing Event	John Clifford	
18th Jun	Thur	Sports Day - AM - Y4,5 & 6	Cator Lane site	Y4-6
19th Jun	Fri	Sports Day - AM - F1 & F2	Cator Lane site	F1- F2
23rd Jun	Tue	MHST Transtition Workshop Y6	CL	Y6
24th Jun	Wed	Disco - CL	CL	Y2-6
25th Jun	Thu	Y5 Golf	Chilwell Golf Club	Y5
30th Jun - 2nd Jul	Tue - Thu	Alderman White Transition Days	Alderman White	Y6
3rd Jul	Fri	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY	All	All
6th Jul	Mon	Y5 Taster Day at Chilwell School	Chilwell School	Y5
7th Jul - 8th Jul	Tue - Wed	George Spencer Transition Days	George Spencer	Y6
8th Jul - 10th Jul	Wed - Fri	Chilwell School Transition Days	Chilwell School	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 & Tues	Y2 Performances - timings to follow	CL	Y2
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