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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	96.7%
Foundation 2	96.4%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	96.7%

Message from Mr Wilkes

Harvest

Thank you for your generous contributions this week. We delivered all the donations to St Barnabas', a local food bank hub, and I took some of our ambassadors along to learn more about how your kindness will support people in our local community through the food bank and food club. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to see first-hand the difference these donations will make to local families.

Reporters

You may have noticed a lack of children's pages in the newsletter this half term. This has enabled Miss Hodkin to advertise and recruit the new set of reporters. They have had some training today and we are looking forward to their first article after half term.

Free charity event

Argyle Associates are running a free event for families on Saturday 31st October from 4 to 6 with all money raised going to Operation Orphan. More details can be found [here](#)

Thank you

We just wanted to say again how much your kind messages of support have meant to us all over the past couple of weeks. James' family have spent time reading your messages and looking through the books, and it has been lovely to see the care and thoughtfulness that has gone into them. We will make sure everything finds its way to the family after half term, so they can continue to take comfort in the kindness and support shown by our school community.

Have a restful half term break.

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Everyone has had a great first half term this academic year!

Thank you for all of your support at parents' evening and every other day!

If you have a job you would like to come in to talk about to aid our important jobs learning let us know via nursery@thelanes.notts.sch.uk



Important information

Please make sure your child is sent with a fruit snack for the morning.

Lots of home toys are making their way into bags, as lovely as they are they can distract from learning time. We kindly ask that they remain at home!

Thank you!



Looking ahead

When we come back to school we will still be working on our key question 'How are people important?' and will begin focusing on important jobs.

In Phonics we will be playing games and learning with musical instrument sounds.

In maths we will be continuing saying and recognising numbers.

In physical development we will be learning some finger games and rhymes.



Dates for your diary

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FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We are so proud of the children for a fantastic first half term! It has been lovely to reflect together at Parents' Evenings.

The children have impressed us with how enthusiastic and motivated they are to learn.

So far this half term we have learned lots of new graphemes. If you would like to practice them over half term, these are the ones we have learned:

s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r

Thank you again for all the support and encouragement you have given the children during this half term.

In English this week we have been writing lists of food for the bear from 'Never Take A Bear To School'. If your child is motivated to write over the holidays, you could get them to write your shopping list for you!

Important information

Our PE days will be changing after half term, to allow us a bit more time to enjoy our lessons.

They will be as follows:

F2GB - Monday

F2JT - Tuesday

F2AO - Wednesday

After half term we will be starting to work on our Christmas performance. More information will come out about this soon but the dates of the shows are in the 'Dates for your diary' box below.

Stars of the Week:

F2AO - Hafiz and Dylan

F2JT - Arthur and Marlowe

F2GB - Diego and Isaac



Looking ahead

Next half term our enquiry question will be 'What do I and others celebrate?'.

Please send in pictures of your families' celebrations. It can be anything you like as we would love to see all the different celebrations that are special to you. You can send them to the earlyyears@thelanes.notts.sch.uk email.

If you would like to come in and speak to your child's class about your special celebration, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Dates for your diary

- Christmas Performances:

Wednesday 9th December 2pm - 3pm

Thursday 10th December 10am - 11am

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YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We have been celebrating Black History Month this week. Our book 'I am Nefertiti' has been all about the importance of our name. We know that it is important to treat everyone with respect and fairness.

Nefertiti plays drums in a band so we have all played the drums this week too! We kept our drumming to a beat and had a lot of fun!



In Maths we have been finding the missing number in a number bond to 10.

eg $7 + _ = 10$

In RE we made a class 'caring' tree, we discussed how we care for ourselves, each other and other people.

Important information

PE day will continue to be on a Thursday each week, please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit.



If you need to contact the Year 1 team please do so on,
year1@thelanes.notts.sch.uk

Looking ahead

We hope that you all have a lovely half term holiday and we begin the second part of the autumn term with our topic 'Dinosaurs - What do you eat'



Dates for your diary

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What's been happening?

This week we concluded our Science Egg experiment about which drink is the healthiest for our teeth! Children enjoyed observing how the eggs had changed... yuck!



We have been celebrating Black History Month this week. Focusing on our book about the outstanding athlete Jesse Owens.

We had great discussions about the importance of treating people fairly, and we created some amazing medals!



A huge thank you to all our Year 2 parents and carers for your support and for such positive parent meetings. It has been lovely celebrating the fantastic start the children have made to Year 2. Have a wonderful half-term break! ☀️



Dates for your diary

- 2.11.26 Return to school- WOW day
- 6.11.26 Fireworks display
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Monday 2nd November: Great Fire of London
WOW Day dress-up - please see email for details.

PE day will resume the second week back and remain on Mondays.

If you need to contact the Year 2 team, please do so at:
year2@thelanes.notts.sch.uk

Outdoor Learning – 2HP

2HP will start Outdoor Learning with Miss Howe on Wednesday. Bring a bag of outdoor clothes. **2CO** will be taught by Miss Aikens.



Looking ahead

Our new topic next half term is all about the Great Fire of London. We will be exploring this through our WOW day and our history lessons. Our WOW day will involve some house artwork and looking at the London Lifestyle in 1666.

English: Immersion focused (Fire of London)

Maths: continuing addition and subtraction

RSHE: Bonfire safety

RE: Continuing to look at Christianity, specifically the story of Moses.

Fireworks display after school on Friday 6th November.



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

☀️ What a Fantastic Week! ☀️

An amazing end to the term, packed with exciting learning! A big thank you for joining our French afternoon on Thursday – it was wonderful to see the children showcasing their new skills. 😊

✍️ **Writing** – Created diary entries full of panic, using ambitious vocabulary, actions and the past progressive tense. Excellent effort by all!

📖 **Reading** – Developed vocabulary and deepened our inference skills as the story unfolded.

➗ **Maths** – Recapped the column method and progressed to 3-digit addition and subtraction with regrouping.

🇫🇷 **French** – Explored colours and practised our French skills.

💬 **PSHE** – Explored Harvest, sharing and kindness, thinking about how we can help others.

🧲 **Science** – Investigated magnets, exploring how opposite poles attract and like poles repel.

⚽ **PE** – We completed our football and foundation movement units.

A massive thank you to all our Year 3 parents and carers for your support and for such positive parent meetings. It has been lovely celebrating the fantastic start the children have made to Key Stage 2. Have a wonderful half-term break! ☀️

Important information

Stars of the week

- Stars in 3CD: **Alice and Lucas H**
- Stars in 3IM: **Isabella and Oscar**
- Stars in 3MS: **Freddy and Harriet**

⚽ PE Days

- PE is on **Tuesdays for all Y3 classes** – Netball (outside) and Dance.

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 – 3MS

3MS will start Outdoor Learning with Miss Howe on Mondays. Please ensure children come dressed for outdoor learning in the morning for the whole day - school uniform is not required to change into.

📖 Library Day - Changing books 📖

Our library day is **Tuesday** to change books, and can change during lunchtimes any day of the week.

Looking ahead

☀️ Looking Ahead to Next Term ☀️

Enjoy a well-earned two-week break, with time to rest, recharge and enjoy special family moments. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term! 😊

We have lots to look forward to in Autumn 2, including Fireworks Night, the Year 3 and 4 Christmas pantomime, and our new class book, The Firework-Maker's Daughter. Our Science Driven topic will focus on light, with plenty of exciting learning and discovery ahead! 🌈📖🔍

Homework: Spelling homework will be given on **Fridays** please can this completed with spelling books back in **before next Friday**.

Reminders

- Reading x4
- TTRS practice each week.
- Spelling homework in school (by Friday)
- Reading books (book band) brought in daily please.

Dates for your diary

- 2.11.26 - Monday 3MS Outdoor Learning
- 3.11.26 Photo day - Children to wear school uniform & bring PE kit to change into.
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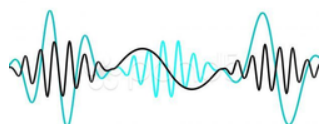
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What's been happening?

- In Maths we furthered our understanding of exchanging in column addition and borrowing in subtraction.
- In English we expanded our vocabulary by investigating words in 'Ada's Violin' and wrote a set of instructions for making a guitar.
- Our spelling sessions have focused on how some words that sound like they end in -k are spelled -que and words that sound like they end in -g are sometimes spelled -gue.
- In Science we reviewed our learning about sound and explained the meanings of the technical terms.
- Our topic work involved looking at the inspirational aspects and cultural impact of Beyonce as part of Black History Month.
- In PE we have really enjoyed putting all our skills into practise by playing some proper Hockey and Basketball matches.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

We would like to invite you to our Year 4 Parent Event on Thursday 5th November at 2:30 - this will be a chance for the children to show you some of their work in Science over the last half term.

We hope you have a lovely and restful half term holiday. Here is a link to the Year 3 and 4 spelling list for when your children want to practice.

https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2019/08/29/13/54/08/76f1443d-9b6d-4030-be0d-25fcfef01438/SpellingWordList_Y3-4.pdf

Congratulations for our stars of the week:

4RR - Oscar and Ben

4TG - Olivia and Neymar

4CC - Tyson and Toby



Looking ahead

- In Maths we continue the current topic and then move on to measuring and the column method for multiplication.
- Our new book in English we will be The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We will describe how intimidating he is and try to work out if he is a villain or not.
- In Science we will be investigating electricity. We will look at how circuits work and test how we can increase or decrease the amount of power in them.
- In PE we will be doing gymnastics and having fun with outdoor activities, like orienteering.



YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Year 5 have finished this half term well. We have produced some strong and persuasive letters with the hope of raising awareness around the issue of deforestation in the Amazon. In conjunction with our reading and writing, we also held an Art exhibition in the hall. Parents were invited to come and purchase some beautiful pieces of work with all profits raised going to the Rainforest trust. With money still coming in, we are currently at £310.00 raised. Thank you for all your support.

Parents evening was delightful- it was a great chance to discuss how your children were settling into new classes and new routines. Remember, if you have any questions or queries you can contact us at year5@thelanes.notts.sch.uk



Dates for your diary

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- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Next half terms topic is..... SPACE!

Over the half term we are still going to set some homework for your children. Please ensure you tackle the spelling task with your children and check their understanding. In addition to the above, please listen to them read and check they are having a go on TT Rockstars.



Looking ahead

Important dates

Individual photos - 3.11.26

Flu jabs (nasal) - 9.11.26

Half term topic - Space

5PW - Swimming Thursday pm

PE days - Friday pm
Netball and Gymnastics



YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

What a great half-term we've had in Y6. We have been so impressed with the children's attitude and work ethic. They are a fabulous bunch.

We have had a great time studying *Holes* and North America and the children have produced some incredible writing from this. Their Kissin' Kate outlaw stories were incredible and full of exciting action and dialogue.

We hope that you all have a super half-term break!

Important information

Residential is the third week back (17.11.26 - 20.11.26) - we are very excited about this. The kit list has already been sent out.

We will be hosting a board games/ crafts session on one of the evenings on residential so we would like the children to bring a small board/card game (e.g. Top Trumps/ Uno) or a small craft activity (e.g. origami/ sticker book) to play with others.

Looking ahead

Next half-term we will be studying the Ancient Maya and Central America. We cannot wait to get stuck into the topic as the children are always fascinated by how the Ancient Maya lived.

In computing, we will be using Tinkercad and in science we will be looking at the heart and circulatory system.

We will be continuing our unit on fractions in maths and looking at adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions.



Dates for your diary

- Residential - 17th - 20th November
- Church visit - 8th December
- Y6 Carols Parents Celebratory Event - 3:30pm on 17th December.
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

DIARY DATES

Autumn term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

16th Oct	Break up for half term		All students	ML & CL
2nd Nov	Pupils return to school		All students	ML & CL
3rd Nov	Individual School Photos	AM	All Students	ML & CL
5th Nov	Y4 Parents Event	2.00pm - 3.15pm	Y4	CL
6th Nov	PTA Fireworks Night	6pm - 8.00pm		CL
9th Nov	Flu Immunisations		All Students	ML & CL
11th Nov	F2 Curriculum Parents Event	6pm - 7.00pm	F2 parents	ML
12th Nov	Y2 Trunk Theatre	AM	Y2	CL
13th Nov	MHST Resilience workshop	AM	Y1 pupils	ML
16th-20th Nov	Anti Bullying Week		All students	ML & CL
17th - 20th Nov	Residential Visit to Mount Cook		Y6	CL
27th Nov	PTA XMAS wreath making event	tbc		CL
3rd Dec	MHST Calm workshop		Y2	CL
4th Dec	PTA Xmas Fayre	3.30pm - 5.00pm	All	CL
8th Dec	F1/F2 Dress Rehearsal	10.00am - 11.30am	F1 & F2	ML
9th Dec	Yr group visit to Christchurch		All	
9th Dec	F1/F2 Performance	2.00pm - 3.00pm	F1 & F2	ML
10th Dec	F1/F2 Performance	10.00am - 11.00am	F1 & F2	ML
10th Dec	Carols in The Playground	6.00pm - 7.00pm	All	ML
11th Dec	Rocksteady Concert	2.15pm-3.15pm		CL

DIARY DATES

Autumn term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

14th Dec	Y3/4 Dress rehearsal	1.45pm - 3.15pm	Y3/4 pupils	CL
15th Dec	Y1 Dress Rehearsal	10.00am - 11.00am	Y1 pupils	ML
15th Dec	Y3/4 Panto	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Y3/4 pupils	CL
16th Dec	Y1 Performance	10.00am - 11.00am	Y1 pupils	ML
16th Dec	Y3/4 Panto	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Y3/4 pupils	CL
17th Dec	Y1 Performance	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Y1 pupils	ML
17th Dec	Y6 Carols	3.30pm - 4.00pm	Y6 pupils	CL
18th Dec	Whols School Xmas Assembly	9.15am - 10.15am	All	CL
18th Dec	Last day of term		All	ML & CL
4th Jan	Pupils return to school		All	ML & CL