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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	96.1%
Foundation 2	96.8%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	96.1%

We have great fun at our whole assembly on the last day of term!

Message from Mr Wilkes

Welcome back to the Summer term! It has been wonderful to hear what the children got up to over the break and the wide range of activities they have been involved in.

School was a busy place during the break. We have a new perimeter fence at Cator Lane which will make the site more secure and is much smarter. We have also had some new fire doors fitted at Cator Lane with more to come at Meadow Lane in May. We are also excited to announce that the Early Years Garden development is finally happening in June! The funding for these projects has come from the White Hills Trust and a government grant.

Music concert

I am really looking forward to seeing the children demonstrate their musical talents next week at our music concerts. Mrs Caldwell is putting the finishing touches together and it will be a great show. See you there!
Tuesday 21st - Y2,Y3,Y4 at 2pm, Y5,Y6 at 5.30pm

Lost property!

A group of children have been sorting out the lost property this week, which seems to be an ever-growing mountain! We will be putting it outside Cator Lane on Monday, but please make sure you label your child's clothes so we can return them.

PTA Event

Don't forget it is the Friends Bingo night on Friday at Cator Lane at 6pm

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



What's been happening?

It's been a fab first week back with a fun focus on amazing alliteration!

We read I went to the Zoopermarket and helped sort Miss Clarke's shopping into t sounds for Tesco, a sounds for Aldi, m sounds for Morrisons and s sounds for Sainsbury's.

[Click here to read at home!](#)

Our new book has been the Three Little Pigs to introduce our enquiry question for this term - How can we make things better? We have been remembering our story in better ways repeating and made better structures in building.



Dates for your diary

- When our tadpoles become frogs we will be back up to CL for outdoor learning. Watch this space!
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

If your child is new to school and would like milk while they are here please sign them up using the Cool Milk link below.

[Cool Milk](#)

Reminder - please send your child to school with a water bottle as it gets warmer. They are also welcome to bring a fruit snack with them for the morning. Afternoon snack is provided by school.



Looking ahead

Next week we will be reading and singing Hippo has a Hat!

Then we will be making crazy alliteration matches to start to hear the first sounds in words. Like Cat Cardigan and Penguin Pyjamas!

[Here's the link if you want to read and sing at home.](#)

We will also be making our own structures and testing if they can withstand water and forces.



FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

The children settled back in to being at school amazingly this week. They were all so excited to tell us about what they had been up to over the holidays.

We have been learning the story Superworm by Julia Donaldson. The children have been very enthusiastic about the story and have got loads of great ideas.



We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our caterpillars. We will share photos on Seesaw once they arrive!



Important information

PE day will be on Tuesday still, and we will be outside this half term, weather permitting. As we will be outside, could you please send in trainers for your child if they don't already have them in their PE bags.

Don't forget the next Parents' Event will be on Thursday 14th May at 2:45. It would be lovely to see you there.

Please make sure your children bring their reading folder in to school every day, and that they have their Bug Club phonics book in there as well. Thank you.

Looking ahead

In Handwriting we will be practising the letters e and g.

In Maths we will be working on the composition of numbers, focusing on odd and even numbers.

In Literacy we will be continuing our work on Superworm.

In Phonics we are revisiting the sounds that the children have found tricky, based on our assessments from before Easter.

Dates for your diary

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- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We have begun our new topic called Paws, Claws and Jaws!



In English we are retelling a traditional tale.

Our focus is on 'The Three Little Pigs'

In Maths we are making equal groups and arrays to find the total amount. For example,



$$5 + 5 + 5 = 15$$

In Art we have discussed the work of Megan Coyle. She uses scraps of paper to create paintings.

In Geography we have named the four countries of the United Kingdom.



Dates for your diary

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- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Reading morning continues on Friday morning this half term.

Our science Wow parent event will be held on Monday 18th May at 2.45pm.

We celebrate this weeks stars and they are...

★ 1WV - Stephen and Reuben
★ 1EH - Fion and Lily
★ 1AW - Etta and Wilf

PE day will continue on Thursdays and this half term the children will enjoy a session with our cricket expert Carl.



Looking ahead

In English we will be sequencing story events and writing our own story sentences.

In Maths we will continue to make and add equal groups using counting in 2's, 5's and 10's to help us.

In Geography we will learn the capital cities of the four countries of the UK. We will learn some characteristics of each of the countries.

In Art we will use the work of Megan Coyle to inspire our own paper techniques and collage work.

We will learn new skills in cricket in our PE lessons.

In Science we will begin to look at the animal groups mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and amphibians.

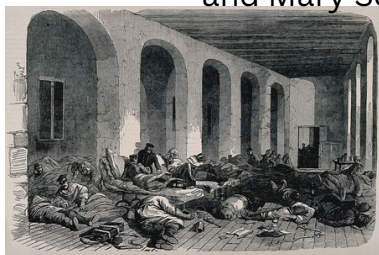
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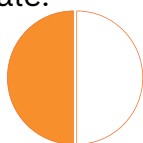
What's been happening?

We started our new topic, Brave Women, where we began learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.



English Immersion and history lessons have allowed the children to imagine what it would have been like in hospitals back in the 1800s, prior to Florence Nightingale.

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We have also begun our new Maths units on Fractions and began distinguishing between wholes and parts, and equal and unequal parts.



Dates for your diary

- 17th & 24rd April: 2CH Outdoor learning
- 1st & 8th May: 2HP outdoor learning.
- 15th & 22nd May: 2JB outdoor learning
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

PE is continuing on Mondays.

2CH Outdoor learning:

Friday 17th April

Friday 24th April.

2HP outdoor learning:

Friday 1st May

Friday 8th May.

2JB outdoor learning:

Friday 15th May

Friday 22nd May

Please come to school in outdoor learning clothing and bring school uniform to change into.

Looking ahead

Maths: Continue working on fractions, looking into quarters.

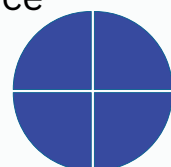
English: Plan and write our Florence Nightingale diaries using possessive apostrophes.

DT: Designing our pop-up books about a sports character = using storyboards.

Science: Identifying dead or living things.

RSHE: sharing opinions

History: How has Florence changed nursing?



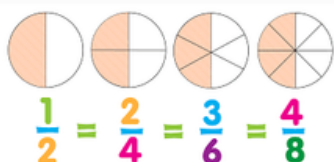
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What's been happening?

This first week back in Year 3 has been packed with exciting learning experiences! In English, we've enjoyed immersive vocabulary work and have begun reading *James and the Giant Peach*, which the children are absolutely loving. In Maths, we explored fractions of an amount and started looking at equivalent fractions. Our Science lessons focused on learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores, while in PE we had great fun practising cricket and athletics. We also thought about belonging and community in RE, and in Art we began learning about relief printing.



Dates for your diary

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- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

PE Days this half term

3CD & 3IM – Tuesday

3DC - Wednesday



Year 3 Parent Event

There will be a taste testing event on Thursday 21st May from 2.45 - 2.15. The children will be preparing a delicious salad and gathering some feedback afterwards to support their DT topic.

Stars of the Week

3CD - Ezra & Luna

3IM - Lucas & Saint

3DC - Oscar & Violet



Looking ahead

Next week in Year 3, we have another busy and exciting week of learning ahead. In English, we'll be revisiting how to include and punctuate direct speech accurately in our writing. In Maths, we'll continue our work on equivalent fractions and start comparing fractions. Our Science lessons will focus on how humans get nutrients from different types of food, and in Geography we'll be exploring how the production of some foods can have a negative impact on the environment.



YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

- In Maths, we have been learning about finding 10ths as fractions and decimals.
- In English, we have been looking at different types of information text and learning about where water comes from.
- In French we have been learning how to describe the weather.
- In Science we will be looking at how some substances can change from solids to liquid to gas.
- In ICT we learned about what respectful and disrespectful online behaviour looks like.
- We really enjoyed our first tennis session and practised a lot of racquet skills..



Important information

Our tennis sessions will continue for this half term and children will need to come to school in their PE kits on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you would be interested in volunteering to walk the children down to the tennis courts with us on a Tuesday morning, please get in touch via e-mail.

We really need a reading volunteer (or two!) to come into school and read with our children. If you'd be interested in this, please come and speak to us on the door or send an e-mail to year4@thelanes.notts.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support!

Looking ahead

- In Maths we will be working with fractions and decimals.
- In English we will be learning to use scientific vocabulary in our writing and exploring cause and effect language in our reading
- In ICT we will be learning how to use the Scratch program to create coding loops.
- Our Science lessons will investigate how the melting process works.
- Our Art session will focus on pictures of waves and how to draw calm, choppy or stormy water.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

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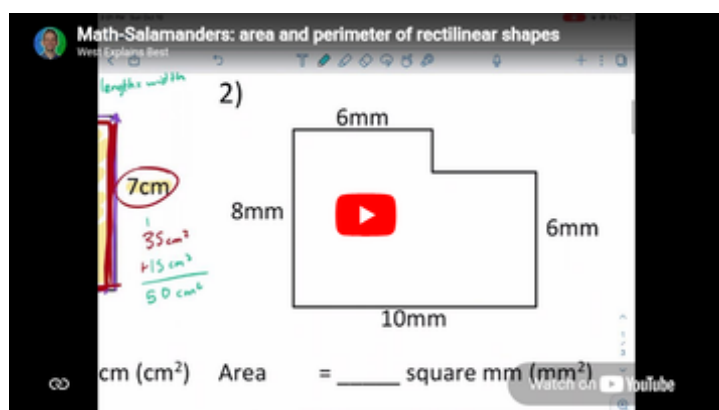
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What's been happening?

What a great start to the summer term!

÷ Maths

We have been learning about perimeter and area (see video below 📺), as well as sequencing and adding and subtracting decimals.



📖 English

We have started reading Viking Voyagers 🚢. In writing, we are focusing on instructions, planning how to carry out a Viking raid.

🌍 Topic

We are exploring Viking history and why they came to Britain.

🔬 Science

We are learning about human life cycles.

Thank you for your continued support 🌟

Important information

- 5CC: **This is the last week of swimming**
We will have PE on Wednesday with the sports coach (Badminton and Athletics).
- 5MS: Outdoor learning will be on Wednesdays with Miss Howe, so please ensure that children come into school in outdoor kit, with normal uniform to change into including additional socks. P.E. is now on Friday (Athletics).
Swimming will start on week 3.
- 5CT: P.E. is still on Friday (Athletics and Dance)



Looking ahead

÷ Maths - we will be problem solving then starting to multiply with decimals.

📖 Reading - we will continue building on Viking knowledge.

Writing - we will be looking at the effects of vocabulary, grammar and structure on instructions.

🌍 Topic - We continue building Historical knowledge to support writing.

Reminders

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

Dates for your diary

- **21.4.26** - 5CC last swimming session.
- **28.4.26** - 5MS Swimming to begin (*goggle forms and what to wear guidance can be found on the [school website](#) or at the office.*)
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We have had a fantastic first week back at school and the year group have displayed a brilliant 'can-do attitude.'

We are continuing to explore the Holocaust as our main topic; this will be the focus for our writing as we try to explore Kristallnacht and what it would have been like to experience such a scene as a Jewish person.

There are a couple of football matches booked in for Year 6 over the coming weeks. There will be matches against: Bramcote Hills Primary School, Eskdale Junior School and Bispham Drive School. It would be great if we could have a roaring crowd to cheer us on.



Important information

Welcome back Year 6! We are now into the final sprint towards that which cannot be named; as we approach them, we will ensure that a variety of lessons are still being taught and that the pressure is kept to a minimum.

School hoodies are now available to order for Year 6. These will be delivered to the school and then given to the pupils on the Friday before SATs. Pls contact the school office if you have not received details.

Park Trip

On the 15/5/26 we will head to Cator Lane Park to unwind and enjoy some down time. If you think you are able to support this by chaperoning, please contact a Y6 teacher.

Looking ahead

Fun Stuff

End of year production dates - 16/7/26
An afternoon and evening performance will be available. The show is TBC (coming soon)

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.

End of year Disco - 20/7/26
This is for Year 6 only and will be an opportunity for one last dance

Reward trip- 22/7/26
Specifics tbc.

Dates for your diary

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- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Joke of the week

Q. What's the most
expensive fish
called?
A. A Goldfish

School News

FROM THE REPORTERS

Y5 Residential

In the spring term, Year 5 went on their residential to York to learn more about its Vikin inhabitants and of course to have fun. The children went on lovely walks, visited fascinating museums, and did lots of fun activities at the youth hostel. Our brilliant reporter team went to interview some Year 5s to learn all about it.

Lily: What was your favourite part of the residential?

Year 5: Visiting Jorvik Viking Centre and painting shields.

Heath: And what was the most interesting bit?

Year 5: Well, we saw the world's biggest poo! Ew disgusting!

Well it definitely sounded like an interesting, and probably quite smelly trip!

Just before Easter, year 2 had an amazing experience involving three very interesting owls called Charlie, Leo and Gizmo. Bob, the owl man, visited school to teach the children all about his owls. Some of the children were lucky enough to hold one of these creatures on their arm! One child told reporters that the whole morning was great fun, doing experiments and learning about these amazing nocturnal creatures.

What a cool experience for our Year 2 children!



Year One Parents' Assemblies

Year One had a busy end to the Spring term. They spent the last week performing assemblies on their topic, castles. Two of our reporters went to watch.

The children took turns telling a fact about castles and talked about their trip to Nottingham Castle. They made shields that had symbols with meanings.

- A lion means bravery;
- A dragon means power;
- A hare means speed.

Overall they did a great show! Well done everyone!



DIARY DATES

Summer 1 term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

Date	Day	Event	Location	Who?
14th Apr	Tue	Y4 Tennis sessions begin	Tennis Centre	Y4
17th Apr	Fri	PTA Bingo event	CL	All
21st Apr	Tue	Music Concert Y2,3,4	CL 2pm	Y2, 3, 4
21st Apr	Tue	Music Concert Y5, 6	CL 5.30pm	Y5, 6
22nd Apr	Wed	MHST Body Image Workshop	CL	Y5
22nd Apr	Wed	Y3 Golf	Chilwell Golf Club	Y3
22nd Apr	Wed	Rugby Festival	Nottim Casuals	Y5
22nd Apr	Wed	Book Sale in Hall 3.30pm	CL	All
23rd Apr	Thu	MHST Y5 Peer Mentor Assembly	CL	Y5
23rd Apr	Thu	Y6 Football Match v Bramcote	CL	Y6
28th Apr	Tue	5MS swimming sessions begin	Bramcote baths	5MW
29th Apr	Wed	Y3 Golf	Chilwell Golf Club	Y3
30th Apr	Thu	MHST Peer Mentoring Interviews Y5	CL	Y5
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