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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	97.1%
Foundation 2	99.1%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	98.4%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	96.9%

Message from Mr Wilkes

It has been another busy week and a lot of my time has spent interviewing for the position of School Ambassadors. I have been so impressed with the passion and commitment the children have shown - it is going to be a very difficult decision but I am incredibly proud of them all.

Dates

We are just finalising the list of dates for the term and we will get them out to you next week, however there are a couple of things I want you to be aware of.

Wednesday 23rd September 6.00 - 7.00

This is an opportunity for our Foundation 1 and 2 parents to come and hear from the team about the school's approach to reading and phonics and how you can help your children at home.

Friday 25th September 3.30 - 5.00

We are taking part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning but are doing it in the afternoon! This will be hosted at Cator Lane in the hall and it is a great opportunity to meet other parents and say 'hi' to the staff.

We would really appreciate any donations of cakes to be brought in to school on the morning of Friday 25th. Coffee, Tea and juice will be available and all donations will be sent to Macmillan.

Wednesday 30th September 6.00 - 7.00

We will be hosting a vision and values evening at the Cator Lane site. This is an opportunity to come and hear about our new values and hear from some of the leaders in school about our priorities for development for the current year.

Week beginning 12th October

Parents' evening - during this week you will be able to come into school to meet your child's teacher and find out how they have settled in to the new year. Booking details will follow.

We had a great assembly on Monday where 2 of our music teachers talked about learning the flute or clarinet. The children were treated to a great performance. If you think your child may be interested in learning an instrument please contact the school office. We have a number of instruments that can be hired from school for £30 for the year.

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week we have settled into a great routine, enjoying playing Mr Bear sound games in Phonics and moving with scarves in our Gross Motor sessions.

We have also loved attending singing assembly with Reception and Year 1. Learning new songs and singing along.

We have also started visiting the library on a Tuesday. Please make sure to pack your current reading book in your bag, your child will have the opportunity to change this weekly!



Dates for your diary

Important information

Reminder to send in a picture of your family we can share while we are discussing who is important to us.

A picture and brief description can be sent to nursery@thelanes.notts.sch.uk



Looking ahead

Next week we will continue learning the story of owl babies and begin to retell it as a group.

In Phonics, we will be reading [The Shopping Basket](#) and identifying some noisy shopping by the sounds they make. We will also be singing [Wind The Bobbin Up](#). Listen by clicking on the link!

In our Gross Motor sessions, we will begin working on some large apparatus moving our bodies safely to verbal instructions.

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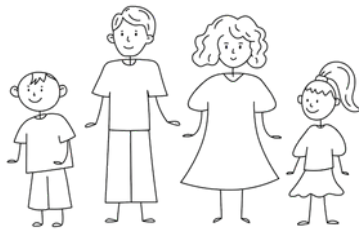


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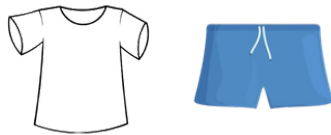
The children have been settling in so sensibly. We are so impressed with them.

We have been talking about our families. Thank you to those of you who have already sent photos in, please keep them coming! The children have been enjoying sharing them with their friends.



In Maths, we have been practising our counting skills. The children have been exploring this further independently in the classroom.

The children were brilliant getting themselves changed for our very first PE lesson.



Important information

Please double check that all clothes are named. This is so that we can return them to the children.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Phonics and Reading Meeting next Wednesday 23rd September at 6pm.

Stars of the Week:

F2AO: Theodora and Elira

F2GB: Erin and Flynn

F2JT: Logan and Theodore



Looking ahead

In English we will be looking at how to write different kinds of messages, including how to copy a friend's name.

In Maths we will be looking at the composition of numbers. We will be learning that numbers are composed of 1s and then begin to investigate the composition of 3 and 4.

In Phonics we are going to start learning our Phase 2 sounds. We are going to focus on **s a t p**.

Dates for your diary



YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

In English we have been learning all about adjectives and that they make our writing interesting to read.

eg Bunting has got a smart, red coat on.

In Maths we have been identifying which group of objects has more/fewer items.

The children have also been really good at finding one more and one less.

In science we have named and labelled parts of the body.

MY BODY



Dates for your diary

Important information

Please remember to log any reading that you do at home onto Beanstack.



This week we will enjoy celebrating the stars of the week in F1/F2

PE day is Thursday and all children come to school in their PE kit.

Friday morning is reading morning and everyone is welcome.

More information about our toy workshop to follow.

Looking ahead

Next week in English we will begin a new whole class book called 'Tatty Ratty' We will focus on _ed verbs. We will think about our favourite toys and how we feel when they get lost!



In Maths we will focus on ordering numbers and ordinal numbers eg first, second, third.

We will identify the smallest and largest numbers from a group.

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

In PE this week, we began working on ball skills and practised passing footballs with the inside of our feet. We look forward to building on this next week!



In English, we created an awesome story about saving the world from an evil threat! Some really imaginative ideas well done, Year 2!

In science, we learnt about germs and what we need to do to keep clean!



Finally, in maths, we have been practising comparing numbers and knowing the difference between greater than and less than! Please practise counting to 100 if you can!



Important information

For PE on Mondays, please remember to tape or remove earrings and have your hair tied up, please.

Please practise times tables and log any reading that you do at home onto Beanstack.

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2CO is continuing with outdoor learning on Wednesday afternoon.
Thankyou.

Looking ahead

PE: Continuing ball control - using the inside of my foot to cushion the ball.

Science: Learning about eating the right amounts of different types of foods

English: Beginning to explore our new text called Mamfred the Baddie!

Maths: Continuing to work on times tables - counting in 5s, 10s and 3s.

RE: Belonging within Christianity.

DT: Exploring and designing our own diabolical machines with understandings on Wheels and axles

Geography: Locate the 5 oceans



Dates for your diary



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

☀️ This Week ☀️

What a fantastic week of learning! The children have continued to develop their skills and enthusiasm across the curriculum. 😊

✍️ Writing – Explored writing, spelling and key skills.

📖 Reading – Developed vocabulary and explored contrasting word choices.

➗ Maths – Continued place value, including comparing numbers up to 1,000.

🧪 Science – Investigated friction between different surfaces.

🌍 Geography – Explored European capitals.

🎨 Art – Created silhouette artwork of dream castles.

⚽ PE – Developed ball control and continued practising foundation movements.

💻 Computing – Explored inputs and outputs through digital devices.

Another brilliant week of learning! ☀️

Important information

⚽ 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 continue 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.

☀️ Thank you from the team: ☀️

Thank you for adjusting to the new morning drop off straight into class, which has run smoothly as a result.

Looking ahead

☀️ Looking Ahead to Next Week ☀️

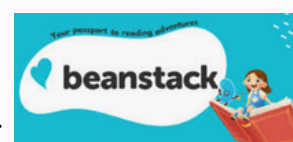
We have another exciting week ahead! In Writing, we'll create our setting descriptions, while in Reading we'll complete Engelbert Sneem and His Dream Vacuum Cleaner. In Maths, we'll finish place value and develop fluency with the 2 times table.

In our wider curriculum, we'll create clay dragon eyes in Art, investigate magnetic and non-magnetic materials in Science, explore the importance of Easter in RE, and learn French greetings. 🇫🇷

Spelling homework will be coming home on Fridays with bean stack and TTRS log ins. Complete before following Thursday each week.

Reminders

- Reading x4 to record on Beanstack.



Dates for your diary

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What's been happening?

- In Maths we investigated place value and used this to partition numbers and place them on number lines.
- In English we looked at how a biography explains the important parts of someone's life and makes them sound remarkable.
- Our spelling sessions have focused on doubling the final consonant when adding a vowel suffix.
- In Science we looked at the way our ears pick up sound waves and convert them into sound.
- In ICT we used our ipads to record sounds in the classroom and then we edited to remove the silence
- In Art we explored and evaluated the abstract paintings of Wassily Kandinsky.



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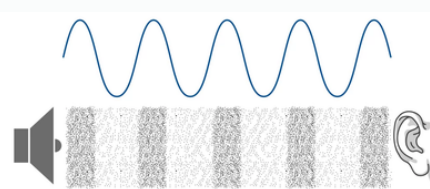
Thank you for the boxes that have been brought in already, we'll be making our musical instruments next week so please send in any cardboard that you think will be useful.

4RR - Mrs Roberts is enjoying welcoming you in through the patio doors in the morning. This will continue for the half term, so please let us know if this has caused any problems. We'll still go out onto the playground at the end of the day.

Please remember that for PE lessons all jewellery must be removed including watches and earrings. Long hair should be tied back for the day.

Looking ahead

- In Maths we will count on and back in 1000s and compare and order 4 digit numbers.
- In English we will be writing our biographies about Evelyn Glennie.
- In R.E we will be looking at where and why Muslims go on pilgrimages.
- In Science, we will look at what happens to sound waves when we make loud and quiet sounds.
- In Hockey and Basketball we will be practising our dribbling skills and avoiding challenges from other players.



Dates for your diary



YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



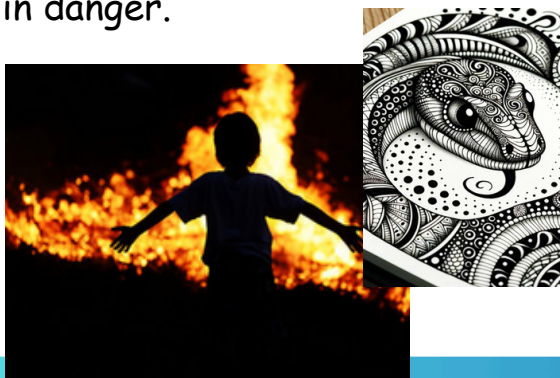
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What's been happening?

Welcome to Week 4!

This half term is racing by at break-neck speed, and we have much more to come still. Firstly, please thank your children for their hard work across the curriculum.

We have produced some beautiful pieces of artwork this week (using a variety of mediums) and we have also been exploring what it looks like and feels like to be in peril. This work is going to feed into our writing as we construct a short piece of narrative for our first write about a child who is in danger.



Dates for your diary

Important information

Stars of the week

6PW - Eleanor / George

6NM - Kit / Scarlett

6CT - Monty / Louie



Please note, we are still looking for some lovely people to help us listen to readers in the classroom. If you are able, we would very much appreciate your help. Please contact the school office and let them know when. Homework is also being set: please check, spellings, TTRockstars and complete some reading.

Looking ahead

. This art show will be on Monday 12th October

On Tuesday 29/9/26 Year 5 will be welcoming something a bit wild to school.



YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week has been a fabulous week in Year 6.

We've really been getting into *Holes* and the children have really connected with the characters and the incredible plot. It's been an exciting week for a lot of our children who have applied to be ambassadors. Mr Wilkes and we have been so impressed with the quality of their applications and the time and effort they've put in is just outstanding.

Maths this week has been all about calculation and choosing the most efficient strategy so any practice at home with this would be greatly appreciated.

The David Hockney-inspired art that the children produced was great and they had lots of fun creating their own pieces to put together to make a giant Grand Canyon.

Thank you to those children and parents who are already doing this but please remember to encourage your children to:

- Read for at least one hour each week and log reading on Beanstack.
 - Practise times tables regularly using TT Rock Stars
- SATs revision books and homework will begin later in the year.

Important information

EV4 Residential Medical Forms will be sent tomorrow and **please could they be in by Monday 21st September** as have to give Mount Cook all of the relevant information next week, which is a logistical nightmare.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to these awesome children:



Maisie (6LS) Arnie (6LS)
Bella (6DW) Mila (6DW)
Phoebe (6HM) Macy (6HM)

Looking ahead

PE Days

- o 6LS – Wednesday
- o 6DW & 6MH – Thursday

Next week, we will continue our work with calculation and problem-solving, as well as moving on to writing our own Camp Green Lake survival guides.

We will be continuing our work on David Hockney's artwork and in science we will be continuing our studies on Living Things and Their Habitats.



Dates for your diary

17th–20th November 2026 – Year 6 Residential to Mount Cook.

Parent Celebration Event – 12th October (6HM), 13th October (6DW), 15th October (6LS)