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### Attendance

**Whole school target 97%**

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|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>Whole school</b> | <b>96.1%</b> |
| <b>Foundation 2</b> | <b>96.9%</b> |
| <b>Year 1</b>       | <b>96.2%</b> |
| <b>Year 2</b>       | <b>96.4%</b> |
| <b>Year 3</b>       | <b>96.5%</b> |
| <b>Year 4</b>       | <b>96.1%</b> |
| <b>Year 5</b>       | <b>95.4%</b> |
| <b>Year 6</b>       | <b>96.1%</b> |



## Message from Mr Wilkes

### Dance Festival

We had the privilege of hosting the Family of School Dance Festival this week. We had two groups of children perform in front of over 150 people. They were fabulous, well done.

### Survey

Thank you to those people who completed the survey on behaviour. It was great to receive positive feedback. This is an area we are working. We are reviewing the policy, the school values the school rules and what 'The Lanes' way of doing things is.

The theme for the survey this week is teaching and learning.

This is an area we have been developing throughout this term and will be a focus for our School Improvement Plan next academic year. We have developed our approach to reading and introduced a new writing sequence which is have a really positive impact.

Please fill in the short survey [here](#).

Have a good half term break.

### SEND Parent Forum - Weds 24<sup>th</sup> June

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend our upcoming Parent Forum on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 9:15am–10:15am at Cator Lane. This will be an opportunity to meet with the Inclusion Team, share your views, and help shape future parent sessions through parent voice. We look forward to welcoming you and hearing your thoughts! Please complete the form via this [link](#) if you are planning to attend.

# FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

What a brilliant last week of Summer 1 we have had!

We've enjoyed our last week of learning about the rabbit and the hare.

We've talked about lots of ways to show the number 5 and we have finished our unit on circles.

All while finding time for some crazy phonics Karaoke!



## Dates for your diary

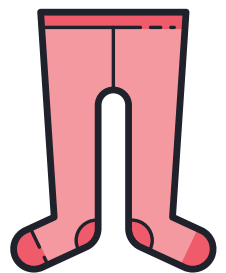
- 19<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

## Important information

As the weather gets warmer we are finding the children are much more interested in water play.

Can you ensure your child comes to school with a full change of clothes packed incase they need it.

This includes tights, socks and pants.  
Thank you!

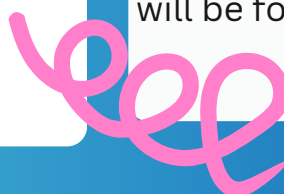


## Looking ahead

Our enquiry question for the last half term of this academic year will be "How can we make things better?" [We will be starting a new traditional tale Stone Soup!](#)

Our new phonics focus will be orally segmenting and blending to help those of our class who will be moving onto Reception in September hear sounds.

In Maths we will looking at making our own patterns and in Fine and Gross Motor we will be forming loops and curves.



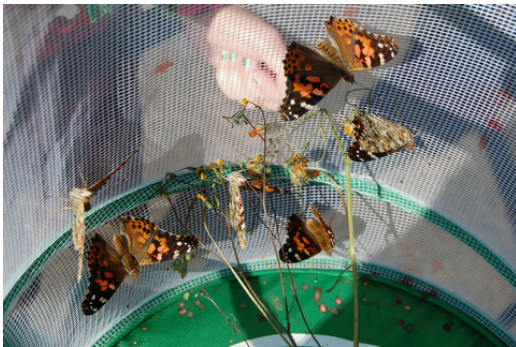
# FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

We were very excited to release our butterflies. The children have enjoyed watching the life-cycle of our caterpillars.



Thank you for supporting the children in our Parents' Event. They really enjoyed sharing their work with you and were very proud to show you their writing.

## Dates for your diary

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- [Link to whole school dates](#)

## Important information

Please could you have a look around at home for any Bug Club books and return them to school please.

Stars of the Week:

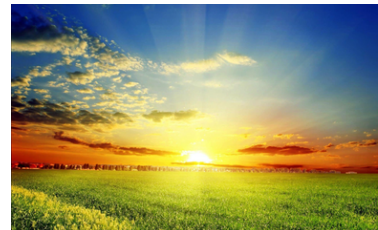
F2DW: Clay and Phoebe

F2AO: Jaxon and Freddie

F2PB: Oliver and Harper

Have a lovely break and enjoy the sunshine.

We will see you on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.



## Looking ahead

Our next half term's topic is called 'Summer Fun' - all about holidays and how they have changed over time. We will be inviting grandparents in to share their childhood holiday experiences with the children (date to follow)

Our new focus text is called 'Clean Up' by Nathan Bryon. We will focus on plastic pollution at the seaside and write our own 'Did you Know ..... ' facts about the seaside.

In Phonics we will continue to work on reading digraphs in words, words with adjacent consonants and tricky words.

# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

Year 1 had a fabulous trip to Twycross Zoo, we all saw lots of animals and everyone had a great time.

A huge thank you to all the parents who helped us on our trip, it was much appreciated.



We had a visitor this week from the children's mental health support team who reminded the children how important it is to talk about their feelings and who they can talk to.

## Important information

Please keep reading with your child over the half term break.

If your child is keen to practice their phonics, the split vowel digraphs would be good to revisit eg

i\_e as in bike

u\_e as in flute

e\_e as in athlete

a\_e as in grapes

o\_e as in slope

PE day in Year 1 will continue to be Thursdays next half term.

## Looking ahead

Our topic next half term is all about 'Plants'. We will be growing sunflowers, learning the names of trees and plants in the local area and understanding more about where our food comes from.



We hope you all have a wonderful half term break and we will see you back to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## Dates for your diary

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- [Link to whole school dates](#)

# YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

We have all worked hard on our writing this week, instructing nurses on how to tie a tourniquet. We used time openers, bossy verbs and lots of subordinating conjunctions.

In PE on Monday, we continued our gymnastics and cricket units. We practised the crab walk in gymnastics and worked on our bowling technique in cricket, as well as improving our accuracy when throwing into hoops.

In art, we continued to develop fascinating art inspired by Yayoi Kusama, focusing on her sculpture work.



## Dates for your diary

- 2JB outdoor learning dates: 22.5.26 & 5.6.26
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

## Important information

This year's school production for Year 2 will be....



We will be sending home some lines for your child to practise over the holidays, if they would like a big speaking role.

We will be auditioning for main roles the first week back.

## Looking ahead

Our topic is Sherwood Forest.

Maths: Problem solving & efficient methods.

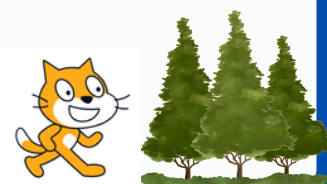
English: Planning an information leaflet about Sherwood Forest.

PE: We will be preparing for sports day (e.g., racing, long jump & throwing).

RSHE: Job aspirations

Geography: Exploring nature in the local area, ready to compare to Sherwood Forest.

Computing: Scratch programming



# YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

It has been a busy week in Year 3! In English, the children completed their final piece of writing for this half-term, focusing on making the reader feel relieved. They worked really hard and created some fantastic stories. In Maths, we have been learning how to find the duration of time using number lines to work out the difference between start and end times. In Science, we explored different types of diets, looking at how choices can be influenced by personal preference, religion and medical needs. In DT, the children made their own delicious snacks using the Eatwell Plate as a guide. Thank you to everyone who came for a nibble, and to the parents who helped with preparation – it made a big difference. It was a lovely afternoon! Well done, Year 3, for a great week!

**3** Order these durations, from shortest time to longest time. **CHALLENGE**

- A from 4:28 pm until 5:35 pm
- B 64 minutes
- C 1 hour and 5 minutes
- D from 16:37 until 17:40

I am going to work out A and D to start with ...

Changing all the times into minutes might help me to compare them.



## Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

## Important information

### PE Days next half-term

3CD & 3DC – Tuesday

3IM - Wednesday



Sports Day – Tuesday 16th June (Morning)  
Years 1, 2 & 3

## Looking ahead

Next half term is a long one at 8 weeks, with lots going on, so please keep an eye on the calendar for important dates.

Our new topic is “Masters of Motion”, where we will be learning about the skeletal system in humans and animals. In English, we will be writing about lesser-spotted animals, exploring some interesting and unusual creatures. Please continue to support your child by encouraging regular reading at home and logging it on Beanstack, as well as practising times tables using TT Rock Stars.

Thank you for your continued support—we are looking forward to a great half term!



# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

- In Maths, we have been converting units of time and finding analogue and digital times.
- In English, we have been creating metaphors that describe water as beautiful but also potentially dangerous.
- In RE we compared different beliefs about the Afterlife and tried to decide which ones we agree with, or not.
- We had our final tennis lesson this week and really worked hard on our serving.
- In French we presented our weather reports and recapped on our learning for the unit.
- In Art we used watercolours to paint the final version of our Hokusai wave.
- In ICT we modified a Scratch game and changed the effects of interacting with a moving sprite.



## Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

## Important information

We're really excited to be starting a new topic on changing habitats after half term. We're not straying too far from water as we'll also be learning about how habitats change, including flooding.

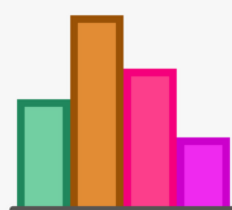
After half term it will be the Multiplication check. These will take place in the mornings over the first 2 weeks. Please keep up the revision over the half term, now is the most important time to be practising even if your child is confident.

Please can we remind you that children are not permitted to come to school wearing makeup or lip gloss.

We wish you a happy and restful holiday.

## Looking ahead

- In Maths we will start the half term by doing our times table tests. We will also learn about converting, ordering and rounding money amounts.
- In English we will be looking at our new text and using it to help us learn about writing the opening to a mystery story.
- In ICT we will be collecting and displaying data.
- Our Science lessons will focus on how changes in the weather can change the habitats of animals.



# 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 explored regular and irregular 2D shapes, reasoned with 3D shapes, and finished the week learning about translation and reflection.

### 📖 Reading

In Voyaging Vessels, we focused on drawing conclusions using evidence from the warrior text.

### ✍️ Writing

We developed our use of speech in narrative writing before completing an extended write focused on creating excitement.

### 🌍 History

We learned how Vikings and Saxons lived alongside each other after the Danelaw.

### 🧵 DT

We designed and created our own Viking purses.

Thank you for your continued support 🌟



## Dates for your diary

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Last day of term
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Return to school
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

## Important information

**Polite Reminder:** Please ensure that any fidgets brought into class have been approved by the class teacher and Inclusion Team beforehand. While some fidgets can support regulation and focus, we are seeing an increasing number being brought in that are becoming distractions. Thank you for your support and understanding.

- 5CC: We will have **PE on Wednesday** with the sports coach (Cricket/Rounders 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** (Cricket/Rounders). **Swimming will continue on Tuesday.**
- 5CT: **P.E.** is still on **Friday** (Athletics and cricket/rounders)

## Looking ahead

÷ **Maths** – We will look at translation of objects and then moving to metric units.

📖 **Reading** – We will start our new book with a focus on Space.

✍️ **Writing** – We will immerse ourselves in a new writing sequence linked to the Space Topic.

🌍 **Topic** – We will start to explore the Science driven topic of Earth and Space.

### 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?

This week has been back to normal in Year 6 - writing has taken centre stage and the children have been asked to create a piece of narrative that uses dialogue to move the story on.

6PW have welcomed a new child into their class and shown themselves to be a warm and friendly group.

Across the year group we have also been exploring our new topic - The Maya. Classes have been learning about the gods and pyramids and how these two elements were essential parts of the communities.



## Important information

PE days for 6DW and 6PW will be a Tuesday after half-term. Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school PE kit and appropriate footwear for the day.

Transition dates will be sent through soon so that you are aware of when this will be happening. Alderman White and Chilwell will be coming into school to introduce themselves and answer any questions that the children may have.

Please note, we will be starting to rotate the classes between the Year 6 rooms as we try to prepare them for life at secondary school.

## Looking ahead

### Sports Day

18/6/26 SPORTS DAY

### 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.

## Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Joke of the week

Q. What do you call a  
bear with no teeth?

A. A gummy bear

# School News

FROM THE REPORTERS

## Headlines

### Eco council visit

Members of the Eco Council were invited to attend the Veolia Materials Recycling Plant. They learnt all about the process from picking up rubbish from houses to the processing of the waste. 200 tonnes a day is taken to the centre. Some of the waste can't be recycled but 97.8% of this is used to make energy and road surfacing.

Did you know batteries and vapes are the worst thing to go into your general recycling because they can cause fires. Please use the proper battery collection bins!



### Lunchtime

The pupils at Cator Lane have enjoyed spending their lunchtime on the field. If the weather stays dry then we will be able to have our packed lunch outside on the patio.

It has been fun playing games with the Y2 children too.

### Viking Sewing

To finish off their topic on Vikings, Year 5 have been making purses. They have made their own designs and have practiced lots of stitches to help them make them look great.

But sewing is a lot harder than it looks. Miss Hodkin, who is teaching 5CT, said 'lots of children found sewing tricky but it was wonderful to see everyone really helping each other out - showing each other the stitches and threading needles.'

The children will be bringing their work home on Friday. Well done year 5

### Football match

The football team had a home match tonight against Bispham Drive school. It was a fast paced game and the team played well. The final score was 4 -4 with Rex getting a hat-trick!



# 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        | SEND Parent Forum                   | CL                 | All    |
| 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    |