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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	96.2%
Foundation 2	96.8%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	96.4%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	96.1%



Message from Mr Wilkes

Music

It was great to watch the music concerts this week at Cator Lane. I had the delight of hearing Years 2,3 and 4 and then Year 5 and 6 perform. What a talented and confident group of children.
Well done!



Pupil leadership

We have had the Mental Health Support Team in this week to talk to the children in Year 5 about training to become Peer Mentors. After they have completed their training they will be available to support other children, creating a safe and supportive space to talk.

We are also working with Ace Sports to develop a group of Play Leaders who, after training, will lead games at play and lunchtime.

Friends of the The Lanes

The friends group do a fabulous job of organising lots of wonderful events for children and parents to attend and raise much needed money for the school. We are currently looking at how to use this money to support the children and will update you soon. However, the group need more volunteers so that they continue the great work.

[Please have a look here to see how you can help](#)

Games and books

We are hoping to get the cabins in the Cator Lane playground up and running as quieter spaces to use during play and dinner. If you have any spare board games or high quality books you no longer need we would love to use them in our cabins. Please pop them into the School Office.

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week we have been exploring dots! The children have made art, stuck stickers and even formed letters with dots!

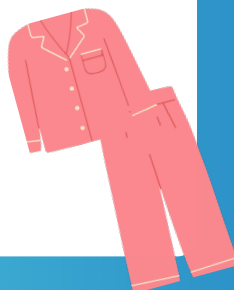


We have also loved our focus story - The Three Little Pigs! The children remembered so much from heart. We're very proud of how they've jumped into our new topic!



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)



Important information

If you have applied for a Reception place starting September 26, you should have received an offer of a place to confirm.

If you need support with applying or accepting a place, feel free to call into the school office.



Looking ahead

Next week our new class take will be the Enormous Turnip. We will be using it to learn around our question, How can we make things better? Thinking about when it is better to work as a team.



We will also be reading 5 minutes to bed and remembering bedtime items with alliterative names! Tasty toothpaste and pink pyjamas!



FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

The caterpillars arrived in our classroom this week! We have loved watching them wriggle around in their pot and they are already growing.



We have been working hard in PE to practice for Sports Day. We are enjoying trying out lots of different events.



Dates for your diary

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Important information

If your child wears tights to school, please can you make sure they have some socks in their PE bags, as we are now going outside for PE.

Similarly, if your child wears earrings, please either take them out or cover them with tape/plasters on PE day, which is Tuesday.

Stars of the Week:

F2PB - Gray and Chloe

F2DW - Bianca and Leo D

F2AO - Alex and Addilyn



Looking ahead

Maths will be counting beyond 20 and starting from a random point

Phonics will be 'oi and er'

Handwriting is forming the letters n and m

Our writing will focus on creating a sentence about Superworm, using some of our newly learned vocabulary. We will also focus on forming our letters correctly, using finger spaces and thinking about capital letters and full-stops.

We will be painting our clay butterflies and thinking about the symmetrical patterns in Art.

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



What's been happening?

This week, we have started our art work based on the work of Megan Coyle. We used these collage techniques to make the background.



In Maths, we have used our counting in 2's, 5's and 10's to count groups of objects quickly. eg How many shoes can you see?



Dates for your diary

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Important information

Our trip to Twycross Zoo will be on Wednesday 20th May. *More information has been sent already.*



Our WOW Science Parent Event will be Monday 18th May at 2.45pm. Please come along to the school office to enter.

Looking ahead

Tomorrow, we will celebrate EYFS Stars of the Week.

In English, we will begin a new book called 'Three Little Fish and The Big Bad Shark'. We will be making story maps of the story events.



YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

It was great to see a variety of musicians in the concert on Tuesday afternoon. Well done to those in our classes for taking part!



In history this week, we explored and compared hospitals from the 1800s to the modern day.

We have begun our new PE unit on cricket, and it was great to explore the field on Monday - we will continue this term!



Dates for your diary

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Important information

As the weather is warming up, please remember to send your child with a water bottle and apply sun cream before they come to school. Thank you.



Just a reminder, outdoor learning is as follows:

2CH: Friday 24th April.

2HP: Friday 1st May & Friday 8th May.

2JB: Friday 15th May & Friday 22nd May

2JB Parents' evening is next Tuesday and Wednesday. Please remember to book on.

Looking ahead

Maths: Continuing to work on Fractions - compare different non-unit fractions.

English: Writing a diary in the role of Florence Nightingale

Science: Life cycles

DT: Making pop-up books about sports characters

History: How the nursing profession has changed over time.

RSHE: whom to talk to - trusted adult.

PE: Gymnastics and Hit, catch, run.

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



Important information

PE Days this half term

3CD & 3IM – Tuesday

3DC - Wednesday



Next week there will be another PE session on Wednesday morning for all classes at Chillwell Manor Golf course.

Family of schools dance festival - 19.05.26

There will be a Family of Schools Dance Festival taking place on Tuesday 19th May from 4-7pm. Unfortunately this is a limited participation event and only a small number of dancers from Y3 will be able to participate.

If your child would be interested in taking part in the festival, please could you complete the Microsoft form using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/yrHdG84ZcF>

Looking ahead

Next week in Year 3, we'll be sharpening our English skills by writing to excite the reader using direct speech and adverbs, while in Maths we'll be solving fraction problems that involve both addition and subtraction.

In Science, we'll explore how much of each food group we need using the Eatwell Guide, and in Art we'll continue our relief printing inspired by Angela Harding.

In Geography, we'll investigate where the foods on our school dinner menu come from to understand their global journeys.



Please continue to log reading on Beanstack as often as possible.



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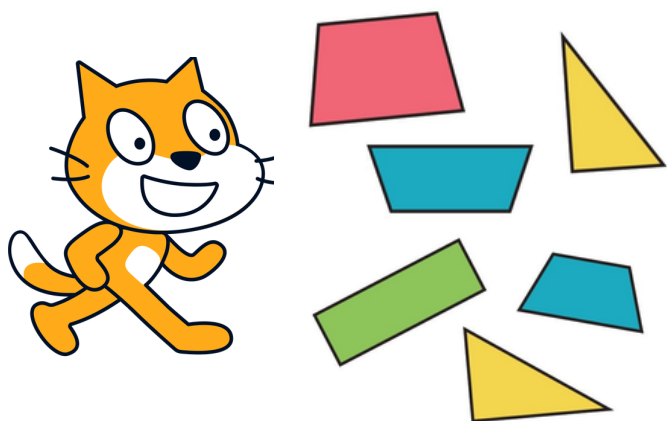
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What's been happening?

- In Maths, we have been learning about finding 100ths as fractions and decimals.
- In English, we have been looking at scientific facts in non-fiction texts and learning how to make them sound engaging to the reader.
- In Art we continued our work on Hokusai by learning how to draw different types of water.
- In ICT we started coding loops to create shapes using Scratch .
- We had another great tennis session and practised our throwing skills in Athletics..



Important information

Only 5 weeks to go until the Y4 MTC!

You can practice at home with a tablet at:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

This will be extremely helpful if your child is not yet fully secure in their times tables knowledge.

Year 4 have been invited to 2 sessions of golf on 6th and 13th May. Due to SATs week, we will need at least 6 parents helpers to walk down to Tennis on 12th May and Golf on 13th May. Pls email the year group if you are able to help out.

This week our achievement certificates go to:

4RR - Ember & Stanley

4TG - Erin & Rory

4MN - Emilia & Monty

Looking ahead

- In Maths we will be comparing and ordering and comparing decimal numbers.
- In English we will be finding information about the history water in our non-fiction text. We will also look at fronted adverbials.
- In ICT we will be learning how to use the Scratch program to create coding loops.
- Our Art session will focus on different shades of blue and then use them to show the depth of water.



Dates for your diary

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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 been solving multi-step problems with decimals, as well as multiplying and dividing decimals.

📖 Reading

In the story of 'Arrow odd', we have been exploring cause and effect, with some thoughtful discussions.

✍️ Writing

We have analysed how vocabulary and grammar impact the reader, alongside practising core spellings.

🌍 History

We learned why the Vikings chose to invade Lindisfarne—lots of great questions and ideas!

🔬 Science

We have been learning about foetal development before birth.

💬 Wellbeing

We had a mental health workshop, with the aim of recruiting peer mentors to support wellbeing across the school.

Important information

Stars of the week

- Stars in 5CT: **Ewan and Salsabilla**
- Stars in 5MS: **Isla and Marcus**
- Stars in 5CC: **Elijah and Sienna**
- 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 be looking at angles and measuring angles.

📖 **Reading** - we will continue building on fluency and comprehension - Grettir the Strong.

Writing - we will be looking at imperative verbs and writing up our Raid instructions.

🌍 **Topic** - We continue building Historical Viking knowledge, exploring inspiration in RE and in Science looking at changes as we age.

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.**)

Dates for your diary

- **27.4.26** 5MS Deadline for goggle waiver ([school website](#) or at the office)
- **28.4.26** - 5MS Swimming to begin
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YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



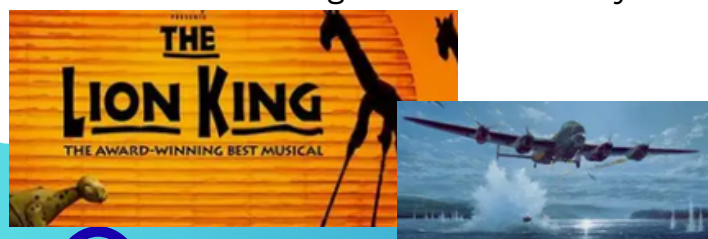
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What's been happening?

Excitement has been growing as we discussed ideas around the end of year performance. We can now reveal that we will be performing... The Lion King! This show will be fantastic, however we will be needing to raise some funds to purchase the script, music and stage directions; expect some fundraising events to be organised.

Our school football team has also taken part in their first match, this time against Bramcote Hills. There will be more matches to follow, with fixtures against: Eskdale for both the girls and the boys soon.

Our writing has been fantastic this week, with children creating a sense of urgency and panic in their writing as they discussed the events around Kristallnacht. Next we will be writing about the Dambusters and this piece of work will be in a different style so that we can assess the ability of the children to write with differing levels of formality



Dates for your diary

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Important information

Hoodies will need to be ordered soon so that they arrive in school for the beginning of SATs week.

During SATs week, we will be offering a breakfast of toast and juice to the children. This is done to encourage a team spirit and to ensure attendance throughout the week.

Once the assessments have been completed, extracts from the playscript will be distributed to those who wish to audition for a speaking part. There are a variety of parts on offer and some with singing requirements. Please note - you will need to sing in front of others when auditioning if you desire certain roles.

Looking ahead

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

Reward trip- 22/7/26

Specifics tbc.

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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Joke of the week

Q. What do you call
a fake noodle?

A. An Impasta!

School News

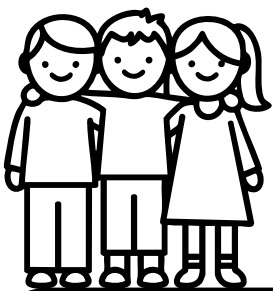
FROM THE REPORTERS

Musical Talent

Headlines

On Tuesday this week, lots of our children were performing in music concerts. The event was a brilliant showcase of our talented musicians. Some of our reporters attended and were impressed by their skills playing different instruments such as piano and drums. They also heard some great singers. They interviewed some of the musicians involved who said how much they have enjoyed learning to play. One girl said that watching the music concerts last year is what made her want to learn herself.

Huge congratulations to everyone involved



Year 5 Peer Mentors

On Thursday our Year 5 children were finding out all about a great opportunity to become a peer mentor. Children can apply to be trained in how to help others solve conflicts or to share strategies to deal with worries. The children will have special lanyards to wear on the playground so that they are easy to spot. Any Year 5s who want to be a mentor can speak to Mrs Ireland for more information.

DIARY DATES

Summer term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

Date	Day	Event	Location	Who?
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
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	Y6 Football Match v Bispham Drive	CL	Y6
25th - 29th May	Mon - Fri	Half Term	All	All



DIARY DATES

Summer term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

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
10th - 11th Jun	Wed-Thu	Y2 Residential	Offsite	Y2
11th Jun	Thu	Y6 Golf	Chilwell Golf Club	Y6
17th Jun	Wed	Family of Schools Singing Event	John Clifford	
18th Jun	Thu	Y5 Golf	Chilwell Golf Club	Y5
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
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
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