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## Attendance

**Whole school target 97%**

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|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>Whole school</b> | <b>96.2%</b> |
| <b>Foundation 2</b> | <b>96.8%</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>96.3%</b> |
| <b>Year 5</b>       | <b>95.6%</b> |
| <b>Year 6</b>       | <b>96.1%</b> |

## Message from Mr Wilkes

### Dance Festival

A group of children in year 6 and year 3 have been working hard on developing a dance ready for the Family of School Dance festival on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. They are looking great!

### Parent Survey

As we head towards the end of the year it is a great time to capture thoughts and reflections about various part of school life. During the rest of the term, I will be sending out links to a short survey for you to complete. We will send a new survey out every three weeks and provide feedback about the findings. We will use the information over the Summer to work into the School Improvement Priorities for next year, and where appropriate make any changes this year.

The theme for the survey this week is Behaviour and the link to the questions is here

[Parent Survey - Behaviour](#)

### Walking home

It is about this time of year that we get asked questions about children walking home on their own. We would advise no children younger than Y6 should be considering this. For year 6 children, parents need to be confident that they have good road sense and awareness and will be able to keep themselves safe as they walk home. We would always advise they walk with friends. The decision is for parents to make and if you are considering this please let your child's class teacher know.

### Games and Reading Sheds

I put a plea out last week for any games or books which you would be willing to donate to school. We are trying to create some quieter zones at play and lunchtimes outside. Any donations would be welcome. Please drop them off at reception.

# FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

This week we have been playing games with dice and subitising to count amounts quickly. We will be continuing these games next week.

We have been investigating dots and letters with dots. Next week we will start looking at long letters and investigating them!



## Important information

Our sports day will be at the Cator Lane site alongside Reception on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June at 9:00am.

Parents are welcome to attend and cheer us on!



We are missing some ELS library books in school. If you notice a book at home with the sticker below, please return the book to school as soon as possible.



Thank you!

## Looking ahead



Next week we will be continuing learning around the enormous turnip. We will be tasting turnip to dive deeper into our story. If you would not like your child to participate let the office know or grab Miss Clarke on the door.

In phonics our focus story is Mrs. Blackhat. We will be casting our own spells with alliterative 'b' Sounds. [You can watch the story here if you want to get ahead!](#)



## Dates for your diary

- Sports day 19<sup>th</sup> June 9:00am
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

# FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER

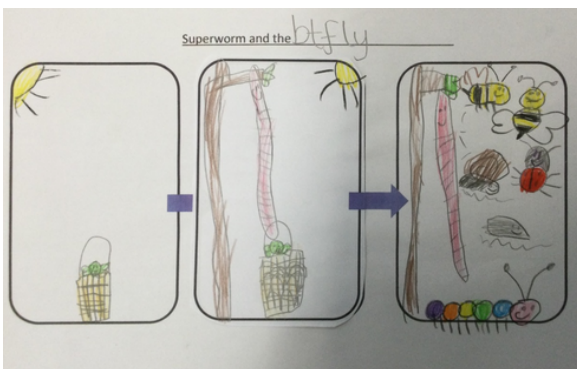


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## What's been happening?

The children have been enjoying watching our caterpillars grow. They are getting very big now, we think they will turn into chrysalides any day now.

In our writing lessons the children have been planning their own part to add to Superworm. They have impressed us with their creativity and enthusiasm. We cannot wait to show you their writing when it is finished.



## Dates for your diary

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- [Link to whole school dates](#)

## Important information

Now that the weather is nicer, please consider applying sun cream that is designed to last all day so that the children do not have to try and reapply it themselves during their playtime or lunchtime. If you do send your child in with sun cream, please make sure that it is a roll on that they know how to apply sensibly themselves. Also please make sure that they know that they are NOT to share, due to allergies.

Our sports day will be at the Cator Lane site alongside Nursery on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June at 9:00am.

Parents are welcome to attend and cheer us on!



## Looking ahead

In Literacy next week we will be starting work on Mad About Minibeasts, working towards writing our own guessing game.

In Maths our focus will be on subitising. We will be talking about when we can subitise and when we need to use counting. We will also be using our knowledge of doubles to help us subitise.

In Phonics we will be looking at oo (like in spoon), oo (like in book), and ng.

In Handwriting we will be practicing q and p.

# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

This week in Maths we have been sharing an amount equally and the children have been introduced to the division sign.

Here are Eva's teddies.



Eva shares her teddies between 3 shelves.

How many teddies are on each shelf?

We are enjoying reading 'The Three Little Fish and The Big Bad Shark', we've been comparing it to the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We also enjoyed making a story map.

In Geography we've understood the importance of recognising our own address and why it might be important in an emergency.

In phonics we have read words beginning with scr, str, spr, spl, br, gr, tr, and cr.



## Dates for your diary

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- [Link to whole school dates](#)

## Important information

We celebrate our stars this week who are....

1EH Wynter and Connor

1WV George and Stanley

1AW Nova and Finlay

Our Science parents' event is at 2.45 on  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

The Y1 trip to Twycross Zoo is on Wednesday  
20<sup>th</sup> May.

Important reminder - No toys allowed at  
school, thank you.



## Looking ahead

In Geography we will be finding our school and local landmarks on an aerial map. We will complete our art work by including a collaged tiger onto our rainforest backgrounds.

In Maths we will be finding 1 quarter of a shape.

In phonics we will be revising words with digraphs oe, oa and ie. We will also be reading alien words eg.

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| quemp | hild | voo    |
| chom  | geck | blurst |
| thazz | tord | terg   |
| steck | blan | stroft |

# YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

It has been great to have PE out on our field this week! Lots of focus on defending a target by stopping the ball from hitting the stumps, as well as working as a team to field, return the ball quickly, and limit the number of runs the kicker can make.



We have worked extremely hard writing as Florence Nightingale and used some great expanded noun phrases and exclamations in our work!



## Dates for your diary

- Bank Holiday Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> of May
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

## Important information

As it gets warmer, please remember to send your child in with hats and water bottles to stay safe on warmer days!

Just a reminder, outdoor learning is as follows:

2HP: Friday 1st May & Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**2JB is now: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**



Please continue reading with your child as often as possible and log it onto Beanstack.

## Looking ahead



Maths: Position and direction.

English: New unit on instruction writing, focusing on another brave woman- Mary Seacole.

Science: Continuing life cycles.



DT: Making and evaluating our pop-up books about sports characters.

History: Women who have changed the world.

RSHE: How to make an emergency call.

PE: Gymnastics and Hit, catch, run.

# YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

Year 3 have had a great week and we are very proud of their efforts. In Maths, the children worked on fraction problem-solving, showing determination and clear thinking. In English, they focused on improving their writing by using direct speech and adverbs to add detail and interest.

In Science, we learned about the different food groups and how much of each we should eat to stay healthy. We also had a fantastic time in PE at the golf course, where the children showed excellent behaviour and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 3!

5 Mo planted a sunflower that was 12 cm tall, and then measured the plant every week. After the 1st week it had grown  $\frac{1}{6}$  of its starting height. After the 2nd week it had grown another  $\frac{2}{6}$  of its starting height.

How tall was the plant at the end of the second week?

CHALLENGE



## 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

There are no more golf sessions this year.

Important reminder - No toys allowed at school, thank you.



### Stars of the Week

3CD - Ralph & Seneshi

3IM - Theo & Blake

3DC - Ettie W & Aran



## Looking ahead

### Year 3 Parent Event Reminder

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.

Please continue to read with your child often and when possible log their reading on Beanstack.



**beanstack**

# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

- In Maths, we have been learning about the place value of decimal numbers.
- In English, we have been looking at fronted adverbials and using them to provide additional information to our sentences.
- In Art, we continued our work on Hokusai by improving on our watercolour techniques.
- In RE we looked at the Christian beliefs about the Afterlife.
- We had another great tennis session and we practised our running skills in Athletics.
- In French we used compass points to say where different types of weather are happening.



## Important information

Please keep up the good work with the times tables practice at home. We're getting better every week but we still need a bit of help so that every child can be as confident as possible.

We're excited about starting our golf sessions next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. PE kits Tuesday and Wednesday for the next 2 weeks please.

We've only had a couple of volunteers to help walk us to Tennis and Golf on the w/c 11<sup>th</sup> May. Due to SATs week, we will be unable to run these sessions without enough volunteers. If you can lend a hand on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May or Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, please let us know as soon as possible

## Looking ahead

- In Maths we will be rounding decimal numbers to the nearest whole and finding halves and quarters of decimals.
- In English we will be writing our information text about the Water Cycle.
- In ICT we will be creating infinite and controlled loops in Scratch.
- Our Art session will focus on adding the background and foreground details to picture.



## Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

# 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 finished division with decimals and have begun learning about angles, including how to use a protractor.

### 📖 Reading

In Grettir the Strong, we have been developing our summarising skills and understanding key vocabulary.

### ✍️ Writing

We have been learning to use imperative verbs and have begun writing our own Viking raiding instructions.

### 🌍 History

We explored how Viking raids developed into settlements and learned about the Great Heathen Army.

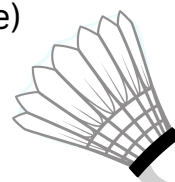
### 🔬 Science

We have been learning about human development, focusing on changes from childhood through to older age.

Thank you for your continued support 🌟

## Important information

- 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 continue with geometry and measuring angles.

📖 **Reading** - we will continue building on fluency and comprehension reading Viking Voyagers.

✍️ **Writing** - we will be looking at immersing ourselves in our new writing sequence.

🌍 **Topic** - We continue building historical Viking knowledge to support writing with key events.

### 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

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May: peer mentoring training starts.
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

# YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

This week we have been working really hard trying to re-learn and polish some skills that we have acquired during our time at The Lanes. Lots of reading, and spelling have taken place as we sought to 'cross the T's and dot the I's'.

We have tried to manage the tension this week with some engaging activities in class such as perspective drawing and a reimagining of 'The Island' book cover. This book has been used as a stimulus for conversations in class around ideas of tolerance and respect.

In Maths, skills have been sharpened and refined as we began to come full circle before the assessments. Please remember, if there is anything your child does not understand, they are allowed to ask us for help.



## Dates for your diary

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- [Link to whole school dates](#)

## Important information

Leavers hoodies will be given out to pupils who have ordered them on Friday 8th May. From this point on, they will become the school uniform and can be worn around the site. Please note - hoods will not be worn up whilst on school grounds and hoodies MUST BE NAMED.

During SATs week, there will be a breakfast available in the hall for the Year 6 children. Toast and drinks are provided by staff as we build enthusiasm for the day.

Please remember that there is no school on Monday - if you come, we will not be here! Enjoy an extra day off 😊

PW & DW - PE will be on Tuesday next week

## 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

### Celebration 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.

# 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     |
| 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      |

# DIARY DATES

Summer term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

|                    |           |                                  |                    |        |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| 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     |
| 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       | 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     |
| 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    |