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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	97.2%
Foundation 2	
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	99.2%
Year 3	99.6%
Year 4	95.6%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	98.3%

Message from Mr Wilkes

Welcome back!

It has been great to see the children this week and hear all about their adventures during the summer break.

The staff have been in school all week getting things ready for the new term, updating their safeguarding and allergy training, reflecting and looking forward at the new year ahead.

Update values

We spent a lot of time last year reviewing and considering the values and vision for the school. These will be a thread running through everything we do and celebrated through our rewards systems and approaches. We have slimmed the values down to six and simplified the imagery.



Alongside this we have also review the school rules which are now **Be Kind, Be Safe and Be Your Best**

A couple or reminders

Please make sure your child is wearing clothing and footwear which is outlined in our school uniform policy - link [here](#). This includes earrings ensuring only small studs are worn.

We understand that some children may wish to wear a watch in school or a device that measures steps. However there have been an increase in 'Smart watches' which are not permitted in school. Children may not wear a device that has a camera, the ability to communicate or has games.

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Welcome to F1!



It's been fantastic to welcome back our children to school. Everyone has been sharing about what they have been up to in the break and has jumped straight back into routine so well!

We have also welcomed children and families joining us in this September into school for settling in sessions. I'm so proud of how confident and friendly everyone has been!

Next week we will be starting all children on their agreed hours. The nursery doors will open at 8:40 for drop off and at 3:10 for collection. If you are outside if these times please drop off or collect from the school office.

Important information

Please make sure to pack your child with a change of clothes in their bag as well as any weather gear needed for the day.

Children can bring a fruit or vegetable snack to eat at school and must bring a named water bottle.

We are currently unable to offer hot lunches so please make sure if your child is staying for lunch they bring a named pack lunch.



Looking ahead

Next week we will be reading [Lulu's first day](#). We will use this story to explore all the important people in school who keep us safe and happy.

We will also be learning how to use all the spaces in the classroom properly and how to pack them away ready to use next time.

We'll be getting to know our new teaching assistant Mrs Walsh and saying hello to our Tuesday afternoon cover teacher Mrs Ireland.

Dates for your diary



FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Welcome to The Lanes!

It has been lovely to see the children in school this week. They have been busy exploring the classrooms, making new friends and enjoying the Early Years Garden.

As a reminder:

F2JT is Mr Taylor's class, and they enter/go home through the doors nearest the gates.

F2GB is Mrs Griffin on Monday to Wednesday and Mr Bacon on Thursday, Friday. They will enter/go home through the doors by the shelter around the side of the building.

F2AO is Mrs Olson's class. They will enter/go home through the doors by the shelter around the side of the building.

Important information

**Please remember to return the
Emergency Contact and GDPR
Photographic and Video Consent
Forms.**

PE day will be on Tuesday and we will be starting this on 15th September . Please check your welcome packs for information about what needs to be included in your child's PE kit.

On Monday 7th September children will be staying for lunch until 1:15. From Tuesday, children will be in full time from 8:40 until 3:15.

Looking ahead

Don't forget that we have the Parents Reading and Phonics Meeting on Wednesday 23rd September at 6pm until 7pm.

Over the next few weeks we will be getting to know the children and their interests better. If there is anything you want us to know, then feel free to chat to us on the door.



Dates for your diary

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



What's been happening?

WELCOME TO YEAR 1!

The children were amazing yesterday and settled really well, a very warm welcome back to you all.

Our first topic in Year 1 is 'Toys'
We will be comparing and exploring toys old and new. We hope to host a toy workshop too (more details to follow)

Each child has two reading books in their bag, one is a library book to enjoy together and one is their reading book which you can log onto Beanstack. We encourage children in Year 1 to change their own reading book when they need a new one and we will support them with this.

Important information

Our PE day is Thursday each week and we will have two sessions on that day. All children need to arrive in their PE kit and will stay in it all day.

Reading morning will be each Friday morning and will begin on the 11th September 8.40-8.55am.



Looking ahead

If you have any questions for the Year 1 team please do not hesitate to contact us via email on

year1@thelanes.notts.sch.uk

In History we will be looking at toys over the years and understanding a timeline.

In Art we will be making self portraits and we begin our new book in Literacy called 'A Night In The Museum'
Have a lovely weekend!

Dates for your diary



YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Welcome to YEAR 2!!!

We are so excited to get to know everyone! It has been lovely hearing all about what the children have been getting up to during the summer holidays! Everyone settled in very well yesterday, and we look forward to seeing you all again next week for our WOW day!



Our first topic of the year is Super Me! We will be exploring a variety of superhero-themed books in English and learning all about what it means to be healthy and fit in science!

If you have any questions for the Year 2 team, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at:
year2@thelanes.notts.sch.uk

Important information

Our PE Day is on Mondays. - **There will be NO PE next week, as we have our WOW Day on the 7th of September.**



We have told the children that they can come dressed as someone they see as a superhero! PE will resume as usual the following week.

We have also begun sending children home with reading books. You can log any reading completed on Beanstack- ask your teacher if you require login details.

Looking ahead

Monday- All Things Superhero!
 Activities will include creating comic strips and lots of artwork.

Science: How do we stay clean and healthy?

English: We are beginning our new unit based on the book: *Eliot Midnight Superhero!*

Geography: Oceans surrounding the United Kingdom

Computing: Different ways to make photographs.

Dates for your diary



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

☀️ Welcome Back to Year 3! ☀️

What a fantastic return! The children have come back with renewed energy, enthusiasm and excitement, and it has been wonderful to see them settling into their new class. 😊

☂️ Holidays

It has been lovely hearing about the children's amazing and varied holidays and listening to all their stories and adventures.

☀️ This Week – Building Our Community

This week has focused on connecting, belonging and establishing our school values: Aspiration, Kindness, Pride, Resilience, Responsibility and Respect.

We have been bringing our new class together, encouraging the children to take responsibility, show kindness and respect, and have aspiration for the year ahead.

It has been a fantastic start to Year 3, and we are excited for the year ahead! ☀️📚.

Dates for your diary

- 14.9.2026 - 3IM Outdoor learning

Important information

⚽ PE Days

- **3CD & 3IM:** PE is on **Tuesdays** – Football and Foundation Movements.
- **3MS:** PE is on **Mondays** – Football and Foundation Movements.

Please ensure children have suitable PE clothing and footwear to take part outdoors in most weather conditions. 🌤️

🌳 Outdoor Learning – 3IM

3IM will begin Outdoor Learning with Mrs Howe on Monday 14th September. A letter will be sent home with full details shortly.

Looking ahead

🐉 Dragons & Dreams

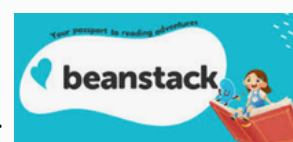
We'll explore Engelbert Sneem and His Dream Vacuum Cleaner and The Boy Who Grew a Dragon, inspiring our writing and creativity. We'll also explore European countries in Geography and forces and magnets in Science. 🌍🇪🇺

💬 PSHE

We'll explore our school values and how we can show Aspiration, Kindness, Pride, Resilience, Responsibility and Respect every day. ☀️

Reminders

- Reading x4 to record on Beanstack.



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What's been happening?

Welcome Back to Year 4!!

We've loved welcoming your children into their new classes and what a wonderful start they have made!

The children have been full of enthusiastic stories about their wonderful summer holidays and we've enjoyed telling silly stories about them in class.

This week has focused on connecting, belonging and establishing our school values: Aspiration, Kindness, Pride, Resilience, Responsibility and Respect.

We have been getting started on this half term's learning about sound, we've done some fantastic abstract line art and we've been super impressed with the children's times tables knowledge so far.

It has been a fantastic start to Year 4, and we are excited for the year ahead!

Important information

PE day will be on Wednesdays. This half term we'll be playing hockey and basketball.



We've already been to the library to choose our first reading books of the year. In the next week we'll be reading with the children and checking they are on the right book bands.



Here is the link to a timestables website we showed the children today.

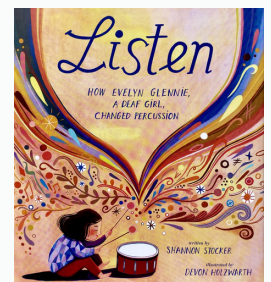
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Looking ahead

Our New Topic is Sound.

Next week we'll be exploring how we make and hear sounds using some fun equipment.

We'll be starting our new book 'Listen' by Shannon Stocker. It's about Evelyn Glennie's difficult journey to becoming a deaf solo percussionist.



In Maths, we'll be kicking the year off with learning about place value for 4-digit numbers.

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Dates for your diary

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Welcome back Year 5. We hope you have had a lovely break and enjoyed some time relaxing with your family and friends.

This week the teachers have been busy getting their classrooms ready for your return and a new start to an academic year..

Remember, you are now in Year 5 and you will be in a new classroom with a new teacher who is looking forward to hearing all about what you have been up to.

Make sure you find time to talk to your teacher about what you have been doing the past 5 weeks 😊

Important information

5PW will be swimming first this year. We will swim on a Thursday afternoon.

Please ensure that children bring appropriate kit, have hair tied back and goggles should be brought if required.

Pe will take place on a Friday afternoon. This will be starting in the second week of the half term.

Reading books will be provided ASAP. This will require a library session and some teacher time so please be patient..

Finally, homework will begin soon. This will be a bit of: timestables, reading and spelling.

Looking ahead

There are lots of great things to look forward to this year:

Residential in York

Swimming

Cool Topics

and much more.



Dates for your diary

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Welcome to Year 6!

We hope you've all had a fantastic summer break! We are incredibly excited about the year ahead and can't wait to get to know the children. Year 6 is a busy, exciting and memorable year, filled with fantastic learning opportunities and experiences.

We are kick-starting the year off with a fantastic topic, all centred around the fabulous book *Holes* by Louis Sachar and our geography topic of North America.

Here's a flavour of what's to come:

English - *Holes* by Louis Sachar. We'll be exploring this fantastic novel through guided reading before writing our own Camp Green Lake Survival Guide from the perspective of an experienced campmate.

Geography - North America.

Science - Living Things and Their Habitats.

Maths - Number and Place Value, including numbers up to 100 million, comparing and ordering numbers, and developing reasoning skills.

Computing - Communication and Collaboration Online, as well as looking at the best ways to spot online scams.

Art - Atmospheric perspective in the style of David Hockney's work.

We can't wait to get started!

Important information

Homework Expectations

In Year 6, we ask the 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 after October half-term (more details to follow).

At the end of the week, we'll be checking Beanstack and TT Rockstars as well as doing a weekly times tables quiz in class to really develop the children's fluency.

PE

there will be no official PE during the first week (w/b 31st August). From the w/b 7th September, these are the PE days:

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

School Councillors and Ambassadors

Over the coming weeks, children can stand to become School Council Representatives and Year 6 Ambassadors. More information will be coming out for this.

Looking ahead

There is so much to look forward to this year! Alongside exciting lessons, we'll enjoy unique opportunities, special events, enrichment activities and, of course, our residential visit to Mount Cook in November.

As the year progresses, we'll also be preparing for the SATs, which are in May. We pride ourselves in doing this in a positive and supportive way but again more information will come out about this closer to the time. Year 6 is full of memorable events that make the final year of primary school so special.

We look forward to working with you all and making this a fantastic year.



Dates for your diary

- 17th–20th November 2026 – Year 6 Residential to Mount Cook. Please ensure you have made payment by the requested date.

Parents' Celebration Events

6HM - 12.10.26 **6DW** - 13.10.26 **6LS** - 15.10.26