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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	96.2%
Foundation 2	96.8%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	96.1%



Message from Mr Wilkes

It is a very important week next week for our wonderful Year 6 children as they complete their SATs.

I wanted to take a minute to say how proud I am of every single one of them. When I reflect back on our visit to Mount Cook in the Autumn term, there was lots of trepidation about what Year 6 would be like, how 'scary' SATs would be and how hard it all might be. Fast forward to now and what a confident and hard working bunch of children they are who are taking everything in their stride. We want all of our children to walk out of the tests feeling successful and that they have 'smashed it!' and I am sure they will.

They are an inspirational group of children who have been led by a fantastic team of staff.

Please remember Year 6, you can do it, it is a tiny part of your whole school journey and we've got it between us! Make sure you relax this weekend, get lots of sleep and remember..... you are amazing!

Thanks for your comments so far on the survey. I will look at the results and give you a summary next week.

I have had the pleasure of visiting classes this week to look at how the writing has improved this year. We have been working on a new writing sequence which puts a greater emphasis on the purpose of writing and development of vocabulary. It has been wonderful to see how enthusiastic the children are in their lessons and see the progression in their writing.

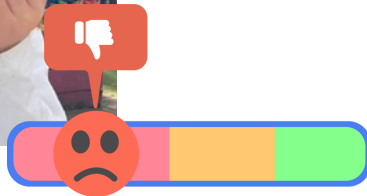
FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We've been enjoying our story this week and have moved our learning on by trying turnip and writing our own reviews!



In our phonics we have loved this magic song. [Here's the link to sing at home!](#)



Looking ahead

Next week we will be reading bathroom boogie! [Here it is as a bedtime story to get you grooving!](#)

We will be starting a new topic story - The Hare and The Tortoise.

In Maths we will be finishing subitising. We've been loving this fun video to practice saying the number as soon as we see it!

[Video here!](#)



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



What's been happening?

Our caterpillars are now resting in their chrysalides. In a few weeks they will hopefully become beautiful butterflies and we will release them into the Early Years Garden. We will take photos and post them on Seesaw



Important information

Don't forget our Parents' Event on Thursday 14th May at 2.45.

Stars of the Week

F2AO - Theo and Nancy

F2PB - Imogen and Rufus

F2DW - Jemima and Arben

Another plea - please talk to your children about not sharing their suncream with others at school. The adults will remind them when they need to put it on. Roll on suncream please.

Looking ahead

Maths: we will be working on our number bonds to 5 when one number is not visible

Handwriting: i and j

Phonics: air and ear

EAD: creating a mixed media flower

Writing: Skills week - we will be working on creating one or two dictated sentences about Minibeasts.

Dates for your diary

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YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

In Maths, this week we have learnt half and quarter of a shape and also of a number.

In English, we have enjoyed writing the story of 'The Three Little Fish and The Big Bad Shark!' Our sentences have included a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop or exclamation mark.

In our Computing work, we have learnt how to type in the program word. We all enjoyed using the laptops.

In Geography, we looked at aerial photos of the school and the local area. On a map we learnt how to use a key and find places of interest such as a park, church, post office, school and cafe.



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Important information

We have our trip to Twycross Zoo on Wednesday 20th May and our Science afternoon on Monday 18th May at 2.45pm.

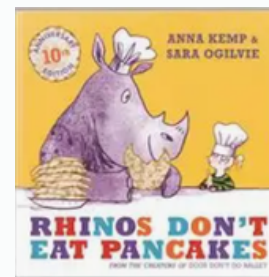


We will enjoy celebrating our Foundation and Nursery Stars of the Week this week.

Half term is Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May.

Looking ahead

We will be reading a new book called 'Rhinos Don't Eat Pancakes'



We will be making predictions and 'hot seating' this is when the teacher becomes the character and the children ask questions. The children then have a go themselves.

In Maths, we will be describing number of turns and position such as above, below, next to and inbetween.

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

In Maths, we have begun looking into position and direction, where we have described movement and turns.

During our English immersion lessons, the children worked collaboratively in small groups to practise making a tourniquet, with one pupil taking the lead in giving clear and precise instructions to guide their team.



In History, we continued to work on Mary Seacole and gathered facts about her life and her challenges.,

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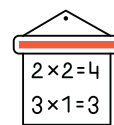
Important information

As next week is year 6 SATS week, there will be a few changes to our timetable, which we will make the children aware of beforehand, such as break time changes.

Just a reminder, outdoor learning is as follows:

2HP: Friday 8th May.

2JB is now: Friday 22nd May & Friday 5th June.



Also, please keep practising your times tables as much as you can!

Looking ahead

English: Skills lesson to support our instruction writing.

Maths: Completing our Position and direction unit before learning about time.

Art: Exploring a new artist: Yayoi Kuasama.

DT: Completing our Pop-up books and evaluating them.

PE: Hit Catch Run unit 1.

RSHE: Emotions and how to manage them.



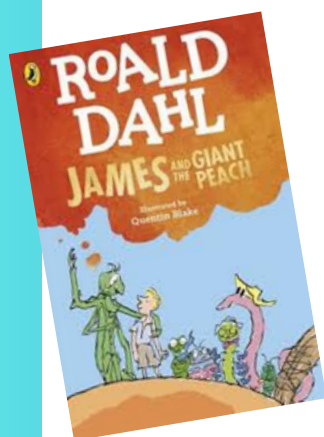
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What's been happening?

This week in Year 3, we continued reading James and the Giant Peach, immersing ourselves in the rich vocabulary to prepare for our upcoming writing. In maths, we explored hours in a day and days in a week, working out what the time would be 24 hours earlier or later – a tricky concept that the children tackled with impressive resilience. In art, we finished our relief prints and were delighted with both the effort the children put in and the fantastic final results.



Important information

PE Days this half term

3CD & 3IM – Tuesday

3DC - Wednesday



Reminder - Parent Event

There will be a taste testing event on Thursday 21st May from 2.45 - 3.15. 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.

Looking ahead

Next week, due to Year 6 SATs, there will be some small timetable changes, including slightly longer mornings on certain days. In Year 3, we'll be focusing on retrieving information and sequencing events in English, as well as exploring vocabulary that helps the reader feel relieved. In maths, we'll be working on telling the time to the nearest minute and calculating durations. Our science lessons will involve reading food labels and comparing nutritional content, while in PE we'll continue developing our cricket and athletics skills. In RE, we'll learn about Hindu Gods and Goddesses, and in music we'll carry on exploring gospel music and improvising on the glockenspiel.



Dates for your diary

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YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

- In Maths, we have been ordering and comparing decimal numbers.
- In English, we have been looking at figurative language like similes and metaphors and seeing how they can be used to describe water.
- In RE we looked at the Hindu beliefs about the Afterlife.
- We had another great tennis session and really enjoyed our first lesson at the local golf club.
- In French we described the weather in the morning and afternoon in different places.
- In Science we looked at the melting points of different materials.



Important information

A big thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help us walk down to Tennis and Golf next week - we nearly have enough helpers!

There will be no PE on Thursday next week, children will need to wear their PE kits on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thank you for the work you're doing on spelling at home. Spelling work will be sent home on Fridays, and will be checked the following Friday. Please note, we are unable to replace lost spelling books.

Stars of the Week:

4TG: Hannah G & Toby

4RR: Thomas S & Violet

4MN: Amber & Taymour

Looking ahead

- In Maths we will investigate data handling and interpret and display information with bar charts and line graphs.
- In English we will be making links across different texts about water.
- In ICT we will be manipulating and animating sprites in a game.
- Our Science lesson will focus on the properties, uses and melting points of different metals.



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YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Year 5 Newsletter 🌟

Another great week of learning in Year 5! The children have continued to show focus and enthusiasm 😊

➗ Maths: We have been drawing angles accurately and using these to create shapes with given angles.

📖 Reading In Grettir the Strong, we have been inferring the meaning of vocabulary and comparing the style and purpose to Beowulf.

✍️ Writing We have been exploring what makes an exciting narrative—understanding excitement, using speech effectively, and creating action-packed moments.

🌍 History We learned how Wessex successfully defended against Viking invasions.

🔬 Science We have been learning about adulthood and the physical peak.

Thank you for your continued support 🌟



Dates for your diary

- Friday 15th Pupil mentor ambassador training.
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Important information

Stars of the week

- Stars in 5CT: **Mayim and Isaac**
- Stars in 5MS: **Isobelle and Isaac**
- Stars in 5CC: **William R and Florence**
- 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 Tuesday.**
- 5CT: **P.E.** is still on **Friday** (Athletics and Dance)



Looking ahead

➗ **Maths** - we will finish looking at angles then more line geometry.

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

✍️ **Writing** - we will be looking at the model text in detail and how it impacts the reader.

🌍 **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**.)

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week we have been finishing our full circle of the curriculum as we tried to fully prepare the cohort for the assessments. Throughout all of the hard work and revision sessions, we have tried to remind them to stay calm and not to worry.

We have also started to think about the end of year performance. We have purchased the license to perform 'The Lion King.' We are now considering how we might be able to fundraise to cover the cost of the show. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

Rounders has been a blast on the field for Year 6 - there have been some tightly contested matches where victories have been won by a single rounder



Dates for your diary

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Important information

Special SATs breakfast- This is going to be available to all Year 6's next week (Monday - Thursday). Toast and drinks will be provided from 8:30 in the hall. Registers will be taken and phones collected before classes are split to begin the assessments.

Hoodies - These will be given out tomorrow afternoon. Please ensure that your **child's is named** to avoid any disappointment and mishaps.

Park trip - Friday 15th, Year 6 will take a wander up to Cator Lane Park and 'blow off some steam.'

Please ensure that your child has a drink bottle with them.

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.



The Lanes
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Joke of the week

Q: What kind of
dinosaur loves to
sleep?

A: A stega-snore-us.

School News

FROM THE REPORTERS

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YEAR 4 TENNIS STARS

In Year 4, the children have had the privilege of playing tennis at Chilwell Tennis Club. We asked a few children to share their thoughts of the experience. Here's what they said:

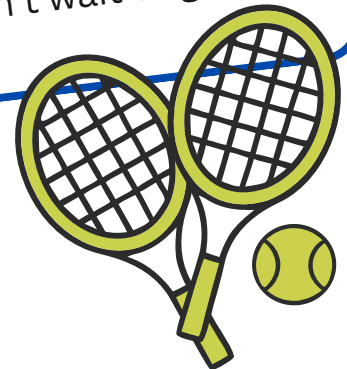
Q: What do you like about it?

A: We think the coach is kind and caring. He treats us all fairly. We enjoy playing against the teachers!

Q: What games do you play?

A: We love to play volcanoes and valleys. We use teamwork but also competitiveness.

Overall, it sounds like they're having great fun and can't wait to go back!



DRAMA CLUB

Lots of our children attend a weekly drama club in the hall. They act and play amazing games and occasionally do a big performance for the parents. In their last show, they acted out sneaking a dog into school! The children's favourite bits are the dramatic acting and games that get your body moving. The teachers are really nice. They are called Kim, Helen and Rebecca. The club started in February and has been lots of fun. One year five girl told us, 'We would love for more people from different years to join in.'

The club meets after school every and Friday for about 45 minutes. Drama club isn't just about drama - it's about having fun and seeing friends.

We definitely recommend you join! It is amazing!

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
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

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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