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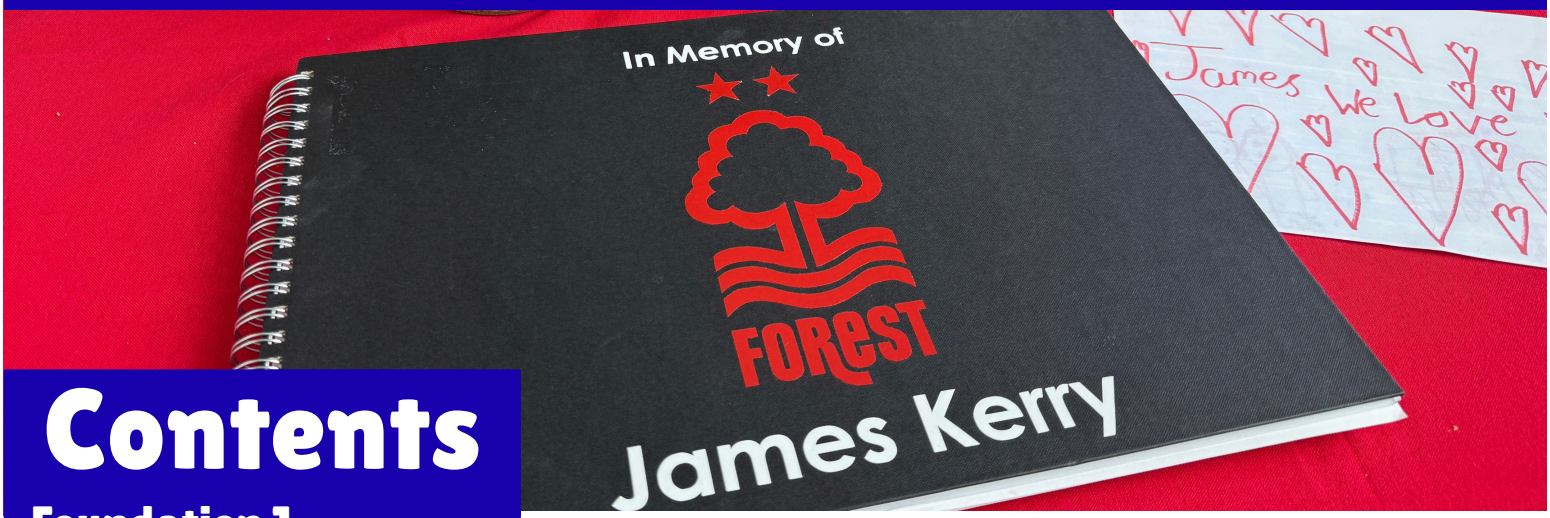

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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	97%
Foundation 2	97%
Year 1	97.8%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	96.7%

Message from Mr Wilkes

It has been a very sad week for our school community as we come to terms with the heartbreaking news about James.

Whilst this has been incredibly difficult for us all, the strength and togetherness of our school family has been truly remarkable. Through the tears, we have shared so many wonderful memories, and our children have shown such empathy, compassion and care for one another. Their response has been both moving and inspirational.

Thank you for all your kind messages and support for James and his family. The books and tribute area will remain in place until the end of next week, after which these will be shared with the family at an appropriate time.

The love, kindness and care that has been shown to our staff has been deeply appreciated. It is a real reflection of the wonderful families that make up our school community.

As we face the days ahead, we will continue to support one another and keep James and his family close in our thoughts.

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER

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What's been happening?

Last week it was so lovely to see so many adults come and enjoy our singing and play in our classroom together.

Practicing singing and performing together will really help build our confidence for bigger performances in the future (Like Nativity!) Thanks for coming along.

We have also loved learning the names of jungle and wild animals and making their noises in phonics. And repeating rhymes, phrases and patterns in Maths.

Dates for your diary

- Wed 14th Parents evening
- Link to whole school dates

Important information

On Monday we will be welcoming the children's ministers from Christchurch for a special Harvest assembly. Please let us know if you would like your child to sit out the assembly.

On Wednesday it will be F1 Parent's evening. Please make sure you have booked a slot. We can't wait to chat about how we have settled.

Reminder - There will be no Nursery from the 19th Oct - 1st Nov as we break for the half term.

Looking ahead

Next week we are beginning our new book. Clothesline Clues to the jobs people do!

If you have a job you would like to come in and share please let us know at nursery@thelanes.notts.sch.uk

We will be singing the Wheels on the Bus and reading Car, car, truck, jeep! in Phonics.

FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER

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What's been happening?

Thank you so much for coming in for our Open Classroom event on Tuesday. The children loved showing you their classrooms and we hope you enjoyed seeing what they have been up to.

In Phonics, we have learned g, o, c, k and we have been reading and writing words with these sounds in. We are sending home their first guided reading book this week. We have practised reading this together and we are very proud of how the children are doing. We hope you enjoy reading them together at home. These will need to be returned next Friday. They will continue to take home a lilac book and a free choice book from our library to read with you at home.

We have been using our phonic knowledge to write sounds to add labels to pictures from our book 'Never Take a Bear to School'. In Maths, we have been comparing amounts using the words 'more' and 'fewer'.

Dates for your diary

- Half term holiday is 17th October to 1st November, term resumes on Monday 2nd November.
- Link to whole school dates

Important information

Please make sure your child has spare clothes on their pegs, in addition to their named PE kits. This is useful for messy play accidents as well as toileting accidents!

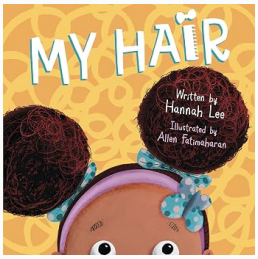
If you have any clean, dry recycling suitable for junk modelling then we would be very grateful for donations (no glass and nothing sharp please!). These can be handed to your class teacher in the morning or afternoon. You can look forward to it coming home made into something new and exciting!!

A reminder that our team email address is earlyyears@thelanes.notts.sch.uk. Please do get in touch with any queries.

Looking ahead

We have been looking at Special Stories in RE. If your child would like to share their own special story (religious or not!), please bring it with your child on Thursday, ensuring it is named.

Next week we will be reading the story 'My Hair' in celebration of Black History Month.



Book Fair - the book fair will be open 8.30-9 and 3.30-5pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

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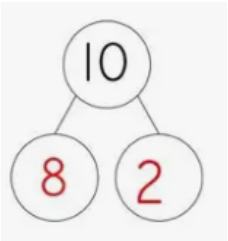
What's been happening?

In English this week there has been a lot of drama! Poor old Tatty Ratty had been captured by the pirates! The children were amazing and thoroughly enjoyed acting out scenes from our story.

In Maths we have been adding two numbers together. We have been writing the number sentences and looking at the parts of a number that make up the whole amount eg



8 + 2 = 10
2 + 8 = 10

In Science we are learning about our 5 senses.

In phonics we having been revising trigraphs ear and air. Can you spot any of these sounds in your home reading book?

Dates for your diary

Link to whole school dates

Important information

Year 1 parents evenings will be on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October, please sign up to speak to your Childs class teacher.

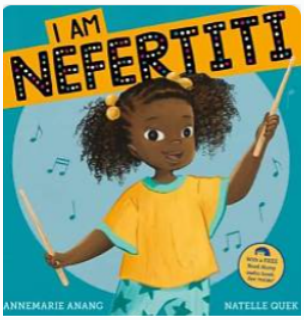
On Monday 17th October there will be a special harvest festival at school led by Christ Church.

Tomorrow we will celebrate our stars of the week.

1EH Isaac and Abi
1JW Csenge and Sasha
1PW Oliver and Chloe

Looking ahead

Next week we will be reading the story 'I am Nefertiti' in celebration of Black History Month.



We will enjoy music lessons on the drums as Nefertiti loves music too.

In Maths we will find missing numbers within an addition number sentence.

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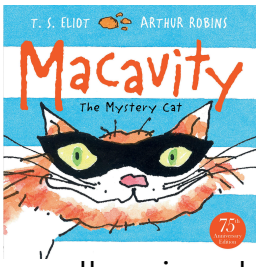
What's been happening?

In science this week, we looked at the importance of exercise for staying healthy and the changes it makes to our heartbeat.

In English, we discovered our latest criminal mastermind..... Macavity the Mystery Cat.



Children have really enjoyed our DT project this term. Thank you for joining us on our parents' afternoon!

Dates for your diary

- Link to whole school dates

Important information

Congratulations to the Stars of the week:
2CO: Vinne & Etta
2HP: Leonie & Nova
2MV: Layla P & Alex

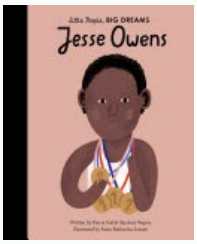
Year 2 parents' evening is on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Make sure you have signed up and checked your appointments.

2MV Parents' Evening: Mr Morris has Tuesday appointments, and Miss Verey has Wednesday appointments.

Looking ahead

Next week we will be:
English: Narrate what Macavity does next using adverb phrases.
Maths: Continuing with addition and subtraction.
Science: We are concluding the Egg experiment.
DT: Evaluating our model cars.

Our black History Month focus will be on the Track and Field Legend Jesse Owens.



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

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What's been happening?

🌟 **What a Fantastic Week!** 🌟

Another fantastic week of learning! The children have continued to show enthusiasm, creativity and curiosity across the curriculum. 😊

✍️ **Writing** – Analysed writing to explore how to create a sense of panic.

📚 **Reading** – Learned new vocabulary and inferred how Thomas's parents and grandad treat him differently.

➗ **Maths** – Started using the column method for 3-digit and 2-digit addition and subtraction.

🎨 **Art** – Decorated and painted our dragon eyes, adding detail from our designs.

💬 **PSHE** – Explored emotions and how we can share how we feel, using Inside Out characters.

🧲 **Science** – Investigated which materials can block magnetism.

🇫🇷 **French** – Learned how to count and say numbers in French.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and the warmth you show our team and Year 3 community. 🌟

Dates for your diary

- **Parents Evening:** Tuesday 13th October 16:00 until 18:00 and Wednesday 14th October 16:00 until 19:00.
- **Parent Event:** Showcase our French Thursday 15th October (14:45 to 15:15).
- Link to whole school dates

Important information

⚽ PE Days

- PE is on **Tuesdays for all Y3 classes** – Football and Foundation Movements.

Please ensure children have suitable PE clothing and footwear to take part outdoors in most weather conditions. 🌦️ Please be advised to bring in spare trainers and socks in case of wet weather.

🌳 Outdoor Learning – 3IM

3IM will continue Outdoor Learning with Miss Howe on Mondays. Please ensure children come dressed for outdoor learning in the morning for the whole day - school uniform is not required to change into.

📚Library Day - Changing books 📚

Our library day is **Tuesday** to change books, and can change during lunchtimes any day of the week.

Looking ahead

🌟 **Looking Ahead to Next Week** 🌟

Next week, we'll conclude The Boy Who Grew Dragons, developing vocabulary and comprehension, while in Writing we'll plan and create a short narrative with a sense of panic. In Maths, we'll tackle 3-digit addition and subtraction with exchanges.

In our wider curriculum, we'll finish our European cities unit, begin a new French unit, and complete our foundations and football learning in PE. 🌍🇫🇷⚽

Homework: Spelling homework will be given **on Fridays** please can this completed with spelling books back in **before next Friday.**

Reminders

- Reading x4
- TTRS practice each week.
- Spelling homework in school (by Friday)
- Reading books (book band) brought in daily please.

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

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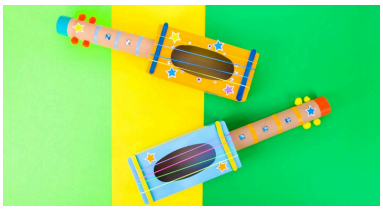
What's been happening?

- In Maths we used our understanding of place value to mentally add and subtract numbers. We also looked at the column method for addition.
- In English we used precise verbs and subordinate conjunctions to write sentences that give clear instructions.
- Our spelling sessions have focused on adding the suffix -er to a root word and adding the word ending -ture.
- In Science we looked at sound insulation and used the change in decibels to see which covers were the best at stopping the sound of a noisy class full of children.
- In Design & Technology we had a great time using elastic bands, split pins and shoe boxes to make our guitars.
- In French we looked at the verb 'jouer' which means 'to play'. We used this to describe how to use a musical instrument.



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Dates for your diary

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Important information

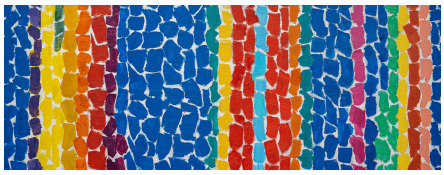
In our assemblies this week we have been talking about World Mental Health day. You might find this website helpful when talking about this at home.
https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/

We're looking forward to seeing you all for parents evening next week on Wednesday and Thursday.

It will be book fair next week, which will be open before and after school.

Looking ahead

- In Maths we will focus on the column method for subtraction. We will use exchanging to help us 'borrow' from the next place value.
- In English we will be writing instructions and finishing our book Ada's Violin.
- In Art we will continue to explore the work of Alma Thomas and how her harmonious and complimentary use of colour creates emotions for the viewer.
- In Hockey and Basketball we will be using using the skills we have practised to play games in small teams.



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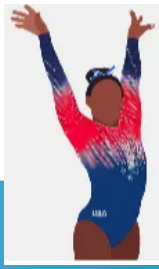
What's been happening?

This week we have been producing some beautiful art in class using a pritning technique. This will be on-show at the Year event on Monday after school. In Maths, we have been moving on from place value and rounding and have started to explore addition and subtraction and what formal methods will look like.

Our writing has led us to our final piece where we have written a persuasive letter with the intention of saving the rainforest. Drawng inspiration from persuasive and passionate speakers such as Greta Thunberg and Martin Luther King Jnr, the children pleaded with the reader to 'Take Action Now!'
In Year 5 we also discivered some amazing facts about Simone Biles. This has led us to create some brilliant artwork and some cool factfiles



Dates for your diary

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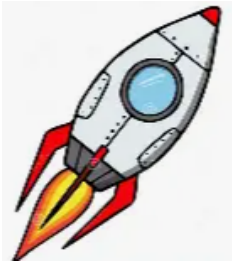
Important information

Autumn 2 - Pe is going to continue to take place on a Friday afternoon. This will shift from football to Netball and 5PW will continue to swim on a Thursday afternoon. Our topic will shift from the Rainforest and deforestation to Space. We will answer lots of big questions and will explore what life is like out there in big blue and black sky. Astrocats will be our class book and this will lead our writing and a lot of our Guided reading.



Looking ahead

Art show - Monday 3:30-4:00

Parents evenings -
Wednesday (late session)
Thursday (early finish)

Back to school - 2/11/26

Individual photos - 3/11/26

Fireworks - 6/11/26

Flu immunisation - 9/11/26

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

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What's been happening?

What a great week we've had in Year 6! We have been very busy and the children have been working hard.

In maths, we have been working on squared and cubed numbers, as well as on BIDMAS (order of operations).

In English, we have been analysing the text and developing our skills in order to create our very own Kissin' Kate outlaw story - exciting!

In science, we have been creating our own classification keys by looking at observable characteristics.

We have been getting stuck into our design and technology lessons by designing our own structures.

Lots of chidlren have achieved PBs in their times tables test - we really do appreciate your support at home with this.

Dates for your diary

17th–20th November 2026 – Year 6 Residential to Mount Cook.

Parent DT Event – 13th October (6HM), 13th October (6DW), 15th October (6LS). Please arrive for a 2.30 start.

Parents' Evenings for Y6 - Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th September

Important information

Stars of the Wek

Congratulations to these awesome children:

Luna (6LS)	Theo (6LS)
Arthur (6DW)	Noah (6DW)
Raphael (6HM)	Eugenia (6HM)

CGP SATs revision books information will be coming your way soon. If you haven't heard about these before, they are a set of study books that the children will be expected to work in at home.

Looking ahead

Next week is full of exciting things for the children. We will be making our Camp Green Lake shelters as well as writing our Kissin' Kate Barlow outlaw stories.

You are invited to join us as we make our wooden Camp Green Lake shelters. Prepare to roll your sleeves up and get stuck in sawing and glueing as we make our finished product. See dates for your class' day and time.

Please record/ encourage your children to record their reading on Beanstack.

Also, ensure that your child is practising times tables regularly as we do a test every Friday.

DIARY DATES

9th Oct	Y2 Parent Event	2.30pm - 3.20pm	Y2	CL
12th Oct	Christ Church Harvest Assembly	9.15am	All students	CL
12th Oct	Christ Church Harvest Assembly	10.00am	All Students	ML
12th Oct	Y5 Art Show	3.30pm - 4.00pm	Y5	CL
13th Oct	Y6 Parent Event	2.30pm - 3.30pm	6HM	CL
13th Oct	Y6 Parent Event	2.30pm - 3.30pm	6DW	
15th Oct	Y3 Parent Event	2.45pm - 3.15pm	Y3	CL
15th Oct	Y6 Parent event	2.30pm - 3.30pm	6LS	CL
16th Oct	Break up for half term		All students	ML & CL
2nd Nov	Pupils return to school		All students	ML & CL
3rd Nov	Individual School Photos	AM	All Students	ML & CL
5th Nov	Y4 Parents Event	2.00pm - 3.15pm	Y4	CL
6th Nov	PTA Fireworks Night	6pm - 8.00pm		CL
9th Nov	Flu Immunisations		All Students	ML & CL
11th Nov	F2 Curriculum Parents Event	6pm - 7.00pm	F2 parents	ML
12th Nov	Y2 Trunk Theatre	AM	Y2	CL
13th Nov	MHST Resilience workshop	AM	Y1 pupils	ML
16th-20th Nov	Anti Bullying Week		All students	ML & CL
17th - 20th Nov	Residential Visit to Mount Cook		Y6	CL
27th Nov	PTA XMAS wreath making event	tbc		CL
3rd Dec	MHST Calm workshop		Y2	CL

DIARY DATES

4th Dec	PTA Xmas Fayre	3.30pm - 5.00pm	All	CL
8th Dec	F1/F2 Dress Rehearsal	10.00am - 11.30am	F1 & F2	ML
9th Dec	F1/F2 Performance	2.00pm - 3.00pm	F1 & F2	ML
10th Dec	F1/F2 Performance	10.00am - 11.00am	F1 & F2	ML
10th Dec	Carols in The Playground	6.00pm - 7.00pm	All	ML
11th Dec	Rocksteady Concert	2.15pm-3.15pm		CL
14th Dec	Y3/4 Dress Rehersal	2.00pm-3.15pm	Y3/4	CL
15th Dec	Y1 Dress Rehersal	10.00am - 11.00am	Y1 pupils	ML
15th Dec	Y3/4 Panto	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Y3/4 pupils	CL
16th Dec	Y1 Performance	10.00am - 11.00am	Y1 pupils	ML
16th Dec	Y3/4 Panto	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Y3/4 pupils	CL
17th Dec	Y1 Performance	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Y1 pupils	ML
17th Dec	Y6 Carols	3.30pm - 4.00pm	Y6 pupils	CL
18th Dec	Whols School Xmas Assembly	9.15am - 10.15am	All	CL
18th Dec	Last day of term		All	ML & CL
4th Jan	Pupils return to school		All	ML & CL