



NEWSLETTER

30th January 2026

A message from our school leaders.....

Kurling and Boccia Festival

Our Year 1 children had a wonderful time at the Kurling and Boccia festival, run by Education Enterprise Ltd, earlier this week. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop new skills and enjoy activities alongside children from other schools.

Potential new project

We are also in the very early stages of exploring the possibility of running a toddler group in school, one afternoon each week. To help us understand whether this would be feasible, we will be carrying out a small practice session.

If you happen to be having a clear-out at home, we would be very grateful for any baby or toddler toys, seats, bouncers, or similar items that are in good, clean, pre-loved condition. Your donations would help us enormously as we prepare for this potential new project.

World Numbers Day

We are also very excited to be celebrating World Numbers Day next Friday. The day is aimed to further promote maths across the school, where there will be lots of maths fun, activities, and challenges to help us celebrate the importance of numbers in a lively and engaging way. In the spirit of the event, we are joining the NSPCC Rockstar Competition and are inviting pupils to come to school dressed as a rockstar. This friendly competition will run from 7:30am to 7:30pm, and it's all done online via play.trockstars.com. It's a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their maths skills while having a great time!

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

Useful Online Safety Links

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S SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information – or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

A ACCEPTING Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T TELL Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	96.0%
Yr 2/3/4	94.4%
Yr 5/6	97.3%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

This week, in Nursery, we have been exploring the wonderful story of *Noah's Ark*. The children were captivated by the tale and enjoyed joining in with activities that brought the story to life.

More Wondrous Words were learnt this week, linking in well with our story - *Ark*, *World* and *Gathered*. The children learned what each word means and practised using them during group time and play.

Also, as part of our Noah's Ark theme, we explored the different patterns and colours found on animals. The children enjoyed comparing stripes, spots and other markings, as well as matching toy animals to the correct pattern or skin colour. We talked about why animals might look the way they do, helping to develop early observation and classification skills.

Our Small World area was transformed into Noah's Ark where our children used their imagination to re-tell key parts of the story, using the wooden ark and animals and pairing them together as they 'gathered' onto the ark.

Exploring Our World – we also looked closely at the globe and talked about what the word world means, where we live, how big our planet is and how many creatures share it. This sparked lots of thoughtful questions and curiosity.

At the end of the week, we took part in the **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**. The children have loved spotting and counting birds in our nursery garden, listening carefully for bird calls and talking about the different birds they recognised. It was a lovely way for the children to connect with nature and enjoy being in the outdoors.





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YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson, Miss Anderson and Mrs Niven

RECEPTION have had a wonderfully fun week exploring the silly story, *The Dinosaur Who Pooped a Planet*, which they absolutely loved! We even dipped into another book from the series, *The Dinosaur Who Pooped a Princess*, which caused lots of giggles and great discussion.

The children have amazed us with their sentence writing, creating brilliant descriptions of the dinosaur and all the strange things he ate in space. Their growing confidence in using sounds to build words has been fantastic to see.

In maths, Reception have been learning all about the numbers 6, 7 and 8. They used a range of concrete and pictorial resources to represent these numbers, compare them, and explore different ways to make them.

YEAR 1 have continued working on their narrative writing linked to the Great Fire of London. This week, they innovated the story map from our model text and are now ready to begin writing their own versions next week. Their historical knowledge has really shone through in their ideas and vocabulary.

In maths, the children have been using their strong understanding of number bonds to 10 to help them add numbers within 20. Ten frames have been especially helpful in supporting their visual understanding of how numbers fit together.

In computing, Year 1 have begun learning about algorithms - understanding that these are clear, precise instructions that must be followed carefully. They practised this by following step-by-step instructions to build Lego models, which they found both challenging and exciting.

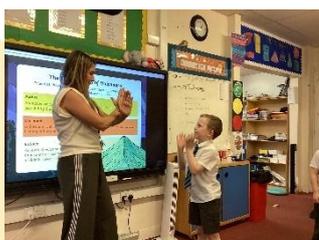
Year 1 also had a brilliant time at the Boccia and Curling Festival this week. They learned new skills, worked alongside children from other schools, and represented our class beautifully in a fun and friendly sporting event.





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What have we been up to?



Yr2/3/4 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Miss Spenceley

This week in class, we delved into the next part of *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*, which sparked our interest in letter writing. The children learned their own addresses and practised setting them out on informal letters, in preparation for writing a letter from Lila to her father. It was wonderful to see their creativity flourish!

In maths, Year 4 has been focusing on multiplication methods and recently completed a soundcheck on TTRS to assess their speed with multiplication facts. They did exceptionally well - keep up the practice, everyone! Year 3 has been tackling division, including problems with remainders, while Year 2 has moved on to exploring shapes and their properties. Using geoboards, they created a variety of 2D shapes, showcasing their understanding.

The children were extremely enthusiastic during our geography lesson when learning about volcanoes! They discovered how volcanoes are formed, their parts, and how they erupt. Year 2 even had the exciting opportunity to create and erupt their own volcanoes.

To round off the week, the children engaged in art by manipulating clay to create their own ammonites, inspired by their recent lessons.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!





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Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

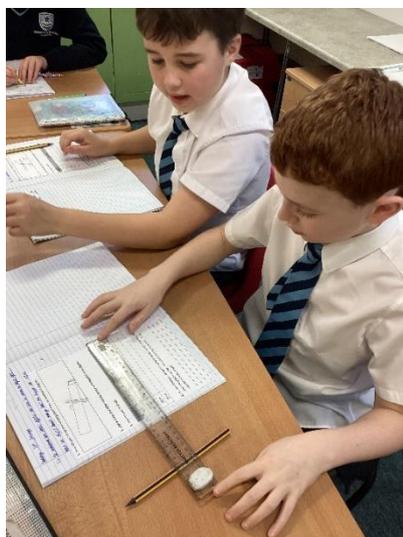
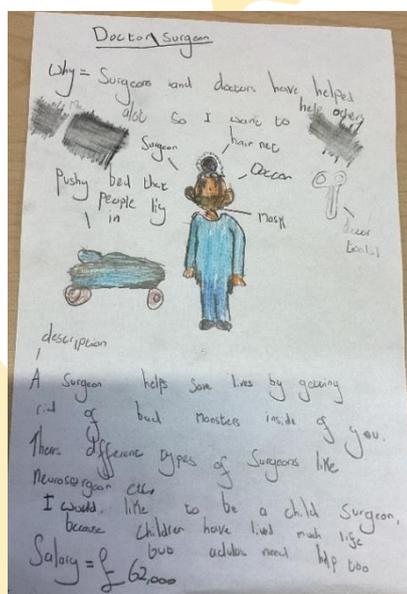
This week, in Year 5/6, we have begun a new text type in English: **discussion writing**. The class have been exploring the question, *if time travel were real, should it be real?* This has sparked a lively and thoughtful debate, with pupils sharing a wide range of opinions and learning how to listen to and respond to different viewpoints.

In geography, the children analysed the packaging of various food products to find out where in the world our food comes from. They discussed why some items travel great distances before reaching the shelves in our shops and considered the reasons behind these global journeys.

In science, we completed our forces unit, during which the class investigated how gears, levers and pulleys work. The children enjoyed learning how these mechanisms help to make tasks easier in everyday life.

As we continue our Christianity unit in RE, the children reflected on how art can be inspired by passages from the Bible. They then created their own stained-glass-window-inspired artwork based on a chosen religious passage, producing some thoughtful and creative designs.

Our PSHE unit this half-term focuses on our dreams and goals. This week, the class have explored their dream job, written a brief job description and have found out the salary for the job or profession. It's great to see the aspirations that each child has!





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
FEBRUARY 2026	
Wed 4 th Feb	'Open the Book' Assembly with The Pathway
Fri 6 th Feb	Sportshall Athletics, Yrs 5+6
Fri 6 th Feb	NSPCC Number Day – dress up as your favourite Rockstar
Tues 10 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 11 th Feb	Rec + Yr 6 – National Child Measurement Programme
Thurs 12 th Feb	Valentine's Disco, FOMS
Tues 17 th Feb	Dance Festival, Yrs 5+6
Mon 23 rd to Fri 27 th Feb	School Closed for Half Term Holiday
MARCH 2026	
Wed 4 th March	'Open the Book' Assembly with The Pathway
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
w/c 9 th March	Science Week
Mon 16 th March	Family Brunch for Mother's Day, 9-10am
18 th – 23 rd March	Scholastic Book Fair, in school
Thurs 19 th March	Adder Patterns Workshop, Yrs 4+5
w/c 23 rd March	Shakespeare Week
Tues 24 th March	'Chance to Shine' Cricket Taster Day
Fri 27 th March	Girl's Football Competition, Yrs 4,5+6
Tues 31 st March	Tennis/Raquets Festival, Yrs 3+4
APRIL 2026	
Wed 1 st April	'Open the Book' Assembly with The Pathway
Fri 3 rd – Fri 17 th April	School Closed for Easter Holiday