



NEWSLETTER

23rd January 2026

A message from our school leaders....

This week, we began with a whole-school assembly to introduce World Religion Day. During the assembly, children proudly shared some fantastic facts they have learnt in lessons over the past few years and showed a thoughtful and respectful understanding of different religions, cultures and traditions. It was wonderful to see how confidently our children spoke and how positively they engaged with one another's ideas. The children consolidated their learning with further topics shared within class.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, we are preparing for some colder winter weather. A gentle reminder that all children should come to school with a warm coat each day, so they are well prepared to enjoy outdoor playtimes and learning safely and comfortably.

We are also delighted to share that we are busy planning our much-loved **Valentine's Disco**, alongside our FOMS, which will take place in school on the afternoon of Thursday 12th February. This is always a fun and exciting event for the children, and we are looking forward to an afternoon filled with music, dancing and smiles. On this day, we invite children to come into school wearing something **pink** or **red**, to celebrate the event. Payment can now be made via ParentPay, where full details are available.

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

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	98.4%
Yr 2/3/4	94.9%
Yr 5/6	100.0%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

This week, in Nursery, the children have had a very creative and engaging time as we explored the story, *Matisse's Magical Trail*, about a snail who loves to draw. The story inspired lots of imagination, creativity, and curiosity throughout the week.

The children learned some new wonderful words linked to the story:

City – the children used construction blocks to design and build their own cities, showing great teamwork and problem-solving skills.

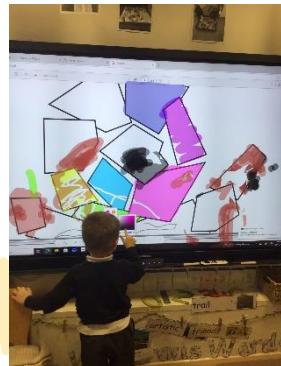
Trail – using special snail pencils, the children created trails and patterns across the paper, developing fine motor skills and control.

Artistic – we talked about what it means to be artistic and explored different artists, focusing on Henri Matisse.

The children loved immersing themselves in art and becoming mini-artists. They painted their own Matisse-inspired snails, experimenting with colours, shapes and patterns. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they expressed themselves through art.

In maths, the children took part in a Numicon snail activity, where they matched the correct Numicon shapes and blocks to numbered snails. This helped to reinforce number recognition and counting in a fun, hands-on way.

★ A Lovely Week of Learning - the children showed great enthusiasm, creativity, and focus throughout the week. It has been a joy to watch them explore stories, art, and numbers through playful learning experiences.





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

RECEPTION

Reception have been enjoying their learning all about fossils and Mary Anning, this week. They loved exploring fossils in the classroom and discovering how they are formed over millions of years.

Maths - the children have been comparing weight and capacity using scales, and measuring how much different containers can hold, using objects and water.

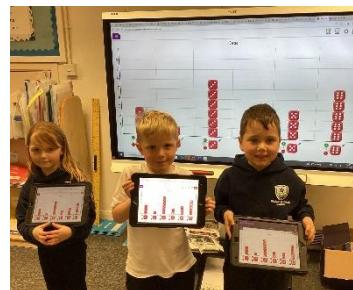
PSHE - Reception have been thinking about creating and achieving simple goals, learning that with effort and perseverance they can accomplish new challenges.

YEAR 1

English - Year 1 have been exploring different sentence types, with a particular focus on asking questions and using question marks correctly. This work is helping them prepare to write a short narrative linked to their History topic on the Great Fire of London. To begin this unit, they asked questions to the main character of our model text, *Sammy the Dog*, which supported them in writing a detailed character description.

Maths - the children have completed their work on place value within 20 and have now moved on to adding numbers to 20. They have been using a range of methods and practical resources to deepen their understanding.

Computing - Year 1 created their own pictograms, using Purple Mash. They followed instructions brilliantly and produced some fantastic work.





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

As we kick off another exciting week, our students have been deeply engaged with *The Firework Maker's Daughter*. We've been exploring the use of various punctuation marks, including speech marks, question marks, and exclamation marks, to express Lila's thoughts and feelings in our retellings.

In maths, our Year 2 pupils have been mastering the art of subtraction, using base 10 to tackle two-digit numbers. Meanwhile, Years 3 and 4 have been focusing on multiplication and division, experimenting with a variety of methods to enhance their understanding.

Our PSHE lesson sparked wonderful conversations about goals and dreams. We drew inspiration from the life of Jane Goodall, who pursued her passion when she was younger, of studying and working with gorillas. This led us to reflect on our aspirations, and each student created a beautiful flower with petals representing their personal goals and dreams.

In science, we delved into the fascinating world of fossils, learning how they are formed and their significance in understanding our planet's history.

To wrap up the week, we embraced our creative sides by exploring the art of printing. Using rollers and polystyrene, the children crafted their own stunning ammonite patterns.

Have a lovely weekend.





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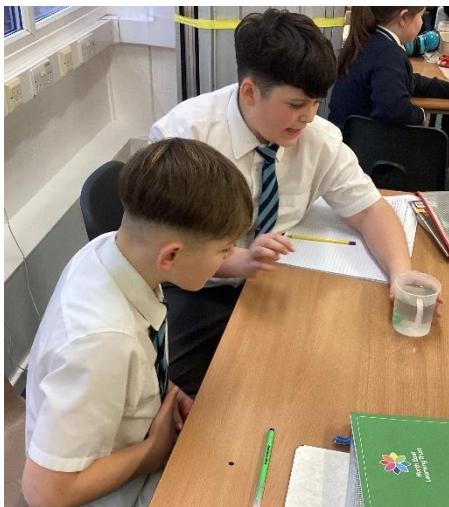
Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

Year 5 and 6 has been filled with curiosity this week, creativity and plenty of hands-on learning. In geography, the children explored the wide range of food produce grown here in the UK and learned how our climate influences what can be successfully grown throughout the year. Using this research, they moved into DT where they designed their own menu cards made entirely from seasonal produce that is either fresh or preserved. Some of the class favourites included comforting apple crumble, pancakes topped with fresh strawberries, and a classic chicken dinner.

In science, the children investigated water resistance using plasticine. Through careful testing and observation, they discovered that shapes with a larger surface area experienced greater water resistance, helping them understand how streamlined designs can reduce drag.

Our English lessons continued to focus on crafting a five-part narrative. The children worked hard to include figurative language to help build vivid images in the reader's mind, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence and creativity grow.

PE has been a highlight of the week, with pupils enjoying both dance and badminton. They had great fun creating their own dance routines and playing games to develop the skills needed for successful badminton rallies.





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Upcoming Events:

	Event
JANUARY 2026	
Tues 27 th Jan	Kurling + Boccia Festival, Yrs 1
FEBRUARY 2026	
Wed 4 th Feb	'Open the Book' Assembly with The Pathway
Fri 6 th Feb	Sportshall Athletics, Yrs 5+6
Tues 10 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 11 th Feb	Rec + Yr 6 – National Child Measurement Programme
Wed 11 th Feb	e-Safety Talk for Parents/Carers, 3:30 – 4:00pm
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