



NEWSLETTER

1st May 2026

A message from our school leaders...

Spring has well and truly sprung, and the children have been working incredibly hard across the school. There has been a real buzz of learning in every classroom. It has been wonderful to see the signs of spring outdoors - including the excitement of spotting baby lambs in the surrounding fields!

We have also been really impressed with the children's efforts to make healthier choices at break time. Many pupils are trying very hard to bring nutritious snacks, which brings increased energy, focus and readiness to learn. As always, thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support with this.



Staff Charity Challenge

This year, we're taking on another tough walking challenge. On Saturday 13th June some staff are heading to the Lake District to take on a '4 Peak Challenge' - including England's highest mountain, Scafell Pike, along with three surrounding Wainwrights. We're doing this to raise as much money as possible for **Prostate Cancer**, and to help spread awareness of the signs and symptoms along the way. Any donation would be hugely appreciated and will spur us on as we tackle yet another challenge for such an important cause.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/browney-and-middletons-2026-challenge--1075064?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA

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.

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- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
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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 so 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.childnet.org.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

BE SMART WITH A HEART Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	97.6%
Yr 2/3/4	95.8%
Yr 5/6	94.4%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

This week, in Nursery, we have been enjoying the much-loved story, *Peter Rabbit*. The children have really enjoyed listening to the story and learning new, wondrous words linked to the book including, *rake*, *planting*, *fir tree*, and *roots*.

We made full use of our outdoor area by tidying the garden together and revisiting the vegetables we planted last week. The children observed whether anything had changed and enjoyed talking about how plants grow, learning that the **roots grow first** beneath the soil before the leaves begin to push through. Our creative activities have been inspired by Peter Rabbit throughout the week, the children have:

- Used rabbit-shaped cutters to practise their **printing skills**
- Painted **Peter Rabbit outdoors**, exploring colour and texture
- Practised their **cutting skills** by making coats for Peter Rabbit

To finish the week, we had lots of fun making **Mr McGregor's garden vegetable soup**! The children were excited to take part and talk about the vegetables that went into the soup, linking back to our gardening and planting activities.

It has been a wonderful week full of stories, creativity, outdoor learning, and hands-on experiences. Well done everyone! 🐰 🥕 🍲





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YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Niven

Reception - this week, Reception have been learning about some of the different animals they might see on a safari in Africa. The children have enjoyed writing simple sentences about the animals and exploring creative art by thinking carefully about the texture of an elephant's skin.

In maths, the children have been exploring 3D shapes and have used some fantastic mathematical vocabulary to describe the shapes. They have also been explaining how different shapes can be stacked or moved.

Year 1 - Year 1 have written some brilliant non-chronological reports about spring, making sure to include questions and join their sentences using "and". They have also been getting arty this week by looking at the work of James Rizzi. The children had a wonderful time recreating his bright and colourful cityscapes, showing great creativity and attention to detail.

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed a history lesson this week, learning about how school life has changed over time. They were very lucky to welcome our very own Lunchtime Supervisor, Mrs Tarn, who came in to talk to the children about what school was like when she attended here and how things have changed since then. The children loved hearing her stories and asked some thoughtful questions.

In science, Year 1 have been learning about plants. They went on a flower hunt around the school grounds, carefully observing their surroundings and identifying the different flowers they could find. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn outdoors and develop their observational skills.





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

This week has been an exciting one in our classroom! We completed our diary entries based on, *The Fantastic Mr Fox*, and I must say, the children have produced some brilliant writing. They've demonstrated their understanding of apostrophes for possession and contractions, as well as using fronted adverbials to enhance their narratives.

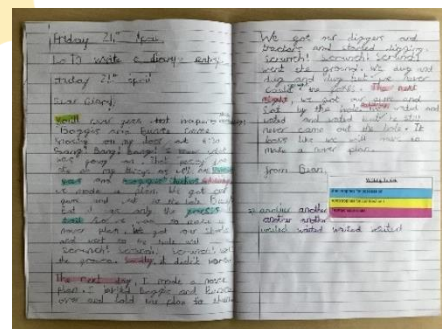
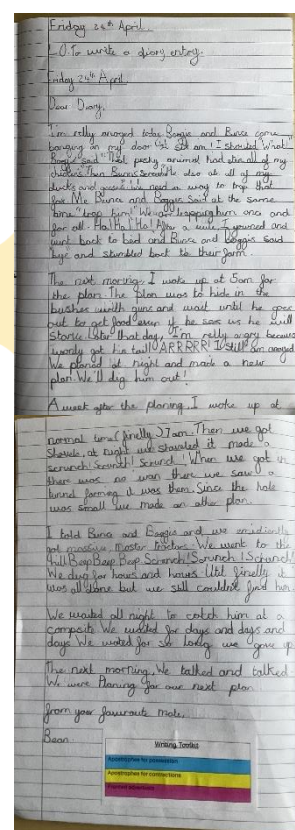
In maths, Year 2 has been focusing on multiplication and division, specifically using the 2, 5, and 10 times tables. Year 3 students have been exploring fractions of quantities, using practical resources to support their learning. Meanwhile, Year 4 has been working on finding the whole of a decimal and partitioning decimals, which has been a fantastic challenge for them!

During our history lesson, we delved into the early days of Roman governance, learning about the powerful Senate and their role in making laws. Interestingly, we discovered that the Romans opted for two leaders, known as consuls, who fought to expand their control over many countries.

Our art lessons continued with a focus on mosaic patterns, linking back to our Roman studies and how these patterns help us understand history.

Lastly, Mr Waite was very impressed with the children's progress in music, as they played and read notes on their ukuleles.

I would like to gently remind everyone about the importance of completing and submitting homework. It plays a crucial role in consolidating the learning we do in school. Thank you for your continued support!





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Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

This week, in Year 5/6, Year 6 pupils have been working hard to prepare for their upcoming SATs, with a particular focus on maths, reading and grammar. The children have shown great determination and resilience as they revisited key skills and practised answering a range of questions.

In geography, the class learned about plastic and the impact it has on the environment. They explored different ways plastic can be repurposed and discussed how reusing materials can help reduce waste and protect our planet.

During DT lessons, the children designed and created three model examples of wind turbines, concentrating especially on building a strong and stable base for each structure. As we continue this project, we will be in need of kitchen roll tubes, so if you have any spare at home, please send them into school.

In PSHE, the class engaged in thoughtful discussions and debates about whether children should have access to social media and considered the reasons behind age limits linked to different platforms. In RE, pupils explored the Humanist viewpoint, focusing on the Golden Rule: treating others how you would expect to be treated. The children drew pictures to illustrate their own examples of how this rule can be applied in everyday life.

We also enjoyed a fantastic PE lesson this week, where the class practised their batting and fielding skills in cricket before finishing with an exciting game. The innings were very close, with Team A finishing on 129 and Team B narrowly behind on 127, making for a thrilling end to the session.





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
MAY 2026	
Wed 6 th May	'Open the Book' Assembly, led by The Pathway
Wed 6 th May	Netball League, Bishop Barrington Academy
Wed 13 th May	Netball League, Bishop Barrington Academy
Tues 19 th May	Tri-Golf Festival, B.C. Golf Club – Yrs 3+4
Wed 20 th May	Netball League, Bishop Barrington Academy - FINAL
Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th May	School Closed for Half Term Holiday
JUNE 2026	
Thurs 4 th June	Yr 5 Trip to Edinburgh
Fri 5 th June	Tri-Golf Competition, B.C Golf Club – Yrs 3+4
Tues 9 th June	Yr6 – Post SATs Trip
Fri 12 th June	Athletics Competition, Bishop Auckland – Yrs 5+6
Tues 16 th June	Phototronics – Class + Yr6 Friendship Photographs
Wed 24 th June	Sports Day
Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th June	Healthy Week
Mon 22 nd June	Family Brunch for Father's Day
Wed 24 th June	Sport's Day
Mon 29 th June	Rounders Festival – Yrs 5+6