



News & Events

I hope you had a lovely break and a Happy New Year to you all! The children have made a really positive start back. We are arranging a number of trips this term and children should wear their PE kits (hoodie, joggers and trainers) for these events NOT own clothes. A kit list for the Year 5 residential will be sent out nearer the time.



Stars of the Week

- Nursery Archie
- Reception Darcy-Rose
- Class 1 Oliver
- Class 2 Asher
- Class 3 Pauls
- Class 4 Louie
- Class 5 Ruby

Diary Dates

Spring Term

- Monday 12th January
Swimming for Year 2 begins
- Friday 16th January
Swimming starts for Year 4
Nursery library visits commence
- Friday 23rd January
Burns lunch
- Tuesday 27th January
Year 5 Dodgeball team festival
- Monday 2nd February
National Story Telling week
- Wednesday 4th February
Pyjama Day
- Thursday 5th February
3.20p.m. 'Time to Share' An opportunity for you to come into school to view your child's work.
- Friday 6th February
National number day. Come dressed in number themed clothes.
9 a.m. Parent/child maths activity session.
- Wednesday 11th February
Valentines disco 3.20-4.30 p.m.
- Friday 13th February
School closes for half term

Nursery and Reception

A very warm welcome back to nursery and a happy new year to you all! This week, we've had a busy and exciting time settling in our wonderful new starters and their families. It's been lovely getting to know everyone and we're so pleased to welcome them to our nursery community. To help our new friends feel comfortable, we've enjoyed some fun settling-in activities, including lots of play and exploring our wonderful indoor and outdoor spaces. We've been busy learning our nursery routines, such as handwashing, snack time, and story time. We've also been chatting about our Christmas presents and sharing stories about our holiday adventures. It was lovely to hear about everyone's exciting experiences. The children created unique New Year finger painting posters to welcome in 2026, the children enjoyed exploring different colours and textures. This week, the children have participated in a Yoga session with Rhiannon from Yogi Bairns, which helped calm our bodies and minds. Yesterday, we had a fantastic PE session with Nicole, where we enjoyed lots of energetic games and movement. Finally, our gardening group had a wonderful time exploring the garden and filled containers with water and natural materials to investigate what the items looked like in ice.

Reception have had a great first week of term. We have started reading our new Literacy Tree book - Super Milly and the Super School Day! So far we have written a letter to Milly to give her ideas about how to help a friend and have also worked together to create a 'Superhero Land' roleplay corner. In maths we have begun the White Rose unit 'Alive in 5'. We used the book 'Zero is the Leaves on the Tree' and have been creating our own winter trees using charcoal. Our topic this half term is 'People who help us' and we will be learning about the different emergency services. This half term we will be having two P.E lessons with Nicole every week. We will still be having yoga with Rhiannon but only half of the class each week.





Class 1 and 2

This week Year 1 started reading their new book 'Iggy Peck Architect'. They discussed the meaning of the word architect and what this job entails. Everyone role played being an architect, building a 3D structure using a range of materials. They then designed their own special building and labelled it using appropriate materials. In Numeracy the children have looked at place value using numbers to 20. They practically made tens numbers using tens frames and ordered numbers using a number line. They then found one more and one less than numbers to 20. In Geography the children found out about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and then discussed similarities and differences between living in the town and the countryside. During Art the children learnt about the local artist Brita Granstrom and sketched birds in her style using a range of curved and straight lines. In PE the children had to work together to transport porridge for the Three Bears over the river. Year 2 had a busy week back. They have started to read their new book 'Tadpole's Promise' and have found out how to use an apostrophe to show possession and how it can be used for contraction. They then looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and used new vocabulary and time adverbials to describe the process. In Numeracy the children continued their work on 2D shape, this week they have counted the sides and vertices to identify shapes and have used a ruler to accurately draw shapes on a grid. To end the week they have found vertical lines of symmetry on different shapes. During Science the children started their new topic 'Materials' and looked at objects around the school and discussed the materials they were made out of and why they were suitable. In Geography the children began to look at the 'Weather' and have enjoyed using thermometers to accurately take the temperature each day. Everyone has completed a weather log and discussed how the weather has changed each day. To end the week the children have completed some observational drawings of different parts of plants, looking carefully and sketching what they see in detail.

Class 3, 4 and 5

Year 3; In English this week, the children have been writing some truly amazing letters. We focused on the importance of emotional well-being. The children wrote letters giving advice to others, explaining why it is okay to get upset. They offered thoughtful strategies on how to deal with those feelings constructively. We were incredibly impressed by their empathy and the supportive language they used. In numeracy we have started Multiplication and division. We have launched our exciting new history topic: The Victorians! We began by stepping back in time to look at life in Victorian Britain. The class explored the stark contrast between the rich and the poor, comparing their homes, clothes, and daily lives. The children were fascinated by how different life was depending on how much money a family had. In our PSHE sessions, we have been looking ahead to the future. We discussed dreams and challenges that we might face as we grow up. The class had a brilliant discussion on how to overcome obstacles. We identified that resilience and patience are the key skills needed to turn challenges into achievements.

Year 4; This week in Literacy, the children completed a longer piece of writing about their holidays. They were encouraged to enhance their work by using a range of adjectives and time adverbials to add detail and improve sequencing. In Art, the children explored the work of L.S. Lowry and created their own Lowry-inspired matchstick figures, focusing on simple shapes and movement. During RE, the children learned about Hindu deities, developing an understanding of their importance and roles within Hindu beliefs. In Maths, the children practised multiplying by 0 and 1 and were also introduced to multiplying three numbers together, building on their existing multiplication skills. In Science, the children began learning about the classification of living things and their habitats. They used a Venn diagram to sort and compare different living things, developing their scientific thinking and observation skills.

Year 5; In English, we have started our new class book *Freedom Bird*. The story is set during the American Civil War and focuses on the experiences of two children who worked on plantations. The children have shown great interest in the historical context of the story and have been making thoughtful links between the events in the book and real-life history. To support this, the class have been using their computing skills to create a Google Slideshow exploring the history of the US Civil War and explaining how it links to the text. In Maths, the children have continued their work on fractions, with a particular focus on improper fractions and mixed numbers. Although this is a challenging concept, the class have worked extremely hard and have demonstrated a strong understanding of how to convert between the two. Their perseverance and positive attitude have been excellent to see. In R.E., we began our new topic on Islam. During our first lesson, the children explored what it is like to be a Muslim living in Britain today and showed great enthusiasm and curiosity, asking thoughtful and respectful questions. In Geography, we continued our topic on North America, focusing on the climate in different regions across the continent. The children learned about why climates vary and how geographical features influence weather patterns.