



Weekly Newsletter 31 March 2025

We are committed to safeguarding children.

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Reception Class have been enjoying the beautiful weather this week in our outside area. After listening to the story of Farmer Duck we acted out the story to each other using our puppet theatre. We have also been practising our cutting skills by chopping up vegetables in the Mud Kitchen to add to our recipes.

What we did last week!





This week as part of our Science unit Animals Including Humans Year 1 went on a minibeast hunt at forest school. We found lots of different minibeasts such as spiders, snails, worms and woodlice. We noticed that lots of the minibeasts we found were tucked away under logs and rocks. We found lots of snails hiding in a plant pot in the dark and damp. We talked about the similarities and differences between the minibeasts that we found and used our magnifying glasses to observe them closely. We made sure that we were quiet and respectful so that we didn't disturb the insects in their habitats.

What we did last week!



On Wednesday, KS1 welcomed Laura from 'We Need Music' for a special music workshop. Laura taught us some new songs and some new musical games. She also played a variety of musical instruments for us to listen to. She played a harp which was calm and relaxing, she also played us some songs on the guitar which we enjoyed dancing to. We listened to the lovely sound of the kalimba and discovered a new instrument called a shrutibox, an instrument from India which produces long lasting sounds by gently pushing the sides. This reminded us of the ocean and we sang a song as we listened to the music and pretended we were on a boat. Most excitingly, Laura let us all have a go at playing each of these instruments. We strummed the harp, guitar and ukulele, used our thumbs to play the kalimba and gently pushed the shrutibox to make those long lasting sounds. It was such a lovely opportunity to explore and discover these instruments. We had such a fun time with Laura!





More photos from the music workshop...



Year 4 have brought some drama to their RE lessons this week. They have been acting out the scene where Peter denies knowing Jesus.





Year 6 have continued to enjoy sculpting. Here are their versions of some of Antony Gormley's famous works. You might recognise a couple of 'Angels of the North' amongst the display!











The children have continued to run/walk their laps of the playground this week with great enthusiasm. We have now logged an incredible 728 kilometres across the school! We are excited to find out the final total at the end of the term.







Grow in us, Lord,

As we continue on our Lenten journey, we must be courageous. We must continue to act with mercy and love.

Can you:

• continue to stand by your beliefs even if others are against you?

your ways of peace and courage, so that in this time of Lent, we may bear witness to your love,

revealed to us in Jesus.

Amen



School Nursing Service Parent and Carer Drop in

A member of the school nurse team will be attending your child's school on:

Thursday 12th June 2025,

2pm – 3pm

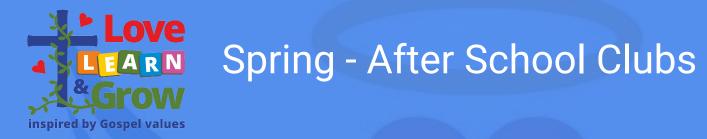
We will be able to offer support and advice for:

- Bowel and bladder
- Diet and nutrition
- Sleep
- Emotional wellbeing
- Behaviour (if there is an associated health need)

No booking needed, just turn up!

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Monday - Basketball 5,6 Monday - Dance 3,4,5,6 -full Tuesday - Art and Crafts R,1,2 -full Tuesday - Netball 3,4,5 Tuesday - Choir 3,4,5,6 -full Wednesday - Girls football 3,4,5,6-full Wednesday - Science R,1,2 -full Thursday - Tennis 4,5,6-full Friday - Dance 1,2 -full Friday- Boys football 3,4,5,6-full Friday - Journalism 5,6 - full

The clubs are free and are available to book online via your ParentPay account.







The main purpose of the PTA is to raise funds for extra items for the children such as football kit, ukuleles and gardening equipment.

Our PTA is completely reliant on volunteers to be able to run events. All parents / carers are automatically PTA members and are welcome at all meetings. New parents are encouraged to come along and bring their ideas.

We would love to see you!





Whole school attendance this week 93.9%

Current overall attendance 94.9%

This week's trend 12.2%



Attendance Reminders

If your child is sick please ring on the first day of absence <u>by 9.00 a.m.</u> and every other day thereafter. If you don't do this we will ring you as we are required to check on the welfare of our pupils. You must inform us of your child's symptoms.

Is my child too ill for school? (Government advice)

Evidence of all medical appointments must be provided.

If your child arrives after 9am (after registers close) this is recorded as an unauthorised session (unless evidence of a medical appointment has been provided).







Nye Bevan Champion of Wealth Equality



Bevan House 381 Thompson House 381 Stephenson House 432 Pankhurst House 539

HousePoints



Paul Stephenson Champion of Racial Equality



Emmeline Pankhurst Champion of Gender Equality

Tanni Grey -Thompson Champion of Disability Equality



Awards last week

<u>Class R</u> Lexi Hattie Taku <u>Class 1</u> Eli Frankie Atlanta <u>Class 2</u> Freddie Pixie Sean



Awards last week

<u>Class 3</u> Luca Freya Jackson <u>Class 4</u> Maisie Alana Hannah <u>Class 5</u> Connor Dawid Amara <u>Class 6</u> Alex Evelyn Riley





School Meals

The cost of a school meal is currently £2.81.

All meals must be ordered by midnight the day before via ParentPay.

Please note that parents whose children are entitled to Free school meals or universal infant free school meals must also order their children's lunches in advance.



Nut free school!



Please be reminded that the school is a nut free zone.

Please check your child's packed lunch before sending it in. Children are not permitted to eat products containing nuts on the premises.

Nuts and peanuts can cause allergic reactions, which are sometimes severe, resulting in anaphylaxis. This can be life-threatening.

We insist on the school being a nut free zone to protect the children in our school who have this life threatening allergy.

Thank you for your understanding.



Library Opening



The library is open every day at hometime. Please feel free to pop in after school to choose books with your child.

We have books for sharing for younger children and the children's Accelerated Reader books.

Remember that research tells us that the more children read for pleasure the higher their academic attainment will be. <u>More information here!</u>



Upcoming Events

Thursday 3rd April	Celebration assembly 9.00 a.m. by invitation only.
Friday 4th April	Way of the Cross assembly led by Y6 9.00 a.m.
Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April	School closed-Easter holidays
Tuesday 22nd April	School re-opens



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