

Week 2 Newsletter 2/5/2025

Behaviour - Well Done!

At the Academy we use the reward and consequence system to warn children if their behaviour is not of the acceptable standard. Children should follow the school rules; Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful. The totals below show how many children have achieved this each week.



	FS1	FS2	У1	Y2/3B	Y2/3W	У4	У5	У6
ſ	26/26	22/22	19/21	30/30	30/30	30/30	29/30	29/30

FS1

97.4% & 0 lates

F52 95.4% & 0 lates Attendance & Lates

Whole School: 95.6% & 6 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96.5%

Year to date is: 96.5%

У6

94% & 0 lates

У5

96.6% & 0 lates

У1

99% & 2 lates

Y2/3B

93.6% & 2 lates

Y2/3W

98.6% & 1 late

У4

92% & 1 late

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Golden Award

FS2 - Olivia Y1—Issac Y2/3B - Max Y2/3W - Aarib

Y4 - Jayden

Y5 - Molly

Y6 – Ivie

Thank you to all parents/carers for attending our Achievement assembly to watch their child receive a Golden Award



If you attend the Achievement assembly, please make sure that the photo is of your child only and please ensure you only post photos of your child on social media. There are parents who do not want their child photographed or on social media for personal reasons.

Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 5th May	May Day holiday/school closed		
Tue 6th –Thu 8th May	Y4 residential to Dallowgill		
Monday 12th May	SATs week		
Friday 16th May	Year 6 Bun Sale		
Monday 19th May	Y1 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park		
Monday 19th May	Y5 information meeting— visit to London		
Friday 23rd May	School closes		
Monday 2nd June	School opens		
4th—6th June	Y6 residential to Grinton Lodge		
Monday 16th June	Class photos		
Friday 4th July	Sports Day		
Wednesday 9th July	Summer Fair		

Read all about us..

FS1 This week in FS1 we have continued reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and have been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly. We have also been learning all about different insects and minibeasts. On Thursday morning, we went on a minibeast hunt around the school grounds. We managed to tick lots off our checklists and even saw a centipede! We had lots of fun! In maths we have been focusing on 'sequencing events' and have enjoyed sequencing nursery rhymes, daily routines and stories. This week in phonics our focus sound has been 'a'. We have practiced orally blending sounds together to form words starting with 'a' and have enjoyed practicing our letter formation by learning the rhyme! Have a lovely bank holiday weekend everyone!

Y2/3W Well done 2/3W on another brilliant week. On Monday, at the start of our writing lesson, we were all very surprised to see our chairs move away from our spaces. It was like they wanted to talk to us. We thought about what they might have been saying. We also discussed what other objects might say if they could talk and recorded our thoughts in a speech bubble. We also created a story map for our new text 'The Papaya That Spoke'. In Maths, Year 2 have been continuing to learn about time and Year 3 began their unit on statistics. In history, we worked in small groups to act out different scenarios of how working in the mines affected the children. We then presented our scenarios in an attempt to get some compensation. Sadly, it didn't work! I hope you all have a restful long weekend!

Y2/3B It has been another busy week in 2/3B. It has been story mapping week in writing this week, so we have been learning our new model text 'The Papaya that Spoke'. For our jumpstarts and short burst writes, we have been learning to correctly punctuate speech so that we can start to use dialogue within our stories. In history this week, the children have been learning about some of the terrible accidents and illnesses that came with being a child miner. We put our acting skills to the test by pretending we were miners, and recording our very own 'No win no fee' claims video. PE has seen us developing our cricket skills. Our focus this week was on fielding and how we can best work as a team to return the ball as quickly as possible. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Y5 This week in reading we have been looking at a non-fiction text all about Zodiac signs. This was a linked text to our whole class reading lessons on Who Let the Gods Out. In maths, we have been started work on coordinates, plotting and reading coordinates and also translating shapes on a coordinate grid. Our history lesson looked at King Egbert. We explored how England was ruled at this time and whether there were any similarities with our modern democratic society. It has been lovely that the children have made the most of the weather this week and we hope it lasts! Have a lovely weekend.

FS2 We've had a really fun week in reception this week! In maths, the topic: To 20 and beyond has continued and we have loved using practical resources to order numbers to 20, looked at making 11,12 and 13 and had a go at making our own hand

made number lines. In literacy, we have been describing the tadpole with adjectives, made a wonderful senses poem which we filmed and had a go at some hot seating to really imagine how the characters in our story would behave. The evil big bad fish performed by Macy, made us all laugh! The sun has shone all week which has meant we have been outside -making muddy coffees in the mud kitchen, painted summer flowers and taken our love for reading into the outdoor area! We have loved exploring our new areas in class!



Y1 In year 1 this week we have all tried super hard on our mock phonics tests and the children should be proud of their hard work and dedication. In maths this week we finished our fractions unit. The children applied all the skills they learned about halves and quarters and used skittles to show their learning. In Art the children continued looking at sculptures, they created their own sculpture using Richard Shillings work as inspiration. These turned out amazing. On Wednesday Miss Baxby came into her classroom to porridge all over the tables, children thought it was Goldilocks. Later in the morning, Miss Baxby received a story about a girl called Poppy and her magic porridge. Children story mapped this and created actions for the story. In RE we are learning how important stories are and we looked at all the children's special books. Have a lovely long weekend year 1!

Y4 Year 4 have had a fantastic week filled with creativity, problem-solving, and hands-on learning! In English, we've been exploring the rules of speech and using them to add personality and clarity to our writing. In Maths, the children have been working hard to solve problems involving area and perimeter, applying their knowledge in practical ways. Our class novel *Krindlekrax* continues to capture everyone's imagination during reading sessions. In Science, we've been experimenting with sound—one highlight was making sprinkles dance using vibrations, which sparked lots of excitement and curiosity. We've also been making the most of the sunshine with outdoor activities and are crossing our fingers for more good weather next week as we prepare for the upcoming residential. Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable long weekend!

Y6 This week has been another great week in year 6. In the mornings, we have been completed targeted revision in preparation for SATs later this month. The children have been working incredibly hard to ensure that they are as prepared as they can be. As well as this, we have been learning about the physical features in the Americas and we have been practicing adding perspective to our art pieces that are inspired by Henri Rousseau. Well done on another excellent week - I hope you have a great, long weekend.

After School Clubs	Start Date	End Date
Netball Y5/6 3.15pm—4.30pm	Monday 28.4.25	Monday 19.5.25
Dance FS1/2 3.15pm—4.00pm	Tuesday 22.4.25	Tuesday 20.5.25
Athletics Y3/4 3.15pm-4.15pm	Tuesday 22.4.25 (Alex)	Tuesday 20.5.25
Athletics Y1/2 3.15pm -4.15pm	Thursday 24.4.25	Thursday 22.5.25
Spanish Y1-6 3.20pm-4.20pm	Thursday 24.4.25 (Noelia)	Thursday 22.5.25



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Community Family Litter Pick

Sunday 11th May

RSPB St Aidan's Nature Park, Astley Lane, LS26 8AL Meet outside The Litte Owl Cafe just before 10am

Help us to keep St Aidan's free from litter and a great place for nature.

Sessions last until 12pm. All equipment provided.

Accompanied children welcome.

Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for being outside. This is a FREE event.

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