

WEEK 3

Whole School Attendance: 95%

Head of Academy's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week in the academy! We enjoyed welcoming the orienteering team into the school and each class working with them across the day. Make sure you take a look at the class news for a sneak peek at some of the photos!

Parents' Evenings

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the first parents' evenings of the year. These are extremely important as they are your opportunity to find out how your little ones are settling into their new classes, ask any questions you may have and understand how you can best support their learning this year. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to find the dates for your child's year group and apply for your slot.

A big thank you!

Many of you will know Mrs Hodgson, one of our wonderful support staff, very well! Mrs Hodgson has recently received the support of the Prince of Wales with her health. Because of this, Mrs Fish organised a raffle to raise money to say thank you for their support. We are pleased to say that with your generous donations and participation in the raffle, a fantastic £230 was raised. Well done and thank you to everyone who donated.

Home Reading

We have seen a great up take in the number of children reading at home each day with their adults. Thank you parents and carers for this. Reading for even 5 minutes a day with your child can help them to feel confident in the classroom and enjoy their learning even more. We hope you are enjoying sharing their Read Together book which can be enjoyed snuggled up with their adult!

Featherstone Flyers!

We were super proud to see some of our younger pupils being the guard of honour with their football team at the Huddersfield and Stoke match last week. How exciting to be in front of so many fans! Well done, boys!



We love seeing photos of our children outside of school, taking part in events, so please continue to share these with us via our email address.

We hope you have a wonderful week!
Miss Helen Prout
Head of Academy

ELA Stars of the Week

Caterpillars

Archie - for gaining confidence in exploring the EYFS provision

Butterflies

Oliver S - for being a superstar in phonics and writing this week!

Hedgehogs

April - amazing phonics work!

Owls

Gracjan - for amazing work in Art and remembering to use the correct vocabulary

Dolphins

Lilly D - for persevering even when finding something tough!

Pandas

Evie - producing some wonderful work in Maths!

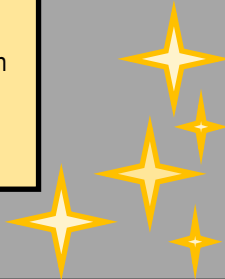


Lions

Alice - for amazing progress across the curriculum.

Eagles

Indy - Great effort in Maths and French



Votes For Schools

Each week in assembly our children focus on an important topic. This is then followed up in their classroom learning during their votes for schools lesson. It is a chance to make their voices heard on important issues. If you would like to continue the conversation at home, you can see more by clicking the big questions box below:

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

5-7: Do warnings always help us?

7-11: Should UK supermarkets warn us about shrinkflation?

- How do warnings make you feel? Do you listen to them or ignore them?
- What would you do if you noticed something in the shop was smaller than this time last year?
- Do you think "shrinkflation" is fair?

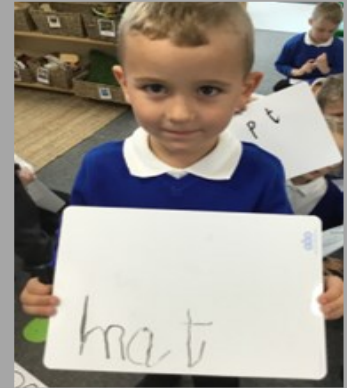
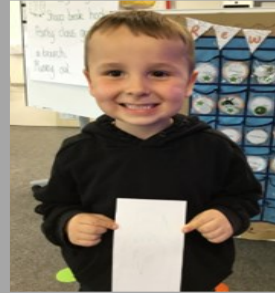
Caterpillars

Nursery have been enjoying reading around the setting this week. The children have access to our top 30 reads all day and alongside adults reading stories, children can read for pleasure independently.



Butterflies

Reception have had a wonderful week! We have been working extremely hard in our writing lessons, performing our story map of 'Owl babies' and building up a bank of adjectives and verbs working as a whole class to put them into amazing sentences!



Hedgehogs

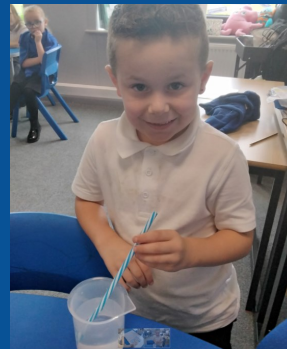
Year 1 have continued using our Story map to learn about the Gruffalos child using actions to help us remember.

In maths we have focussed on the greater than and less than symbols when comparing numbers and quantities. In our we have practised different shades in art using a range of materials.



Owls

This week Owls have been enjoying being scientists! We have been experimenting with different materials to see which is the most suitable for a drinking straw.



Dolphins

This week we have been learning about how fossils are formed, and how Stone Age people lived! We also enjoyed our orienteering taster lesson!



Pandas

What another lovely week in year 4. This week we have started our Design and Technology topic. Very carefully, we practised cutting and scoring card to create accurate folds in our dice nets. Everyone did this fantastically! Keep your eyes on our newsletter for further updates on our DT project.



Lions

In our Talk for Writing we have been focusing on suspense tales. To further help us understand the concept of suspense tales we have been telling ghost stories. We made the room dark, had spooky music on in the background, had hot chocolate and marshmallows and then acted out the ghost story. The children really enjoyed it and really understood what is included in a suspense tale!



Eagles

The children really enjoyed orienteering this week and had a lot of fun developing their orienteering skills.



Safeguarding Advice

The rising cost of living is affecting everyone in different ways. It can often be hard to balance the needs of everyone in your family.

Below is a link to websites that can provide support and guidance including finding your nearest food bank or mental health support for both children and adults.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child or member of staff, please speak to one of our safeguarding team:

Miss Casey Milton (Assistant Principal DSL)

Miss Helen Prout (Head of Academy Deputy DSL)

Mrs Claire Carratt (Admin Officer Deputy DSL)

Mrs Sarah Hodgson (Cover Supervisor Deputy DSL)

Key Dates for the year

September

Tuesday 26th - Stay and Read session Year 2

Wednesday 27th - Flu vaccinations Reception to Year 6

Friday 29th - MacMillan coffee morning

Friday 29th - Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Festival

October

Monday 9th - EYFS Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 10th - Stay and Read session Year 4

Tuesday 10th - Year 3 and Year 4 Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 10th - World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 11th - Year 1 and Year 2 Parents' Evenings

Thursday 12th - Year 5 and Year 6 - Parents' Evenings

Monday 16th - Harvest Festival

Tuesday 17th - Stay and Read session Year 5

Friday 20th - Wear it Pink day

Tuesday 24th - Photo day (Individual and siblings)

Tuesday 24th - Stay and Read session Year 6 (in the classroom)

Friday 27th - Last day of half term

November

Monday 6th - INSET day

Tuesday 7th - Academy reopens to pupils

Monday 13th - Anti Bullying week

Friday 17th - Children in Need day

December

Friday 1st - Christmas Card post boxes in classrooms

Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th - Thrive group Dallow Gill residential

Friday 8th - Year 1 and 2 Indoor Athletics Festival

Tuesday 12th - EYFS/KS1 Christmas Concerts (morning)

Wednesday 13th - KS2 Christmas Concerts (morning)

Thursday 21st - Christmas jumper day

Friday 22nd - Last day of term, Christmas parties and Evergreen Reward

Key Dates for the year

January

Monday 8th - Academy reopens to pupils
Monday 29th - Story Telling week

February

Thursday 1st - Time to Talk day
Friday 2nd - Year 3 and 4 World Sports Festival
Tuesday 6th - Safer internet day
Friday 9th - Last day of term
Monday 19th - INSET
Tuesday 20th - Academy reopens to pupils

March

Thursday 7th - World Book Day
Friday 22nd - Year 5 and 6 Basketball festival
Friday 22nd - Last day of half term

April

Monday 8th - Academy opens to pupils

Key Dates for the year

May

Friday 3rd - Year 1 and 2 Dance and Gymnastics Festival

Monday 6th - Bank holiday Academy closed

Tuesday 21st May - EYFS and KS1 Sports day (morning)

Wednesday 22nd - KS2 Sports day (morning)

Friday 24th - Last day of half term

June

Monday 3rd - INSET day

Tuesday 4th - Academy opens to pupils

Friday 21st - Year 5 and 6 girls' Football Festival

TBC Year 4 Dallow Gill Residential

July

Friday 19th - Last day of term

Monday 22nd - INSET

September 2024

Monday 2nd - INSET day

Tuesday 3rd - Academy opens to pupils