

26th January 2024



## Coming Up

Updates will appear weekly on here when we have events coming up in school.



## Update from the Head



Hi everyone  
Celebrating our rich and diverse curriculum! This week I've been out and about joining in with classes when they have been doing their afternoon lessons. Music in Y6 was fabulous, and I have to say that keeping up with a beat using a drum was really difficult. Also, seeing our fabulous Elite coaches work with teachers in PE was great. Pupils love it.

Something just to clear up. If you want to speak to a teacher, you'd need to do so after school. Teachers are required to teach from 8:40 in the morning, so it's just not possible to speak to them then. Messages can be passed on through a colleague on the door, and I make myself available whenever I can. If you need to talk to us about safeguarding, come to the office and someone will speak with you straight away.

## Diary Dates



### Dates For Your Calendar

**02.02.24** NSPCC Number Day

**Week Commencing 05.02.24**

**05.02.24** Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

**08.02.24** EYFS Stay and Play Phonics Parent Drop In Session

**09.02.24** Last day before half term

**19.02.24** Inset Day

**20.02.24** School re-opens for new half term

**Week Commencing 26.02.24**

**28.02.24** Parents Evening - letter to follow

**Week Commencing 04.03.24**

**04.03.24** SEND Parents Evening - letter to follow

**07.03.24** World Book Day

**Week Commencing 18.03.24**

Easter Bonnets

Easter Scenes

Easter Crafts in School

**22.03.24** School finishes for Easter Holidays

**08.04.24** School Re opens for Summer Term



# Early Years



Reception have started to innovate their story The Gingerbread man, we have been exploring different animals and their habitats in order to do this. I wonder if the children can tell you their new innovated story at home? In Maths we have started to explore mass and weight.

Nursery have begun our second traditional story this week 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children have been learning that a story begins with 'Once upon a time' and we use 'finally' near the end. In Maths we have been learning numeral 4, specifically, counting to 4 and the composition of numbers up to 4.

Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney



## Year 1



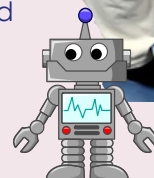
Year 1 have had another excellent week of learning!

In writing we have started innovating our 'Little Bear's Busy day' recount. We have been exploring new adjectives and interesting vocabulary as well as making sure we are always using capital letters and full stops!

In computing this week we have been exploring robots. The children really enjoyed moving the robots right, left and forwards and backwards.

In maths this week we have been learning our number bonds to 20 and using our number bond knowledge to solve maths problems!

Miss Scott



## Year 2



Year 2 have had another excellent week!

In writing, we have innovated our class text using a water goblin as our inspiration. We created some excellent facts about its diet, habitat and appearance.

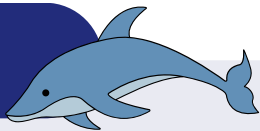
In maths, we have really enjoyed learning about shapes, identifying their vertices and sides. We have also used rulers to draw these 2D shapes.

In art, we have designed the background to our flower weave. Next week, we will then be dying wool using natural dyes such as leaves, coffee and blueberries which will go towards our final design!

Mr Bryan and Miss Colley



## Year 3



Another week of science and mining facts!

In Science this week we have looked transparent, translucent and opaque materials. We put them over a Lux metre which measures light to see which materials blocked the light the most! The children are loving the science experiments this term!

We have also been looking at why mines are dangerous, especially the Oaks Colliery disaster!

The children were also fascinated by our RE topic of the Trimurti in Hinduism, and how the deities are represented! As some of the children said, their minds were blown!

Miss Slater



## Year 4



Another lovely week in year 4!

This week have worked hard in maths. We have been dividing 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. It has been tricky stuff! But we have worked incredibly hard and succeeded!

In reading, we have been deeply invested in the book 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. Unfortunately, Edward Tulane has sunk to the bottom of the ocean!

Reminder: Please fill out the Microsoft form for consent for your child to attend swimming next half term.

Mrs Cutler



## Year 5



Another brilliant week in year 5!

We have been really focused and engrossed in our Earth and Space topic.

This week we have been learning about night and day and how the sun can help us tell the time. The children have created sundials that we will use outside as soon as we get some sunshine! The children have been brilliant scientists and have asked lots of scientific questions. The knowledge that the children have already has absolutely blown me away and it is so nice to see the children wanting to learn more and further explore our Solar System.

Keep up the amazing work year 5.

Mrs Parish



# Year 6



## Year 6

This week Year 6 have had lots of fun in Science and have been beginning to apply their knowledge of electricity, circuits and voltage to creating their own experiment. The children have been tasked with designing an alarm system that would help keep the Enigma machine safe. The children have faced lots of challenges and have continued to evaluate their circuits and improve them.

This week in writing, the children have been able to apply their knowledge of WW2 to their explanation texts. They have worked incredibly hard in writing not only thinking about the vocabulary but thinking about their punctuation.



## Safeguarding



Ensuring our pupils are safe and well looked after is our key priority.

**Miss C Milton:**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

**Mrs C Carratt:**  
**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**

**Mr D Irving:**  
**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**

All staff have received Safeguarding training to ensure that they can recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and also how to report/act if a disclosure is made.

Concerns about the safety or welfare of a child? Contact us: 01977 722486

Out of hours contact number:  
03458 503503

For more information:  
<https://www.elacademy.org.uk/knowledge-base/safeguarding/>

**Mrs J Simons: Thrive Practitioner**

**Mrs H Cutler: SENDCO**

## Thrive



**Providing children with positive experiences and strategies to embed emotional resilience.**

We use The Thrive Approach as a whole school strategy to promote positive mental health and wellbeing of which when this is present in children's lives it has been proven to improve their attendance, behaviour and attainment.

This allows our children to become confident, curious, creative and capable, therefore opens doors to a bright future for our children.

If you would like any more information, please visit: [www.elacademy.org.uk/thrive-mental-health-wellbeing/](http://www.elacademy.org.uk/thrive-mental-health-wellbeing/)

**Mrs J Simons**  
**Thrive Practitioner**

**NEWSFLASH**

**We are thrilled to announce that England Lane has achieved Ambassador Thrive of Excellence in 3 different areas; Environment, Reparative, Right Time.**

**These achievements are recognitions of how Thrive has been a successful impact within multiple areas of our academy. This success is thanks to the whole school embracing The Thrive Approach.**



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