

9th February 2024



## Update from the Head

## Coming Up

- Year 4 will be starting their swimming lessons after half term every Friday. Please remember to bring your swimming kits Friday mornings!
- Parent and SEND Parent Evening information will follow after half term
- Afterschool clubs will resume after half term as normal

Have a lovely half term everyone!

## Diary Dates

### Dates For Your Calendar

#### 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

Hi everyone

Plenty of things to celebrate this week!

A group of our children went to a world sports event last Friday and won! Our children are officially the champions of ... Kabaddi!

Yesterday a group of pupils went to Sheffield and represented our academy with pride and excellence at the Young Voices event. It was a long day and a late night, but well worth it. What an experience for them! Also yesterday in the Early Years we had a 'Stay and Read' session. It was so well attended (see pic below). Thank you to those who could make it. We even had a phonics session beforehand, so we could see how we teach children to read.

Today we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs De-Fleury, who moves to a new job! Good luck!

Also leaving us today is Lorraine Tate, who cooks our dinners. Lorraine has been with us for over 10 years and she retires today! We wish her a fabulous and well deserved retirement!

**REMEMBER - FIRST DAY BACK IS TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY**



# Early Years



Reception have had a lovely last week before half term. We have enjoyed exploring Lunar New Year by creating red lanterns and making paperchain dragons. We have also enjoyed trying green tea and some Asian treats. In Maths we have been busy exploring 1 more and 1 less from a given number to 10.

Nursery have celebrated Lunar New Year by learning the story behind the New Year and that this is the year of the Dragon. To further enhance our learning children have been experiencing music, dragon dancing and tasting Asian delights. As our Forest School sessions come to an end in Nursery, our final session was very enjoyable and the children have very much enjoyed being outdoors. In Maths we have begun to learn all about the number 5, I wonder if your child can find numbers to 5 at home.

Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney



## Year 1



It has been an amazing end to the first half term of 2024 for Year 1!

This week in class it was our turn for 'Classroom Kitchen!' We had the chance to make some amazing healthy oat biscuits. We used all the skills we learnt from DT this term such as 'mixing' and 'weighing'.

This week in Year 1 we have been celebrating Chinese New Year, learning all about the New Year of the Dragon! In writing we have come up with some amazing adjectives to describe our dragon and we also made some beautiful lanterns, writing our wishes for the New Year!

Miss Scott



## Year 2



A great week to an amazing first half term of 2024!

In art, we have finished our weaving using our naturally dyed wools to complete our designs.

In computing, we have finished our unit on robot algorithms, understanding how to make good predictions and how to avoid obstacles!

Next half term, we will have forest schools every Friday afternoon. Please can children come to school in their forest school kits.

Mr Bryan and Miss Colley



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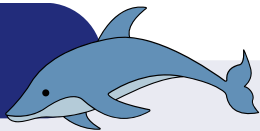
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## Year 3



What a week for year 3!

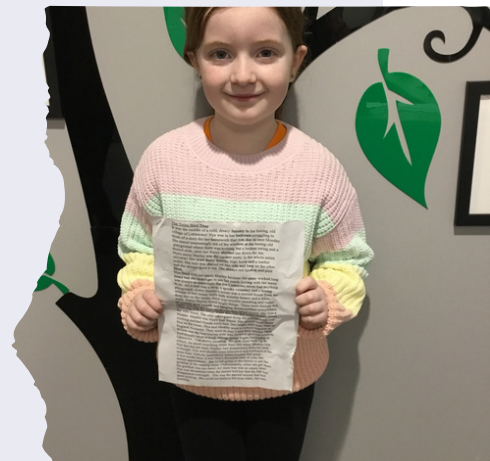
Well done for winning the attendance teddy!

This week we have been looking at reflective materials in Science, done some wonderful work in Writing and Reading.

We've also looked at a Mandir in R.E for our Hinduism topic and the children decided the hierarchy of different Hindu facts.

Well done to Aeryth who has gone above and beyond! She was inspired by our National Story telling author Steven Camden and has written her own story! We have had a reply from Steven Camden himself who 'absolutely loved the story'. Which is fabulous!

Miss Slater



## Year 4



A lovely week in year 4. We have been incredibly busy this week with our visit from school nurse who discussed healthy eating and screen time. On Friday we had our Children's mental health week where we discussed mental health. We discussed and photographed something that was important to us in school.

Maths has been tricky this week but we have been incredibly resilient! we have worked really hard to work out missing sides on different shapes.

Have a wonderful, safe half term and we will see you on Tuesday 20th February :)

Mrs Cutler



## Year 5



Another brilliant week in year 5!

Tuesday was safer internet day and we have been taking part in lots of activities this week to help keep us safe online. We have completed tasks such as designing our own game and how we would make sure it is safe to use. We have also looked at the focus question of 'All as it seems?'

To complete this task, we researched our favourite celebrities. We had to find the same information about the celebrities on a number of websites to see if the source was reliable and if in fact the information was the truth. The children were really engrossed in this and were surprised that when they searched the birthdays of their chosen celebrity, it gave different information on different websites. Remember year 5, don't believe everything you read online! Check it out first!

Enjoy the half term break, keep safe and see you all soon!

Mrs Parish



# Year 6



Year 6:

As always the Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard in all of their lessons. I have been particularly amazed by the stories that they have written this week. I know lots of children have already asked if their parents can read them at the end of the day and we are happy to welcome you to take a look at this. This week has been safer internet week and mental health week and so we have had lots of discussions around how to stay safe online, different places you can go to for help if you want to report or remove something online and then we have talked about positive well-being and what we can do to increase this. It is absolutely a well-needed and well-deserved rest for the whole class this half term! Have a lovely week.



## 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:  
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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**

**For information regarding mental health support & advice, please visit the below links:**  
<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/u13/home/>

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/wakefield-children-and-young-peoples-emotional-health-and-wellbeing-service/>



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