

St James' C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter 2026 – 2027

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Date: Friday 18th Sept



Doug Stitcher
Mr D Stitcher
Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

So, it looks like summer is well and truly over!

We've only been back a couple of weeks, but already, we are looking ahead to some important dates for your diary.

Firstly, in the morning of Wednesday 7th October, we will be holding our Harvest Service at the church. As always, we welcome our parents to come and join in the celebration with us.

At 1:30 pm, also, on Wednesday 7th October, we will be holding the first of our open afternoons for parents of children starting school in Reception in September 2027. If you, or someone you know, would like to come and find out what makes our school so special, please do join us – no appointment necessary!

And if you can't make that date, don't worry! We will be holding a second open morning on Thursday 15th October at 9:30 am. We do hope to see as many prospective parents as possible!

And then, on Wednesday 21st and

Thursday 22nd October, we will be holding our first parent/teacher meetings of the year. It's a chance for you to meet your child's teacher and find out all about the progress your child has made already this year! There will also be examples of our amazing school dinners to view, and we are hoping to have a used uniform sale where you will be able to pick up pre-loved school uniform for bargain prices – think of it as 'Vinted' without the annoying In-Post lockers!

And finally, just the usual reminder about attendance and punctuality! Please help your child by ensuring they are in school on time every day. It is not a nice feeling arriving late – I should know... those road works on Preston New Road and Revidge Fold are making me later than I'd like to be every day!

Have a lovely weekend. Let's hope the weather improves!

Mr Stitcher



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Important Changes to Morning Drop-Off Arrangements for KS1

To support the safety and safeguarding of all pupils, parents and carers of children in Year 1 and Year 2 will no longer be able to enter the KS1 playground during the morning drop-off period.

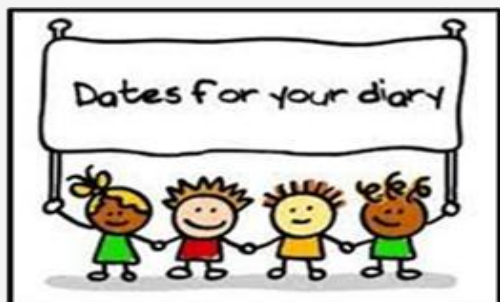
Children should be brought to the KS1 playground gate, where they will be welcomed by a member of staff and can then make their way into school as normal. Any messages for class teachers can be passed to the staff member on duty at the gate or communicated via the school office.

Please note that afternoon collection arrangements remain unchanged, and parents should continue to collect their children as normal at the end of the school day.

We appreciate that this is a change to our usual routine, but these arrangements are being introduced to help us maintain a safe, secure and calm start to the school day for all children.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us to keep our school environment safe for everyone.





Tuesday 22 September 2026

Coding Day Lunch (**see poster**)

Thursday 24 September 2026

Year **2K** Parent Worship (8:50am)

Thursday 1 October 2026

Space Day Lunch (**see poster**)

Thursday 1 October 2026

Year **5R** Parent Worship (8:50am)

Wednesday 7 October 2026

Harvest Services in Church (Reception & KS1: 9:30am, KS2: 10:00am)

Wednesday 7 October 2026

Reception 2027 School Open Day (1:30pm)

Thursday 15 October 2026

Reception 2027 School Open Day (9:30am)

Wednesday 21 October 2026

School Photographer in School

Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 October 2026

Parents' Evening

Thursday 22 October 2026

Year **1F** Parent Worship (8:50am)





St James'
C of E Primary School
BLACKBURN



*Shaping
brighter futures*
Faith • Learning • Community

OPEN DAY



WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2026 • 1:30PM
THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2026 • 9:30AM

*Is your child due to start school
September 2027?*

**Come and meet us, look around and discover
what makes St James' special.**

Meet our friendly staff and pupils • Take a tour • See our classrooms
and school in action.



A happy, safe and
inclusive
community



Exceptional in
all we do



Strong academic
achievement and
high aspirations



Our school values:
Love – Respect –
Courage



A welcoming
school family
from ages 2 – 11



*Come along to one of our Open Days –
no appointment needed!*

Can't make these dates? Contact us to arrange a visit.



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Harvest Appeal

Together we can make a difference

As part of our Harvest collection this year, we are especially requesting donations of

TINNED TOMATOES

Tinned tomatoes are a particularly useful and much-needed item for local food banks and families who rely on food donations.

If you are able to donate a tin (or a few!), please send them into school.

Every donation, big or small, will make a difference.

Tinned tomatoes are especially needed this year! 

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. 



DONATE  SUPPORT  MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

EVERY DAY COUNTS ★ EVERY LESSON MATTERS ★ EVERY CHILD MATTERS



At St James Primary School, we believe that good attendance is one of the most important foundations for a child's success.

Every school day is an opportunity to learn, make friends, build confidence and enjoy new experiences.



★ WHY IS ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERY DAY SO IMPORTANT?

When children attend school regularly, they are able to:

-  Keep up with their learning and make good progress
-  Develop strong friendships and social skills
-  Build confidence and independence
-  Take part in exciting lessons, activities and school events
-  Develop positive routines and habits for the future
-  Feel a strong sense of belonging to our school community

 Missing just one day can mean missing important learning, and repeated absences can quickly add up.



We understand that children can sometimes be unwell or have unavoidable reasons for being absent. However, where possible, please make school attendance a priority and arrange appointments outside of school hours.



★ LET'S WORK TOGETHER!

Parents and carers play a huge part in helping children develop positive attendance habits. Thank you for supporting your child to attend school every day and arrive on time.



★ REMEMBER:

★ "Every day is a new opportunity to learn, grow and shine!" ★



BE AN ATTENDANCE HERO!

We want every child to be a school attendance HERO:



- H** – Here every day
- E** – Enthusiastic about learning
- R** – Ready to learn
- O** – On time



Our goal is simple:
Every child, every day,
ready to learn!

Good attendance today
helps build a brighter tomorrow!





PLEASE LABEL ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM



A simple name label can save a lot of lost property! 



Please remember to label all of your child's school uniform and belongings with their name.



With lots of children wearing the same or similar items, it can be very easy for jumpers, cardigans, coats and PE kits to get mixed up or misplaced.



Please name everything!

This includes: 



✓ School jumpers and cardigans



✓ Coats and jackets



✓ PE kits



✓ School trousers, skirts and dresses



✓ Hats and scarves



✓ Shoes and trainers



✓ Water bottles



✓ Lunch boxes



Clearly labelled items are much easier to return to their owner and help us avoid confusion and lost property.



Thank you for helping us keep children's belongings **safe** and **organised**!



Thank you for your support. 



www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION 2027



BLACKBURN
with
DARWEN
BOROUGH COUNCIL



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN !

APPLY TODAY



FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Email:
Admissions@blackburn.gov.uk
- Call: 01254 666605 (Option 1)

Deadline for submitting an on time application is 15 January 2027



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Coordinated Primary Admission Scheme 2027/28

TIMETABLE

Admission booklets and common application forms published on **1 September 2026**.



Parent(s)/carer(s) complete online application form / return common application form to the Local Authority by **15 January 2027**.



The Local Authority populates primary admissions database, checks and resolves double bookings and liaises with other admission authorities and neighbouring local authorities.



All preferences circulated between admission authorities by **26 January 2027**.



Each admission authority applies its own admissions criteria and must inform the Local Authority of the outcome of all applications by **23 February 2027**.



If there are exceptional reasons for the delay, then provided the application is received before the cut off date (**11 March 2027**) a late application that is received may be considered alongside the applications which were submitted on time.



The Local Authority checks all proposed offers against the primary school preference which parent(s)/carer(s) provided on their application and ensures that an alternative offer is made where necessary.



The Local Authority confirms offers with all maintained infant, junior and primary schools which includes confirmation of alternative offers by **13 April 2027**.



Offers made to parent(s)/carer(s) by the Local Authority on **16 April 2027**.



Parent(s)/carer(s) to accept or decline place by **30 April 2027**.



Closing Date for receipt of appeal forms for appeals to be heard in June/July 2026 is **18 May 2027**.



**June / July
2027 Appeals.**



SPACE DAY

THURSDAY
1st October

Meteor Meatball Marinara

&

Solar Spaghetti

with

Galactic Garlic Bread

or

Cosmic Cheese & Onion Roll

with

Planet Potato Wedges & Lunar Peas

or

Jupiter Jacket Potato

with

Choice of Fillings & Salad Selection

Sonic Boom Rocket Ice Lolly

or

Super Moon Cookie

with

Frontier Fruit Wedges



LANCASHIRE
CATERING SERVICE





CODING DAY

TUES
22ND SEPT



Mainframe Meals
Glitching Chicken Goujons
with
Data Stream Dips
or

Pizza Pocket Programmes
(Cheese & Tomato)
served with
Micro-Chip Fries
Server Sweetcorn
&
Processor Peas
or

Binary Baked Jacket Potato
with
Choice of Fillings
&
Salad Selection

Dessert Downloads
Waffle Grid & Cache Chocolate Sauce
or
Java Jelly Pots
served with
Ctrl+Alt+Del-icious Fruit Wedges



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Just a reminder that the Government is expanding Free School Meal eligibility. As part of these changes, all families currently receiving Free School Meals **must reapply** to continue their entitlement from September. These changes also mean that more families may now be eligible. If you do not apply, your child may not receive Free School Meals from September. To reapply or see if you are eligible, please use the link below:

[https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Free_School_Meals_\(NEW\).aspx](https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Free_School_Meals_(NEW).aspx)

If you need any help, please contact the school office.

Thank you.





LET'S FUEL GREAT DAYS!

We want to encourage all children to eat **healthy** every day because good nutrition:

- ✓ Helps children learn, concentrate and do their best
- ✓ Gives them the energy to play, grow and stay well
- ✓ Supports their long-term health and happiness

Let's work together to build healthy habits that last a lifetime.



HEALTHY LUNCHES
HAPPY CHILDREN



GOOD
FOOD =
BETTER
FOCUS &
MORE
ENERGY!

HEALTHY CHOICES, HAPPY FACES!



FRUIT & VEG

Boosts energy
and keeps us
feeling great.



PLENTY OF WATER

Keeps us
hydrated and
helps us think.



WHOLEGRAINS & PROTEIN

Keeps us full,
focused and
ready to learn.



DAIRY OPTIONS

Great for
strong bones
and teeth.



GREAT CHOICES TO INCLUDE

- ✓ Fresh fruit & vegetables
- ✓ Wholegrain sandwiches or wraps
- ✓ Lean meats, eggs, cheese or plant-based options
- ✓ Yogurt, cheese or dairy alternatives
- ✓ Water or lower sugar drinks
- ✓ Homemade treats in moderation



Little changes
make a
BIG difference!



PLEASE AVOID NUT PRODUCTS

Some children (and adults)
in our school community
have severe nut allergies.

Even tiny traces can cause
a serious reaction.

Please avoid packing:

- Peanut butter or Nutella
- Chocolate spreads with nuts
- Cereal or granola bars with nuts
- Bounty, Snickers or other chocolate bars with nuts
- Any snacks or baked goods containing nuts

LOVE
THEM?
SAVE THEM
FOR HOME!



HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS ARE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE

Delicious, nutritious and freshly prepared meals every day!



FREE
FOR KS1
CHILDREN



FREE
FOR CHILDREN
ENTITLED TO
FREE SCHOOL MEALS

£2.90

FOR ANYONE
ELSE

Meals can be booked
in advance on the
School Spider App.



School
Spider



TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

A nut-free environment helps protect
our children and staff.

THANK YOU for helping make
our school a safe, happy place for all!



THANK
YOU!



HEALTHY CHOICES TODAY, BRIGHTER FUTURES TOMORROW



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LITTER PICKING

LET'S CLEAN UP OUR COMMUNITY! ♥

EVERY
BIT OF
LITTER
HURTS
♥

Starting at
**ST JAMES
CHURCH** ♥



SATURDAY
26TH
SEPTEMBER



10AM – 12PM



**TOGETHER WE CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**
♥

CONTACT: Revd Daniel at Blackburn St James's –
daniel@narrow-way.org or 07448324348



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MHST Newsletter

September
2026

NHS
Lancashire & South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

BACK
SCHOOL

MHST? Who are we?

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) provides an accessible service for students from primary age to year 13 who may be experiencing a range of mild to moderate difficulties with their mental health. The teams are based within education settings and cover Year 1 to Year 11 in Blackburn with Darwen and Burnley, Burnley College, Year 1 to Year 6 in Pendle and Year 7-13 in Hyndburn, Rossendale and Ribbles Valley (including Nelson and Colne and Accrington College).

If you have noticed your child is feeling frequently sad, worried or anxious and feel they may need support from our team, please speak to a member of staff at your child's school, who can support a referral to the service. You can also speak to your GP.

Our aim is to work alongside children, young people, families, schools and other professionals to provide early, accessible support and help young people develop skills to manage their mental health and wellbeing.

Team Update

UPDATE

It's been a busy summer for practitioners across the Mental Health Support Team! Over the summer period, the team have continued to provide support to young people and families, whilst also taking some time to prepare for the year ahead.

We have been:

- Developing new resources to support our work with young people, families and schools.
- Continuing to offer therapy sessions and providing ongoing support to young people.
- Meeting with young people and families to understand their needs and work together towards positive change.
- Liaising with professionals across schools and wider services to ensure joined-up support for the young people we work with.
- Planning and preparing for the new academic year and thinking about how we can continue to develop our service.
- Taking some well-earned annual leave and making the most of the summer break!

As we head towards the new academic year, we're looking forward to welcoming everyone back, continuing our work with young people and families, and putting some of our new ideas and resources into practice. Here's to another busy and exciting year for the Mental Health Support Team!

Young Persons Voice

Over the summer, we had a really fun participation celebration with the MHST Young People's Participation Group. It was a great chance to get together, have some fun and look back at everything we've achieved over the past year. We talked about ideas for a new name for our group and came up with lots of different suggestions. Keep an eye on the MHST Instagram because you'll soon be able to vote for your favourite name and help us choose our new group identity! We also talked about how the MHST could improve its service and shared our ideas about what we think would make things better for young people. It was good to know that our opinions are listened to and that we can help make a difference. We spent some time looking back at everything we've been involved in over the past year and celebrating the things we've achieved together. It was really nice to see how much we've done and how much young people's voices have helped shape the MHST. Most importantly, we had a chance to have fun, celebrate and spend time together before the summer break. Want to Get Involved?

We're always looking for new members to join us! If you'd like to come along to our next meeting, keep an eye out for posters on our social media pages, or email lia.naylor@lsc.nhs.uk to receive an invitation. We'd love to hear your ideas and have you join us!



World Mental Health Day 10th October 2026

CLICK HERE!

Hello Yellow 2026

This October marks 10 years of Hello Yellow, YoungMinds' annual campaign to raise awareness of children and young people's mental health.

Taking place around World Mental Health Day on 10 October, Hello Yellow encourages schools, communities and organisations to wear yellow, start conversations and show young people they are not alone.

Get involved: Wear yellow, start a conversation about mental health and help us spread the message that young people are not alone.

YOUNGMINDS

Hello
Yellow



10 wellbeing tips

10 wellbeing tips

1. Take time to relax and unwind.
2. Get some exercise.
3. Eat a healthy diet.
4. Get enough sleep.
5. Talk to someone if you're feeling worried or sad.
6. Try to stay positive.
7. Set realistic goals.
8. Take breaks from work or study.
9. Spend time with friends and family.
10. Be kind to yourself.

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For 2026, the theme set by the World Federation for Mental Health is in lived experiences heard: Real voices, real change.



CLICK
HERE



World Suicide Prevention Day 10th September 2026

CLICK HERE!



World Suicide Prevention Day – 10 September 2026

World Suicide Prevention Day is a chance to remind young people that their feelings matter, they matter, and they don't have to face difficult times alone. Sometimes life can feel overwhelming, and it can be hard to know how to talk about what's going on. This day encourages us to break the silence around suicide, look out for our friends and create spaces where young people feel safe to talk without fear of judgement. This World Suicide Prevention Day, take action: check in with a friend, start a conversation, listen without judgement and speak to a trusted person if you're worried about yourself or someone else. If you're struggling, don't keep it to yourself—reach out for support. One conversation could make a difference.

Local Events/Support



Signposting

NHS
East Lancashire Hospitals
A University Healthcare Trust



CLICK
HERE



Need urgent help for
your mental health?



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PE Dates

Please note the upcoming PE dates for your child's class. On these days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit.

If your child has recently had their ears pierced, earrings must be removed before school.

Class	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Reception RM and RW	Friday 4 th Sep	Friday 11 th September	Friday 18 th September	Friday 25 th September	Friday 2 nd October	Friday 9 th October	Friday 16 th October	Friday October
Year 1 1F and 1A	Monday 7 th September 8 th September	Monday 14 th September Wednesday 9 th September	Monday 14 th September Wednesday 16 th September	Monday 21 st September Wednesday 23 rd September	Monday 5 th October Wednesday 7 th September	Monday 12 th October Wednesday 14 th October	Monday 12 th October Wednesday 14 th October	Monday October Wednesday October
Year 2 2H and 2K	Tuesday -no PE Thursday 3 rd September	Tuesday 8 th September Thursday 10 th September	Tuesday 15 th September Thursday 17 th September	Tuesday 22 nd September Thursday 24 th September	Tuesday 29 th September Thursday 1 st October	Tuesday 6 th October Thursday 8 th October	Tuesday 13 th October Thursday 15 th October	Tuesday October Thursday October
Year 3 3M and 3A	Monday - No PE Thursday 3 rd September	Thursday 10 th September	Monday 14 th September Thursday 17 th September	Thursday 24 th September	Monday 28 th September Thursday 1 st October	Thursday 8 th October	Monday 12 th October Thursday 15 th October	Monday October Thursday October
Year 4 4W and 4L	Monday -No PE Wednesday 2 nd September	Wednesday 9 th September	Monday 14 th September Wednesday 16 th September	Wednesday 23 rd September	Monday 28 th September Wednesday 30 th September	Wednesday 7 th October	Monday 12 th October Thursday 14 th October	Monday 12 th October Thursday 14 th October
Year 5 5B and 5R	Friday 4 th September	Monday 7 th September Friday 11 th September	Friday 18 th September	Monday 21 st September Friday 25 th September	Friday 2 nd October	Monday 5 th October Friday 9 th October	Friday 16 th October	Friday 16 th October
Year 6 6M and 6V	Tuesday - No PE	Monday 7 th September Tuesday 8 th September	Tuesday 15 th September	Monday 21 st September Tuesday 22 nd September	Tuesday 29 th September	Monday 5 th October Tuesday 6 th October	Tuesday 13 th October	Tuesday 13 th October



Free Early Years Education

RECOMMENDED TIME TO APPLY FOR YOUR CODE

- codes **must** be reconfirmed every three months to remain eligible

when your child turns 2 years or 3 years	when they can get Free hours from	Recommended time to apply
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	15 October - 30 November (no later than 31 December)
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	15 January - 29 February (no later than 31 March)
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	15 June to 31 July (no later than 31 August)

Your code may need reconfirming before your child commences a
Early Years place if you apply too early.





attendance ~~MATTERS~~



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASSES 3M WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RW	93.6%
RM	98.5%
1F	98.0%
1A	95.2%
2K	94.7%
2H	96.0%
3A	86.7%
3M	98.9% 
4L	98.6%
4W	98.0%
5B	94.3%
5R	95.3%
6M	95.5%
6V	92.9%

95%
and
above

90% -
94.9%

Below
90%

If your child is absent due to illness, the office must be informed before 08:35 on that day.





St. James' Stars of the Week!

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you. Who will be receiving a certificate next week?

Pre-School & Nursery		Brianna G, Arianna G, Arayah K & Ahmed P	
RM	M. Rayyan P & M. Uzair S	RW	Shahd J & Sumayyah G
1A	Haleemah M & Abdullah M	1F	Aisha B & Ayaan P
2H	Meela B & Harris S	2K	Noman A & Ahmad P
3A	M. Adam B & Khadijah A	3M	Abeer S & Amnah H
4W	Eesha Y & Fatima M	4L	Aaysha C & Dawood A
5B	Issa P & M.Ibrahim P	5R	Mahir K & Landy H
6V	Haris A & Hosino S	6M	Yusha S & Haleema Y





Year Group Updates

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

We have had an amazing week, reading Goldilocks and the 3 bears.

We have enjoyed feeding porridge to the bears. We have created some autumn leaves and learned a new autumn song.

Please can we remember to label all children's items and bring in nappy bags with nappies, wipes and a change of clothes if needed.

We are continuing to focus on autumn next week. Can we spot anything related to this season during the weekend?

Action

Reception

This week we have started some formal learning. In English we have been looking at 'We're going on a bear hunt.' In phonics we have looked at the sounds, m, a, s, d and t. Please can you practice these at home.

Action

Please can you continue to read with your child at least 3 times a week.





Year Group Updates

Year 1

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 1!

This week in RE, we have been learning about the importance of the Harvest Festival and thinking about why people celebrate harvest and give thanks for the food we have. In DT, we have been learning about the different parts of a Tudor house. We then used what we have learned to begin planning the exterior of our own Tudor houses. In English, we have been generating sentences and developing our sentence-writing skills. We have been focusing on remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our writing.

Well done, Year 1, for another fantastic week of learning!

Action

Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE uniform on these days and that all jewellery has been removed. Children should only wear their PE kit on PE days and should wear their normal school uniform on all other days. If you would like your child to receive school milk, please speak to the school office for information about how to order. They will be happy to help if you are unsure. As part of our DT project, the children will be creating their own Tudor houses. Please could you send in a cardboard box with your child for them to use as part of their model. Please practise the weekly spellings with your child at home in preparation for their spelling test every Friday. Regular practice will help your child to remember and use the words confidently. Thank you for your support!

Year 2

This week, the children have been busy innovating their own version of The Jolly Postman. They have enjoyed creating their own fairytale characters and imagining exciting new places for the postman to visit. We have been so impressed by their creativity, fantastic ideas and hard work!

In Maths, the children have been working hard on place value and partitioning numbers. They have been developing their understanding of how numbers are made up and using different ways to represent and partition them. We are very proud of the effort they have shown!

Action

P.E. will take place every Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child comes to school with the correct P.E. kit on these days.

Homework will be sent home this week and should be completed and returned by Wednesday.

Please support your child in learning their weekly spellings, which are recorded in their logbook. Regular practice at home will help to build their confidence and develop their spelling skills.





Year Group Updates

Year 3

This week, we have continued with our place value in mathematics, adding up to 100 more or less. In English, the children have created their own medicine (written) using powerful adjectives.

Action

Please may children come to school for PE in the correct footwear and trousers. Many children have been wearing school shoes for PE which doesn't provide great stability when running or jumping.

Year 4

We have had another busy week in Year 4! In English, we have started reading Wave Me Goodbye - a novel set in Britain during the Second World War. We have been exploring the story and learning about different sentence types. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value and using number lines to work with numbers up to 1,000. In Science, we have been constructing electrical circuits and identifying the difference between complete and incomplete circuits. In PE, we have been developing our football skills, focusing on dribbling, passing and teamwork.

Action

Please remember that children must either remove their earrings for PE or cover them securely with surgical tape.

Homework will be sent out every Friday moving forward and should be completed and returned by the following Thursday.





Year Group Updates

Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic week of learning! We have thoroughly enjoyed our English learning, where we have been writing non-chronological reports about Victorian workhouses. The children have worked hard to research information, organize their ideas and use a range of features to make their reports informative and engaging. In math's, we have really got stuck in and persevered when faced with challenges involving partitioning numbers up to 1,000,000. It has been wonderful to see the children developing their confidence and resilience when tackling tricky problems. We have also worked hard to complete our Star Reading assessments, showing great effort and determination. In music, we have enjoyed listening to and exploring a classic Bon Jovi song, developing our understanding of rhythm, melody and performance. Well done, Year 5, for another brilliant week! We are very proud of your hard work, enthusiasm and positive attitudes towards learning. Keep it up!

Action

Please remember to wear PE kits only on PE days (every Friday's and Monday's on even weeks - check the newsletter for dates)

Year 6

This week, the children completed their first set of mock tests, giving them the opportunity to experience the assessment process and show what they have learned so far. They worked hard and showed great focus, resilience and determination.

The children also took part in their first Year 6 Parents' Worship. They performed with confidence, enthusiasm and clear voices, and it was wonderful to see them sharing their learning with our school community.

Action

Please continue to support your child at home by encouraging them to complete their homework regularly and spending time practicing key skills on Century Tech. A little practice each week will help build confidence, strengthen their understanding and prepare them for their upcoming assessments. Thank you for your continued support!





Prayer for the Week

Dear God

Help us to love the world we live in.
Help us to have the courage to be exceptional in all we do.
Help us to respect the people around us
Thank you for making our school your home.

Amen



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