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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week we have had in school this week! Our Year 6 children showed tenacity and unwavering focus as they tackled their Y6 SATs this week. To support, the other children across school showed kindness and care, checking in with their friends across Year 6. We are so proud of all of you – well done for working so hard!

Thank you

A huge thank you must go to all staff involved in the SATs – the lead up, where staff supported the children in additional learning opportunities, to the staff who helped with organising the spaces, supporting with breakfast each day and for championing the children – the children and school are very grateful for your support!

All school class photographs

Class photographs will take place on Monday 20th May, these will be available to purchase direct from Tempest.

Nursery's first school trip

Next week, our Nursery children are joining Reception on Thursday 23rd May on their very first educational visit! The children are going to Sheffield Butterfly House, where they will get a first-hand experience to observe life cycles in action! The children will explore different habitats and further develop their scientific understanding and awareness of the wide world around them!

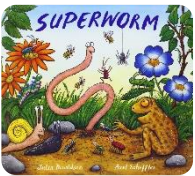
Nursery and Reception places

We are excited to share that we have some spaces in Nursery and Reception available. We ask that you share the attached poster with your families and friends who may be in search of places from September. Thank you!

After school club TV & games console – older toys

Should any families be clearing out any games consoles / old television or electronics / board games, we would be most appreciative as we continue to develop our provision for Breakfast / After School / Holiday club. Thank you in advance.

What are we reading



This week Mrs Bateman is enjoying reading to her little girl Julia Donaldson's the super worm. Mrs Bateman particularly loves the rhymes and the repetition which makes the text a very exciting and engaging book to share. The Superworm is super strong and super long – he is a motivating, captivating and utterly delightful character to have around! This book is one of Julia Donaldson's many texts – a favourite of children across the school!



Key Term Dates

Please find attached event dates for each term on our newsletter. We have endeavoured to plan events for the whole academic year and we ask for your understanding if any dates need changing.





Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 94.43% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to YR 6 who achieved 100% attendance this week.

This week, we have had 5 number of children late to school. Please can we all work together to ensure children are able to attend school on time each day!

All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day - keep going everyone!

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Year 3	Finley	Jayden	Robyn	Esme
Year 4	Macy	James	Sarah	Ava
Year 5	Whole year 5	Whole year 5	Whole year 5	Whole year 5
Year 6	Whole year 6	Whole year 6	Whole year 6	Whole year 6

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week, we have been reading "The Hungry Caterpillar" as our focus text. The children have witnessed some incredible changes in our caterpillars, as they have grown significantly. The children have been using fantastic vocabulary such as "huge, spikey, and ginormous" and are eagerly asking if the caterpillars are in a cocoon yet on a daily basis. Our rhyme for the week has been "See Saw Margery Daw", and in phonics, we have been working on blending sounds to form words. In Read, Write Inc, the children have been learning the sounds for 'i', 'p', and 'n'. We have also been discussing what keeps us healthy, with the children recognizing that fruit is a healthy food choice. They created and enjoyed their own fruit kebabs, using grapes, banana, kiwi, strawberries, and oranges as their favorites. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been reading 'Dear Earth'. This book is about a girl called Tessa, the story tells us about how we should love the planet and how it is being destroyed and what we can do to save it. Our focus was looking at different habitats because we have been learning all about minibeasts and their habitats. In Maths, we have been learning about sharing and grouping. We have used objects and shared them with our friends. We had to make sure it was fair by having an equal number of objects each.! As part of our Art we have been learning about Henry Matisse and trying to make our own collages of minibeasts.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Phillips & Mrs Patel-Daji

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been looking at Neil Armstrong in history and English. He is a significant person in history and we have been busy writing fact files about his life. In maths, we have seen some super work this week. We have looked at doubles and equal groups, making sure we can recognise equal groups and also share things into equal groups, we even got up and shared ourselves into different equal groups. In geography, we have looked at the Brazilian city Rio De Janeiro and compared what life is like in Rio De Janiero to life in the city of Wakefield. We have tried really hard this week and I am sure we will continue to do so. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Swain



Year 1/2

This week in Class 1/2, we had Lyndsey visit from Kings Way Church as part of our RE curriculum. Lynsey shared with us the very first story in the Bible about how God created Earth. We looked at different artefacts you may find in a church and what these were used for. Also, we discussed why churches are a safe and sacred place for Christians. The children had many questions for Lyndsey and enjoyed learning all about what she does in church and how she helps people. Thank you, Lyndsey,! We've thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Neil Armstrong in History this week! So much so, that we decided to write all about him in our English lessons. The children used their historical knowledge to create a fact file all about Neil Armstrong and the landing on the moon! Well done for another super week and as always, have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Davies

Year 2

This week in English, we have written a fact file about Neil Armstrong as we were so fascinated by him in our History lesson. We looked at his life, achievements and reasons that make him a significant explorer. In Maths this week, we have spent time focusing on our reasoning skills by applying these to a range of questions from the topics we have covered throughout the year. In Science we had a wonderful lesson exploring what rainforest habitats are like and the animals and plants that reside there. I wonder if our grown-ups know about the different layers of the rainforest - we certainly do! In PSHE this week, we have focused on the different things we can do to ensure we have a happy and healthy body. We have continued to work hard in our Computing lessons to become more efficient and confident in our use of Chromebooks. This is a wonderful opportunity to be able to practice using these before we have access to them daily in Year 3! We were also lucky enough to have Lynsey from Kingsway Church visit us on Monday; she delivered a workshop to us about the reasons Churches are sacred and special places. Another great big well done to each and every one of you Year 2 for your hard work this week. I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your families.

Miss Wilson

Year 3

This week in year 3, we have worked extremely hard to create our own fantastic stories about Mole and Ratty, two characters who embark on an adventure through the woods, only to be met by their biggest Predator, Owl. We have edited and redrafted our work, using speech marks and lots of other punctuation to make our story super exciting. In Maths, we have worked on adding and subtracting fractions within 10, and we have worked very hard to understand them! In geography, we have learnt about different Mountains all over the world, asking lots of questions and investigating how they are formed. In science, we embarked in an experiment on how water evaporates into plants, and we made predictions about what would happen if we placed a plant into coloured water. We have shown fantastic team effort, working together to create a lovely classroom environment.

Well done Year 3, have a great weekend!

Mrs Schofield

Year 4

This week year 4 have been working hard in all subjects. In Math's we have been comparing and ordering decimals. In English, we have been developing our knowledge of sentence structure and working towards creating a redraft of our short stories. In PE, we have been playing small sided cricket games which has seen our pupils show excellent teamwork and cricketing skills. In DT, we have finished making our healthy snack packaging and are hoping to invite parents in to try our snacks. This week we have also been learning whether the Vikings were the first Europeans to discover the Americas. Have a fantastic weekend.

Mr Hitch

Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have battled on with our learning despite the year 6 children commandeering our classroom for their SATs. In maths, we have revisited key concepts such as adding and subtracting decimals using a formal written method. We have consolidated our learning on this by tackling tricky word problems and solving problems with multiple possible answers. We have spent some time practising how to justify our answers. In English, we have analysed a short narrative, looking specifically at how an author uses impactful verbs carefully to influence the reader. We have planned our own examples ready for draft writing next week. In PE, we practised using all our previously learned skills in cricket by playing our first full game on the field. This week, I have awarded all certificates to all year 5 children - including those from Mrs Bateman's class - as they have continued to be excellent and coped with the change in routine amazingly!

Mr Adlington



Year 5/6

What a week! Firstly, we would like to congratulate our Year 6 children for their tireless efforts - not only this week but on the build-up to sats. You have all worked so hard and made incredible progress, we couldn't be prouder of you all. This week, Year 5 have remained incredibly busy consolidating their maths skills with a revisit of decimals, exploring how to calculate with these which can get tricky; especially in numbers with different decimal places! In English, they have enjoyed reading 'Annabel Lee' by Edgar Allen Poe; this week they have explored the themes within the poem and began comparing this with the Highwayman. In Computing, we have been learning about different camera angles and using these to start filming our own scripts. In DT this week we started to build our final product, using our sketch up designs.

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

Wow Year 6: where do I begin? You have blown me away (as always!) with your grit, determination, teamwork and ambition this week as you took on our latest challenge of the SATs tests. Seeing each of you commit to coming to school each morning, sharing breakfast and stories from your evenings and watching you work with dedication and hard work this week has filled me with absolute pride. No matter the outcome of our assessments, I want you to know I couldn't be prouder of **every** one of you. It is a privilege to be your teacher and I can't wait for the rest of this year and the learning we will do together!

A special mention must go to Mrs Drury, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Bateman for working tirelessly to support all of our children; to Mr Adlington, Miss Wilson and Mr Hitch who helped with our arithmetic club in the lead up to our SATs; to all staff who administered the papers; to all staff who came in extra early and served breakfast each day and to all parents and carers for your support - the children are very lucky to have you!

Mrs Poole



Please see below dates for the next academic year, **dates highlighted in yellow are open to parents and carers.**

If any dates change, we endeavour to give as much notice as possible!

Summer Term

Date	Event	Class
21.5.24	Y3 INSPIRE Afternoon 2:00pm	Year 3
22.5.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
23.5.24	Trip to Butterfly Garden Sheffield	Nursery
24.5.24	Break Up Today	Whole School
3.6.24	Pride Month	Whole School
10.6.24	Back to School Today	Whole School
10.6.24	Year 6 Bikability this week	Year 6
13.6.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
14.6.24	Scholastic Book Fair all week	Whole School
17.6.24	Refugee Week	Whole School
19.6.24	Y4 Trip to Murton Park	Year 4
20.6.24	Year 6 Class Assembly 2:30pm	All Year 6
20.6.24	Reception trip to Butterfly Garden Sheffield	Reception
24.6.24	Year 5 Class Assembly 2:30pm	All Year 5
01.07.24	Year 5 Camping Trip	All Year 5
3.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
3.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
8.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
10.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
11.7.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
11.7.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
11.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
12.7.24	French Day	Whole School
15.7.23	Y6 residential to PGL @ Newby Wiske, Northallerton	Year 6
17.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
18.7.24	KS1 Inspire Afternoon 2:00pm	Year 1 Year 2
20.7.24	Summer Gala	All welcome
22.7.24	Sports Day EY: 9:00am KS1: 10:30am LKS2: 1:00pm UKS2: 2:00pm	Whole School
23.7.24	Y2 Graduation 2:00pm	Year 2
24.7.24	Towngate's Got Talent	Whole School
24.7.24	Year 6 leavers fest	All Year 6
24.7.24	EY Graduation 2:00pm	Foundation
25.7.24	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 2:00pm	Year 6
25.7.24	Break Up Today	Whole School





'Towngate Pantry'



The Pantry is now open for families to access

We are here to offer a little extra help to families that may
need it

We have food supplies, clothes, uniform, shoes, toys, books
and toiletries

Please let us know if you need anything

This is a confidential service and can be accessed discreetly

We are here to help



GIRLS GOLF ROCKS

FREE GIRLS TASTER SESSION

BOOK NOW!

TASTER SESSION: 19th May

6 WEEK SESSIONS START : 2ND JUNE

2-DAY CAMP : 6TH & 7TH AUGUST

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