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Upcoming Events

Autumn Term
Begins
Thursday
3rd September 2026

October Half Term
Monday 26th October-
Friday 30th October

School closes for
Christmas
Friday 18th December

School opens for the
Spring Term
Monday 4th January
2027

Nursery News

Nursery have had a very exciting and busy summer term! During May and June, Nursery children took on the Sunflower Challenge and became sunflower experts! We explored the information on seed packets, talked about how bees help pollinate flowers and used our maths skills and 'five frames' to make sure everyone had a pot and two seeds to plant. During the challenge, we explored fruits that contained seeds and enjoyed tasting a range of exotic fruits that feature in the story 'Handas Surprise'. At the end of our challenge, we had a lovely time inviting our grown ups into school to see our wonderful art work. We took our plants home to grow in our garden.



Nursery News



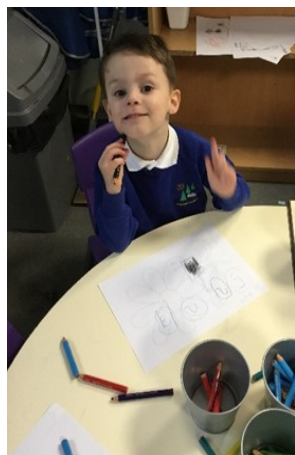
Nursery News

Charity Cake Sale

In May, Nursery made and sold cakes to raise money for our class charity, S.N.A.P. (Special Needs Adventure Playground). We were so proud of the children for raising over £80! Thank you to everyone who purchased cakes, we are grateful for your contribution.



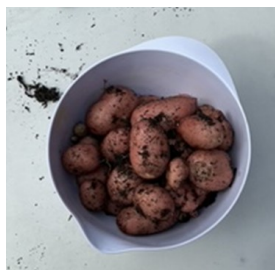
This term, we have enjoyed learning about creatures great and small. We have joined in with '30 Days Wild' and enjoyed exploring all the wonders of nature. We have hunted minibeasts, moved like animals, hugged trees and explored all of our senses on a nature walk around school.



Nursery News

Potato Update!

Nursery children have been busy growing potatoes over the summer term. They have now harvested these and have been busy deciding what to make with them.



Sports Day and Family Picnic

Lots of fun was had by all the children on our Nursery Sports Day. Congratulations to our winning team, blue team! This was followed by our first Family Picnic. It was great to see so many families stay and enjoy a picnic with their children on the field.



Nursery News

Visiting Artist

Nursery children really enjoyed their minibeast art workshop with Sophie from 'Workshops for Schools'. The children experimented with different printing techniques to create their own minibeast art. We are so proud of the art the children created, and how they conducted themselves throughout the day.



Sandpit Fun

In the Easter holidays, Nursery were very lucky as Mr Russell and Miss Davies (our site technicians), built us a brand new sandpit. We have had lots of fun playing in this, digging and building with the sand. A big thank you to Mr Russell and Miss Davies for building it for us.

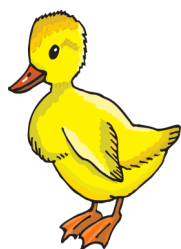
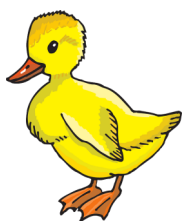
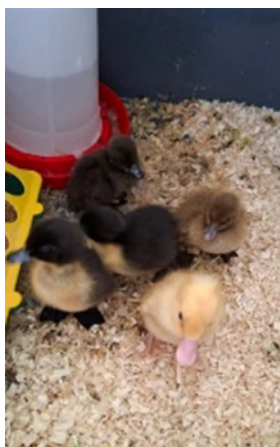


Reception News

As we come to the end of our amazing Reception year, we have been reflecting on just how much the children have experienced and achieved this term. Their confidence, curiosity and independence have grown in such wonderful ways, and we are incredibly proud of them all. Thank you to all our lovely families for your support throughout the year. It has meant so much to us and has helped make this year so special.

Our Ducklings

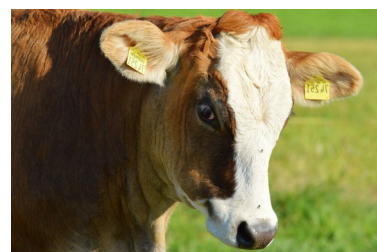
One of the most magical moments this term was watching our own duck eggs hatch in the incubator. The children were captivated as they cracked open, and they loved holding the ducklings and watching them take their very first swim. It was a truly unforgettable experience.



Reception News

Our Trip to the Farm

Our visit to the farm was a real highlight. The children enjoyed meeting a range of animals, asking questions and learning more about how they are cared for. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they explored the different areas and shared their observations with their friends.



Reception News

The Sunflower Project



This term the children have loved becoming Sunflower Experts. We began by exploring different kinds of seeds and creating our own sunflower inspired artwork. The children then planted their own seeds, made predictions about how tall they might grow and carefully watered and observed them each week. The excitement when the first shoots appeared was wonderful! The children also enjoyed talking about the life cycle of a sunflower and measuring their plants as they grew.

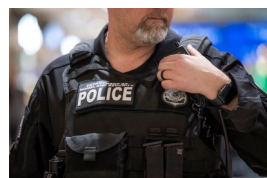


People Who Help Us

As part of our 'People Who Help Us' learning, we welcomed Nurse Annabelle and the team from Melbourne Vets into school. The children were fascinated as they explored real equipment, asked thoughtful questions and learned more about the important jobs these professionals do in our community.



We have had a wonderful term and are so proud of all of the children. Thank you for sharing this special year with us - we cannot wait to see what adventures next year brings.



Year 1 News

We had a visit from the fire fighters who showed us all their fire kit and reminded us how to stay safe on the roads. We also got to go in the fire truck and use the hose.

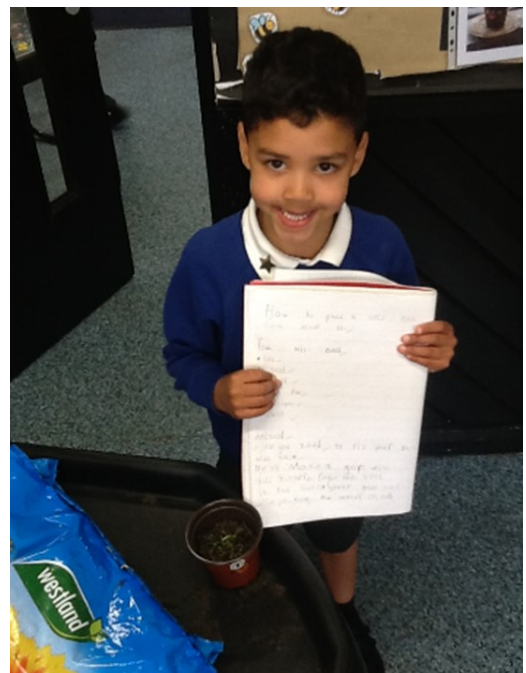


Year 1 News

In Year 1, we have been exploring capacity, using coloured water and learning the following vocabulary: full, half full, empty, nearly full, nearly empty.



We have been planting seeds and watching them grow into plants. Afterwards, we wrote a set of instructions about planting seeds.



Year 2 News

Sports Day Award

Well Done Year Two!

in our
Year Two Sports Day event.

Signed L. Buchan Date: 18.06.26



This year's Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination, and community spirit. Year 2 threw themselves into every event with enthusiasm, showing impressive cooperation and resilience from start to finish. The atmosphere on the field was electric, with cheers, encouragement, and plenty of smiles all around. It was wonderful to see so many grown ups in attendance, filling the side-lines with support and creating a truly uplifting environment for the children. A huge congratulations goes to the black team, who secured first place, but equally, a huge well done to every single child who took part.



Year 2 News



In the spring term, Year 2 rounded off their history topic on transport with an exciting and enriching visit to Cosford, where the children had the chance to explore a remarkable collection of aircraft spanning different eras. The trip offered a hands on extension to their classroom learning, allowing them to see how transport has evolved from early flying machines to the impressive aircraft we see today. The children were full of curiosity throughout the day and eagerly pointed out features they recognised, asked thoughtful questions, and made clear connections to the work they had completed earlier in the term.

We were incredibly proud of how brilliantly the children behaved throughout the day. Their enthusiasm, politeness, and engagement were noticed not only by school staff but also by museum personnel, who commented on how well they conducted themselves.



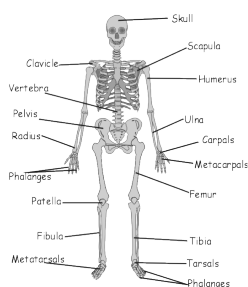
Year 3 News

30th June 2026- Year 3 Sports Day

The Year 3 children excelled themselves during our Sports Day, all showing the Five Ways' values of challenge, team work and respect. We were so proud of their attitude and achievements. Here is a little sneak peak behind the scenes before the big event, when Year 3 took part in a year group warm up, consisting of movement, stretches and positive vibes!

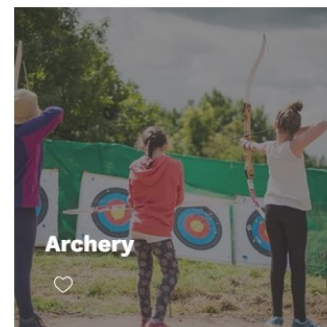


Year 3 have been learning about Humans and Animals in science this half term. Mrs Barnes' class worked hard to create these moving skeletons, making sure to piece together their skeleton accurately.



Year 4 News

Our Year 4 Residential



From Tuesday 5th May to Wednesday 6th May, Year 4 went on their first residential to Mount Cook, in Derbyshire. The children participated in a 'Roman Invader' experience. There was an exciting range of activities, including a campfire, manufacturing a leather pouch, army training as a soldier, team-building challenges with a 'Labours of Hercules' theme, siege warfare including catapults, archery, cart building and an archaeological dig. We all had a great time and the children were brilliant.

Year 4 News

The Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check



During the week beginning 8th June, all Year 4 children participated in the Multiplication Times Tables Check. We are very proud of all the children in Year 4 - they have all worked extremely hard to turn their heatmaps green, to achieve high scores on their Soundchecks and to increase their Rock Star Status. All children have shown super resilience and determination. Well done!

Year 4 Sports Day

On Tuesday 16th June, we had our Year 4 Sports Day. The children enjoyed participating in their events from the speed bounce to the long distance run event. Well done to every child who participated! We were extremely proud of your efforts and team spirits. Congratulations to the winning team, the yellow team. Please see pictured Charlie H and Megan C.



Enterprise

Year 4 have worked very hard this half-term in planning and creating products to sell at our Enterprise stalls on the 2nd July. Miss Wright's class designed and decorated biscuits in their own Minion Munchies stall, Miss Emery's class created beaded bookmarks, flour squishes and painted jars and Mr Blackburn's class organised popcorn and created bookmarks. All of Year 4 were looking forward to using their earnings on a treat for their hard work!



Year 5 Residential

On Wednesday 6th May, Year 5 travelled to Dearne Valley in Yorkshire for their residential trip. The children represented the school brilliantly and enjoyed a range of activities including zip line, leap of faith, archery, raft building and a campfire. The children demonstrated a range of skills including teamwork, communication and perseverance. The children worked in mixed squads from across all three classes and the staff who attended were extremely proud of their outstanding behaviour.

Well done Year 5!



Raft building fun!

Each team discussed and chose the design of their raft. Then, with the help of their instructors, built their raft with a series of different knots. After the construction, it was time for testing! Let's just say some children stayed drier than others!



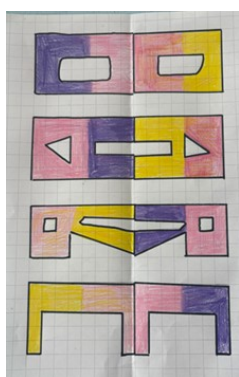
Problem solving time!

During this session, the children worked together to solve a variety of problems. The one featured opposite was a large 'see saw' that the children had to balance. It took good teamwork and clear communication to finally balance it.

Year 5 News

Symmetrical Maths

In maths this term, we have looked at the symmetry of different shapes. As a creative challenge, we decided to reflect our names.



Can you write a nail biter?

In English lessons this term, Year 5 have enjoyed reading scary stories and have discussed strategies to create suspense in their writing including short sentences, similes, describing the senses and ellipsis.

Mollie Jones wrote: 'Mrs Lindsay tiptoed quickly down the deep dark path. She felt a bit uneasy. Her heart was beating as fast as a racing car. Was something following her? Behind her, she heard tiny footsteps approaching. BANG! BANG! BANG! The footsteps were getting nearer and louder. What was she going to do? Suddenly, a dark shadow appeared in front of her...



Year 6 News

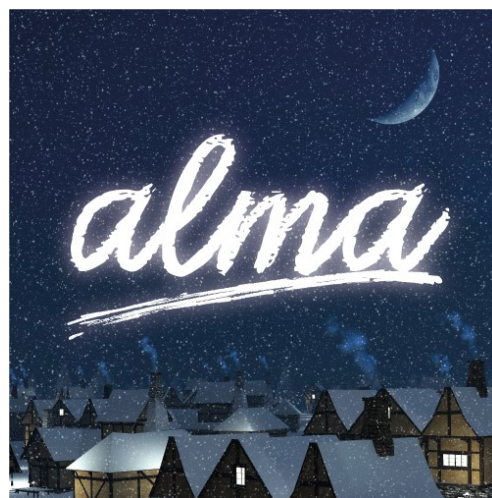
This term, our Year 6 children have been working hard to produce some outstanding pieces of writing. We have completed a unit of work based on the short film, 'Alma' which has been packed with suspense and tension. Our Year 6's have written some setting descriptions based on a scene of their choice from the film.

6HW- Nancy-Marie Holden

The ominous aura of the shop settled over the air. It was highly suspected that the obscene lack of presence was caused by the lifeless, peculiar-looking dolls, or was it because of the disturbing fact that anyone who went near it never came back?

The dolls, which looked disgustingly alike to past residents, had a questionable, vast and empty glint to their eyes. If you even dared to step foot in this shop, it was guaranteed you would slowly grow impatient upon hearing the delusional, loud-clicking of the dolls' shifting their eyes.

The heavy stinge of old, damp and dusty wood would hit your nostrils in an instant; the scent also harboured a note of something sweet like a cheap, strawberry-scented children's body mist. It was a sickening, but slightly bearable mix. It wasn't conventional that the place hadn't had a clean in years.



6LL - Elsie Sweeney

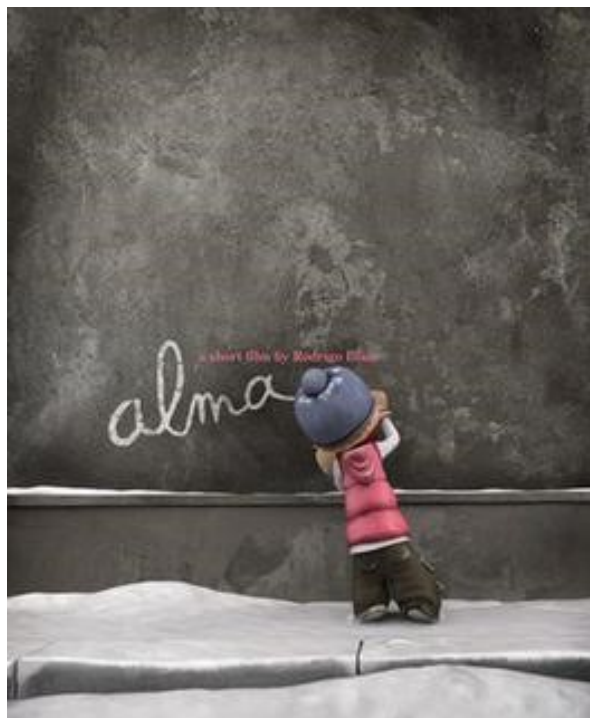
The sunlight stopped at the door, as if it was too afraid of what lurked inside - which meant the only light inside the shop was a bare, flickering bulb above the crooked, triangular table.

Around the room, hundreds of glass eyes stare blankly in the distance, belonging to untouched porcelain dolls wearing torn, dust-covered clothes. They gave off an unwanted presence, enough to send a chilling shiver down your spine and an eerie urge to spring out of the door and never look back. The occasional gust of bitterly cold air seeped through the frost-coated, cracked windows; sometimes carrying in a lone snowflake. It was cold enough to see your own breath, yet it felt impossible to shake the burning in the back of your head and the heavy feeling on your shoulders. Even with the silence, the ancient building felt alive.

6LM - Jacob Wilson

The cold, whistling wind quickly darted around the snowy street; the thick, black smoke plumed from the chimneys. The slippery, wet cobbled alley held several missing children posters, which were weathered and ripped.

On the brick, battered wall, there were hundreds of names listed with a cream-coloured chalk. Behind the filled wall, there was an antique doll shop, which was locked and sealed by an old, wooden door. The windows, that looked like a demon's mouth, had an almost exact replica of the last girl who wrote her name on the wall. The soaked doorframe outlined the shop with an ominous aura. There were thousands of creepy, porcelain dolls. What were they doing there?



The following children have achieved 100% attendance during the summer term. Congratulations!

Reception

George B-K, Harry C, Eden D, Ava F, Luna F, Niall F, Bobby H, Isla H, Dawson H, Alfie H, Harriet H, Darcy M, Lillie M, Bobby M, Margot N, Eliza P, Eden P, Edward P, Jack S, Elliot T.

Year 1

Beau A, Lewis B, Isabella B, Albert C, Jacob G, Ella H, Lucas H, Logan J, Louie L, Imogen M, Jack P, Greysen P, Archie R, Alexandra S, Charlie S, Finlay S, Luca S, Albie W, Amelia W.

Year 2

Jessia A, Edie C, Maggie C, William C, Florence C, Amelie C, Gracie C, Freddie F, Betsy G, Poppy H, Jessie-Anne J, Lorian L, Eliza L, Olivia M, Alysee Mc, Ava M, Ada P, Zara P, Toby R, Margot S, Phoebe W, Lottie W.

Year 3

Peyton B, Jack B, Georgie B, Tommy D, Rory E-A, Blake F, Amber H, Olivia H, Lily-Jane J, Georgia M, Jaxon P, Harriet R, Olivia S, Lily S, Poppy S, Theodore T.

Year 4

Lila B, Theo B, Megan C, Poppy C, Isla F, Daisy F, Charlie H, Harry H-J, Albie H, Alex H, Joseph K, Annabelle L, Freya N, Catherine N, Jake O, Ajay P, Arthur P, Arlo P, Evelyn R, Ronnie S, Orla S, Olivia W.

Year 5

Jack A, Charlotte B, Max C, Bradley C, Scarlett G, Ewan L, Harriet M, Renee Mc, George N, William P, Frankie R, Olivia R, Joel S, Freddie S, Charlie S, Alanna S, Gabriel T, Spohia W, Thomas W.

Year 6

Faith B, Liam M, Phoebe N, Milli N, Joseph P, Jessica P, Tobias P, Preah R, Harry R, Noah R, Georgia R, Daniel T, Bobby T, Esme W, Huw W.

**The following pupils have achieved 100% attendance for the WHOLE Year!
WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!**

Reception

Lillie M, Niall F, Alfie H, Eliza P, Jack S, Elliot T, Harry C, Darcy M, Eden P.

Year 1

Amelia W, Beau A, Charlie S, Isabella B, Finlay S.

Year 2

Jessica A, Eliza L, William C, Jessie-Anne J, Phoebe W, Edie C, Amelie C, Freddie F.

Year 3

Lily S, Lily-Jane J.

Year 4

Jake O, Evelyn R, Isla F, Daisy F, Joseph K, Annabelle L.

Year 5

George N, Charlie S, Ewan L, William P, Freddie S, Gabriel T, Jack A, Charlotte B.

Year 6

Jessica P, Tobias P, Harry R, Noah R, Georgia R, Huw W.

Mrs Mander would like to say...

I am extremely proud of all of the pupils at Five Ways; they have achieved so much this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for all of their support this year as well as other family members who have volunteered their time within school for the benefit of pupils. I would like to wish all Year 6 pupils good luck at their new school and hope that everyone has a lovely summer break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Thursday 3rd September.