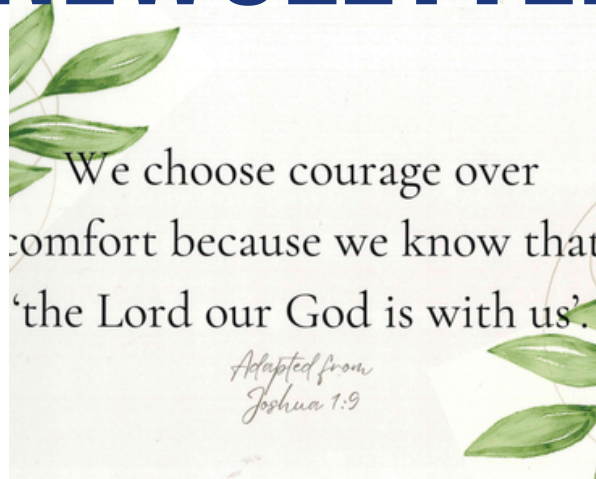


NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As we move through this term, our focus value of honesty continues to shine brightly throughout the school. Honesty is more than simply telling the truth—it's about being genuine, owning our actions, and showing integrity even when it feels difficult. In classrooms, on the playground, and in small everyday moments, I've been proud to see pupils showing honesty with kindness and courage.

This value aligns beautifully with our whole-school vision of choosing courage over comfort. Whether it's trying something new, acknowledging a mistake, or bravely speaking up for what is right, our children are learning that real courage often means stepping outside their comfort zones. We've been celebrating examples of this in assemblies, and I hope you are seeing this growing confidence and sense of responsibility at home as well.

An example of this courage over comfort being lived out is through a child in our school undertaking a swimathon in aid of Cancer Research. Noah, in Year 3, is completing this challenge on 22nd March. If you would like to donate to this good cause please follow the link https://jg.swimathon.org/fundraising/noahphillips-hayes-1772559886391tm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-EM&utm_content=MPC

I'd also like to share that our recent Pizza and Movie Night was a great success, raising approximately £600 towards our OPAL provision. We are so grateful for your support—events like this not only bring our community together but also help us continue improving the play opportunities and experiences we offer our children.

This weekend brings Mother's Day, and I'd like to take a moment to recognise the love, care, and support provided by mothers, grandmothers, carers, and all those who take on a mothering role in our children's lives. Your encouragement and guidance play an invaluable part in helping our pupils develop into thoughtful, resilient, and compassionate individuals. We hope the children enjoy celebrating you in their own special ways, and that you each feel appreciated for everything you do. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Wishing you all a restful and happy weekend.

S Pearson
Mrs Pearson
Headteacher

Church Updates

Upcoming Church events

- Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday Service, all ages welcome and flowers presented. Choir will be in attendance too.
- 30th, 31st March and Friday 3rd April, 9:00 - 3:00 Free Easter Holiday Club for children aged 5-11.
- 3rd April 9:00 - 11:00 Good Friday children's activities
- 5th April 10:00 Easter Service for all ages, including a Easter Egg Hunt
- 1st Sunday of every month - Choir in attendance at Energise.

School Dates for the Diary

- 20.04.26** - Red Nose Day
- 24.03.26** - Y1 trip to Cleethorpes
- 26.03.26** - SEND Coffee Morning
- 27.03.26** - Y6 trip to the Nottingham Tennis Centre
- 27.03.26** - Last day of term
- 13.04.26** - Return to school after Easter
- 14.04.26** - Y1 Trip to Magna
- 15.04.26** - Foundation trip to White Post Farm
- 20.04.26** - Y3 Trip Wheelgate



We seek to model to children an ethos of living well together. The flourishing of pupils goes hand in hand with the flourishing of the wider school community: staff, families, governors and friends of the school. Just as Jesus respected people by taking the time to care for them, we endeavor to:

- celebrate the Christian faith;
- foster deep respect for other cultures, faiths and traditions;
- provide an inclusive environment where special provision is afforded to those with disabilities or special educational needs; and
- challenge inequality.

"Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to..."

YR - Mrs Dubowski

It's been another exciting week for Foundation. It's British Science week! We have been palaeontologists. We learnt about dinosaurs, what a palaeontologist does and in outdoor learning we used natural materials and playdough to make our very own dinosaurs - we were so impressed at how many dinosaurs the class could name. In English we adapted The Three Little Pigs and told the tale of The Three Little Polar Bears. Foundation had great fun creating their own bad characters. They loved sharing their villains with the class and talking about how we could tell the character was a villain. They made some fantastic characters from witches to trolls to ogres - they were terrifying! In maths, we started to look at 3D shapes the class found this a challenging topic, so we investigated what 2D shapes we make using 3D shapes. This helped us to improve our understanding of both 2D and 3D shapes. The class enjoyed continuing this activity in their provision time. Our favourite activity this week was watching a show at the library. Foundation, and Year 1, were praised by the library staff for their excellent behaviour and participation - they made our school proud. We have loved the show and movie night so much, that the students have been creating their own shows for the whole class to watch and join in with.

Year 1 - Miss Bower

Year one have been planning their letters this week in English. We have been practising our adding and subtraction in maths. With it being assessment week we have done lots of phonics work and practise around this.

We have designed our boats ready to start making them next week and are very excited. We have been continuing to explore different forces in science and are getting really good at know if it is a pull or push force.

Y2 - Mrs Turvey and Mrs Marshall

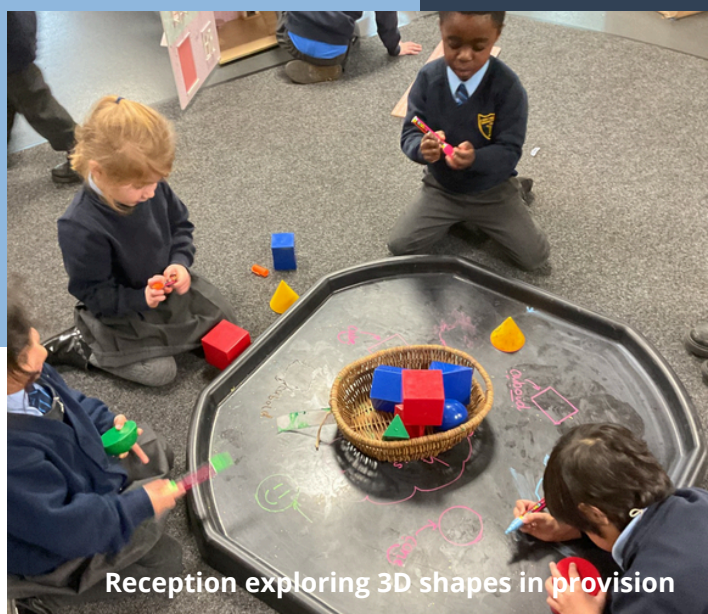
What a busy week it has been in Year 2! The children have thrown themselves into all areas of learning this week. In Maths, we've been exploring multiplication through the use of arrays. The children have been spotting patterns, building arrays with practical resources, and beginning to understand how repeated addition links to multiplication. In English, the class proudly finished their narratives inspired by James and the Giant Peach. We've started to explore the features of letters as we prepare for our next writing unit. In Art, the children have been experimenting with geometric and organic shapes in their sketchbooks. They've enjoyed comparing the two styles and using them to create interesting patterns and designs. In Provision, the class have been very creative. Children have been running their own shops and practising using money, building impressive cars from Lego, and creating artwork inspired by James and the Giant Peach. It's been lovely to see their independent ideas come to life. Next week, we'll be diving into letter writing and learning how to structure and write effective letters. In maths, we'll continue working with arrays and begin reading and interpreting multiplication questions. In science, our focus will be on outdoor learning, giving the children the chance to explore and investigate the world around them.

Y3 Miss Wain

This week in Year 3 we have completed our assessment week, and the children have worked incredibly hard! In RE we explored the events of Holy Week and thought about how Christians might have felt at each point. In Spanish we learnt the vocabulary for different colours and the children created their own page to represent this. In Computing the children began making their own Anglo-Saxon inspired PowerPoints to consolidate their learning from the previous term. In Art we looked at repeating patterns and the children drew their design for their carving tile. In Geography we explored different climate zones and where these are located around the world. As part of British Science Week the children conducted an experiment to see whether the shape of fruit and vegetables impacted the taste!



Foundation using natural materials to create their very own dinosaurs.



Reception exploring 3D shapes in provision



Reception retelling stories using their stage area.

Y4 - Miss Buckley

What a busy week we have had in Year 4! The children have worked incredibly hard throughout assessment week and have shown great focus and perseverance. In Maths, we have been learning about fractions, focusing on mixed numbers and improper fractions. The children have been exploring how these are connected and practising converting between the two, developing their confidence and reasoning when working with fractions. In English, the children completed an independent write, using persuasive language to write a letter from Cadbury's perspective arguing for the continued use of palm oil in their chocolate. This links to our Geography topic this half term, encouraging the children to think critically about different viewpoints within the sustainability debate. In Computing, the children have been developing their touch-typing skills to prepare them for more effective searching and digital work. In Art, we were introduced to Pablo Picasso and explored the style of Cubism. The children examined how faces and objects can be represented from multiple viewpoints and began experimenting with their own cubist-inspired designs. In RE, we started looking at the Easter story, focusing on the days of Holy Week and reflecting on their meaning and significance. In Music, the children began composing their own pieces inspired by Jai Ho, experimenting with different instruments and thinking carefully about rhythm, dynamics and atmosphere. In Science, we have been learning about habitats and how animals adapt to their environment, exploring how specific physical and behavioural features help living things survive.



Stepping Stones enjoying their Mellow Mondays

Stepping Stones - Miss Cave

It's been another super busy week in Stepping Stones. It has been assessment week which can always feel a little tricky. However, the children have absolutely blown us away! They have been focused and worked so hard to work through their questions and try their very best. For Mellow Monday, we baked some chocolate oat bites and we were encouraged to do this mostly independently. We collected our ingredients and followed the instructions in pairs to create some yummy bites. For our PE, we have been thinking and passing and receiving the basket alongside shooting at a target. We have shown super team work and encouragement for each others skills.



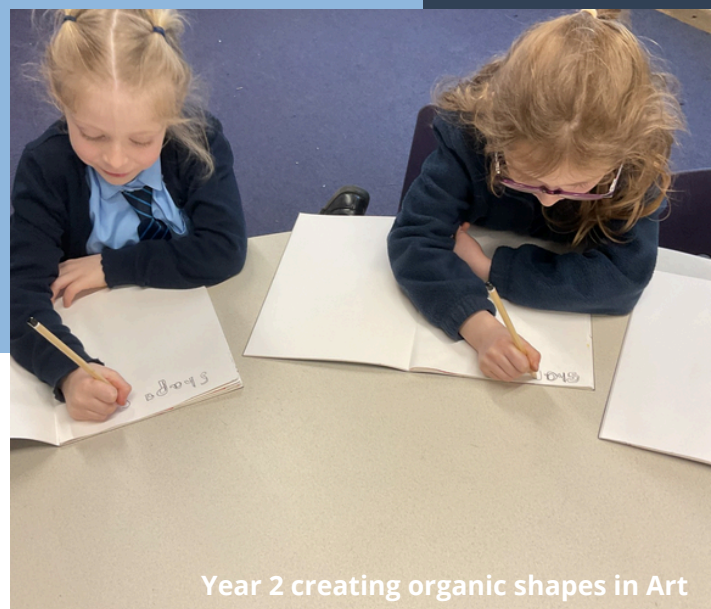
Stepping Stones enjoying their Mellow Monday

Y5 - Miss Evans

Year 5 have had a wonderfully busy and creative week. We kicked things off by taking part in British Science Week, exploring new ideas with plenty of curiosity and enthusiasm. In art, we began our new topic by experimenting with how colours can be used to express different emotions, producing some thoughtful and imaginative work. A real highlight was enjoying our Mother's Day lunch, where pupils shared a special meal with their parents and carers. We also continued developing our skills in PE, building teamwork and confidence as we progressed through our basketball unit. It's been a fantastic week of learning, celebration, and creativity.

Y6 - Mrs Woodward

Year 6 have had a really busy week completing their assessments. They have worked fantastically hard and should be extremely proud of themselves. In English, they have continued to write their narrative missing chapters and are doing a fab job at it! In RE, they have taken part in a silent debate to contest different people's ideas. In Science, they have taken part in British Science Week by exploring how the appearance of food can change the way it tastes. In Music, they have created different pieces of music using drums before evaluating their peers. In RSE, they have explored the concept of mental health before making their own posters. Next week, they are going to learn about how to find percentages of amounts and will finish their missing chapter narratives.



Year 2 creating organic shapes in Art

OPAL



Highlights

This week has seen the introduction of the fixed spinny bars in OPAL. We started the week by creating a risk, benefit assessment with the children in assembly where they thought of the benefits, risks and how they're going to manage the risks. The children were brilliant at this and have loved using them this week to hang upside down!

There's also been lots of fun in the mud pit, digging tunnels and searching for worms!

A huge thank you for all the donations this week we've had lots of scooters, cars and action figures. Please keep them coming.

Welly Award

Year 2

Golden Broom

Lottie

Reminders

Please ensure children have coats, hats and gloves as the weather turns colder.

Resources needed:

- Scooters
- Pushchairs
- Guttering
- Pine cones
- Paints