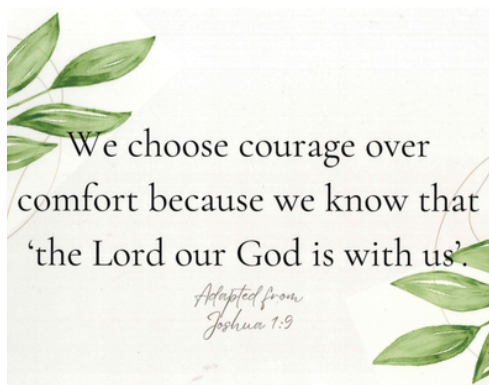


NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

This half term, our focus value has been forgiveness—a value that sits at the heart of our school community and our Christian vision. Forgiveness is not always easy, but it is something we have been actively exploring with the children: understanding that everyone makes mistakes, learning to say sorry with sincerity, and showing kindness by offering others a fresh start. I have been incredibly proud of the maturity and empathy our pupils have shown in living out this value in their friendships, learning and play.

As you will be aware, we are currently experiencing a period of extremely warm weather. Thank you for your support in ensuring children come to school prepared—with water bottles, sun hats and appropriate clothing. In school, we have been taking extra care to keep children safe by adapting activities, making use of shaded areas and ensuring regular opportunities to cool down. We continue to remind the children about listening to their bodies, staying hydrated and looking after one another during this hot spell.

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to our Sports Day next week. This is always a highlight of the school year—a wonderful opportunity to celebrate teamwork, perseverance and school spirit. We hope the weather will be kind to us, and we look forward to welcoming you to cheer the children on. Further details will be shared separately, but we are excited for what promises to be a fantastic day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we are building a community where children feel safe, valued and empowered to grow—both academically and spiritually.

With warmest wishes,

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Sarah Pearson

Headteacher

School Dates for the Diary

01.07.26 - Sports Day
03.07.26 - Ashfield Transition Day Y6
07-10.07.26 - Y6 Bikeability
14.07.26 - Whole School Transition Day
14-15.07.26 - Quarrydale Transition Y6
16.07.26 - Reserve Sports Day
17.07.26 - Ethic of Excellence Assembly
20.07.26 - Y6 Performance (2:00 and 5:00)
21.07.26 - Whole School Picnic (pm)
22.07.26 - Y6 Leavers Service at Church
23.07.26 - Whole School Transition Day
24.07.26 - **LAST DAY OF TERM**



Forgiveness

Faults, flaws, and mistakes are an unavoidable part of human life. Though Jesus preached the importance of repentance, even in moments of great personal torture, he prayed for forgiveness for his tormentors. Therefore, in our family, we seek to:

- hold ourselves and others accountable for our/their actions;
- have a robust approach to dealing with situations when things go wrong;
- repent when we fall short of our own and others' expectations; and
- forgive others for their indiscretions.

"If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him."

YR - Mrs Dubowski

It's hot, hot hot! Don't worry, Foundation have become experts at staying cool and safe in the heat as we have been learning about and practicing sun safety. We have been taking extra good care ourselves with regular class snack and water breaks, learning how to correctly apply our own sunscreen and having provision outside in the shade, when the classroom is at its warmest. In English, we have been learning about wild animals to help us answer animal riddles. The class were very good at recalling their knowledge, which helped them to solve all the riddles. In maths, we have been looking at positional language. We have been using our small world area to build and replicate, as well as use positional language to explain what is happening in the scene. We are very proud of Foundation - they have done their last set of phonics assessments, whilst battling the heat, and shown a great improvement. They should be very proud of their achievements, whilst in Foundation!

Year 1 - Miss Owen

This week, our Year 1 class has been busy with a range of exciting learning activities. In maths and reading, the children completed their assessments, all of the children tried really hard on these and we are very proud of them. In writing, they created instructions to explain how to make toast, focusing on clear sequencing and simple sentences. The class also developed their computing skills by learning how to safely log in to Purple Mash. In music, the children enjoyed being creative by composing a short piece inspired by Yellow Submarine. It has been a wonderful week of learning and creativity!

Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Year 2 have been working incredibly hard this week while also trying to keep cool in the warm weather! We have been making sensible choices, including regular water breaks and enjoying a mix of calm, creative activities indoors and in shaded areas.

In English, the children have completed some fantastic independent writing. They designed their own mythical creatures, thinking carefully about their appearance, powers and personalities, before writing detailed descriptions. We have been very impressed with their creativity and use of adventurous vocabulary, and the children were proud of their finished pieces.

Next, we are excited to begin creating our own Gods and Goddesses, inspired by our learning about Greek mythology. We are looking forward to seeing even more imaginative ideas.

In provision, the children have continued their learning through a range of engaging activities. To help stay cool, we have enjoyed lots of water play alongside art and creative opportunities. Many children have chosen to explore Greek mythical creatures further through drawing, making and small world play.

It has been a busy and enjoyable week, and we are proud of how well the children have kept motivated despite the heat.

Y3 - Miss Bower

Year three have been busy this week, we have been doing assessment for maths and reading. In English we have been writing an information text about The Lion the witch and the wardrobe, we have planned, written and edited this week. In science we have been looking at the different environments that different plants grow in and what they need to be able to grow. In history we have been researching the effect the battle of Hastings had on England. We have been composing a piece of music in the style of Vivaldi, we will be practising this over the coming week before performing at the end of the term. Next week we will be moving on to time in maths.



Y4 - Miss Buckley

What another busy and productive week we've had in Year 4! It has been assessment week, and the children have worked incredibly hard across all subjects, especially in the heat—we are very proud of their resilience, focus and positive attitudes. We've ensured regular breaks and time in the shade to support wellbeing. In Maths, we explored statistics through bar charts; in English, we completed and published our Tudor adventure stories; and in Science, we recapped learning about the human body and blood vessels. Computing focused on data collection through avatar creation, while in Geography children applied their map-reading skills to plan a route to Sutton Lawn. In RE, we compared pilgrimages across different faiths and created informative double-page spreads, and in Spanish we developed reading skills around family vocabulary. Music lessons saw us refining recorder compositions inspired by Blackadder, Art focused on detailed self-portraits, and in PE we developed accuracy in cricket through bowling practice, showing great determination and teamwork throughout.

Y5 - Mrs Marshall

Yeah 5 have been busy again this week. We have completed our assessment week with our maths reasoning paper and SPaG papers. In English, we have completed War Horse and have been exploring what an auction is through drama activities. We have also looked at an example text to support us in writing our alternative ending to our narrative based on the events of War Horse. In maths, we have been practising coordinated and have been growing our understanding of how to work out and plot these. In computing, the children have been creating quest games. They have loved creating challenges and playing their friend's games. In art, Y5 have completed their final outcomes of horse portraits using sketching pencils and water colours. Next week, the class will be planning and starting to write their alternative endings in English and will continue to explore coordinates in maths. In science, the class will continue to explore changes which occur as we age. In RE, we will continue to explore the life of William Booth and how his religion impacted on his life.

Stepping Stones

It's been a busy and warm week in Stepping Stones! It has been assessment week, and we have been incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked, especially in such high temperatures. They have shown fantastic resilience, determination and focus, giving everything their best effort and supporting one another along the way. Despite the challenges of the heat, their positive attitudes and perseverance have truly shone through, and they should all feel extremely proud of what they have achieved. Each morning we've made sure to start our mornings with calming activities such as play dough, colouring or collaborative games.

In the afternoons, we made sure to balance this hard work with opportunities to relax, cool down and enjoy some memorable shared experiences. The children loved taking part in teamwork games in the shade, where laughter, collaboration and encouragement were in abundance. We also enjoyed refreshing cold water foot baths, which quickly became a favourite way to cool off, alongside plenty of well-deserved ice lollies. These special moments created a lovely end to each day, giving the children the chance to unwind, build friendships and make happy memories together. It has been a week full of effort, resilience and joy, and we couldn't be prouder of them all.

Y6 - Mrs Woodward

Year 6 have had a brilliantly productive week, throwing themselves into every subject with real focus and creativity. In English, they finished their narratives inspired by Macbeth, fully immersing themselves in the story and working incredibly hard to craft powerful, atmospheric writing. In Art, they produced their own pieces influenced by William Haskell, experimenting confidently with materials such as oil pastels and watercolours to create expressive, textured work. Their Science lessons took them into the world of distillation and chromatography, exploring how mixtures can be separated through careful investigation. In Geography, they continued their study of China and deepened their understanding of globalisation and its impact on the modern world. Looking ahead, next week they will begin their exciting DT unit, where they will upscale and transform their own pieces of clothing into something new and unique.



Year 5 producing final outcomes in art



Year 5 enjoying a cool in the heat



Stepping stones calming activities

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Highlights

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Welly Award

Year 4

Golden Broom Award

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Resources needed:

- Plants
- Compost
- Scooters
- Prams
- Babies
- Barbies
- Dinosaurs

Reminders – as the weather turns warmer, please ensure children have a sun hat and sun cream applied before the start of the school day. Also, please make sure they have a waterproof jacket or puddle suit - just in case it rains!