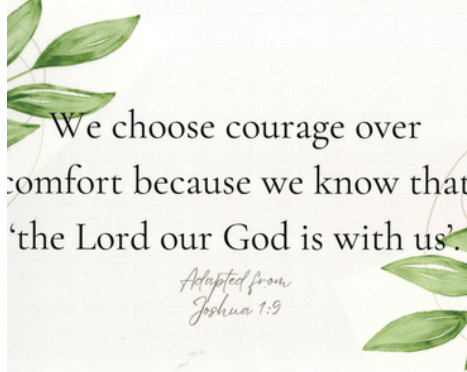


NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of Spring Term 2! I hope you all enjoyed a restful half-term break. It has been wonderful to see the children return full of energy and ready for the exciting weeks ahead. With Easter just around the corner, this half term promises plenty of learning, celebration, and opportunities to shine.

Our New Value of the Half Term: **Honesty**

This half term, our school value focus is **Honesty**. We will be exploring what honesty looks like in our daily school life—being truthful, taking responsibility, and choosing to do the right thing even when it feels difficult. Please do reinforce this value at home as we work together to help our children grow into kind, responsible young people.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

A reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We are looking forward to a joyful day with a range of story telling activities on offer. Costumes can be simple or homemade—creativity is very welcome!

Uniform Reminder

As we settle back into routine, please take a moment to ensure children are attending school in the correct uniform. Thank you for your continued support in helping maintain our high standards.

Thank you for your continued support as we begin another busy and exciting half term. As always, if you have any questions or need support with uniform or upcoming events, please do get in touch with the school office.

Warm regards,

S Pearson
Mrs Pearson

Boys' Uniform	Girls' Uniform	PE Uniform
Navy blue v-necked sweatshirt	Navy blue v-necked sweatshirt or cardigan	White t-shirt or polo shirt
Sky blue shirt	Sky blue shirt	Navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms
School tie	School tie	Suitable trainers
Grey trousers or tailored shorts	Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore	Plimsolls
Black shoes	Grey or black tights	
Wellington boots	Black shoes	
School fleece (optional; removed during lesson time)	Wellington boots	
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Church Updates

Upcoming Church events

- 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.

School Dates for the Diary

- 02.03.26** - PGL (Year 5)
- 05.03.26** - World Book Day
- 10.03.26** Pizza and Movie Night
- 13.03.26** - Mother's Day Lunch
- 24.03.26** - Y1 trip to Cleethorpes
- 27.03.26** - Y6 Nottingham Tennis Centre
- 27.03.26** - Last day of term
- 13.04.26** - Return to school after Easter



An honest person makes a habit of making accurate, trustworthy statements about life, self, others, and God; they represent themselves just as they are and tell others the truth about themselves. That said, the Bible tells us that honesty should always be accompanied by gentleness (Colossians 4:6). With this in mind, we strive to build kind and trusting relationships by:

- speaking and acting with integrity;
- ensuring that children have a strong voice in every aspect of school life, and acting on this; and
- working openly with others, even when messages might be difficult to give or receive.

"And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

YR - Mrs Dubowski

We've had a fantastic first week back! Foundation have really enjoyed diving into their new Literacy topic; traditional tales. They have especially loved their school trip to Perlethorpe, where they were able to act out the tale of The Three Little Pigs and The Billy Goats Gruff. We saw some impressive reading skills and saw that there were some budding actors in the class. We also enjoyed building shelters for animals. We thought about, what kind of home our animal lived in and the food it needed to eat. We were so impressed with how well the class listened and joined in with every activity with enthusiasm. We have begun looking at the number 9 and 10. We have thought about the various ways we can explain whether something is 9 or 10 using our understanding of addition, subtraction and subitizing. We have also introduced a new area in provision - the woodwork area. We have discussed health and safety and thought about why it is important to respect these rules and how they keep everyone safe. In phonics, the students have started to learn more digraphs, and we have begun handwriting sessions to help us improve our phonics and fine-motor skills.

Year 1 - Miss Bower

Year one have had a fantastic week this week, we have done a published piece of writing in English and will be moving on to a letter next week. In maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction in maths this week and we are super at this now!! In DT we have been looking at different parts of sail boats and what materials we could use to make them. In geography we have been recapping the compass points and using these to navigate our classroom. In PE we have been looking at dribbling in basketball, we are going to keep practising this.

Y2 - Mrs Turvey and Mrs Marshall

Year 2 have had a lovely first week back after the half term. We have been working towards being more creative in our continuous provision time and we have seen the creation of Eifel Towers, zoo's, shoe shops, e-books on Purple Mash and stage performances too! It has been lovely to see they class embracing their choosing time and challenging themselves further. In English, we have been exploring 'James and the Giant Peach' through reading, predicting and drama activities. Next week, we will be starting to write our narrative story linked to our text too. In Maths, we have continued to explore money. We have been adding pence and pounds to find out amounts and have explored being able to add pence together to make the same amount in different ways. In P4C, we have explored the story of Elmer, which we first looked at in Year 1. We have been celebrating our differences. We started our new art topic this week which is linked to the artist Quentin Blake. We have practised and recapped mixing primary colours and secondary colours to create tertiary. Next week, we will be moving onto multiplication and division in maths and we will start to explore Times Table Rock Stars to support with this too!

Y3 Miss Wain

This week in Year 3 we have completed our learning on fractions and are going to begin looking at length and measurement. In English we have completed an independent write and are going to begin our new novel next week. In RE we looked at the Big Frieze and the order this goes in. We created a timeline in our books to represent it. In Computing we looked at adding media to our 'All About Me' PowerPoints and making the slides transition in and out. In P4C we looked at consent and the different ways we are able to give and refuse this. In Art we began creating our own ornamental patterns, patterns we could use for decoration. In Spanish we played Bingo! to recap our classroom language learning. The children had remembered lots!



Year 2 exploring the art area in continuous provision



Year 2 enjoying their continuous provision



Children loving the mud in OPAL

Y4 - Miss Buckley

What a great first week back we have had in Year 4!

In Maths, we have been finishing our unit on length and perimeter, applying our knowledge to polygons and rectilinear shapes. The children have been carefully measuring, calculating, and reasoning about how to find the perimeter of more complex shapes. In English, we began thinking about writing a persuasive letter to Cadbury about their use of palm oil in chocolate. This links closely to our Geography topic this half term. The children are incredibly passionate about saving orangutans and promoting more sustainable chocolate, and they are already generating strong arguments and persuasive language ready for drafting. In Computing, the children have been developing their touch typing skills to prepare them for more effective and efficient 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 thinking about tints in the artwork. 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.



Team work in Year 2s construction area.

Stepping Stones - Miss Cave

It's been a busy week in Stepping Stones again! Mellow Monday included our first basketball session with Mr Baxter and then we baked some yummy bumblebee cookies! We carefully decorated them which took lots of patience and perseverance. In English, we have been reading the story 'The Jungle Book'. We created an Imaginary Community in our classroom where we used lots of fabrics and props to create our own jungle. It had lots of features such as a secret treehouse, a waterfall, a river, a log pile and a chimpanzee habitat among many other animal habitats. After that, we have thought about the feelings and emotions of the main character Mowgli throughout the story. We used lots of vocabulary such as 'apprehensive' and 'brave' to describe him.

Y5 - Miss Evans

Year 5 have had a busy and exciting week of learning. The children have been diving into their biography unit by exploring the fascinating life of Queen Victoria, discovering how she shaped Britain during her long reign. In science, they carried out a hands-on investigation into soluble and insoluble materials, testing different substances to see which would dissolve in water and discussing why these changes happen. They also continued their work in music, looking closely at the song Consider Yourself from Oliver! and exploring its meaning, themes, and the emotions it tries to convey. It's been a wonderful mix of history, science, and the arts, and the children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout.



Stepping Stones cookie designs

Y6 - Mrs Woodward

Year 6 have had a brilliant week which started with some digging in the mud put on Monday as a hook session to their new novel of Holes. Afterwards, they analysed a missing chapter narrative before choosing to focus on accurately describing to show not tell and the use of dialogue. In Maths, they have been learning how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1,000 before multiplying and dividing decimals. In RE, they have explored the resurrection of Jesus and considered how this gives people hope. In P4C, they have discussed the topic of consent. In Art, they have continued with their self portraits from last term as they want to perfect them. Next week, they are going to plan and begin to write their own narrative based on the missing chapter of holes from the perspective of Stanley.



Stepping Stones basketball session

OPAL



Highlights

This week in OPAL featuring warm weather and the sun! Finally, the sun came out for OPAL this week. It's been lovely to see the children enjoying the areas in the sunshine! Lots of children have enjoyed swinging and practising hanging upside down on the trapeze swing. The fixed bars are ready to be secured and awaiting a final delivery and then they'll be further opportunities to spin and hang upside down which we're very much looking forward to!

The children have continued to play cooperatively in the zoned area for balls and we're so proud of how all age groups are mixing and creating games together!

The stage is very near to completion which will give us a performance area and then our next project is to create a much larger water play area!



Welly Award

Year 1

Golden Broom

Alicja

Reminders

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

Resources needed:

- Scooters
- Trikes
- Bikes
- Pram
- Pallets
- Benches
- Guttering
- Bark