

Newsletter 07/11/25



Children who demonstrate an acceptable standard of behaviour are awarded points. To be awarded a point the children would have to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing.

This week **381** children have been GREEN all week.

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see all of the children back at school this week and getting straight back into their learning. Please keep an eye out for the link to be able to book your child's Parent's Evening slot which has gone live this week. Next week, is Anti-bullying week so the children can come in odd socks on Monday to celebrate that we are all different.

A reminder also that there are school photos next Tuesday and we will be also celebrating Remembrance Day.

Upcoming Dates

10/11 – Wear Odd Socks Day (Anti-bullying week)
 11/11 – School Photo Day
 12/11 – 1KR Stay and Read
 12/11 – Wakefield Parent/Carer Forum
 Coffee Morning @9am Sports Hall
 13/11 – 6SW Stay and Read
 13/11 – Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop @9am
 17/11 – Children In Need
 (Non-uniform day £1 Donation)
 19/11 – 1JS Stay and Read
 19/11 – Parents' Evening
 20/11 – 6SC Stay and Read
 20/11 – Flu Immunisations
 25/11 – Nursery Stay and Read
 8.30am and 12.15pm

26/11 – RRS Stay and Read
 03/12 – REH Stay and Read
 09/12 – Reception Christmas Stay and Create @8.30am
 09/12 – Nursery Christmas Stay and Create @8.30am and 12.15pm
 10/12 – 2LR Stay and Read
 10/12 - Christmas Fayre
 11/12 – 4NR Stay and Read
 11/12 – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Songs and Crafting @2pm
 16/12 – Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert and Crafts @2pm
 17/12 – Year 5 and 6 Christmas Concert and Crafts @2pm
 17/12 – Bedtime Stories
 19/12 – Break Up
 05/01 – Return to School
 09/01 - Inset Day

Stars of the week

NURSERY AM- Elsie. H! For completing an amazing story map with Miss Gardom. Listening and trying her best to remember all the story language.

NURSERY PM - Viny. T! For being the best, he can be. Doing great listening and taking part in all our activities.

RRS- Evie for giving 100% in every lesson.

REH- Konnie for having a positive attitude to learning.

1KR-Leila for being such a fantastic role model to her peers every single day.

1JS- Bentley for being a superstar all week showing a positive attitude to school.

2KW- Jacob W for the effort he has been putting into his independent work and also for showing green behaviour this week.

2LR- Mila S. She has impressed me with all her knowledge and inquisitiveness during our Great Fire of London topic.

3ED- Blake for always trying so hard in every subject and being an amazing example to others.

3SF- Lottie for always trying super hard in every lesson and setting a fabulous example of green behaviour to the rest of the class. Well done, Lottie

4EC- Korbyn E for amazing work this week, your writing is improving so much! I am so proud of you, keep it up!

4NR- Rebecca D for always having a smile on her face and being a kind and good friend to her peers.

5KR- Ella for always working hard and big improvements in handwriting.

5CT- Robert Z for showing interest in all his learning and being proud when achieving tasks! It has been great to see you shine this week!

6SW- Gracie for her determination in Maths this week!

6SC- Kristofers for his great work dividing fractions.



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been enjoying sharing stories of our Halloween break and the time they have spent with their families. With Bonfire night being this week we have been making firework pictures and creating our own fireworks and sparklers to be imaginative with whilst reinforcing the fire safety rules. The children have all been very careful holding their 'sparklers' so that no one got burnt because they are very hot. It was lovely to catch up with them on Thursday and hear that they kept themselves safe whilst enjoying the shows the grown-ups put on. This week we have also been learning a little bit about 'Remembrance' as we have started to create poppies in preparation for next week. In Maths this week we have been learning all about Number 1, the quantity, the numeral and using our subitising skills. In Phonics this week we have been tuning our ears back into learning after a week off, listening for sounds and completing activities.



Reception

We've had a fantastic week in reception getting to know our new story 'Whatever next!'. We built rockets from cardboard boxes for baby bear to go to the moon and even dressed up in space suits so we could be astronauts too! We've started getting to know our new artist Andy Godsworthy and have been collecting autumn leaves to make some nature pictures ourselves.

In maths we have been learning about 1 more than and 1 less than and have been exploring the composition of numbers to 3.

Our phonics sounds this week are:
J v w x

Our word of the week is:
Longing

1KR

1KR have had a wonderful first week back, it has been a busy one and has absolutely flown by! In writing we have started to explore our new text 'The Gruffalo Child'. We have enjoyed reading the text and writing adjectives to describe.

In Maths we have been using number lines to subtract numbers within 10 and 20.

Our curriculum learning this week has been to find out about transport and vehicles from the past and how they have changed. We have enjoyed comparing old and new vehicles and even learned different types of transport!



1JS

We have had a lovely first week back. We are starting lots of new things with our learning.

Our new writing focus is all about the Gruffalo and in maths, we have started to use subtraction in our number sentences. We are having our PE lessons with Elite coaching this half term and the children have really enjoyed this so far. Our history focus is about transport through the ages, and we have started to look at modern day vehicles as well as ones from the past. We have created some lovely artwork for Remembrance day where we collected leaves from outside and painted them red to make a huge poppy. We will change reading books for this week and remember that there's also online books on Oxford owl. You will find the log in details for this in your child's reading record.

2KW

This week Year 2 have been learning about the timeline of events during the great fire of London. They have learnt about some of the reasons that the fire spread so quickly and will soon use this knowledge to compare the buildings in the past to the buildings that we have now. In PE the children have been learning different balances for gymnastics and have learnt about how they can safely make different shapes with their bodies. In Maths we have continued to learn how to subtract two-digit numbers including an exchange.



2LR

What an amazing first week back Year 2 have had! They have all come in beautifully and it has been lovely to see them back with their friends after the week off. In History, we have started to looking at what caused the Great Fire of London. In Writing, we are also looking at poetry based around the fire and the disaster it caused. In PE, we have started our gymnastics topic. This week, we have looked at creating shapes and balances to create a sequence. In RE, we are looking at why Jesus is important to Christians.



3ED

In reading, we explored the powerful poem *The Tyger* by William Blake. We read it closely, answering test-style questions and creating striking illustrations to bring the poem to life.

In science, we began our new topic on the human body, discovering why we need a skeleton and how it helps us move, grow and stay strong. We also created thoughtful 'Stop Bullying' posters, sharing important messages about kindness and respect.

We had a fantastic time during our Stay and Read session, sharing stories and enjoying reading with our parents.



3SF

What a fantastic first week back for Autumn Term 2! Year 3 have settled in beautifully and shown super green behaviour along with excellent listening skills.

In reading, we have been exploring the poem 'Tyger Tyger' by William Blake. The children have been working hard to visualise the poems imagery in their minds and have created some wonderful drawings to help deepen their understanding of the text.

In maths, we have now finished our unit on addition and subtraction. The class worked incredibly hard throughout the topic and did brilliantly in their end of test unit. Well Done year 3.

In Writing, we have been building exciting word banks full of nouns, adjectives and verbs to describe a dragon. The children have come up with so many imaginative ideas – we cant wait to see how they use them in their upcoming writing!

4EC

A fantastic first week back for 4EC! In reading, we have been looking at a text on the sun, preparing us for the next chapter in our text Iron Man. We have learnt some interesting facts and made some fabulous predictions! Our maths topic has looked at dividing by 10 and 100 and I have been blown away by our efforts. In science, we have started looking at food chains. We have learnt what it means to be a producer, prey and predator and have debated whether animals can be both. Lastly, we have started Geography this term with looking at the map of North America, we have located different countries and of course had a sing song to the continent's song! Have a lovely weekend everyone!

4NR

A busy week in 4NR, we started our Geography unit on North America the children really enjoyed searching our maps to find different areas in North America. In R.E we started looking at what right and wrong and how our own values make us do the right thing. A great first week back!



5KR

This week, we have been straight back into hard work. In reading, we have completed some SATs style questions based on a text that links to our whole class text. We have looked at humorous characters and evidence in our text, which makes it humorous. In maths, we have continued our multiplication topic with multiplying a 4 digit by a 1 digit and multiplying a 2-digit by a 2-digit looking at place value. In writing, we have started a new unit of overcoming a monster and we looked at poems, which would link to this. We have looked at myths and how these link to our monster text. In Science, we have looked at the human life cycle and the different stages. We then had the opportunity to act out each life cycle and describe what happens at each stage. In Art, we looked at the Greek potter Exekias and the amphoras (2 handed pots) that he created. We discovered that he didn't sign his work and discussed reasons for this. In French, we started our new unit of Les Glaces (ice cream) and we were introduced to do some new vocabulary.



5CT

In maths we have been developing our knowledge of the short multiplication and multiplying a 4 digit by a 1-digit number, this allowed the children to have a secure foundation before we move onto multiplying a number by a 2 digit. In Reading, we have been continuing our adventure into Elliot's world and have been introduced to two sisters - Aphrodite and Athene - looking at their relationship and how Elliot feels about their help. In writing, we gave them some creative freedom in their cold write, to create a descriptive piece of writing based on a picture for their stimulus. Some of their writing was brilliant and included so many different writing techniques it was a pleasure to read them! In our afternoons, we have been starting our new topics. Geography we looked at how mountains are formed and finding six-figure references of maps. What a great first week back!



6SW

This week has been an exciting start to the term! Our **cooking session** this week was all about **bean burgers**.

We discovered how nutritious they are, packed with **protein, fibre, and vitamins**, and practised our cooking skills by preparing them from scratch — they were delicious! In **PE**, we began our new **gymnastics unit**, focusing on balance and control. Finally, we took part in special **Remembrance-themed activities**, creating thoughtful art pieces to honour those who have served and sacrificed.



6SC

Welcome back! We've had a fantastic first week of the new half term, diving straight into some exciting learning across all subjects. Our Reading lessons have taken a more mysterious turn as we've explored the symbolism of dreams in our class text. The children have been thinking deeply about what dreams might represent and how authors use them to reveal hidden meanings or foreshadow what is to come. Finally, in Classroom Kitchen, we've had a mouth-watering time making delicious homemade beanburgers. The children worked brilliantly together - measuring, mixing, shaping, and (of course) tasting their creations! It's been a busy and brilliant start to the half term and I'm sure it will continue in this way - after all Christmas is coming and there's always lots to fit in!



Simpson's Lane Academy Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child or member of staff, please contact one of our safeguarding team. Our safeguarding leads are –

Mr Colley (Head of Academy DSL)

Mrs Silburn (Well-being Lead and Deputy DSL)

Mrs Ellis (Vice Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Coopey (Assistant Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Simpson (Attendance Officer and Deputy DSL)