

## Newsletter 27/03/26



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 **385** children have been GREEN all week.

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow what a half term! We wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the parents and carers for all of the support we have received over this last half term. The children have made wonderful progress and we look forward to seeing them back next half term. Just a reminder that we are saying goodbye to Miss Harris today who is leaving to have a baby and Mr Pegg who is retiring. We wish them all of luck in the future.

Happy Easter and have a great holiday.

### Upcoming Dates

27/03 – Break Up  
13/04 – Return to School  
15/04 – 2LR Stay and Read  
16/04 – 6SW Stay and Read  
20/04-24/04 -Year 5 Residential to Dallow Gill  
22/04 – 2KW Stay and Read  
23/04 – 6SC Stay and Read  
29/04 – 1KR Stay and Read  
30/04 - 5CT Stay and Read  
06/05 – 1JS Stay and Read  
07/05 – 5KR Stay and Read

11/05-14/05 – Year 6 SATS Week  
19/05 – Year 6 School Trip to Eden Camp  
20/05 – Year 1 School Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park  
20/05 – RRS Stay and Read  
21/05 – Year 3 School Trip to Cannon Hall Farm  
21/05 – 4NR Stay and Read  
22/05 – Break Up  
02/06 – Return to School  
17/06 – Reception Class School Trip to Cannon Hall Farm  
18/06 – Year 4 School Trip to Eureka  
25/06 – Year 6 School Trip to Alton Towers

### Stars of the week

**NURSERY AM-** All the children! For being such good motivators for each other this term. For helping each other be the best they can be and for sharing our enthusiasm for fun and learning!

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**RRS-** Rosie for brightening up everyone's day!

**REH-** All REH for everybody for a fantastic year so far in Reception!

**1KR-** Annie for her wonderful, innovated story.

**1JS-** Erika G for always trying so hard with all her learning.

**2KW-** Florence for working hard on her reading paper and trying her best.

**2LR-** Mary Ellen. She has made me laugh so much this week and she has worked hard on quartering in Maths.

**3ED-** Poppy for showing fantastic newfound confidence in maths this week – well done!

**3SF-** The whole class! They have really impressed me with their excellent green behaviour all week. Have a lovely Easter holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone back next term!

**4EC-** Serenity H-S, for working super hard with her handwriting, and for sharing her love for reading in the library! Well done Serenity, keep it up!

**4NR-** Ellie- Lou for always trying hard in her learning and showing green behaviour. Ellie-Lou is a kind, polite and fantastic role model. Well done!

**5KR-** Adrian for working so hard in his tests and performing really well in them!

**5CT-** Riley-May she has been smashing her writing, using lots of different writing techniques and she has had such a positive attitude towards her learning over the last half term! Well done!

**6SW-** Alfie K for his formality in Writing pieces.

**6SC-** Harley for his improved resilience over the last few weeks.

### Nursery

This week Nursery have been very busy learning about 'Life cycles'. We transformed our story map into the life cycle of a sunflower. We have also been observing the chicks alongside Reception class. The children have been so excited to watch what happens to different living things over time. We also looked at our own life cycle! Our amazing grown-ups brought in pictures from when we were little and the children played guess who! We spoke about being a baby and growing up. Some of the boys and girls spoke about what they might do when they are older as well. They recognised that changes happen over different amounts of time and the most important part is to enjoy life and be patient for the exciting things to happen!



Our favourite part of the week has been spending time with our classroom with our grown-ups at Stay and Create! We love to share our things with them its always fun to be together! We hope you have the most amazing Easter Break at home, cant wait to see you for Summer Term in Nursery!

### Reception

What a wonderful final week it has been in Reception before Easter! At the start of the week the children enjoyed having their grownups into their classrooms to show off their creative skills- and what amazing easter decorations you made! We also said goodbye to our baby chicks who we hatched last week; the children were naturals at caring for them and have enjoyed observing them, watching them grow and even getting to hold them. In maths we have been learning about 3D shapes and have enjoyed exploring their faces. In provision the children explored 3D shapes with curved edges and flat edges to choose the best shapes to build a tower. In phonics we have been reviewing our previously learned sounds over the half term. In handwriting we have been learning number formation; the numbers we have focused on were 3 4 and 5

Well, done Reception on your wonderful year so far. I have really enjoyed getting to know your amazing, unique personalities this year- your new teacher is very lucky to have you! Have a great Easter!- Miss Harris x

### 1KR

This week 1KR enjoyed cooking vegetable pasta in classroom kitchen, we boiled, chopped, fried and even tasted new foods. We used courgettes, onions, mushrooms, peppers and baby corn!

In our writing we enjoyed writing our final wishing tale piece. In our reading we have completed our whole class text Bog Baby and sequenced the events and discussed our favourite parts of the text.

Have a fantastic easter year 1 and I cannot wait to see you all in Summer 1.



### 1JS

This final week of the Spring term has been a very busy but exciting one. We finished our class reading text 'The Bog Baby' and with that came his release back into the wild. I'm sure your children will tell you all about it.

Maths has been all about addition and subtraction, consolidating number facts within 20 using a range of manipulatives as well as trying to recall those facts from memory. In writing, we had our Shakespeare Week and the children enjoyed learning the story of The Tempest and dramatising parts of it. We have been using the Beebots to learn all about programming and algorithms, making them move from one place to another. Happy Easter to everyone and we hope you have a lovely break.



## 2KW

This week Year 2 have been printing onto fabric using sponges and stencils in to make their final piece in the style of Henri Matisse. In RE they have finished their unit on belonging and have discussed the similarities and differences between religions. As well as this they have celebrated Shakespeare week by writing an invitation to a ball like the one in Romeo and Juliet. Lots of the children were excited to see the chicks that hatched in Early Years this week and had the opportunity to hold or stroke them.



## 2LR

What an amazing last week we have had! The children have loved designing their own beebot mats in Computing and adding obstacles to the mat. They then used different algorithms to get to different places on the mat. In Maths, we have looked at position and direction. This including moving left to right and turning clockwise and anticlockwise. In Art, we have used stencils to print on fabric. Next term the children will sew and work together to create bunting themed around Mexico. In Writing, it has been Shakespeare week and we have looked at Romeo and Juliet. We have looked at attending a ball and we have been writing invitations to invite different teachers to our ball.

## 3ED

It has been a very busy and exciting final week! We had a special visit from the chicks who have been living in reception. Everyone was incredibly sensible, and we were even lucky enough to have a chance to hold them, which we loved.

In Maths, we finished our learning on statistics and have now started recapping the bus stop method for division.

We have shown great focus and determination as we practised this important skill.

We also really enjoyed taking part in Shakespeare Week. We explored A Midsummer Night's Dream and wrote our own diary entries from Puck's perspective. The children worked very hard to understand the tricky plot and produced some fantastic writing.

Well done to everyone for such a brilliant end to the week!

Be safe and enjoy your 2 weeks off!



## 3SF

This week in Reading and Writing, it has been Shakespeare Week! We have really enjoyed learning lots about Shakespeare's play A Midsummer Night's Dream. The children watched and listened to the story and took part in some fantastic discussions. We also looked closely at the character Puck, the cheeky fairy who makes a terrible magical mistake in the story. On Friday, the children wrote their own diary entries as Puck, and I was very impressed with their ideas and imagination. On Wednesday, we had a very special visit when we met the reception chicks. The children were so gentle and kind when holding them — we all wished we could keep them in our classroom! In Maths, we have started our new unit on division with exchange, and I am so impressed with how well Year 3 have approached this challenging new learning. In Geography, the children created their own quizzes to test the class on everything we have learned this term. It was wonderful to see how much they could remember!



### 4EC

This week 4EC have worked super hard regardless of the end of term excitement! In maths, we have continued working on our money topic. We have put all our effort into converting pence to pounds. We have grasped decimals super well and I am really proud of all of them! In both reading and writing we have taken part in Shakespear week! Our focus has been on The Tempest. We have made great predictions based on what we have looked at, discussed some of the different characters we have met along the way and even created our own creatures! We took inspiration from the creature 'Caliban' from the story and worked hard on bringing our own characters to life, including descriptive language and similes to do so. Well 4EC, you have deserved your Easter break...have a fabulous holiday and Happy Easter!



### 4NR

A great week for 4NR, we had a visit from the baby chick's, and we were all so excited for a hug! In Reading and writing we had Shakespeare week and we've enjoyed diving into the Tempest, we've created exciting stories, drama shows and comic books. Have the best two weeks 4NR! Happy Easter!!



### 5KR

This week, in reading, we have completed our reading tests. We have all done so well! We have also finished our class novel, Street Child and completed a book review. In math, we have started our new unit on shapes and looking at the area, which is a topic we have recapped from Year 4. In writing, we finished our Shakespeare write which has wrapped up our Shakespeare week! In Science and DT this week, we finished our topics in time for our well earned week off!



### 5CT

We have been recapping previous Year 4 learning in maths this week, understanding areas of rectangles and making sure that the method is secure before we apply this to compound shapes. In writing, we have had Shakespeare week, where they looked into the story of Macbeth and learning about Shakespearean language and insults, as well as creating our own characters that we slotted into the story line and write a piece of writing from their point of view. In reading, we finished our novel 'Street Child' which ended well for the main character Jim and reflected on how the beginning of the story linked to the ending. The children enjoyed this story, and we can't wait for the next book - The boy at the back of the class.

The afternoons have been so busy but so fun! We have had many experiments in Science, looking at air and water resistance - the children enjoyed getting involved and creating parachutes for eggs and different shapes to create more or less streamline. We finished our RE unit by creating a quiz to show off our knowledge and within D&T we created our very first prototypes of the product we have been developing over the unit with gears and pulleys in mind!

What a great end to the Spring term, let's hope our positive attitude towards ourselves and others continues into next term!



### **6SW**

This week we focused on timetables and calculating time differences in Maths. The children worked hard to apply their understanding of time in real-life contexts, such as working out journey durations and comparing different timetables. Our Pol-Ed session explored the topic of addiction, with a particular focus on smoking and vaping. The children discussed how addiction develops, the risks associated with these habits and strategies for making informed, healthy choices. In Writing, the children began creating their own newspaper articles based on Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. They considered how journalists report events, practised writing engaging headlines, and explored how to present the dramatic events of the play in a clear, factual style. In History, we investigated important inventions from the World War II era and discussed which of these innovations continue to influence our lives today.



### **6SC**

This week in Maths, we have been learning all about time. We focused on interpreting timetables and solving problems using time, helping us to understand real-life situations like travel and schedules. In Science, we planned an experiment to investigate how increasing the voltage affects the brightness of a bulb. We made predictions and thought carefully about how to carry out a fair test. In Writing, we published our newspaper reports based on the tragedy of *Romeo and Juliet*. We worked hard to include formal language and key features of a newspaper article. In History, we finished our topic by exploring the technological advancements that occurred in Britain during World War II and how these have impacted our lives both then and now. Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to Mr Pegg for all of his help and support this year. We wish him a very happy and well-deserved retirement!



### **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)