



NEWSLETTER

9.5.25



Aim high, work hard, be happy and successful

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER.

Welcome to the newsletter for the summer term.

Next week our year 6 pupils will be taking their SATS assessments. They have worked incredibly hard and we send lots of luck to them for next week. We have been reassuring and supporting the pupils as they prepare for the assessments. They have been well supported by the staff team who I want to say a huge thank you to, for all the work staff do throughout the year and for staff who have delivered extra booster sessions in their own time – a great team effort.

In June, children in year 4 will be taking their Multiplication check and Year 1 pupils will sit the Phonic screen check. Again we know the children will all try their best and we are proud of how hard they work.

This week has seen the 80th anniversary of VE Day, signalling eight decades since the end of the Second World War in Europe. Children have been part of an assembly and worked in class to help students understand the significance of VE Day and to think about the sacrifices made 8 decades ago.

Governors

We are happy to welcome 2 new governors to the Local Governing Board. Mr Luke Welsh is an Executive Head Teacher from the Waterton Trust and Sarah Akers was previously a governor and Trustee at Jerry Clay Academy. They have been welcomed in their first meeting and we look forward to their valuable input and expertise as we continue to work hard for the pupils in the school.

Staffing

Mrs Gomez who has worked as a teaching assistant since September, has been successful in progressing her career in another school. We have really valued having her as part of the team and wish her luck in her new job.



CREATIVITY AND KINDNESS



This half term, we have been focusing on the learning traits of **creativity** and **kindness**.

Through stories like *Wonder* and *First Stop on Market Street*, we explored the power of empathy, inclusion, and small acts of kindness. *The Dot* inspired us to express ourselves creatively and *Ada Twist, Scientist* celebrated thinking outside the box. We've been proud to see the children showing these traits in their learning and friendships each day.

NURSERY



Nursery have been busy minibeast hunting at Stanley Grove. We are now able to name the minibeasts in our area using an identification sheet.



We have created our own minibeasts in the craft area. Here is a centipede that was made with great scissor skills, lots of snips for the legs!



Lots of caterpillars have been created in our playdough area, we have also used books and photos for inspiration.



We have created our own butterflies using shapes to print, making them symmetrical. We can name the shapes we used!

RECEPTION



In **Reception** key worker discussions, the children decided that they wanted to make a range of items that can be found on a farm. Amongst tractors & barns, scarecrows have also been a popular choice!



One of our repeated reads in **Reception** has been 'The Little Red Hen.' In the story the hen makes bread from the wheat. During discussion time, we wondered what else we could make with flour... We decided it would be wonderful to make some delicious apple crumble!



Reception had a wonderful visit to the farm! We learnt about animals, plants and the environment!



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



YEAR 1

As part of English and science, **Year 1** have planted bean seeds to see who can grow the tallest beanstalk. They are hoping to be able to climb up to the Giant's castle.



Year 1 have been learning programming skills on the Scratch Jr app on I pads.



Year 1 have been comparing garden plants and wild plants. They went on a plant walk around school.



Year 1 have been focusing on athletics in PE. Here they are practising their javelin skills. They have loved throwing lots of different equipment!

KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



YEAR 2

Year 2 have enjoyed some outdoor reading sessions this term



Year 2 have been planning their emergency vehicles in DT. Here are some photos of them testing materials.



Year 2 have become experts at evaluations and giving feedback to their friends in art. I have been extremely impressed by their art work this year. It has been nice to see the range of creations by the children and seeing them inspired by artists but using their own ideas.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 3



Look how fabulous
Year 3's Easter hats
are! AMAZING!
Plus our lower KS2
winner

Year 3 have been exploring the
"pages" app in order to learn how to
create a teleprompter for their podcast.



It is always great to
see achievement being
recognised and well done to
our **Year 3** children
who have achieved their
Diamond Dash Awards.



What an incredible achievement by
our **Year 3** child, who has become
the first person at this early stage
in their schooling to achieve their
Quartz Star Diamond Dash Award.

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 4

Vikings workshop

Year 4 enjoyed a fabulous Viking workshop from Wakefield Museum, where they got to study and hold artefacts and use their map skills.



Artwork

Year 4 children have been working on colour mixing and matching using Kurt Jackson paintings for inspiration.

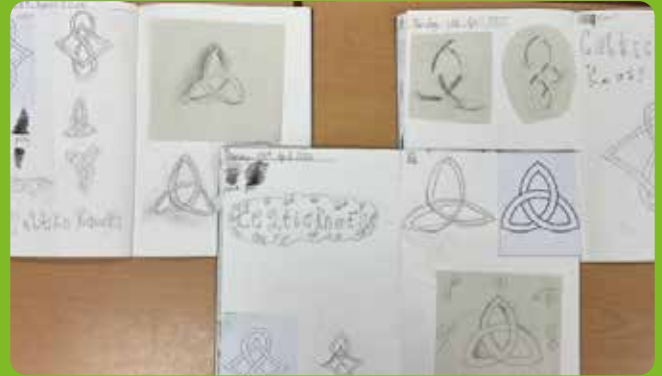


KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 5

Wonderful work from **Year 5** children in our first session of many focusing on Celtic themed art this half term - linked to the period of the Anglo Saxons and leading to our focus artist Jen Delyth.



Year 5 had a fantastic Anglo Saxon workshop delivered by Wakefield Museum, where they got to discover the key roles in an Anglo Saxon village and how each family was responsible for a different area. They even planned their own village.

End of Topic Reviews

Year 5 children produced their own end of topic reviews on the Maya, showing just how much they had learned during last half term. Excellent outcomes all round.



Eco Club Easter Hat Parades



Children in **Year 5** had a fantastic time in the Eco Club hat parade assembly and as you can see, lots of creativity on display with the quality of the hats, which were produced by the children.

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 6



Year 6 enjoyed orienteering the school site with maps and grid references, utilising skills within Geography, Mathematics and P.E.

During English, **Year 6** used drama as a stimulus to support writing dialogues



As part of our Stone Age workshop, **Year 6's** were excited to handle ancient artefacts!



After building up the skills of bowling, catching and batting, **Year 6's** applied their skills in competitive games of cricket.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 2025

Week commencing
12th May

Year 6 SATs week.

Week commencing
19th May

Creative Arts week across the school.

20th May

Class photos. Please wear full school uniform and no PE kits.

23rd May

School closes for half term

JUNE 2025

4th June

Year 4 sitting multiplication tests.

Week commencing
9th June

Phonic screen tests for year 1 pupils

16th June

KS 2 sports day. 9a.m

17th June

KS 1 sports day 9a.m.

18th June

Nursery sports day 9 a.m. all nursery pupils

18th June

Year 4 trip to York

18th June

Reception sports day 1 p.m.

20th June

Stanley Planet Savers toy swap

20th June

Sports event run by GT Sports. All children to wear PE kits.

25th June

Diamond Dash competition for the Trust held at SGA

26th June

Art Gallery – Parents welcome to see the work created by the pupils during creative art week. 2:45 - 4:15p.m.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY 2025

2nd July	Transition morning. Children will spend time in their future classrooms during the day.
8th July	Reports to parents. Please look at your emails for your reports.
9th July	KS 1 Diamond Dash final
15th July	Open sessions– parents are welcome into school to look at your child's work and to visit your child's next classroom. 8 a.m. and 3:30 - 5.00p.m.
17th July	Year 6 overnight camping event
18th July	Year 2 at Tropical World
21st July	Year 6 leavers assembly. Parents of children in year 6 are invited to this special assembly. The assembly lasts for 1-1.5 hours as we celebrate the time the pupils have spent in our school.
22nd July	School closes at 2.30 for the summer holidays.

INSET DAYS FOR 2025-2026

1st September 2025

25th November 2025

30th January 2026

22nd May 2026

20th July 2026



SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Timings.

Please see the start times for each class below which is also on our website.

Please ensure that you arrive **BEFORE** the start time so that lessons start promptly and your child does not miss out on any learning or teacher input.

8:30am – 2:30pm

Nursery and Reception

Class 1

Class 2

Class 4

Class 6

8:35am – 2:35pm

Class 3

Class 5

Teaching Staff for 2024 - 2025

Nursery - Mrs Johnson

Reception - Miss Slater

Year 1 - Mrs Brown

**Year 2 - Mrs Franks and
Mrs Marsden**

**Year 3 - Ms Gibbings and
Mrs Hughes**

Year 4 - Mrs Hodgson

Year 5 - Mr Whipp

Year 6 - Mr Reynolds



ATTENDANCE

**SCHOOL
TARGET**



100-95%
GOOD



94-85%
WORRYING



Below 85%
SERIOUS
CONCERN



YEAR GROUP

CURRENT

AVERAGE THIS YEAR

NURSERY AM

100%

96.2%

NURSERY PM

97.7%

92.1%

RECEPTION

94.8%

93.2%

YEAR 1

100%

96.2%

YEAR 2

93.3%

96.2%

YEAR 3

100%

96.1%

YEAR 4

96.7%

91.7%

YEAR 5

96.6%

95.6%

YEAR 6

93.3%

93.2%

Children who are lower than 90% are classed as persistently absent from school and are monitored by school and our education welfare officer every week.

We are sending out messages to parents where we have seen an improvement in children's attendance and who are close to being removed from our Persistently Absent report.

We had 16 pupils who improved attendance last month so thank you to everyone for your commitment to ensuring children have the best chance of doing well in school.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!

With the introduction of the New National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19th August 2024.

PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR

Term time leave: Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period: A Penalty Notice may be considered/issued when a pupil has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week* period.

*School Week's

PER PARENT/PER CHILD

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

For example: 3 Siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of issue, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days**.

SECOND OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days (no reduced fee for paying early).

(**Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in a parental prosecution)

THIRD OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

On the third time that an offence is committed for either a Term Time Holiday and / or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may proceed straight to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.