



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER.

I cannot believe that we are in the final few weeks of this academic year. So much has been achieved and we are really proud of the staff and the children.

We have been working on further developing our curriculum offer this year. We have introduced a mastery maths approach with a deeper focus on children using steps to success as they progress through their learning. In reading we have introduced RWI phonics and this has been implemented brilliantly by our staff who highly skilled in phonics teaching.

A huge congratulations to **Miss Webster** who has been recognised for her highly skilled phonics teaching by our RWI consultant. Miss Webster will be working with the Ruth Miskin team to create some of the online video content which is used by staff, parents and children accessing RWI videos. We are very excited and incredibly proud of Miss Webster and look forward to seeing the videos on the portal in the future.

This week, we were privileged to hold the Stanley Grove **Diamond Dash final for Key Stage 1**. The competitors showed amazing times tables skills and were so brave as they competed in the competition in front of their peers. We were proud to celebrate their success. The top two pupils will now compete in the KS 1 Accomplish Academy Trust Diamond Dash competition in July. We were so proud of all of the pupils. It was also very special to have our Maths Junior Leaders supporting this event. They are the Accomplish Trust Champions and told our young Diamond Dash competitors to 'be confident' and 'believe in yourselves.' The children were so caring and respectful and it was a very special event to be part of.





STAFF NEWS

Miss Slater will be leaving to start her maternity leave in 2 weeks time. We are very excited about the baby and wish Miss Slater all the best as she prepares for and enjoys this very special time.

The class will be covered by a supply teacher for one week then we have been successful in appointing **Miss Parkin** to work as the Reception teacher for the rest of the summer.

Mrs Gunn will also be leaving us at the end of the summer as she is retiring. We have been very fortunate to have Mrs Gunn in our school; she always goes above and beyond with her care and support of our youngest pupils and the staff are going to miss her so much. So many children have had the best start to their education because of the care and dedication she has shown and we are so lucky to have had her working in our school. I know you will all join me in wishing her the very best for her future retirement.

Ms Shaw is also leaving at the end of the summer term. Again, we are so blessed with the dedication and quality of our staff and we will all miss Ms Shaw. She has worked across school and delivered such high quality outdoor learning and climate work and has been an inspiration for so many children and adults. We will miss her but know she has left a lasting legacy in the school.

We will be recruiting for a teaching assistant in our school so please look out for this and share the advert when it is published.

We are currently working on transition for our pupils who are moving schools or classes. Children will have an opportunity to visit their new classrooms, as well as work with their next teacher in July. Class teachers will be remaining in their current year groups.

Please see the end of the newsletter for diary dates. Thank you.

SPORTS DAYS

Next week, the children will be taking part in their sports days. We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather. If you are coming to watch, then please bring your picnic rugs or chairs if you wish to sit. The children will stay with their class during the event and then you can see them afterwards to say a huge well done to them. Please enjoy taking your photos and videos but remember that this is for your own use and not to be posted on social media as some of our pupils don't have permissions for this. Children should have their water bottles for this day as we bring these out with us. Hats are recommended if it is sunny. It should be a lovely week.

NURSERY

During Arts Week, Nursery were inspired by Matisse's 'The Snail'.

In preparation for our final piece we have explored colour mixing outside, creating spirals in different media, practising our scissor skills and tearing paper.

We are looking forward to sharing our final pieces with our family members.



RECEPTION

For arts week, we have been thinking about the theme 'The world through our eyes,' Reception decided to think more about farms after visiting one first hand.

- The children looked at aerial photographs of farms and explored different tools and techniques to represent their thoughts.
- They looked closely at landscape artist Rebecca Vincent and produced their own versions using pastels!
- Reception noticed the trees in some of the artist's work. The children were introduced to charcoal to create their own art pieces.



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



YEAR 1



Year 1 have loved getting ready for KS1 Sports Day!



Some of **Year 1** started the half term by sharing the qualities that makes a good friend in assembly.



Year 1 have had lots of fun designing and making a smoothie. We gave it a big thumbs up!



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



YEAR 2



Year 2 are very proud of their Art work and writing produced in our Creative Arts Week. We have created 'Save The Oceans' posters, individual art pieces and a whole class art piece inspired by Nikitina Olga. The children can't wait for our art gallery to show off their sketchbooks and final pieces.



YEAR 3

Arts Week Final Products

What a fantastic whole class collaborative piece from **Year 3**. The children based their art on the work of Mark Heard.

Our focus is Wakefield Cityscapes. We look forward to welcoming parents to our Art Gallery Open Session later this month.



Arts Week Books/ Skills

Year 3 have been looking at mark making tools and techniques as part of their Arts Week projects.

Children in **Year 3** have been investigating Wakefield landmarks as part of their Arts Week project.

The children created wonderful Mark Heard mood boards created by **Year 3**.

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 3



Sandwich Making and Picnic

Year 3 designed and made their own sandwiches. We learned how to safely use a sharp knife, then of course we had to have a picnic! Lots of fun!



Bread Making

Year 3 loved baking bread this afternoon. The classroom smells lovely!



Diamond Dash

Congratulations to these two year 3 children. One child has completed Quartz star and another has completed Platinum. Super work!

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 4

Vikings projects

Year 4 children worked exceptionally hard on their Viking homework projects. Great oracy skills were used to present their fantastic projects to the class.



Artwork

Children have been preparing for the upcoming Art Gallery and have produced some stunning pieces of artwork, using Kurt Jackson paintings as their inspiration.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 5

Class 5 have continued to explore the use of colour and tone within the Celtic inspired art as produced by the artist Jen Delyth. It has been wonderful to see the sequential progression of skills on display throughout the sessions.



Stanley Grove Art Gallery

Here is a little sneak peak at some of class 5's art pieces inspired by the theme – World Through my Eyes – with a personal link to special places to me. The pieces created by the children have been influenced by the artist Ian Stuart. They have looked into both perspective and vanishing point.



It has been so wonderful for both **Year 5 and 6** to collaborate during PE sessions with a specific focus on cricket skills. Both sets of children were keen to share ideas and skills and support each other in improving their own practise during the activities and game.

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 6



Year 6 have been hard at work, preparing for their upcoming Key Stage 2 Sports Day!



STEM ambassador, Kim Lawler's delivered an excellent workshop to **Year 6** learnt about 'Evolution and Adaptation.'

We were impressed with the engagement and curiosity inspired in our Year 6's. She commented that, 'The Y6s asked some great questions today.'



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 6



Linking to our Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze age topic, **Year 6** pupils learnt how to use flint and steel to create fire; we also created charcoal pencils on the camp fire, to support our recent art work – and of course, we enjoyed sharing our songs with Ms Shaw around the camp fire too!



Baroness Floella Benjamin gave an inspiration talk regarding writing and resilience, which we thoroughly enjoyed.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE 2025

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 1p.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.

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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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	80.0%	96.0%
NURSERY PM	84.8%	92.3%
RECEPTION	94.8%	94.5%
YEAR 1	93.3%	93.3%
YEAR 2	90.0%	96.1%
YEAR 3	89.7%	95.9%
YEAR 4	86.7%	92.5%
YEAR 5	91.4%	95.5%
YEAR 6	86.7%	93.0%

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 currently working with pupils to try to earn a class reward for excellent attendance. Please send children to school every day to give them the very best chance of success.

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.