

Diary Dates

- **Monday 28th April**
Return to school.
- **Tuesday 29th April**
Year 3 Swimming Lessons
Start
- **Thursday 1st May**
INSET DAY—School closed
- **Monday 5th May**
May Day Bank Holiday—
School Closed
- **Friday 9th May**
School Nurse parent drop-in
sessions AM
- **Monday 12th May**
Year 6 SATSs start (All week)
- **Monday 19th May**
Walk to school week begins
- **Tuesday 20th May**
EYFS Music Trip
- **Wednesday 21st May**
Class Photos
- **Friday 23rd May**
World Bee Day Celebrations
(Non-Uniform Day)
School Closes
- **Monday 9th June**
Return to School

Contact Information

It is essential that our school database is always up to date with pupils information.

Please remember to update the school office if you move address or change you contact number/ email address

Message from Mr.B

Reflecting on the news letter reminds me how long this half term has been and how much wonderful effort and hard work the children have put in!! I would like to thank all the parents and Grandparents who attended our Trade Fair yesterday—it was a tremendous success and congratulations to Year 2 who made a profit of £109.44. The total profit for the Enterprise week was an amazing £576.50; the week really did showcase our childrens' Design and Technology skills and their entrepreneurial ability. Similarly I would like to thank all the "lovely ladies " who attended our celebration morning, it was incredibly well attended as was our Year 1 assembly. We are extremely grateful that you show your positive support by attending these events and the children love sharing them with you.

Our school improvement work next term developing more STEM opportunities , particularly in science and Design and Technology. This term Year 5 and 6 have really enjoyed and benefitted from working with Atkins Realis on their net carbon project. Rachel and Lee were very impressed with their ideas and solutions. Our curriculum development work is going well and I have shared with Governors the areas of strength and those for development. We will focus on the use of primary and secondary sources and historical bias and in geography we will concentrate on developing fieldwork. We have progressed well in our drive to attain the Dyslexia Friendly school award. Last week our assessor and Governors conducted a learning walk with Mrs Pietrzak and reviewed our action plan. Although we still have some work to do , we are on track to achieve the award in the Autumn Term. Some of the changes we have made are already having an positive effect on **ALL** our children. We have chosen a new combination of colours for display font. New text type and less clutter on the classroom learning walls.

Our building work over the holidays will involve painting the staff toilets and the window sills outside. All the floors are being stripped and polished The wildflower meadows have been seeded and the bees are doing well. Our new Y5 bee keepers have been really excited ; the yellow hive is doing incredibly well and we may have to harvest the honey in June as it is almost full.

It has been a real pleasure to watch how seriously and supportive our new Play Leaders have been. The applications were well written and the really focussed on the training Luke did from Kick Start and they support our younger children very effectively through structured play. We have ordered their polo shirts for next term.

Finally, thanks go to the football team for representing the schools well—we have matches after half term and hope to continue the unbeaten run.

Lovely Ladies

Thank you to all the lovely ladies who were able to join us for this year's Mother's Day celebrations. The children and staff really enjoyed inviting you into school. There were lots of craft & planting activities for the ladies, plus some sweet treats too. The children enjoyed performing songs, and Reception ladies had a relaxing massage to start their morning.

We hope you all enjoyed it, we are already looking forward to inviting the Dads later this year for our 'Doughnuts for Dads' session.



PTA News

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Easter Raffle—the prizes have been drawn in assembly today. Fingers crossed you were winner! A fantastic total of £454.00 was raised!

Our Summer Fair is on the 4th July, any suggestions or offers of help will be gratefully received.

Reception have been soaring high this half term!

This half term Reception have been focusing their learning on transports, travel and the Spring season and it's celebrations.

They began by taking their learning to space, exploring the stars, famous astronauts, cheeky aliens and enjoyed a yummy Jaffa Cake experiment all about the phases of the moon. They learnt about pancake day and how it links with Lent and Easter, enjoying traditional pancakes containing lemon juice and sugar. World Book Day was fantastic, they really enjoyed the story time workshop led by NK Theatre. They made their alien designs and then wrote a character description linked to their designs to be entered into the Young Writer's Competition. They also loved taking part in the masked reader, trying to guess which teacher was reading behind the mask!

Reception had a brilliant time on their school trip to the Runway Visitors Park, where they explored Concorde, watched the huge planes take off and land and were even allowed to pilot the pretend plane to a destination of their choice.

Finally, Reception became fantastic 'Frog Hunters'. They have enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a frog, and watching the stages unfold in our classroom. They have loved entering the classroom each morning, eager to see any changes that have happened to their tadpoles overnight.



Year 1 Explorers

To help us answer our history question 'What does it take to become a great explorer?' Year 1 researched famous explorers including Ernest Shackleton, Amelia Earhart, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We then shared our learning with you in our class assembly, which was amazing! To celebrate finishing our topic we became 'Intrepid Explorers' for the day. The children imagined that our school was positioned on an island. They found a map which belonged to a pirate, who had buried their treasure somewhere on our island. Year one explorers enjoyed learning how to use a compass, map reading skills, how to find directions using the sun and pacing to help them find their hidden treasure. To complete the day they built super shelters in the woods and devoured delicious roasted marshmallows from the open fire they built. What a fantastic fun filled half-term!



Year 2 Science & Singing

Year 2 have had a jam packed half term! They have enjoyed getting outside and learning how to make birds nests in Science, collecting natural resources to create some nature prints, making their own moving vehicles in DT and working as a team to build the tallest paper tower in our STEM lessons. They also enjoyed learning lots of new songs and going on our Singaround trip to the Martin Harris Centre. But most of all the children enjoyed celebrating World Book Day with their grown ups who came in to read with them!

"My favourite has been going to Singarounds because when we go it stretches my vocal chords so I can sing louder!" - Emily

"Making our cars because it was fun putting the wheels on. I added loads of colours to mine!" - Jaxson

"Building the birds nests outside because I built it up high so it was safe and secure for the birds who have no homes." - Logan



Teacher-Led Clubs

Teacher-led clubs will begin on Thursday 8th May and will continue until Thursday 10th July. Letters will be emailed home during the first week back with details of the clubs available. Clubs will then go live on ParentPay at 7pm on Wednesday 30th April.

New Menu after Easter

A new menu is starting after Easter. A copy has been emailed to all parents/carers. It is also available to view on our Website or copies are available from the school office. The cost of school meals for junior children is **£2.60 per day**. Please use ParentPay to make all dinner payments at least one week in advance.

Please note that we require a week's notice to change lunchtime arrangements.

Please let us know if your child has any special dietary requirements.

After School Football Club

After School Multi-sports club will be changing to Football club after the Easter break.

These will start during the first week back (week commencing 28th April) – Information has been posted onto each relevant year groups DOJO page.

Attendance from September

- Reception 96.9%
- Year 1 95.8%
- Year 2 97.1%
- Year 3 97.2%
- Year 4 95.9%
- Year 5 97.6%
- Year 6 96.8%
- Overall 96.8%

Well done to **Y5** for achieving the highest % attendance, almost hitting the school target!

School Target : 98%

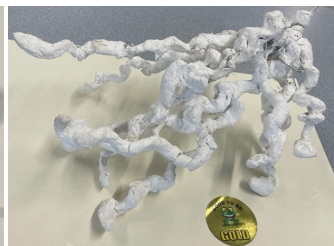
Attendance has been impacted by stomach and vomiting bugs this half term. Hopefully, after the Easter break illness won't be so prevalent and we'll get closer to our target.

Year 3—DT

Year 3 have been busy this half term learning about concrete structures. We learned how concrete is reinforced with steel rods to stop it from cracking. After learning this information, we decided to test it out for ourselves! Using wire and Modroc, we made different structures and tested their durability. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and created some amazing structures!

"I thought it was very interesting and a bit difficult! It was worth the hard work because our structures of food, plants and animals were very strong." – Francis

"We learned how concrete used to crack and WB Wilkinson found out how to stop this, so we used his idea and made structures with Modroc and wire." – Sienna



Year 3 & 4 Singarounds

Year 3 and 4 visited the Martin Harris Centre in Manchester University to take part in the Singarounds. The children were able to sing with other schools, with some of our children being chosen to go on stage and perform! The children listened to a pianist and a vocalist while at the Singarounds, immersing them in the musicality of the trip. We all had a great time!

"I enjoyed that we all sang together even people from different schools." – Ronnie

"I loved the singarounds because it was fun going on the stage to help! I enjoyed seeing all the different schools sing." – Alba

"I really enjoyed the singarounds because every school there was really involved and we were allowed to make up our own actions to the songs." – Eddie



Year 4—Electrifying Electric



In science we have been learning about electrical safety and how to create a circuit. We have learnt that a circuit only works with a slow flow of electricity. We investigated what materials make conductors and insulators of electric. Finally, we put our skills to the test by creating a steady hand game, using a buzzer, wire and some tin foil to mould into shape.

"I really enjoyed being practical and making circuits. I had to use my problem-solving skills to test if they worked." Cooper

"I enjoyed testing the different materials to see if they would light the bulb. I had to use determination because something went wrong I had to find a different way to fix it" Esther



INSET DAY

Please remember that school will be closed on Thursday 1st May for INSET day. Our school was originally being used as a polling station. Even though elections have now been cancelled school will still have to remain CLOSED that day.

We will reopen on Friday 2nd May as normal.

Living Streets Walk to School Week 19th - 23rd May

Walk to School Week is our annual five-day walking challenge and takes place 19-23 May 2025. This year's challenge will see pupils take on The Great Space Walk, encouraging them to travel actively to school every day of the week.

Meeting various colourful intergalactic friends along the way, pupils will learn about the important reasons to walk or wheel and its benefits for individuals, communities and the planet!

Lots of interesting information can be found on their website:
<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school>.

Future Dates for your Diaries

Doughnuts for Dads

Friday 13th June @ 9.00am

Sports Day

Planned for the morning of Wednesday 18th June. More details to follow.

(subject to weather conditions)

Year 6 DT Bird House Builders. (Written by Maxwell & Rebecca)

Year 6 DT Bird House Builders has been much fun because we have done lots of drawing, woodwork and designs. We learnt how to use tools safely and adapt our design as needed through the process. I have also really enjoyed drawing 3D designs of bird houses and writing all important measurements and vital information.

I have really liked the fact that we made safety posters to help us understand how crucial it is to be careful and safe when working with different types of tools and sharp objects such as saws, hammers and many more exciting tools.



Year 5 and 6 Net Zero Super Heroes STEM Competition. (Written by Bobby & Leila Yr6)

Year 5 and 6 have been taking part in the Net Zero Superheroes competition, with the main aims being:

- To inspire younger generations to pursue careers in STEM to play a vital role in meeting Net Zero in the UK.
- To provide the children with role models by meeting first hand with engineers, scientists and industry experts through AtkinsRéalis mentoring and competition judging process.
- To learn about important topics such as Climate Change, Carbon Footprint, Net Zero, Energy Demand, Energy Supply.
- To improve knowledge about the government's Net Zero targets, the choices and challenges we are facing, and the importance of STEM in meeting these targets.
- To encourage the children to use their imagination and "blue sky thinking".
- To help the children develop their team working and presentation skills.

We have enjoyed making models, posters and Power Points. We particularly enjoyed creating our own ideas and inventions to help the world and stop litter going into the sea. We also like planning our presentations in multiple ways and spending lots of time designing and creating our unique inventions.



Nursery and The World Around Us!



This half term the Nursery children have enjoyed learning about the world around us. I think it's safe to say that it has been their favourite Topic so far! We first learnt about Space and the planets that make up our solar system before moving on to learn about Transport. We learnt about the Astronaut Neil Armstrong and watched his famous moon landing which sparked discussions about what we would pack should we ever get to visit the moon. We also conducted a science experiment that saw us create and launch our very own rocket and went on a special trip to Manchester Airport. Here the children learnt about crucial parts of an aircraft and discovered the wide variety of job roles that keep the airport running. We were lucky enough to be able visit to the flight deck and observe flights landing on the runway.



Congratulations to our New Playleaders

We are very proud of our enthusiastic Year 5 and 6 pupils who have recently completed their playleader training, in collaboration with our fantastic sports coaches from Kickstart. These brilliant young leaders have learned valuable skills in planning and delivering fun and engaging PE sessions for younger children across the school.

They are now ready to put their training into action, helping to promote active play and teamwork amongst our younger students. Keep an eye out for our playleaders in their playleader uniforms, bringing energy and excitement to break and lunchtimes!

"It's been really good learning how to help the younger ones have fun while they're being active. I enjoyed learning how to plan the games with the coaches and I'm excited to actually lead some sessions now!" – Ellis

"I loved learning new games and how to explain them clearly. It's been fun working with my friends to come up with ideas, and I can't wait to see the younger children joining in with the activities we get to lead." – Bethany

