



SACRISTON
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NEWSLETTER

8th September 2023

Welcome Back!

A huge welcome back to all of our staff and children. A special welcome to our new pupils who have joined us this year – Reception and across school. We look forward to working with them and their families on an exciting learning journey.

We also welcome some new staff – Mr Golding (DHT / Y3 teacher), Mrs Maw (Y4 teacher), Mr Robson (Y2), Miss Burton (Nursery teacher).

Everyone has settled in so well and it is lovely to have school buzzing with smiling faces and hard working children, they are a credit to you!

Mrs Parks

The Gingerbread Man

This week we have been so amazed at how well the Nursery children have come back and settled straight into their routines. They have seemed to love being back with their friends. We have enjoyed listening to the story of The Gingerbread Man and have begun to make our very own salt dough gingerbread man keepsakes. We have even drawn gingerbread men in flour to practise our mark making skills.



Reception are back!

Reception have blown us away with how much they have settled in on their first week. We have seen friendships blossoming and many of the children settling in to follow our learning and routines. The children have enjoyed our first book this year which is Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson and we have enjoyed talking about our feelings.



Year 1 Learn All About Animals

Year 1 have made a great start to the year and have been working hard in all their lessons. In Science this week, they learned about the 5 different types of animals: mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish and birds. In teams they sorted pictures of animals into these categories, asking questions like 'Does it have feathers?' and 'Does it lay eggs?' to sort the pictures.

"A flamingo is a bird because it has feathers." - Eleanor

"Giraffes are mammals." - David



Year 3 DJ'S!

Year 3 have had a brilliant start to the year and have been incredibly welcoming to all new staff. Everybody has settled in well and we've already started working hard!

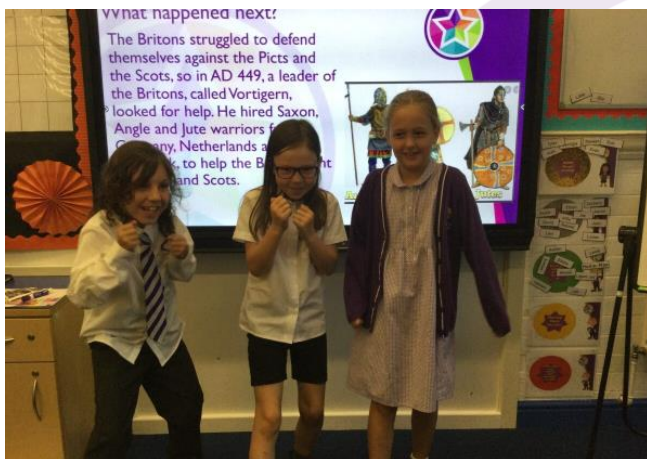
In our first English lesson, we were reminding ourselves what verbs, nouns and adjectives are. We made a game where we had to 'find the odd one out' and made our own examples to play with each other. We also became 'English DJs' when we sang a helpful song to help us remember the different word classes.

"A noun is a naming word, n-n-n-n naming word!"



Year 4 Travel Back in Time

Year 4 have had a lovely start to the year! On Thursday we travelled back in time to find out the causes and consequences of the Romans leaving Britain. We have also been writing super sentences about dragons using exciting vocabulary and conjunctions. Well done Year 4!



A busy week for Year 5!

Year 5 have had a wonderful week this week. In maths, we have been recapping some Year 4 place value. In writing and reading, we have been looking at 'Boy' by Roald Dahl and we also watched the Alchemist's Letter. In Science, we have been learning about how to classify humans and in Topic we have been learning how to read ordnance survey maps. What an action-packed week!

Year 6 Circulatory System

A huge welcome back to our new Year 6's this year! We have started our new science unit 'Animals including humans' whereby we began to discuss the circulatory system. We discussed how blood travels around our body and how important our heart is. We then took part in an activity whereby we worked in teams to identify the different features of the circulatory system by looking at a hidden diagram.



The menu for week beginning 4th September is Week 1. School dinners are £12.50 per week, paid online by Monday please. Our school menu can now be found on our website. If you would like to look at the options with your child, please use the following link.

<http://www.sacristonacademy.co.uk/school-information/lunch-menu>

Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
86%	94%	92%	95%	93%	95%	92%	95%

The government expectation is 96% attendance for individual pupils and school. Attendance and punctuality really matter to your child's education - every day counts! When your child's attendance drops below 95% school will begin monitoring. Referrals to the local authority may also be made if there is no improvement seen.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 29th September

Thursday 14th September

Monday 23rd October

Friday 27th October

McMillian Coffee Morning 9am – 10am

Photographer in school – new photos for school website

School Individual/Sibling photos (only siblings within school)

Break up for half term

Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Awards were presented today to the following children who have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Daisy Johnston

Reception: Maisie Wardle

Year 1: Tommy Fenwick

Year 2: Olivia Ward

Year 3: Ruby Straughan

Year 4: Joe Morris

Year 5: Archie Crone

Year 6: Frazer Embleton

Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!

Class Awards this week were presented to **Year 1** in Key Stage 1 and **Year 4** in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime!