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19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## NURSERY

This week the children in Nursery have been learning 'Hey, diddle, diddle'. After a few days of learning the nursery rhyme the children created their own puppets, performed the song for their friends and even created their own music. As you can see the children are fabulous performers!



## RECEPTION

This week in Reception, we have been reading 'We are Family!' The children have loved learning about different families, why they are different and how they might be the same in some ways too. Reception used different materials to create their own families, saying the names for the important people in their lives and why they are special to them.





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## YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 we have been learning all about the World! We understand that on a map the water is blue and the land is green. We have been learning the names of the continents and the Oceans. We had fun exploring the map of the World.



## YEAR 2

This week, Year 2 have been learning all about Mary Seacole. They found out where she was born, how she became a nurse, and how brave and determined she was. One of their favourite activities was reading Hoorah for Mary Seacole and putting the events of her life in order. They also made a Venn diagram to compare Mary Seacole with Florence Nightingale, looking at what was the same and what was different about their lives and work.

In science, Year 2 learned about hygiene and why it's important to stay clean. They did a fun pepper and soap experiment to see how soap helps get rid of germs — it was amazing to watch the pepper move away!





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## YEAR 3

This week, in PE, Year 3 have been learning all about gymnastics. Last week they practised balances which they recapped this week. They attempted different balances using different parts of their body. They then challenged themselves this week by balancing on a bench by travelling across it. They also worked on their agility skills by using the hurdles and the agility ladders.





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## YEAR 4

This week in Geography, our class has been developing key map-reading skills while learning about mountains. We began by exploring different symbols found on Ordnance Survey maps, discussing what each one represents and how they help us understand the landscape. Next, we focused on contour lines—those squiggly lines that reveal the shape and height of the land. Pupils learned how to interpret these lines to identify mountainous areas and understand elevation changes. We then moved on to using four-figure grid references to locate specific areas on the map. This helped us pinpoint mountain ranges and other geographical features with accuracy. It was fantastic to see the children working collaboratively to navigate the maps like true geographers!

*"If the lines are close together it shows that the mountain is very steep" - Amber*

*"You need to look across the bottom of the map to find the first grid reference" - Maisey*



## YEAR 5

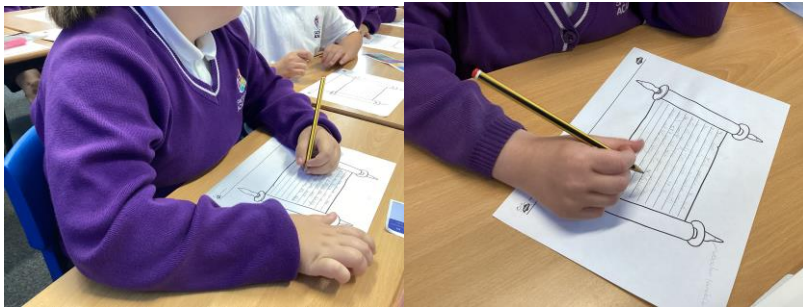
In their RE lessons this half term, Year 5 have been learning all about Judaism. We discussed subjects such as 'Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people'? And the importance of learning about other cultures and religions. The children were tasked with designing and decorating their own example of a Torah scroll and included some of the 613 rules, writing these inside.

*The Torah is the Jewish rule book and has over 600 rules – Caleb*



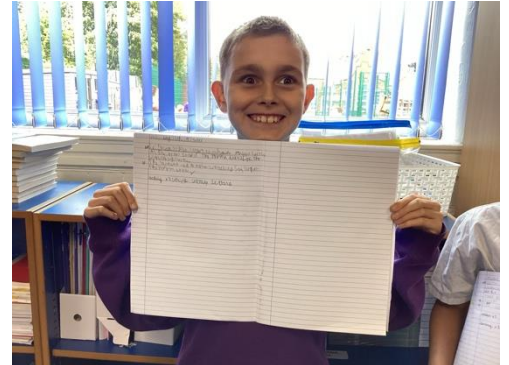
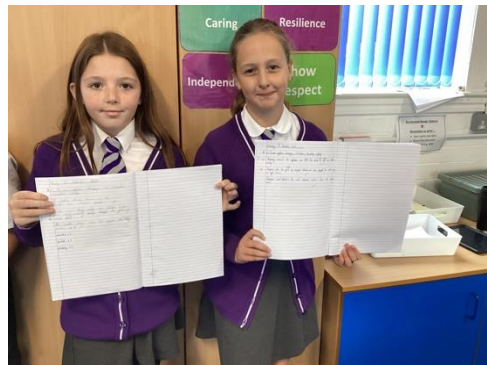
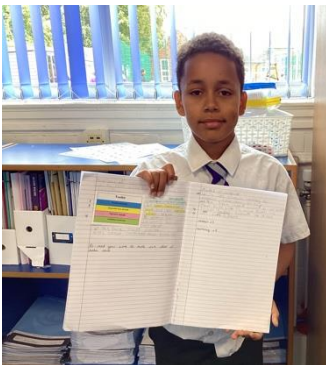
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*The Torah is the same as the Bible and the 5 books are like the books in the Bible – Maria*



## YEAR 6

This week in writing, Year 6 have been showcasing their skills as authors by using figurative language to bring their setting descriptions to life. They explored the power of personification to create vivid and engaging imagery. The creativity and imagination in their writing has been fantastic and every sentence painted a picture!



## Football

Sacriston kicked off their football season with two defeats to strong opposition. They were knocked out of the Leadgate Cup at the first hurdle but the children gave their all and we are very proud of them.







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## Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
87.4%	89%	95.2%	95.6%	93%	98%	93%	97%

## Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Y2** and **Y6**

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

**Nursery:** Nancy Smith

**Reception:** Alec Hubble

**Year 1:** Gracie-Mae Milner

**Year 2:** Amelia-Rose McDonald

**Year 3:** Emilia Minieieva

**Year 4:** Alexander Swindle

**Year 5:** Orryn Bloomfield-Bell

**Year 6:** Hollie-Mae Hubber



## Perfect Presentation:

**Year 1:** Gracie-Mae Milner

**Year 2:** Jorgie Clark

**Year 3:** Crystal Omar

**Year 4:** Ruby Dawson

**Year 5:** Marley Ord

**Year 6:** Jasmine Burns





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## **Secondary School Applications**

Information has been uploaded to class dojo for parents/carers with details of how you can make your child's application for a Secondary School Placement in 2026. The closing date for Secondary School Applications is the **31 October 2025**

The menu for week beginning **22nd September 2025 is week 3**. School dinners are £14.75 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>

## **Dates for your Diary**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Y6 Residential to Ford Castle

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Parent Reading Workshop 4pm

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Sibling/Individual Photos

Year 5/6 Mixed Football Team @ Meadowfield

Y6 Parents SAT information 4pm

Break up for half term

Secondary School applications deadline

Children return to school

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

Parental Consultations F2F

Parental Consultations Phone Calls

Non Uniform for Children In Need Donation

Flu Vaccinations Rec-Year 6

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

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Y6 NISSAN Trip

Pantomime Afternoon!

Break up for Christmas!