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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## NURSERY

On Wednesday, Nursery celebrated Earth Day. The children all understood that we all live on Earth and we have to look after our planet. In our learning, the children created their own Earth salt art and showed the different parts of the Earth.



*'The green is the grass and the blue is the sea.'*- Charles

*'We have to turn off the taps so we don't waste the water.'* Avery



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## RECEPTION

Reception enjoyed celebrating Earth Day by learning all about how to keep our planet safe. The children shared their thoughtful ideas on how we can keep our environment safe and healthy. The children designed colourful posters to raise awareness, made their own Earth picture and created Earth Day headbands.

*"We have to look after the animals and not chuck litter." – Alfie*

*"You have to make sure you recycle and you can use it again." – Eliza*

*"Don't waste water so you have to turn the taps off and not run it down the plug." - Roman*

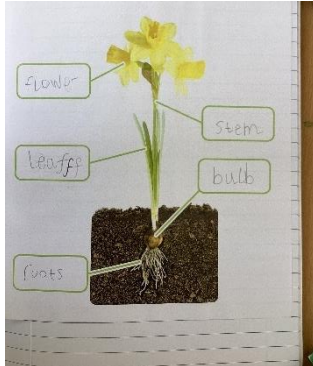


## YEAR 1

In Year 1 this week, we have started our Science topic 'Plants'. This week the children have been investigating the different parts of the plant, what they look like and what purpose they have to living plants. The children got hands on with plants and how the roots, stem and flowers differ on different plants. The children also constructed a plant diagram using the different parts and enjoyed showing off their knowledge of plants and how they are living.



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## YEAR 2

Year 2 began their science topic *Living Things and Their Habitats* by learning about the differences between things that are living, things that are not living and things that have never lived. The children explored our school grounds to search for a variety of items and worked together to sort what they found into the three categories.





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## YEAR 3/5

On Tuesday this week, Year 3 and Year 5 were able to take part in a 'Come Dance with Me' workshop. The children were introduced to two different types of dance. The first was rock 'n' roll and the children were surprised to discover that this was not based on rock music! They then looked at street dance. The children had lots of fun and showed lots of engagement, being able to express themselves and try out different dance routines.





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## YEAR 4

Year 4 are thoroughly enjoying their topic, Living Things and their Habitats, in science lessons. This week, the children were tasked with exploring the school grounds to discover what minibeasts we have in our local area. They children were particularly excited to explore the Secret Garden where they discovered a huge range of minibeasts including different types of spiders, snails, woodlice and bumblebees. They children recorded their findings on clipboards before choosing their favourite discovery to create a non-chronological report. They researched the key features of their chosen minibeast and what habitats they prefer.

*"I found two worms in the soil" - Ashton*

*"We lifted up a brick and found lots of woodlice underneath it" - Cody*

*"From my research, I found out that woodlice have 14 legs!" - Amelia*





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## YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 began their badminton lessons in PE and made a fantastic start! They learned the ready position, developed their footwork and practised both the forehand and backhand shots. By the end of the lesson, they were able to apply these skills in mini game, showing great progress, focus and teamwork.



## Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
88.9%	93.3%	95.1%	95.8%	97.1%	93.9%	93.9%	93.3%



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## Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Y1** and **Y4**

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

**Nursery:** Ellie Elliott

**Reception:** Mia Gordon

**Year 1:** Molly Fets

**Year 2:** Theo Johnson

**Year 3:** Lewis Sharpe

**Year 4:** Ethan Bradford

**Year 5:** Damon Wright

**Year 6:** David Wile



## Perfect Presentation

**Reception:** Luke Sharpe

**Year 1:** Shelby Clarke

**Year 2:** Marcus Walker

**Year 3:** Lilly Milburn

**Year 4:** Olivia Ward

**Year 5:** Marley Ord

**Year 6:** Olly Bradley



## School Meals

The menu for week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April is **Week 2**. School dinners are £15.40 per week, paid online by Monday please.

Any child may qualify for free school meals, please contact the school office to request a form and check your eligibility.



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## After School Clubs

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Pick up Time</u>	<u>Year Group</u>
<b>Monday</b>	Fundamental Movements	4:15pm	Reception & KS1
<b>Monday</b>	Booster	4:15pm	Y6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Booster	4:15pm	Y6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Cricket	4:15pm	KS2
<b>Tuesday</b>	Gardening Club	4:15pm	KS1 & KS2
<b>Thursday</b>	Friends of the Earth	4:15pm	KS1 & KS2
<b>Thursday</b>	Read and Relax	4:15pm	KS1 & KS2

## Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 Littlesticks Golf Day
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 1 Ushaw Trip
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Year 3 Binchester Roman Fort Trip
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Break up for half term
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Return to school
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June (15:00-15:45)</b>	Uniform Swap Shop



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<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 5 Edinburgh Trip
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	World Ocean Day
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Heugh Battery Museum Trip
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS2 Danish Longball in school
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Nursery and Reception Trip to Wharton Park
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Street Games Day
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4 Oriental Museum Trip
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Year 2 Souter Lighthouse Trip
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Athletics Festival