



# NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have been learning about lots of different colours. To express different colours we have been creating pieces of art using different colours. The children used printing this week to create a fruit picture. We talked about the different colours we needed to use and how to print. The children kept repeating 'press and lift' as they printed on the fruit.

*"I like blueberries"- Nancy*

*"I love bananas."-Bobby*

*"I like all of them."- Ryker*

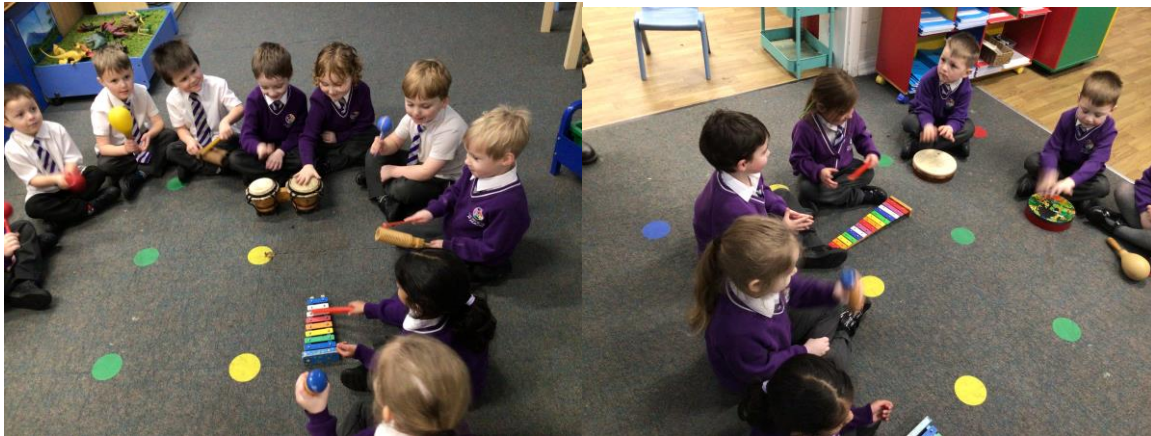




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## RECEPTION

Reception had a wonderful time learning about **Persian New Year (Nowruz)** this week. The children listened carefully to traditional Persian music and explored the rhythms and patterns they could hear. They enthusiastically joined in by playing instruments, keeping the beat, and experimenting with different sounds. It was a joyful celebration that helped the children appreciate a new culture through music, movement, and play.



## YEAR 1

In writing this week, Year 1 have enjoyed watching and writing 'The Black Hat.' They started by thinking about and acting out what they would do if they found a black hat on the floor in the woods, before watching the video and then retelling the story. The children have also learnt about question sentences and had the challenge of trying to include these within their writing for the first time. Unfortunately, we never did find out where the black hat came from though- as the story says... the origin of the black hat remains a mystery!





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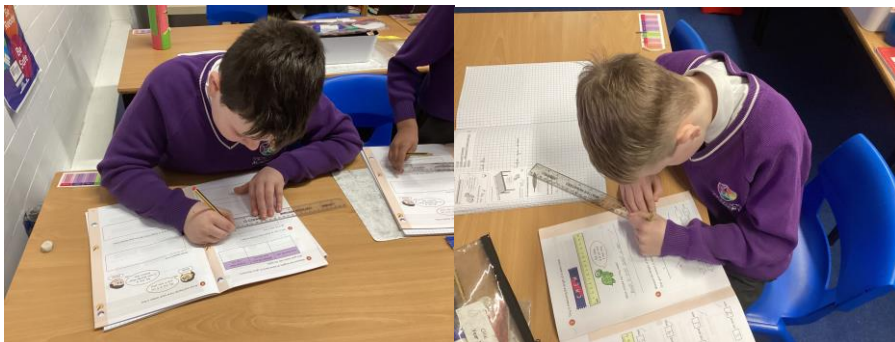
## YEAR 2

This half term, Year 2 have been learning all about invasion games in PE. We have explored different types of passes and learned about the roles of attackers and defenders. We have discussed what it means to be in possession, how attackers score points and how defenders work to stop them. We also practised our dribbling skills and learned how to safely win the ball from the other team.



## YEAR 3

This week, in Maths, Year 3 have been using their rulers to practise measuring and drawing in centimetres and metres. The children have been acquiring key knowledge such as knowing that there are 100cm in a metre and 10mm in a centimetre. We enjoyed using our rulers to both measure and draw lines of certain lengths. There were some tricky questions, especially when measuring in millimetres as we found you need to be very accurate and precise.







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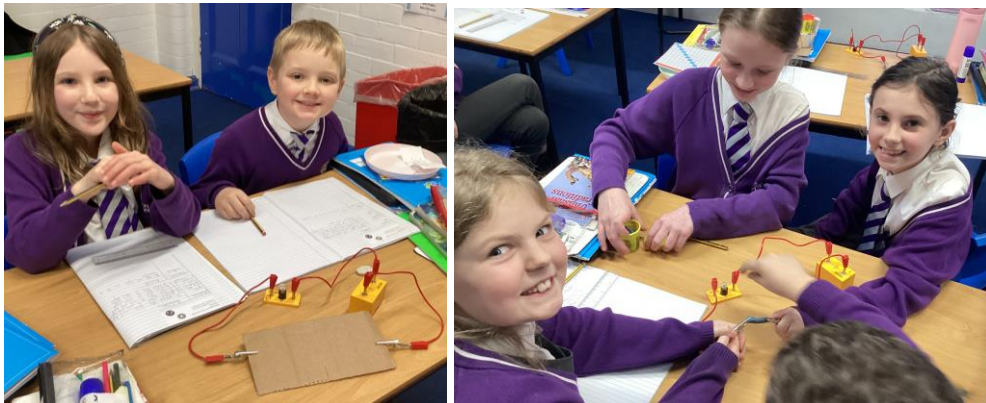
## YEAR 4

This week, our Year 4 scientists explored electrical conductors and insulators through a hands-on investigation. The children built a simple circuit and tested a range of everyday materials to see whether the bulb would light. When the bulb shone, it showed that electricity could flow through the material meaning it was a conductor. One of the biggest surprises of the lesson was discovering that tin foil allowed electricity to pass through, leading the class to conclude that metals make excellent conductors.

*"The coin, tin foil and the spoon allowed electricity to flow through." - Thomas*

*"The play doh and cardboard did not let electricity pass through." - Julian*

*"A conductor is a material that lets electricity flow through." - Ruby*





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## YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 children enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at New College Durham where they engaged in a sports skills festival, focusing on basketball. The children took part in full games, invasion practice drills, and worked on their dribbling, passing, defending and shooting. The class represented the school very well and showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout.

*"If you stop then you can't start dribbling again, you need to pass" - Casey*

*"You need to flick your wrist when you shoot" - Lachlan*



## YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 became authors of non-chronological reports, focussing on the effects of WW2. They used their knowledge of what they had learned about the features of this text type and decided what areas they wanted to focus on. They then conducted independent research to gain further information about their chosen areas. The children discussed the global impact that WW2 had as well as explaining the effect that evacuation, the roles of women, air raid shelters and life on the home front had people.

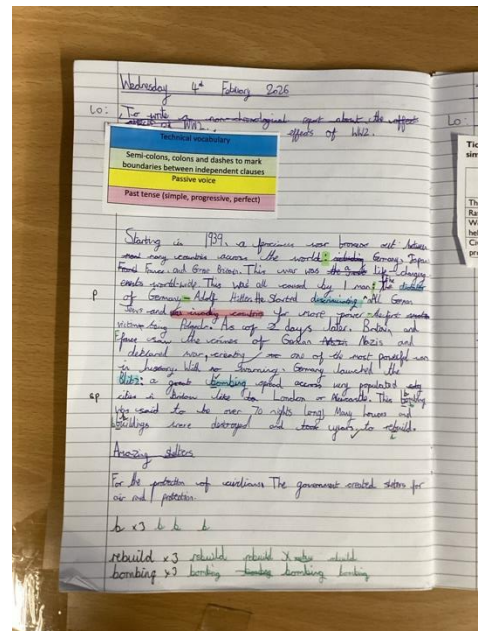
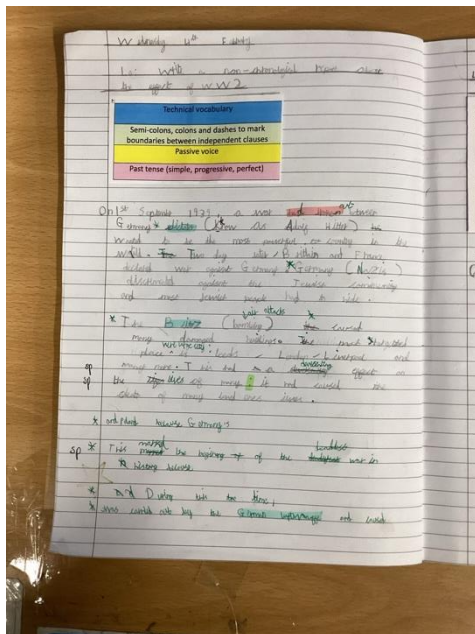


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Here are a few examples of what the children have written:

*"Starting in 1939, a ferocious war had broken out between many countries across the world: Germany, Poland, Britain and France." Kian*

*"London had faced more damage than any other place in Britain; it was subjected to over 70 nights of bombing, which was known as the Blitz." Levi*



*"The German Luftwaffe were bombing innocent lives in their attempt to take control." Josh*

Josh

## Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
87.64%	93%	95.6%	95.5%	96.6%	94.5%	92.3%	92.1%



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## Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Y2** and **Y4**

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

**Nursery:** Jakson Smith-McHugh

**Reception:** Daisy Milner

**Year 1:** Mila Grace

**Year 2:** Anna Douglas

**Year 3:** Freddie Erskine

**Year 4:** Amelia Foster

**Year 5:** Jessie Musgrove

**Year 6:** Jasmine Burns



## Perfect Presentation

**Reception:** Gary Taylor

**Year 1:** Jax Ferguson

**Year 2:** Jax Loan

**Year 3:** Emilia Minieieva

**Year 4:** Layla Potts

**Year 5:** Casey Saunders

**Year 6:** Libby Marshall



## Lunch Menu

The menu for week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 is Week 1. 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.

[Lunch menus and free school meals | Sacriston Academy](#)



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## **After School Clubs Reminder!**

Please see below the after school clubs which are on after school next week .

Monday

- Fundamental Movement
- Monday Marvels

Tuesday

- Badminton
- Cosy Club
- SATS Booster

Thursday

- Arts and Crafts Club

## **Dates for your Diary**

Date	Event
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Internet Safety Day (activities in school)
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 3:00-5:00</b>	Movie Night Y1-Y6
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 10:30-11:30</b>	Nursery and Reception Stay and Play – Love Learning
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Pancake Day Themed Lunch
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Break up for half term
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Return to school