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Friday 20th March 2026

NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have been playing lots of games and activities to learn and use parts of our body. We have played copy the leader and sand songs like 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes'. The children know lots of their body parts and have spotted them on our drawings too. Nursery can now point to their toes, touch their shoulders, wave their elbows and stroke their neck. We have had lots of fun and lots of excellent listening.





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RECEPTION

Reception had a fantastic time visiting Maiden Castle for the *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* Festival! The children took part in a wide range of exciting physical activities inspired by the story, from exploring obstacle trails and going on imaginative "hunts" to developing their movement, balance, and teamwork skills. Their enthusiasm was brilliant, and it was wonderful to see them growing in confidence as they joined in with every challenge. A great day of adventure, exercise, and storytelling fun.





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YEAR 1

This half term the children have been learning about the different seasons in Science. This week the children have been investigating all about Spring. The children learned about different animals that have babies in spring.

'Lambs and caterpillars are born in the Spring.' - Tommy

'Frogs lay the eggs in the pond. The tadpoles are born in Spring.' - Ellie

'Chicks and ducks are born in the Spring.' - Abigail

In true Spring spirit the children planted their own sunflower seeds and enjoyed talking about how we plant and care for nature. The children also created their own Spring kites to test out in the wind.

'The wind is colder in the winter but we still have wind now.' - Michelle.





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YEAR 2

For Science Week, our Year 2 children showed incredible curiosity and enthusiasm as they worked to solve The Sacriston Mystery! When trying to uncover who had stolen the Always Bears from Mrs. Park's office, they became real-life crime scene investigators, studying fingerprints, examining footprints and even carrying out handwriting analysis to identify the suspect. Their dedication and detective skills were outstanding and they were absolutely thrilled when they finally cracked the case.



"I have enjoyed solving a crime and becoming a crime scene investigator. I am proud that we found the suspect" - Harry B

"You can look at the handwriting to see if it is the same but I think Mr Ratton wrote in a different way to trick us" - Jax

"Those footprints can't be Mrs Maxfield-Kay's because her shoes don't have swirls, but the evidence sample did" - Casey



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YEAR 3

For Science Week, Year 3 played the role of detective to retrieve the missing Always bears. The suspects were cross-examined before the children then needed to gather evidence. They focused on three main areas which were footprints, fingerprints and handwriting. Year 3 were split off into different classrooms to help solve the mystery and worked really well together as a team, especially when working with children they wouldn't normally work with.

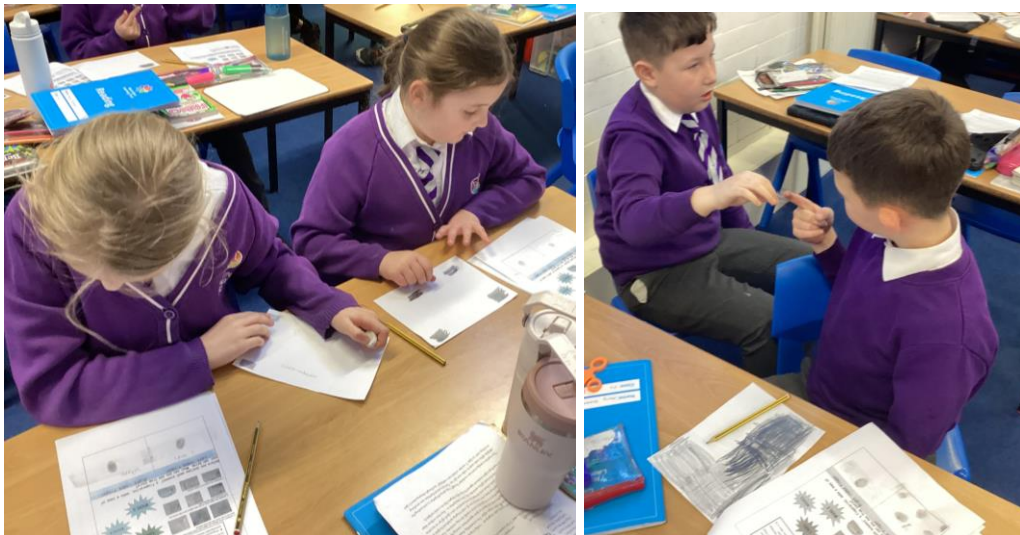




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YEAR 4

For Science Week, Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed becoming crime scene investigators to solve the disappearance of the Always Award bears! The children thoroughly enjoyed questioning the three suspects and took on a range of scientific techniques used by actual investigators! They enjoyed completing their own finger printing and cross examining this with the suspects. They also analysed different handwriting styles and looked closely at a footprint that was left at the scene! Well done for solving the case, Year 4!



YEAR 5

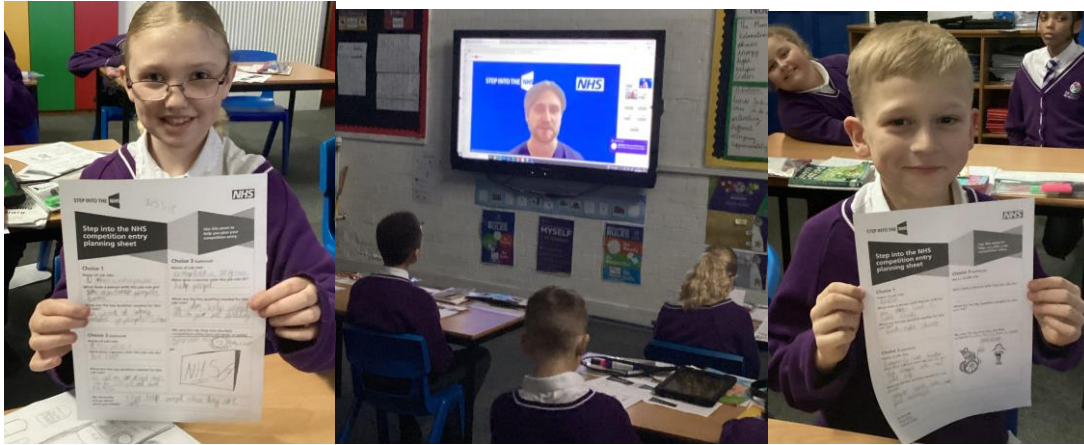
The children in Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed the 'Step into the NHS' day this week, which explored the wide range of exciting careers in the National Health Service. They followed 'Danny's story' and were surprised by just how many different people with different roles Danny encountered during his experience with hospital. The children attended engaging live lessons, completed activities and tasks and even created their own posters advertising a job they had previously not heard of!

"Paramedics are the ones in the ambulance but the medical dispatchers are the ones who send them" - Penelope



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"There are so many jobs in the NHS, like cleaners and chefs as well as doctors and nurses." - Ellie



YEAR 6

To celebrate British Science Week, Year 6 took on the role of crime scene investigators to solve the mystery of the stolen Sacriston Always Award bears. Three suspects were questioned and the children used a range of scientific techniques including finger printing, footprint analysis, handwriting comparison and chromatography to gather evidence. Through teamwork and careful investigation, they successfully identified the culprit! The children were also brilliant at helping the younger children to complete all of the tasks too – well done Year 6!





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Class Attendance



| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 87.5% | 93.4% | 95.2% | 95.6% | 97% | 94.1% | 92.9% | 93% |

Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Reception and Y3**

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Avery Johnson

Reception: Anna Sinaj

Year 1: Bobby Dao

Year 2: Hunter Johnson

Year 3: Susan Wisniewski

Year 4: Mason Hubber

Year 5: Toby Hansen

Year 6: Lucian Armstrong



Perfect Presentation

Reception: Lilly Rose Milner

Year 1: Lilly Fetts

Year 2: Tyler Wood

Year 3: Harry Wile

Year 4: Amelia Foster

Year 5: Myla Ward

Year 6: Alfie Fawthrop





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The menu for week beginning Monday 23rd March **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.

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

After School Clubs

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Club</u> | <u>Year Group</u> | <u>Pick up time</u> |
|------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Monday | Mini Multi Sports Club | Reception Y1 Y2 | 4:15 pm |
| | Booster | Y6 | |
| Tuesday | Ball Games | Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 | |
| | Careers Club | Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 | |
| | Booster | Y6 | |
| Wednesday | Sketching and Drawing | Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 | |
| | Games Club | Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 | |

Dates for your Diary

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Monday 23rd March 3:00 – 3:45 | Uniform Swap Shop |
| Wednesday 25th March | Mixed football League at Meadowfield |
| Tuesday 31st March | Parent Consultations (face to face) |
| Wednesday 1st April | Parent Consultations (telephone) |
| Wednesday 1st April 10:45 – 11:30 | Early Years Stay and Play |
| Wednesday 1st April | Deadline for Easter egg decorating competition |



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| Thursday 2nd April Year 1 9:00 - 9:40 Year 2 9:45 - 10:25 Year 3 10:30 -11:10 Year 4 11:15 -11:55 Year 5 1:00 - 1:40 Year 6 1:45 - 2:20 | Parent Easter Craft Workshops |
| Thursday 2nd April | Break up for Easter |