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20th February 2026

EARLY YEARS

To mark Shrove Tuesday, Nursery and Reception came together to share pancakes. The children enjoyed snack, talked about their favourite and explained their favourite toppings to their friends.



Nursery and Reception came together for their 'Love Learning' stay and play with their friends and family this week. The children created threaded hearts, explored heart printing, made cards for the family they love and had a great time showing their adults around their learning environments. Thank you to everyone who came and it was a lovely morning for all children and adults alike.





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YEAR 1

This half term, Year 1 have been learning all about the Great Fire of London and as part of their Design Technology project the children created fire engine models based on the fire engines they used during the fire in London in 1666. To create their models the children tested out different materials and had to learn about wheels, axles and chassis. The children created their models in teams and then we evaluated them.

What Year 1 thought was the best part of making the fire engines:

"I liked spending time with my partner the most."-Luci

"I enjoyed trying to stick the box to the chassis"-Laura

"I liked making the windows for it after we made it."- Harrison

What Year 1 thought were the hardest parts of making the fire engines:



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"Definitely putting the wheels on to the axles."-Mila

"Using the glue so that it didn't rip the tissue paper."-Jax



YEAR 2

In DT, we have been making moving monsters. We began by looking at different toys and discussing whether or not they contained mechanisms. After that, we practised making different linkage mechanisms before designing our own final monsters. We created two design ideas each and asked our peers to vote for their favourite. Using their feedback, we chose our final design and made our moving monsters.





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YEAR 3

This week, in Art, Year 3 have been making polystyrene tiles for printing and representing an ammonite. We began the lesson by recapping what an ammonite was and our previous work on them. We created tiles by tracing an image of an ammonite before imprinting this onto the polystyrene. Using paint and rollers, we then painted the tiles before printing these into our books. We talked about how we could make a clear print, spacing between points and what would happen if you overlapped colours.



YEAR 4



Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their art project this week, *Wonderful Weaving!* The children have been learning how to weave by joining two sets of threads together to create cloth. They also discovered that this ancient technique has been used for



thousands of years — even by the Vikings! We started the week by practicing this skill using paper before moving on to creating our own looms to weave wool. We created our own designs and have practiced weaving with multiple colours too! This is a very tricky skill and the children have shown excellent resilience during this project – well done, Year 4!



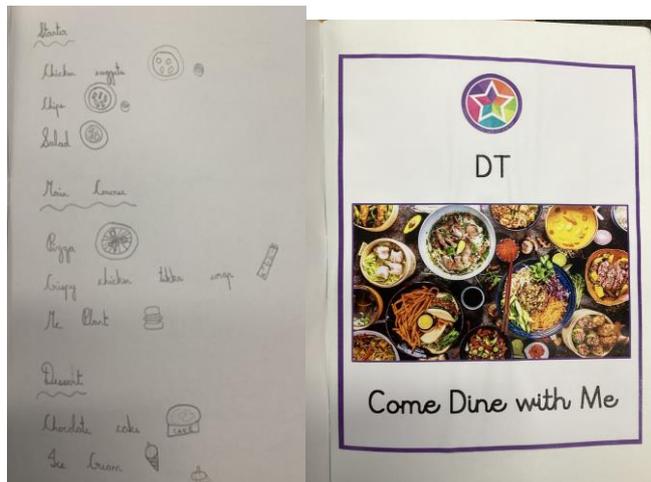
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YEAR 5

The children in Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their recent ventures into the world of fine dining, as they have designed and created their own menus and recipes as part of their 'Come Dine with Me' DT topic. They have used subject-specific vocabulary to describe dishes and have considered elements such as cost, preparation time, flavours and pairings.

"When you write a menu it needs to explain what the dish includes" - Myla

"You don't need always a picture with the food, you can just describe it" - Toby



YEAR 6

In our science investigation, we explored how animals adapt to survive, just like Charles Darwin's famous finches. We used tweezers and chopsticks as different types of 'beaks' to pick up raisins and pumpkin seeds, discovering that some beaks were better suited to certain foods. We then imagined what would happen if only larger foods, like Brazil nuts, were available. We learned that beaks that couldn't pick them up would struggle to survive and wouldn't pass on their features to their offspring.





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Through this activity, we learned how adaptation helps species survive and change over time.



Class Attendance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
88.6%	92.8%	95.4%	95.6%	96.7%	94.4%	92.5%	92.5%

Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to Y1 and Y6

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Ryker Ferguson

Reception: Alfie Underwood

Year 1: Cayde Armstrong

Year 2: Casey Stark

Year 3: Freya Hedley

Year 4: Riley Walker

Year 5: Lukas Zand

Year 6: Austin Pinkney





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Perfect Presentation:

Reception: Scott Bailey

Year 1: Abigail Parshad

Year 2: Alfie Barclay

Year 3: Eleanor Barker-Lawton

Year 4: Mason Hubber

Year 5: Marley Ord

Year 6: Tyler Lowley



Reader of the Month

Reception: Roman Wingfield

Year 1: Molly Fets

Year 2: Grayson Iveson

Year 3: Cruz Berry

Year 4: Ruby Dawson

Year 5: Maria Isaakidou-Fotiadou

Year 6: Lexie Walker



Mathematician of the Month

Reception: Mia-Rose Gordon

Year 1: Riley-May Pinkney

Year 2: Marcus Walker

Year 3: Olivia Nicholson

Year 4: Ashton Boyle

Year 5: Ruby Straughan

Year 6: Roland Adamson



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Author of the Month

Reception: Lilly-Rose Milner

Year 1: Ellie Watson

Year 2: Oakley Price

Year 3: Isla Shelton

Year 4: Benjamin Judge

Year 5: Caleb Bunyan

Year 6: Kian Wingfield



The menu for week beginning 2nd March 2026 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.

[Lunch menus and free school meals](#)



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Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 2nd March	Return to school
Wednesday 4th March	Mixed football League at Meadowfield
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day (non uniform day)
Thursday 5th March Nursery & Reception in Star books 9-9.30 Year 1 - 9.40-10.10 am Year 2 - 10.20 - 10.50 am Year 3 - 11 - 11.30 am Year 4 - 1.10 -1.40 pm Year 5 - 1.50 - 2.20 pm Year 6 - 2.30-3 pm	Reading Cafe for all year groups
Thursday 5th March 3:00 – 4:00	Book Fair
Friday 6th March	International Woman’s Day (activities in class)
Monday 9th March 3:00 – 4:00	Book Fair
Wednesday 11th March	Mixed football League at Meadowfield
Friday 13th March	Centre of Life Trip
Tuesday 17th March	Reception Sports Trip to Maiden Castle
Wednesday 18th March	Mixed football League at Meadowfield
Wednesday 18th March	Save the Planet Day (activities in class)
Thursday 19th March 4:30 – 5:30	SATS information night
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day



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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
Wednesday 1st April	Parent Consultation
Thursday 2nd April	Break up for Easter

