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9th October 2026

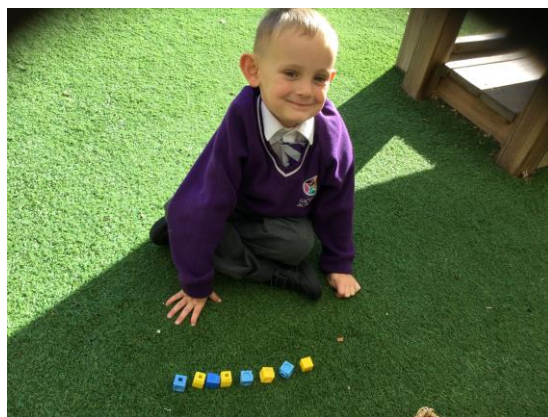
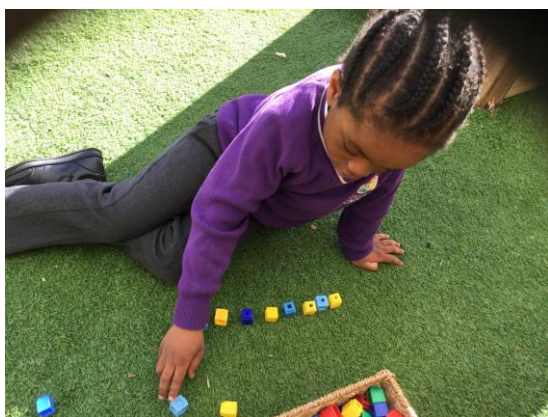
NURSERY

This week Nursery have been exploring rhyming nursery rhymes. The children sang 5 currant buns, sold them in their shop and even baked their own currant buns. The children measured out the ingredients and worked as a team to make tasty treats.



RECEPTION

This week in Reception, the children have been exploring patterns in lots of exciting ways. They have been identifying, continuing and creating repeating patterns using colours, shapes, objects and natural materials. The children enjoyed spotting patterns in the environment and worked hard to explain what comes next in a sequence. They then used their creativity to make their own patterns, developing their mathematical thinking, problem-solving skills and understanding of repeating sequences. We were very impressed with their confidence and enthusiasm as they became "pattern detectives" throughout the week! 📅🟦🟡🔴🌟





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YEAR 1

Year 1 had lots of fun at the Fundamental Festival at Belmont Secondary school. The children took parts in different activities in the festivals and listened to instructions on the events. Well done Year one!





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YEAR 2

Year 2 enjoyed their visit to Sacriston Library. As part of our learning about significant people in history, the children explored and shared books about some of the important individuals we have been studying, including Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Neil Armstrong.



"I liked learning about Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Neil Armstrong" - Lilly F

"I am glad we got to read some good books at the library" - Molly F



YEAR 3

3 is the magic of numbers

Year 3 have been learning to get to grips with 3-digit numbers in their maths lessons. They used place value charts to make a range of 3-digit numbers, showing they understand what each digit in the number represents.



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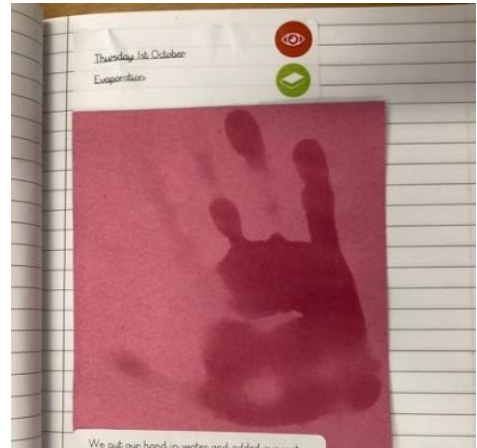
YEAR 4



This week, in science, we continued our unit of 'Changes of Matter'. We focused our learning around 'evaporation'. In this week's investigation, we dipped our hands in water and added our handprint to a piece of sugar paper. We then observed how the handprint began to disappear. Although it looked like magic, we knew it was all down to science! We learnt that heat from our classroom gave the particles in the liquid extra energy. The particles then move faster, break free from each other and float into the air, turning the liquid into a gas!



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YEAR 5

The children in Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Centre for Life in Newcastle this week. They explored a range of areas such as the Space Zone, Wow Zone and the Great Dinosaur Escape, as well as enjoying a thrilling show in the planetarium! The class even had the opportunity to visit the centre's science labs and took part in a workshop on what it would be like to live and work on the International Space Station.





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YEAR 6

Year 6 enjoyed their trip to Newcastle's Life Centre, where they spent the day exploring the wonders of space and science.

The adventure began in the planetarium, where the children took a virtual rocket journey into space to discover the stars, planets and constellations. They were amazed by what they learned as they travelled through the night sky and beyond!

The children then had the opportunity to explore the exciting dinosaur exhibition, getting up close to fascinating prehistoric creatures.

Later in the day, Year 6 took part in a hands-on workshop all about life as an astronaut aboard the International Space Station. They investigated how absorbent the materials used in astronauts' MAGs (Maximum Absorbency Garments) are and discovered why they are such an important part of space missions. The children also tested their skills by operating a robotic arm, quickly realising just how challenging it can be to manoeuvre equipment and complete tasks in space!





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Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.5%	96.1%	95.3%	95.1%	96.9%	94.6%	94.5%	99.36%

Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Y2** and **Y3**

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Mya T

Reception: Stefan H

Year 1: Gary T

Year 2: Lilly F

Year 3: Theo J

Year 4: Rosie H

Year 5: Riley W

Year 6: Lola H



Perfect Presentation:

Reception: Nancy S

Year 1: Alfie U

Year 2: Jax F

Year 3: Corey F

Year 4: Jovian T

Year 5: Julian P

Year 6: Ruby S





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Breakfast Club

We offer the Government's Free Breakfast Club programme. All children from Reception to Year 6 are welcome to join us for a healthy breakfast free of charge before the school day begins. The start time is 8.15am.

In addition, we offer the option of an Early Drop Off Breakfast Club at a charge of £1.50 per day. This service can be accessed from 7.50am.

School Dinners

The menu for week beginning 28th September is Week 2. School dinners are £15.40 per week, paid online by Monday please.

Free School Meals

We encourage all parents/carers that have not already done so to complete the free school meals checker below. The guidelines have changed and more children are now entitled to free school meals.

[Free School Meals Eligibility Checker](#)



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After School Clubs

Please see below our after-school clubs for this half term

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Pick up Time</u>	<u>Year Group</u>
Monday	Games Club (Sports PE)	4:15pm	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
Monday	SATS Booster	4:15pm	Y6
Tuesday	Design and Make Club	4:15pm	Y1 Y2
Thursday	Sing, Sign and Play (Music)	4:15pm	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
Thursday	Lego Club	4:15pm	Y1 Y2 Y3

Year 5/6 Football

All football will be played at Meadowfield Leisure Centre - 3.45pm till 5pm

Thursday 15th October
Thursday 22nd October



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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Wednesday 14 th October 14:15	Reception Stay and Play
Wednesday 15 th October	Year 3 Library Visit
Friday 16 th October	Non Uniform Day (in lieu of donations towards Christmas Faure)
Monday 19 th October	Year 4 Bee Netball Trip
Monday 19 th October	Halloween Movie Night (more details to follow on dojo)
Wednesday 21 st October 10:40	Reception & Nursery Halloween Stay and Play
Friday 23 rd October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 9 th November	Return To School
Wednesday 11 th November	Face to Face Parent Consultations
Thursday 12 th November	Telephone Parent Consultations
Friday 13 th November	Reception – Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
Friday 13 th November	Year 2 Athletics Festival
Friday 20 th November	Non Uniform Day (in lieu of chocolate donations towards Christmas Fayre)
Friday 4 th December 14:30	Christmas Fayre
Friday 11 th December	Travelling Panto In School (Jack & The Beanstalk)
Tuesday 15 th December (AM)	Early Years Nativity
Tuesday 15 th December (PM)	Key Stage 1 Nativity
Wednesday 16 th December (AM)	Early Years Stay and Play



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Friday 18 th December	Break Up For Christmas
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Return To School