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23rd May 2025

Nursery

This week, Nursery have been learning all about Mary Anning and her fossil discoveries. We listened to the story 'The Fossil Girl' and have been completing lots of activities about fossils and dinosaurs. Nursery have been showing off their amazing fine motor skills with their paintings and colourings of fossils. Well done Nursery!



Reception

To end our topic of 'Off on Safari' the children have been using their expressive art skills. On Tuesday, the children listened to African music that they might hear on safari. The children thought the music was relaxing. Then the children listened to rainmakers and made their own rainmaker with the African patterns we have been learning about this half term. Look at the children's wonderful creations.

"The rainmakers make the sound of rain." - **Molly**

"I liked putting the rice in and then shaking my rainmaker." – **Lennox**





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Year 1

On Tuesday, Year 1 took part in a local history workshop. To begin with they looked at an old map of the local area, seeing if they could identify churches, castles, roads etc. They then looked at a map 60 years later and compared what they could see. They discussed the changes (lots more buildings) and the reasons for this. Next, the children looked at a census and what this was. Finally, the children looked at some objects from the past. They passed around the objects and discussed what they thought they might be. These included a bed warmer pan, brass iron, pottery salt jar, carpet beater and a wash jolly. The children had a great time, thank you to the Oriental Museum!

'A colliery is a mining place.' - **Theo**

'Maps are like sat navs.' – **Corey**

'I think it is a soup bowl.' – **Sam** (about a chamber pot)

'I think it is to hit flies.' – **Marcus** (about a carpet beater)



Year 2

This week, Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic sports trip to New College Durham where they engaged in a wide range of striking and fielding activities, led by college students. It was brilliant to see the children so engaged and trying their best in tasks such as foot golf, tennis, cricket, and even a game of giant inflatable darts! Year 2 demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and Mr Robson was proud of the way we represented the school.

"My favourite was the cricket one because I liked catching" – **Ayden**

"I loved the inflatable dart one, I was good at it!" – **Isla**



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Year 3

Year 3 have had a visit from Durham University this week. This was a workshop all about the Romans. We began by recapping what we already knew about Romans before learning more about Roman settlements in Britain. We were then able to handle some Roman artefacts, as well as transcribe the Lanchester diploma and design our own Roman coins.



Year 3 also embarked on a school trip to Binchester Roman Fort to finish off our topic of Romans. We began the day by being given a tour of the fort by Sophie and Mark. We were shown Dere Street, the Commander's House and the Commander's Bath house. We then completed activities involving creating mosaics and handling Roman artefacts. After lunch, we were shown the Regimental bath house before making our own Roman clay pots to take home. What a wonderful day!



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Year 4

This week, Year 4 had an exciting visitor from the Oriental Museum to teach us all about Vikings. We started the day by becoming archaeologists and exploring some ancient artefacts from the Viking period. We used our archaeologist skills to discover what each item was, what it was made of and what it was used for. We looked at a Viking horn, small sculptures, flint, cloth and even a Viking sword! We were surprised that the Vikings used to play board games! After this, we looked at the Norse language used by Vikings and learned that a lot of our words came from this. We created our own Viking names and carved it onto paper just like the Vikings would carve into stone. We had an excellent day, thank you Oriental Museum!

*"I think this was a statue of someone who used to be alive" - **Stephen***

*"I think this small sculpture used to be a chess piece." - **Lucas***

*"It's made out of metal, and I think it was used to cook food" - **Jessie***

*"I think this is a Viking horn. If you blow into it, it makes a loud sound. If Vikings are in the middle of a raid, you can use it to get attention." - **Ellie***





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Year 5

This week, Year 5 took part in a history workshop ran by Durham University. The workshop was based all around 'local history'. The children spent time looking at maps of the local area and explored how the village of Sacriston has changed over time. Additionally, the children explored a census, exploring how it works and the information held. Finally, children explored a range of different historical artefacts.

"I liked that you got the chance to see and hold the artefacts." – **Hollie-Mae**

"I enjoyed looking at the old maps and comparing the differences." – **Roland**

"I liked how we learnt about history and were able to look at the tools which were used." – **Logan**



Year 6

Last week, Year 6 completed their SATs after working incredibly hard and showing so much resilience throughout. To celebrate their fantastic efforts, they took a well-deserved trip to Mrs Parks' ice cream parlour! The children enjoyed their treat, had lots of laughs and of course ate plenty of ice cream!





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Football Team

What an amazing week it has been for Sacriston football team. On Tuesday, Sacriston competed in the final of the Alan Grimes trophy. Out of over 200 schools, we managed to get down to the final five after two previous qualifying rounds. In the final, we managed to win two games and draw two which meant we finished as runners up. We could not be prouder of their achievements this season!



The menu for week beginning **2nd June 2025 is Week 2**. School dinners are £14.05 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>



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Class Attendance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
85.44%	94.73%	95.34%	96.54%	94.21%	96.56%	95.48%	94.49%

Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Year 1** and **Year 3**.

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Chase Loan

Reception: Theo Boyd

Year 1: Alivia Stanley

Year 2: Liam Greggs

Year 3: Bernardo Ronzani Dos Santos

Year 4: Ellie Zand

Year 5: Ethan Stephenson

Year 6: Ebenezer Parshad



Handwriting Awards:

Year 1: Alivia Stanley

Year 2: Johan Tom

Year 3: Ben Judge

Year 4: Lucas Charlton

Year 5: Tyler Lowley

Year 6: Jack Arkle



Author of the month:

Reception: Cayde Armstrong

Year 1: Maisie Wardle

Year 2: Lilly Milburn

Year 3: Scarlett Nixon

Year 4: Ellie Zand

Year 5: Evie Hubbard-Walker

Year 6: Katie Skelton





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Reader of the month:

Reception: Luciana Grace

Year 1: Oakley Price

Year 2: Ayden Sinaj

Year 3: Hrithika Sajith

Year 4: Jessie Musgrove

Year 5: Kayaan Bunyan

Year 6: Penelope Taylor



Mathematician of the month:

Reception: Lennox Graham

Year 1: Jax Loan

Year 2: Tommy Fenwick

Year 3: Cody Omar

Year 4: Ruby Straughan

Year 5: Roland Adamson

Year 6: Okitha Arachchilage



Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd June

Children return to school

Friday 6th June

Y5 Edinburgh Trip

Monday 9th June

Reception Summer trip to Wharton Park

Tuesday 17th June

Sports Day

Monday 23rd June

Uniform Swap Shop

Tuesday 24th June

Nursery Summer trip to Potters World

Wednesday 25th June

Y6 Transition day to Hermitage Academy

Friday 27th June

Y6 Transition day to Hermitage Academy

Tuesday 1st July

DEADLINE: Y2/Y6 Summer trip payments on ScoPay

Thursday 3rd July

Summer Concert at The Glasshouse Gateshead

Friday 4th July

Y4 Summer trip to Oriental Museum

Wednesday 6th July

Y6 Transition day to Framwellgate Moor

Thursday 10th July

Y6 Summer trip to Hardwick Park

Y2 Summer trip to Souter Lighthouse