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Friday 8th May 2026

NURSERY

This week Nursery have been enjoying the story of 'The tiny seed'. We have explored plants together and looked at how some plants and flowers look different. The children explored different herbs using all of their senses.

'I like that on my pizza!' -Mya

'It smells yummy.' -Charles





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RECEPTION

This week, the children have been learning how to add more and find the total. Using practical resources and fun activities, they combined groups of objects and counted how many altogether. They are beginning to use key words like *add*, *more*, and *total*, and are growing in confidence with their early addition skills.



YEAR 1

In Music this half term, the children have been learning a song all about their imagination. We have been exploring music to give our opinions on. We have been talking about the lyrics of the song such as 'the ladybird drinking a cup of tea. From this the children created some lines for a class song such as:

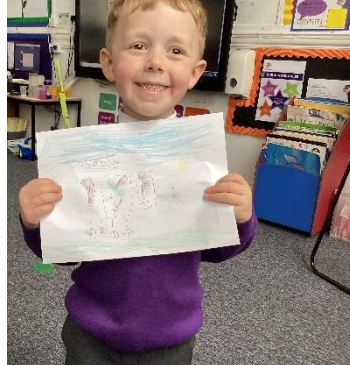
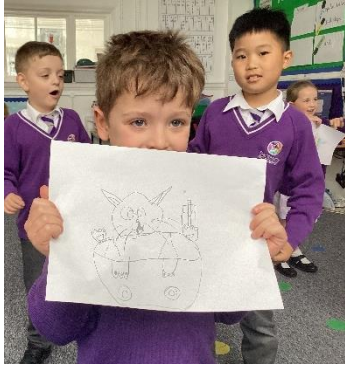
Theo- *'the music from the ice cream van on a sunny day.'*

Ellie- *'a rainbow unicorn flying with me on the back.'*

Lennox- *'a happy cat enjoying a strawberry milkshake.'*



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YEAR 2

Year 2 have been learning about different world views in RE and this week we focused on synagogues as Jewish places of worship. The children explored the features of a synagogue through an online virtual tour. They then worked carefully to create their own drawings of a synagogue, thoughtfully including key features they had learned about.



YEAR 3

This week, in Writing, Year 3 began their new unit of writing work. The children began the week by analysing a model text of a narrative based on a story set in Roman Britain. The story followed Marcus, a young Roman messenger who had been tasked with delivering a message to Binchester Roman fort. The children looked for key features like fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, apostrophes for possession and figurative language. The children will be writing their own version of the story over the coming weeks.



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YEAR 4

This week in their topic lessons, Year 4 have been exploring some of the key leaders of Ancient Egypt. Each child was assigned a pharaoh to research and then introduced themselves to the class in character. They learned about when each pharaoh ruled, the kingdom they belonged to, and a range of interesting facts about their lives and achievements. The children also explored the features of a sarcophagus, discovering the meaning behind some of the important symbols used in Ancient Egyptian designs. They then created and labelled their own sarcophagus designs, showcasing everything they had learned.

"Narmer was the first pharaoh. He united upper and lower Egypt." - Julian

"Cleopatra VII was the last ever pharaoh of Egypt." - Layla

"Pharaohs were buried with a scarab beetle because they believed it would protect them in the afterlife." - Willow E



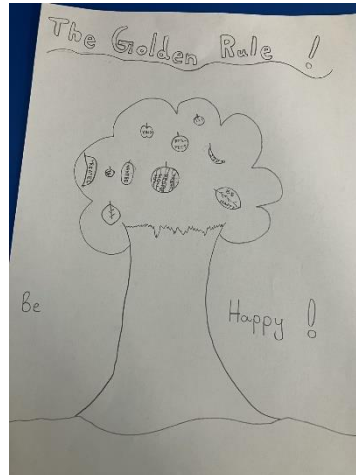
YEAR 5

In their R.E. lessons this half term, Year 5 have been exploring the question of "what matters most to Humanists and Christians?". Through a range of activities, group tasks and whole-class discussions, the class have investigated the similarities and differences of these two groups and explored their values. In our most recent lesson, the children created their own poster around promoting the "golden rule" of treating others the way you would like to be treated yourself.



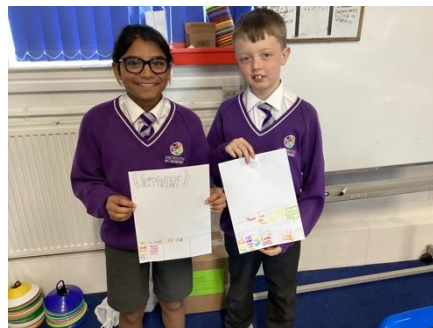
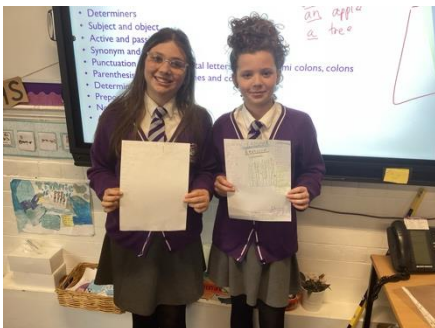
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"It's important to be kind and fair so other people do the same to you" - Lola
"If you are unkind then you shouldn't be because you wouldn't want people to be unkind to you" - Ruby



YEAR 6

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this week, practising their reading, maths and grammar skills with great focus, determination and positivity. The children have also started to create their own colourful grammar revision posters to help them remember key terms and they will continue to add to these this week. I am so impressed with their attitude and effort – they should be really proud of themselves!





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✿ Good Luck to Our Year 6 Pupils ✿

Next week, our wonderful Year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish every single one of them the very best of luck. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and determination they have shown throughout the year.

Stay calm, believe in yourselves and remember everything you have learned. Most importantly, just do your best – that is all anyone can ever ask.

You have already achieved so much and you should feel incredibly proud. This is your opportunity to show what you can do. We know you will approach the week with positivity and confidence.

Well done for all your efforts so far – you truly deserve to shine.

Good luck, Year 6 – we are all behind you!

Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
88.9	93.04	95.2	95.7	97.1	93.9	93.6	93.4



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Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Reception** and **Y5**.

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Lennox Johnston-Hubber

Reception: Declan Gray

Year 1: Theo Boyd

Year 2: Maisie Wardle

Year 3: Maisie Johnson

Year 4: Willow Embleton

Year 5: Cally Saunders

Year 6: Lillie Dawson



Perfect Presentation

Reception: Anna Sinaj

Year 1: Daisy Johnston

Year 2: Jorgie Clark

Year 3: Harry Wile

Year 4: Layla Potts

Year 5: Lukas Zand

Year 6: Kayaan Bunyan



School Meals

The menu for week beginning Monday 11th May **is Week 1**. School dinners are £15.40 per week, paid online by Monday please.

Any child may qualify for free school meals, please contact the school office to request a form and check your eligibility.



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After School Clubs

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Pick up Time</u>	<u>Year Group</u>
Monday	Fundamental Movements	4:15pm	Reception & KS1
Tuesday	Cricket	4:15pm	KS2
Tuesday	Gardening Club	4:15pm	KS1 & KS2
Thursday	Friends of the Earth	4:15pm	KS1 & KS2
Thursday	Read and Relax	4:15pm	KS1 & KS2

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 20th May	Year 1 Ushaw Trip
Thursday 21st May	Year 3 Binchester Roman Fort Trip
Friday 22nd May	Break up for half term
Monday 1st June	Return to school
Monday 1st June (15:00-15:45)	Uniform Swap Shop
Thursday 4th June	Year 5 Edinburgh Trip
Monday 8th June	World Ocean Day
Tuesday 9th June	Year 6 Heugh Battery Museum Trip



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Monday 15th June

KS2 Danish Longball in school

Tuesday 16th June

Year 6 Quidditch

Wednesday 17th June

Nursery and Reception Trip to Wharton Park

Thursday 18th June

Sports Day

Monday 22nd June

Street Games Day

Thursday 25th June

Year 4 Oriental Museum Trip

Monday 29th May – Thursday 2nd June

Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 2nd July

Year 2 Souter Lighthouse Trip

Wednesday 8th July

Athletics Festival

Wednesday 8th July (17:00-18:00)

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 10th July (14:30-16:00)

Summer Fayre