



# NEWSLETTER

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2026

## NURSERY

Nursery have loved being back in school this week and we celebrated in style. To celebrate coming back to school, Nursery had a New Years party, and we made party hats and had a new year countdown together.



## RECEPTION

This week, our Reception children have been tackling exciting challenges—and showing incredible perseverance! Whether it was building the tallest tower, solving tricky puzzles, or mastering new skills, they didn't give up. Their determination and positive attitude remind us that every challenge is an opportunity to grow. Well done, Reception—we're so proud of you!





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## YEAR 1

In writing this week, Year 1 have been learning how to write instructions. Before we started to write, the children enjoyed following instructions to make their own jam sandwiches, talking about what they were doing and giving verbal instructions. The children then used this knowledge to write their own instructions.



## YEAR 2

This week, Year 2 have settled back into school life beautifully. We have spent time talking about our dreams and goals, as well as the many things we have already achieved. The children each completed a trophy to celebrate something they are proud of accomplishing and reflected on how it made them feel. We are so proud of how much we have achieved already!



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## YEAR 3

This week, in Writing, Year 3 have been reading the Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman. The children have been diving deep into the story, focusing on the main character Lila as well as others such as Lalchand, Hamlet and Chulak. They have also analysed a model text based on the story, with the focus being on figurative language and direct speech. This will then feed into their writing lessons over the coming weeks.

*"I like at the beginning when Lalchand is teaching Lila how to make different fireworks" - Freya*

*"Lila is very determined because she learns how to become a firework-maker herself later in the story" - Crystal*





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## YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 have started an exciting new history topic – The Vikings! The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading a book about the Battle at Stamford Bridge and learning about the defeat of the Viking King, Harald Hardrada. We started our topic learning about the different reasons the Vikings came to Britain, and the children were shocked to discover that the Vikings invaded the North-East!

*"King Harold was the King of England at the time." - Maisey*

*"The king's treacherous brother betrayed him and helped the Viking King!" - Amber*

## YEAR 5

Year 5 have made a fantastic start to their new PE topic all about football this half term. Working with a coach, the class have been excited and engaged with their learning to discover and develop their skills in passing and finding space during invasion games. We are excited to see them continue to progress through the weeks!

*"You need to communicate, that's the most important thing." - Stephen*

*"You only use the inside of your foot to pass" - Lucas*





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## YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 started their new topic of dance in PE with great energy and enthusiasm. They began by practising drills that focussed on keeping the beat and staying in rhythm with the music. After learning a series of steps, the children worked in groups to choreograph their own routines, concentrating on timing and staying in sync with each other. They were all brilliant!



## Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.2%	91.1%	95%	95%	96.1%	94.1%	90.7%	91.1%



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## Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Reception** and **Year 6**

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

**Nursery:** Mya T

**Reception:** Gary T

**Year 1:** Daisy-Leigh M

**Year 2:** Alivia S

**Year 3:** Isla S

**Year 4:** Amber M

**Year 5:** Ruby S

**Year 6:** Lillie D



## Perfect Presentation

**Reception:** Alfie U

**Year 1:** Lilly F

**Year 2:** Esme H

**Year 3:** Finn R

**Year 4:** Benjamin J

**Year 5:** Lukas Z

**Year 6:** Zachary R



## After school clubs

Clubs will run after school till 4.15pm, please see dates below:

Tuesday: Badminton

Tuesday: Cosy Club

Thursday: Arts and Crafts Club



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The menu for week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> January **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 | Sacriston Academy](#)

## **Dates for your Diary**

Date	Event
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Break up from school for half term
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Return to school after half term