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Friday 22nd May 2026

NURSERY

Nursery have had an excellent week learning about 'Superworm'! The children have talked about what they would be like as superheroes and how they would help people. Then they have created many of the creatures that are included in the story.

Agalisai- 'Superworm is strong and helps people like me. I would be super Agalisai.'

Lennox- 'The bird got superworm and then he couldn't help people.'

Mya- 'The spider made a web and the bees made honey to put the lizard in the rubbish.'



RECEPTION

Reception have been thoroughly enjoying *Gorilla* by Teresa Heapy as part of their learning this half term. The story sparked great curiosity about Africa, and the children loved finding out more about where gorillas live and what makes their habitat special. They had lots of fun becoming "gorilla conservationists," creating their own conservation areas to help protect these amazing animals. The children also explored what gorillas eat, sorting different foods into herbivores and carnivores and discussing why gorillas are herbivores.



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YEAR 1

Year 1 enjoyed their school trip to Ushaw Chapel and Gardens. The children explored the grounds learning about nature as well as collecting natural materials. The children then used their collected flowers and natural materials to imprint into their clay and make lovely decorative pieces that they can enjoy at home. The children also had a tour around the grounds including the chapel and grand hall enjoying the Art and sculptures as we went.





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YEAR 2

Year 2 took part in an engaging workshop all about global warming. They explored what global warming is, why it is important and the ways in which we can all help to protect the environment. As part of the session, the children completed a hands-on experiment about polar bears, learning how rising temperatures affect their habitats as the Earth continues to warm. The experience helped them develop a deeper understanding of the issue and we felt very sorry for the polar bears and the challenges they face!





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YEAR 3/4

This week, Year 3 and Year 4 took part in an exciting Energy Island workshop led by Northern Gas Networks. During the session, the children explored the concept of Net Zero and learnt about the UK's target to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2050. They also discovered how greenhouse gases contribute to global warming and discussed the impact this has on our planet. The children investigated different types of energy resources, considering the advantages and disadvantages of each. Using this knowledge, they worked collaboratively in groups to design their own islands, carefully choosing which energy sources would power them while aiming to keep their carbon emissions at zero. The pupils produced some fantastic island designs, creatively incorporating renewable energy solutions such as solar panels and wind turbines. It was wonderful to see such thoughtful teamwork and innovative ideas throughout the workshop.





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YEAR 5

In their science lessons this half term, Year 5 have enjoyed learning all about the properties and changes of materials. We have explored thermal insulation, dissolving and in our most recent lesson, reversible changes. For example, we made several mixtures or solutions of sand and water, salt and water, rice and paperclips and flour and raisins. We then used a range of processes to separate these.

"We could separate them all because they were reversible changes" - Ruby

"We used a magnet to separate the paperclips from the rice because it attracted them"

- Aarav

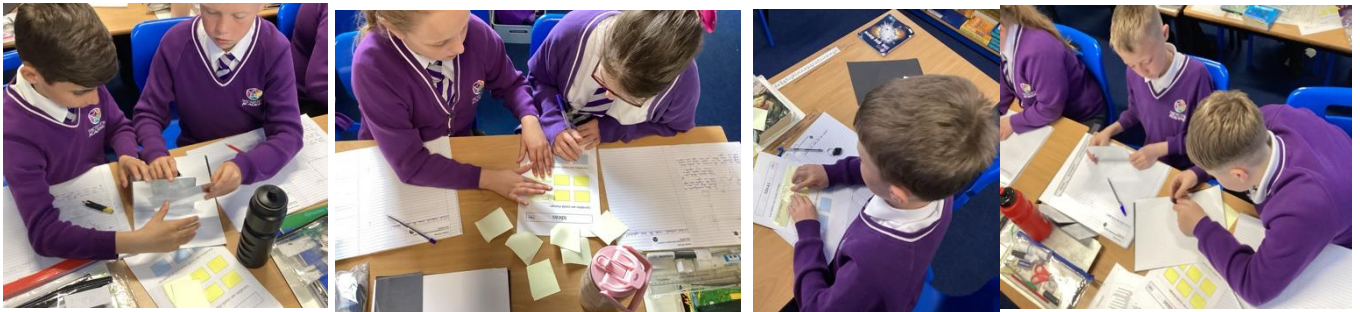




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YEAR 6

This week in science, Year 6 explored which materials were the best reflectors of light. Through their investigation, they discovered that smooth, shiny surfaces reflect the most light and appear the brightest, while rough, dull surfaces reflect less light and appear much darker. The children worked scientifically by planning and carrying out their investigation, making careful observations and using their results to explain their findings.



Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
88.9%	91.2%	95.1%	95.5%	96.8%	93.8%	93.7%	93.7%

Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Rec** and **Y5**



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The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Archie Loan

Reception: Scott Bailey

Year 1: Shelby Clarke

Year 2: Everly Smith

Year 3: Tommy Fenwick

Year 4: Ruby Dawson

Year 5: Ruby Straughan

Year 6: Winnie McKie



Perfect Presentation

Reception: Daisy Milner

Year 1: Michelle Henderson

Year 2: Theo Johnson

Year 3: George Underwood

Year 4: Mason Hubber

Year 5: Layla White

Year 6: Josh Kirkpatrick



Reader of the Month

Reception: Mia Gordon

Year 1: Bobby Dao

Year 2: Ella-Rose Edmundson

Year 3: Dhyan Dev

Year 4: Maisey Smith

Year 5: Orryn Bloomfield-Bell

Year 6: Ethan Stephenson



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Mathematician of the Month

Reception: Harry Dixon

Year 1: Theo Boyd

Year 2: Amelia-Rose McDonald

Year 3: Emilia Minieieva

Year 4: Zara Hillson

Year 5: Layla White

Year 6: Aaron Hunter

Author of the Month

Reception: Declan Gray

Year 1: Molly Fets

Year 2: Amelia Young

Year 3: Ayden Sinaj

Year 4: Theo Long

Year 5: Lukas Zand

Year 6: Hollie-Mae Hubber



School Meals

The menu for week beginning Monday 1st June **is Week 3**. 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

Please see the table below for our clubs starting after half term. All parents should have received an email to let them know the start and end dates for each club that their child is registered on.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Pick up Time</u>	<u>Year Group</u>
Monday	Fun Fitness	4:15pm	Reception Y1 Y2
Tuesday	Athletics	4:15pm	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
Tuesday	Magical Science	4:15pm	Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4
Tuesday	Next Steps/Life Skills	4:15pm	Y5 Y6
Thursday	Outdoor Arts Club	4:15pm	Reception Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4
Thursday	Photography	4:15pm	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 1st June	Return to school
Monday 1st June (15:00-15:45)	Uniform Swap Shop



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Thursday 4th June	Year 5 Edinburgh Trip
Monday 8th June	World Ocean Day
Tuesday 9th June	Year 6 Heugh Battery Museum Trip
Tuesday 9th June	Year 1 & Year 2 Zumba in school
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 June – Thursday 2nd July	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 2nd July	Year 2 Souter Lighthouse Trip
Thursday 2nd July (10:30-11:30)	Early Years Stay & Play
Monday 6th July	Uniform Swap Shop
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
Friday 17th July	Break up for Summer