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12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## NURSERY

As part of our Rhyme Time topic this week, Nursery have been learning the story of 'The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly.' The children have been working particularly hard on their counting skills, counting the spots on the dice and then adding the correct amount of flies to the Old Woman. We are learning that each time we touch an object we can say one number, and learning the order that the numbers come in. The children have also practised their fine motor skills, and have enjoyed using tweezers to collect spiders from the sticky web to add to the Old Woman.



*Reggie said, "I've caught a massive spider and lots of little ones."*

## RECEPTION

Reception have had a brilliant start to their school journey. The children have shown great resilience, great listening, and a great attitude! We've had fun exploring new foods in the dinner hall, making lots of new friends, showing our independence, and investigating our Early Years classroom and outdoor area. We are so excited for the year ahead 😊

*"I like going outside and dressing up in the lightening costume." – Alec*

*"I like the garden. I like playing with my friends." – Scott*



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## YEAR 1

On Monday year 1 had their first gymnastics lesson. The children learnt how to negotiate space so that they can keep themselves and each other safe. The children then learnt a few shapes to make and how to make them on the mat to keep us safe. The children did lovely pencil jumps, star jumps and a tuck jump.







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## YEAR 2

This week in Year 2, we've been diving into the fascinating life of Florence Nightingale! We've discovered lots of interesting facts about her, from where she was born to how she became a nurse and changed hospitals forever. One of our favourite activities was a timeline sorting challenge, where we explored different events and decided whether they happened before or after Florence Nightingale's time. First, we worked with a partner, then the classroom was split in two and we had to choose a side based on our answers. In our writing lessons, we've been busy gathering information to help us write a non-chronological report all about her life. We're becoming real historians!

Meanwhile, in science, we've been learning about what humans need to survive. We explored the difference between what our bodies want and what they need, sorting various items into two groups. Then came a twist! Miss Hodges stranded us on a desert island (just pretend, of course!) and we had to write letters to our families asking for essential supplies. Thankfully, we were rescued quickly!





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## YEAR 3

This week in Maths, Year 3 have been re-capping some elements of place value from Year 2. The children have been using a range of concrete resources to help with their learning and have demonstrated real enthusiasm when faced with any challenges so far.



## YEAR 4

Year 4 have made a brilliant start to their first maths topic of the year, diving into place value with enthusiasm. They've been exploring numbers up to 10,000 and have shown great focus using concrete resources like counters to represent and partition numbers. Well done Year 4 for all your hard work!

*"You need to make sure you add a placeholder if there are no tens" - Maisey*

*"We can partition numbers into thousands, hundreds, tens and ones." - Amber*





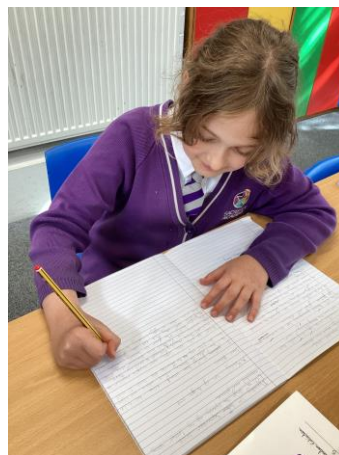
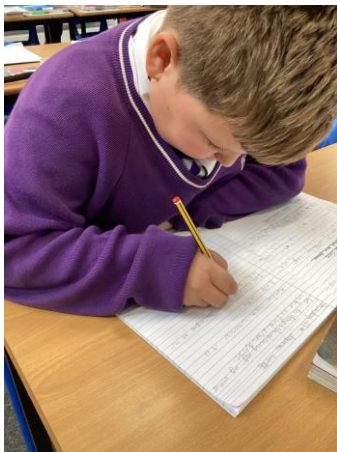
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## YEAR 5

Year 5 have made an excellent start to their writing lessons this half term, as we have begun to plan writing our own letter from one character to another in our class story 'Tom's Midnight Garden'. The class have used some exceptional adjectives to describe the house from the story and its contents, using expanded noun phrases to vividly describe the setting.

*"It's an unusual house because the clock strikes thirteen"* - **Caleb**

*"Expanded noun phrases make our writing more descriptive and exciting"* - **Casey**



## YEAR 6

Year 6 have made an exciting start to their new science topic 'Animals Including Humans'. They began by learning all about circulatory system, focussing on the four chambers of the heart and how blood moves around the body. To bring their learning to life, they then took part in a dissection of a lamb's heart to help them understand how this organ works.



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*"The heart had white fat on the outside to protect it." Kayaan*

*"It was really cool!" Logan*



## **After School Clubs**

Tuesday: Y1 Y2 Gymnastics

Y3 Y4 Y5 Homework & Chill Club

Thursday: Y1 Y2 Design and Make



## **Class Attendance**

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.5	92.9	94.6	94	92	98.1	89.4	97.8





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## Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Y1** and **Y3**

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

**Nursery:** Agalisai Tary Amalraajan

**Reception:** Harry Dixon

**Year 1:** Ellie Watson

**Year 2:** Jorgie Clark

**Year 3:** Lilly Milburn

**Year 4:** Thomas McLaughlin

**Year 5:** Lola Harrison

**Year 6:** Joe Morris



## Perfect Presentation Awards

**Year 1:** Daisy Leigh Mason

**Year 2:** Everly Smith

**Year 3:** George Underwood

**Year 4:** Amber McManus

**Year 5:** Aarav Anoop

**Year 6:** Lexi Walker





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## **Secondary School Applications**

Information has been uploaded to class dojo for parents/carers with details of how you can make your child's application for a Secondary School Placement in 2026. The closing date for Secondary School Applications is the **31 October 2025**

The menu for week beginning **15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 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.

<http://www.sacristonacademy.co.uk/school-information/lunch-menu>

## **Dates for your Diary**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Y6 Residential to Ford Castle

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Y6 Residential to Ford Castle

Parent Reading Workshop 4pm

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Y6 Residential to Ford Castle

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Sibling/Individual Photos

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 5/6 Mixed Football Team @ Meadowfield

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Y6 Parents SAT information 4pm

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Break up for half term

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Secondary school application deadline

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Children return to school

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Parental Consultations F2F

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Parental Consultations Phone Calls

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Non Uniform for Children In Need Donation

Flu Vaccinations Rec-Year 6

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Y6 NISSAN Trip

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Pantomime Afternoon!

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Break up for Christmas!