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Friday 1st May 2026

NURSERY

In Nursery this week, we have been enjoying 'The tale of Peter Rabbit'. The children have counted the vegetables that were taken from Mr McGregor's garden, they have made their very own Peter Rabbits, we have built gates for Peter Rabbit to sneak under and had lots of fun drawing all the vegetables from the garden.



RECEPTION

Reception children have been developing their listening skills and musical confidence through the Big Bear Funk song. They have been listening carefully to the music, learning to sing together and explored keeping a steady pulse. The children were amazing at using the glockenspiel to play simple patterns and create the music, learning how to start and stop together and take turns. Well done!



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YEAR 1

In Year 1 this half term we are looking at 'School days' and stepping back into the past. Last week we had a school tour from Miss Marshall, who explained to us the changes that have happened to our school over the last 50 years.

This week we have been comparing what they did in Victorian schools to now. Here are some of the changes we noticed:

'We have computers now and don't use blackboards.' -Tommy

'In Victorian schools you would get hit by the teacher and would have to sit in a corner with a hat on if you were naughty.'- Harrison

'The teachers used to be stricter in Victorian schools. If you were naughty you would have to stand in the corner with a hat with a 'D' on and everyone would look at you.'-Laura.

'They used to just have chalk boards.' -Luciana

'If you didn't come to school clean then you would get told off.'- Daisy





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YEAR 2

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed starting their new PE topic on fielding and retrieving. This week, the children have been developing their teamwork skills by working in small groups to practise throwing, catching, rolling and retrieving equipment safely and accurately.



YEAR 3

This week, on Tuesday, Year 3 had the opportunity in an Endzone activity with SSP. The children discussed what was meant by invasion games and concluded that this was a way of attacking and defending. The children explored different ways to attack and defend as well as working on their throwing and catching skills. The children worked well together in their house teams and even earned house points for where their team finished in the competition.





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YEAR 4

Year 4 have been fully engaged in their history topic on the Ancient Egyptians. After learning that this fascinating civilisation lasted for thousands of years, the children explored the structure of Egyptian society. They discovered that pharaohs ruled Egypt and were considered the most important figures, believed to act as messengers to the gods. The class was also intrigued to learn just how significant scribes were, recognising the vital role they played in society.

"Pharaohs wore a postiche. That's a fake beard." - Theo

"A postiche was a sign of royalty and showed they were really important." - Willow B

"Pharaohs were at the top of the hierarchy whereas farmers and slaves were at the bottom." - Riley

YEAR 5

This week, children in Year 5 began their new PSHE topic for this half term, entitled "Relationships". In this topic, the class explore the ways in which they are perceived by others, how we interact with our peers and the effect we have on the lives of our friends. In our most recent lesson, the children discussed the idea of self-esteem and self-image.

"It's important to remember to be proud of your skills and achievements" - Ellie

"We have to look after other people as well as ourselves" - Maria





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YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 started their new RE topic on Buddhism, focusing on the question of what the best way is to live a good life. They began exploring key beliefs and values within Buddhism, discussing ideas such as kindness, mindfulness and making positive choices. The children also learned about the 5 Precepts, which guide Buddhists in making these positive and respectful choices in their lives.



Class Attendance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.1%	93.1%	95.2%	95.8%	97.1%	93.9%	93.5%	93.4%

Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Y2** and **Y3**

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Reggie Hubber

Reception: Scott Bailey

Year 1: Finley Tasker

Year 2: Sam Hubble

Year 3: Emilia Minieieva

Year 4: Mason Hubber

Year 5: Toby Hansen

Year 6: Lexie Walker





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Perfect Presentation

Reception: Declan Gray

Year 1: Molly Fets

Year 2: Casey Stark

Year 3: Crystal Salkeld

Year 4: Theo Long

Year 5: Louie Clark

Year 6: Lennon Omar



School Meals

The menu for week beginning Tuesday 5th May **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

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
Monday	Booster	4:15pm	Y6
Tuesday	Booster	4:15pm	Y6
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



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Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 8th May	KS2 Littlesticks Golf Day
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
Monday 15th June	KS2 Danish Longball in school
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 June	Year 2 Souter Lighthouse Trip



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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

