

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Friday 5th January

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back in 2024!

It seemed a very quick return to school after the Christmas holidays! I hope everyone had a chance to spend time with family and friends and enjoy the festive period.

It's been lovely hearing about the children who have been to the pantomime, visited Winter Wonderland and gone skating. I'm sure there are lots more stories out there of exciting activities.

We have started new work and year 1 have been very keen to show me the mysterious egg that has arrived in their classroom. I'm sure that some very exciting and imaginative work will be produced.

We have welcomed some new children to the school this week and taken more families on tours around the school.

Our Governors, Laura Masson and Lisa Weller came in for a monitoring visit to EYFS yesterday and were very impressed with the learning taking place by our youngest children. They also spoke with Miss Walters about Reading and looked at the progress made last term.



NEXT WEEK

Current attendance is 93%.

Hopefully with everyone rested after Christmas holidays, we will have healthier children!

Please make sure that children have coats in school and that all items of clothing and things such as water bottles are named. We had a lot of lost property left at the end of last term.

End of Term 3 Friday 9th February

Start of Term 4 Monday 19th February



The mysterious egg in year 1 and some of the lovely work it has sparked for Owls and Robins.

FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL



This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.



YR	This week we have been starting our learning around farms, using the text, Farmer Duck. The farm shop role play area has opened. If you have any interesting vegetables you would like to donate to our farm shop we would really appreciate them! We have been writing simple sentences about Farmer Duck and subitising in maths.
Y1	In Year One the children were surprised to discover a mysterious egg! We have looked closely at the egg and children have collected some great adjectives to describe it. Children have looked in non-fiction books to find out about birds, amphibians and reptiles that hatch from eggs. They have sorted the toy animals into those which hatch from eggs and those that don't. We have had some great nests built in our construction area too.
Y2	Year 2 have been very excited to learn more about the Titanic this week. We did a fun research lesson, and looked at old photographs, read facts and watched videos about the famous ship. We know lots of interesting facts now! We have also had a lot of fun in science, where we have been measuring elasticity of sports balls, by seeing how high they bounce. We were careful to make it a fair test.
Y3	We had a stunning start to our new book Leon and the Place Between by finding ourselves at the circus! We tried plate spinning, juggling, dressing up as clowns and twirling sticks! We had lots of fun and are excited to read our book. In Science, we started learning about rocks and identifying whether they were natural or man-made.
Y4	Year 4 have been making predictions about their new book, 'One Plastic Bag'. They have been using the internet safely to research Gambia and Istou Ceesay. We have been looking at the features of a river.
Y5	The highlight of Year 5's week was our introductory lesson on how hurricanes form and the science behind them; practical activities added to the excitement (particularly as Mr Smith had spilt rather too much water on the carpet in his practices...!). We then started to study this term's text, 'A Storm Called Katrina' by Myron Uhlberg. Maintaining the theme, we listened to, and then performed Louis Armstrong's 'When the Saints Go Marching In'.
Y6	A short but busy week in Year 6. We welcomed Prшти, Rithvik, Pritha and Sairishi to Year 6. We have been history detectives finding out about Amelia Scott; learning all about refraction and the colour spectrum; thinking about who we are in the community in RE and talking about emotional changes throughout puberty.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

5S
5B
Lorikeets
Kookaburras
4B
Swimming 4VC

TUESDAY

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAY

3DB
3TWB
4VC
4B
6W
6H

THURSDAY

3TWB
3DB
Owls
Robins

FRIDAY

Ducklings
Goslings
Lorikeets
Kookaburras

FOREST SCHOOL

5S