



Friday 15th September 2023

This Half-Term's Value: Respect and British Values

DIARY DATES

Thursday 28th September

Year 6 Residential parents information session

Monday 5th October – Tuesday 6th October

Year 5 Residential trip to PGL

Thursday 12th October

Parents Evening 4 – 6:30pm (bookings via School Spider more info to follow)

Monday 16th October - Friday 20th October

Year 6 Residential trip to PGL

Tuesday 17th October

Parents Evening 3:30 – 6pm (bookings via School Spider more info to follow)

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

Half term

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our range of fantastic before, lunch and after school extra-curricular club opportunities begin next week. The range of options available, dates and timings are listed below. Please see School Spider if you would like to sign your child up to any of the clubs.



Star Writers of the Week!



Each week the teachers choose an impressive piece of writing, from a child in their class, to go on display in the school entrance and receive the Star Writer award.

This week our Star Writers are: **Nelly (Rec), Ashi (Y1), Jorgie (Y2), Ayla (Y3), Scarlett (Y4), Lora (Y5), Charlotte (Y6)**

Parking

Please park legally and considerately at the start and end of the day specifically. Parking on the yellow zigzags outside school puts the children in danger and it is illegal for that reason (this includes stopping to let your child out of the car). Also be considerate when parking, so as to not cause an obstruction. Parking slightly further down the road and walking with your child will avoid the congestion and help keep children safe.



Stars of the Week!



Huge congratulations to...

Preschool: Joanna

Reception: Anabiyah and Edward

Year 1: Arthur R and Maia

Year 2: Ben and Amelia

Year 3: Isabelle and Noah

Year 4: Lucas I and Jimmy

Year 5: Jacob and Will S

School Admissions

School admissions are now open for children due to start primary or secondary school in September 2024 at: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-educationfamilies/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Online Safety Newsletter

The online safety section of our school website has lots of information to support parents and children with staying safe online: <https://www.harris.lancs.sch.uk/page/online-safety/140624>

Each month we issue an online safety newsletter, September's edition is available on the website or by clicking here: [September Online Safety Newsletter](#)

This week in EYFS and Key Stage 1

Preschool



This week in Preschool we started our 'Marvellous Me' learning. Together we read the book 'Family & Me!' and discussed how the children's features, personality traits and interests, can be passed down from family members. The children then had a good look at themselves in a mirror before creating their self-portrait! We have also been singing 'Heads, shoulders, knees & toes' to learn about our facial features and body parts, as well as listening to a song called 'I Am Special', which helped us to understand that we are all special and unique!

Reception



What a wonderful first full week we have had in Reception! The children have settled in so well and have become familiar with our routines. In Literacy, the children have listened to a story about starting school and have found similarities from the story to our school day. We have done lots of activities in small groups to help the children learn each other's names and get to know one another. The children have begun practising writing their name. We have finished the Baseline assessment, which means we will begin teaching Phonics next week!

Year 1



This week, we have been writing sentences about our favourite wild animals with a focus on ending each sentence with a full stop. We read the beginning of our book 'Lost and Found' and answered who, what, where, when and how questions. In Maths, we have been learning about making numbers up to 20 using a range of equipment - base ten, tens frames and cubes. In Science, we have been learning the names of animal groups. In History, we have learnt about Robert Peary and Matthew Henson (the first explorers to reach the North Pole and how challenging this was) and about Tom Avery (the fastest person to reach the Pole). We built igloos, filled them with supplies and raced to the North Pole.

YEAR TWO



We have had a fantastic start and the children have settled in brilliantly. In Maths, we have been focusing on place value where we used base 10 to revisit our knowledge of tens and ones. In English, we read The Jolly Postman and the children have been writing sentences using connectives. Year 2 have been learning about what makes a good friend, how to recognise bullying and how to regulate our emotions. We have also been learning about Christian beliefs and retelling their creation story in RE. We have been learning the names of animals in French and the children have been experimenting with ScratchJr in Computing. Well done Year 2!

This week in Key Stage 2

YEAR THREE



We have had a very exciting week in Year 3, and it has been wonderful to get to know the children. Our Grammar Focus this week has been Prepositions. We had the Classroom Ghost come in and move things around! The children did some impressive writing about each object that had been moved. In Science we have been investigating light and discovering how light travels, we had fun making Shadow Puppets. The children really impressed me in Maths with their understanding of Place Value. Super proud of everyone in Year 3 - Well Done! Next week, we will be looking at shapes in Maths.

YEAR FOUR



Year 4 have completed two weeks of intensive swimming and I'm completely stunned by the children! The progress they have made in such a short space of time is amazing but more importantly are the character traits they have developed and shown. This has been a great way to start the term to demonstrate to themselves what they are capable when they put their minds to it and try. I hope they carry the resilience and determination they've shown in swimming through for the rest of the year, whether this is in Maths, sports, music... Well done Year 4 a fantastic start to the year!

YEAR FIVE



This week, we have been starting to look at legends from around the UK. We have done lots of grammar work using -ed starters for complex sentences. The children have all created some fantastic independent sentences, feel free to ask them all about them! We have also been exploring characters using 'hot-seating', the children were fabulous at getting into character. In Maths, we have been focusing on place value, using place value counters and Base 10 equipment to support learning with numbers up to 1,000,000. We have also been working on our teamwork skills in PSHE and had a fun lesson trying to create free-standing towers!

YEAR SIX



We have had a positive week and have been very focused on their learning. Their ambition and resilience to overcome challenges in their learning has been tremendous. We have been working with numbers to tens of millions and small numbers to three decimal places. We started reading our new class novel *The Nowhere Emporium* and we have been writing our own poems based on a magical theme. Our WW2 topic is underway, and we have researched how the war started and how The Blitz affected children in cities around Britain, resulting in many families having to send children to the safety of the countryside. We all made working periscopes in Science, to investigate how mirrors and different angles of reflection enable us to see over obstacles. Phew! What a packed and productive week.

Autumn Term Extra-Curricular Dates 2023

Before School Clubs 8:00-8:45 or 8:15-8:45				
Year Groups	Club	Start Date	End Date	Staff
Y3/4	Boys Football 8:00-8:45	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 27 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Y5/6	Athletics 8:00-8:45	Tuesday 19 th Sept	Tuesday 28 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Y3/4	Hockey 8:00-8:45	Wednesday 20 th Sept	Wednesday 29 th Nov	Mr Ridge
KS2	Cross Country 8:15-8:45	Thursday 21 st Sept	Wednesday 30 th Nov	Miss Rigby
Lunchtime Clubs 12:00-12:30 or 12:25-12:55				
KS2	Rubix Cube	Thursday 21 st Sept	Wednesday 30 th Nov	Mr Ridge
After School Clubs 3:20-4:15				
Y5/6	Boys Football	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 27 th Nov	Mr Groom
KS2	Girls Football	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 27 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Y5/6	Gymnastics Group 1	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 16 th Oct	Miss Wilkinson
Y5/6	Gymnastics Group 2	Monday 30 th Oct	Monday 27 th Nov	Miss Wilkinson
Y5/6	Hockey	Wednesday 20 th Sept	Wednesday 29 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Whole School	Drama	Set their own dates		Players in Education
Y4/5/6	Netball	Thursday 21 st Sept	Thursday 30 th Nov	Miss Rigby
		<i>Cancelled Thursday 12th Oct due to parents evening</i>		
Whole School	Ju Jitsu	Set their own dates <i>Cancelled Thursday 12th Oct due to parents evening</i>		Enso Martial Arts
Y5/6	Dance	Friday 22 nd Sept	Friday 1 st Dec	Miss Sumner



School Term and Holiday Pattern: 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Start of term Friday 1st September
Half-term close Friday 20th October
Re-open Monday 30th October
End of term Friday 22nd December

Spring Term 2024

Start of term Monday 8th January
Half-term close Friday 9th February
Re-open Monday 19th February
End of term Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 2024

Start of term Monday 15th April
Bank Holiday Monday 6th May
Half-term close Friday 24th May
Re-open Monday 3rd June
End of term Monday 22nd July

INSET Days

Day 1 Friday 1st September 2023
Day 2 Monday 3rd June 2024
Day 3 Tuesday 4th June 2024
Day 4 Wednesday 5th June 2024
Day 5 Thursday 6th June

Term dates for 2024/25 will be released later this term.

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juniors (3y-4y) 9:50-10:30

seniors (4y-6y) 10:40-11:20

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