

Friday 27th September 2024



## Coming Up

There are a number of fun things coming up for both children and parents before our October half term.

This includes a Pumpkin Carving competition, Harvest Festival and a Halloween Disco!

More details will follow on a letter, so please keep checking your emails.

## Update from the Head

Hello everyone,

This week we have celebrated National Inclusion Week. We have developed our understanding of diversity and promoted inclusion.

The local PCSO's have visited classrooms to talk about the importance of inclusion and recognising protected characteristics. Grandad Dave promoted inclusivity through a fabulous music assembly inspiring many students.

We also had a visit from Grandad Wheels who came into the academy to share his life's journey and how he came to be in a wheel chair for the last 11 years. We were lucky to hear him read some of the stories he'd written.

I have been impressed this week with the tolerant, accepting attitudes demonstrated by the children. Have a great weekend!  
Mrs Cooke

## Diary Dates

### Dates For Your Calendar



#### Inset days for academic year 2024-25

- Friday 10th January 2025
- Monday 2nd June 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025

#### 09.10.24 - Harvest Festival

9.00am EYFS parents

9.30am - Years 1, 2 & 3 parents

10.00am - Years 4, 5 & 6 parents

#### 22.10.24 - School Photographs - Individuals

#### 22.10.24 - Halloween Disco

#### 25.10.24 - Pumpkin Carving Competition

#### 23.10 - 25.10.24 - Y6 Residential to Dallow Gill

#### 25.10.24 - Break up for half term

#### 04.11.24 - School reopens from half term



# Early Years



Nursery have had another wonderful week. The children enjoyed the visit from Grandad Wheels, an author and from Grandad Dave, a musician and poet. The children have been enjoying their PE lessons, where they have been following simple instruction such as, stop start. In Maths we have been continuing to explore matching and sorting objects.

What a busy week! Reception continue to settle into school life and start every day with a successful phonics session. Has your child wowed you with their phonic knowledge? In Maths we have continued to explore matching, sorting and comparing groups of objects and creating rules for sets of objects. P.E., is a lovely session for the class and they have wonderful listening skills when listening to instructions. Thank you for your patience and understanding about the class getting changed at school. They are doing so well.



**Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney**

## Year 1



We have had an amazing week this week!

This week has been 'National Inclusion Week', and we have had lots of visitors. We have met some Police Officers who spoke to us about inclusion, and showing kindness to everybody!

We then met 'Grandad Wheels' read us a story all about his adventures in his wheelchair alongside his Grandson. He then told us all about life living in his wheelchair.

**Miss Scott**



## Year 2



We have had an amazing week this week with lots happening across the school for inclusion week!

On Monday, we had the local PCSO's into class and spoke about inclusion. The children had some great questions about what it is like to be a police officer. On Tuesday, we had a visit from Grandad Wheels who shared his wonderful stories about his wheelchair adventures with us. We then had a go at creating our own wheelchair designs which were amazing!

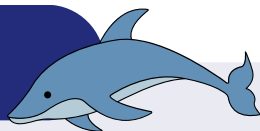
On Wednesday, Grandad Dave came into class and shared his poetry with us. The children enjoyed joining in with his songs and actions and there was lots of laughter shared!

**Miss Colley & Mrs Lilley**





## Year 3



Wow! What an amazing week we have had this week in year 3. The children enjoyed the visit from Grandad Wheels, an author and from Grandad Dave, a musician and poet. The children were able to design Grandad Wheels a new wheel chair and they were amazing at this. Well done year 3!

This week the children have really impressed me in their swimming lessons as their confidence has grown massively in the water and they are really applying their new swimming skills when in the water.

In Science we have also enjoyed continuing with our Rocks topic and we are very much looking forward to creating our own sedimentary rocks and exploring fossils. Well done year 3 and always remember to choose green.

**Mrs Parish**



## Year 4



What a fantastic week in year 4 we have had!

This week has been inclusion week so we have celebrated by authors, musicians and poets in. Everyone has really enjoyed the visitors and asked some fantastic questions.

In our lessons we have been equally as busy! In D&T we have been creating more nets and practising those cutting and scoring skills. In science we have been investigating our teeth and each of their job roles.

Well done everyone on a fantastic week.

**Mrs Cutler**



## Year 5



What a week for Year 5!

We've had loads of fantastic visitors in this week! Monday saw the Police come in to talk to the children about inclusion. On Wednesday we had a fantastic music assembly with Grandad Dave, followed by meeting Grandad Wheels to tell us about his books.

Thursday Grandad Dave came back to visit it with some poetry he wrote, and the kids absolutely loved him! They can't wait for him to come back next Tuesday to do a drumming session with them!

**Miss Slater**



# Year 6



This week the children have had celebrated an action-packed inclusion week in school involving lots of visitors.

We had Grandad wheels in school doing workshops in each class focused on inclusion and disability.

We also had the police in school this week, who were explaining to children the protected characteristics and the seriousness and reasons why they may need protection.

Finally to end the week, the children had Grandad Dave in (a musician and poet) who carried out some poetry workshops with each class, focused on celebrating being themselves and celebrating the diverse society we live in.

Times-table practise in Y6 is important so if your child has any spare time please encourage them to use <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

**Miss Milton**



## Safeguarding



Ensuring our pupils are safe and well looked after is our key priority.

**Miss C Milton:**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

**Mrs C Carratt:**  
**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**

**Mrs L Cooke:**  
**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**

All staff have received Safeguarding training to ensure that they can recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and also how to report/act if a disclosure is made.

Concerns about the safety or welfare of a child? Contact us: 01977 722486

Out of hours contact number:  
03458 503503

For more information:  
<https://www.elacademy.org.uk/knowledge-base/safeguarding/>

**Mrs J Simons: Thrive Practitioner**

**Mrs H Cutler: SENDCO**

## Attendance



### Attendance matters.

Coming to school on time, every day is vital to achieving the best possible outcomes as well as learning good habits which will benefit everyone in the future.

EYFS



97%

Y1



92%

Y2



95%

Y3



93%

Y4



92%

Y5



94%

Y6



96%



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## Providing children with positive experiences and strategies to embed emotional resilience.

We use The Thrive Approach as a whole school strategy to promote positive mental health and wellbeing of which when this is present in children's lives it has been proven to improve their attendance, behaviour and attainment.

This allows our children to become confident, curious, creative and capable, therefore opens doors to a bright future for our children.

If you would like any more information, please visit:  
[www.elacademy.org.uk/thrive-mental-health-wellbeing/](http://www.elacademy.org.uk/thrive-mental-health-wellbeing/)

**Mrs J Simons**  
Lead Thrive Practitioner



## Mindful minds

Why not choose a mindfulness activity to do together at home.

Mindfulness can support with anxieties, daily life stress' & that heavy tension many of us experience.



**For information regarding mental health support & advice, please visit the below links:**

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/u13/home/>

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/wakefield-children-and-young-peoples-emotional-health-and-wellbeing-service/>

## Inclusion & SEND



At England Lane Academy we are committed to providing an inclusive education for all our children. This means that any child who may have Special Educational Needs or a Disability (SEND) will have access to additional or specialist support throughout their life at our academy. All teachers are responsible for every child in their care, including those with special educational needs and disabilities.

The Wakefield local offer website has a section dedicated to 'things to do'

A local event is the 'Elephant Club'. A weekly stay and play session for families of children with Special Educational Needs. For more information see the link below.

This is one of many events happening weekly across the district. For more events please see the link below.

<https://wakefield.mylalloffer.org/>

**For further support, please contact a member of the Inclusion team:**

- Mrs H Cutler - SENDCo
- Mrs J Simons - Lead Thrive Practitioner
- Miss C Milton - Designated Safeguarding Lead & Assistant Principal
- Mrs C Carratt - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs L Cooke - Head of Academy & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead