

Friday 15th November 2024



Coming Up

We have a very busy half term ahead. Please keep checking your emails and notifications for updates.

Next week, on Tuesday we have a Great Fire of London workshop for Y2. It is also UK Parliament Week and on Friday our Academy Council will be meeting with Yvette Cooper, Home Secretary.

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

19.11.24 - Y2 Great Fire of London workshop

26.11.24 - Y4 School Trip to Eureka

05.12.24 - Elf Run - Prince of Wales Charity

06.12.24 - Y5/6 Gym & Dance Festival

09.12.24 - Whole School Christingle Service in Church

10.12.24 - EYFS Christmas Performance 9.30am

11.12.24 - Y1, Y2, Y3 Christmas Performance 9.30am

12.12.24 - Y4, Y5, Y6 Christmas Performance 9.30am

12.12.24 - Christmas Jumper Day

12.12.24 - School Christmas Dinner

12.12.24 - School Christmas Fair 3pm

16.12.24 - Christmas Craft Morning Y5 & Y6 9.30am - 10.30am

17.12.24 - Christmas Craft Morning Y3 & Y4 9.30am - 10.30am

18.12.24 - Christmas Craft Morning Y1 & Y2 9.30am - 10.30am

20.12.24 - Christmas Craft Morning EYFS 9.30am - 10.30am

20.12.24 - Christmas Jumper and Class Christmas Parties PM

20.12.25 - Break up for Christmas

Update from the Head

Hello everyone,

On Monday we had two members of the Royal British Legion, Ann Penistone and Stewart Hackney, come to speak to the children about Remembrance and their important role. The children were very respectful and asked some very thoughtful questions. A big thank you to them both for their time and interesting presentation.

Over the week, we have celebrated Anti Bullying. Our Mental Health Champions delivered an assembly on the importance of kindness, respect and the reason behind Odd Socks Day! They also launched a poster competition across the academy to raise awareness of anti bullying.

Our local PCSO came into school to talk to children about his role in the community, the importance of respect and further promote anti bullying. The children took part in an Anti Bullying March around the playground to show their support for anti bullying and respect.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cooke



Early Years



Another lovely week for Nursery. The children have started to innovate their story map, looking at different pet animals to do this and the children have enjoyed using role play to embed this. In Phonics, the children are focusing on rhythm and rhyme - making lots of silly rhyme soup. In Maths we continue to learn about the number 2 and 3.

Reception have had a productive week. The children have been continuing to learn Phase 3 letter sounds and this week have begun to learn digraphs which are two letters making one sound. In Maths, we continue to learn about numbers to 5 in preparation for numbers six to ten. In Talk for Writing we are embedding the story 'Whatever Next' and children have enjoyed decorating rockets in our outdoor environment.

Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney



Year 1



In Maths, we have been using number lines to count backwards from 10.

In Writing, we have started a new non-fiction story, 'The Gruffalo's Child'. We have been describing the Gruffalo and building sentences based on the interesting adjectives we have come up with as a class.

In RE, we have started learning about Christianity and what they believe in. We learnt about who Christians worship and what their special book is.

We are very sad to see Mrs Scott-Ward go, so we are going to make her last week very special in Year 1!

Miss Scott



Year 2



We've had a wonderful week in Year 2 this week for anti-bullying week. We had a visit from the PCSO to speak about respect and how to show kindness towards one another. On Tuesday, we celebrated odd socks day and on Wednesday, we made our own anti-bullying posters before joining an anti-bullying march on the playground with the rest of the school.

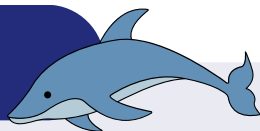
In writing, we have boxed up our warning story and created our own monsters ready for our innovation next week!

Just a reminder that our PE days are now **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

Miss Colley & Mrs Lilley



Year 3



Year 3 have continued to impress me very much this week. We have had an exciting week for Anti-bullying Week. We have shown great enthusiasm and really thrown ourselves into all the activities and discussions based around anti-bullying and respect. We have also had a lovely visit from school nursing to talk to us about dental hygiene and how to keep our teeth clean and healthy. Remember to brush those teeth first thing on a morning before you eat and last thing at night before bed. Keep up the super work year 3. Just a reminder that our PE day is THURSDAY and swimming is still FRIDAYS.

Mrs Parish



Year 4



This week we have celebrated Anti-bullying Week. The children have taken part in a range of activities including creating a new mascot for anti-bullying, an anti-bullying march and a visit from PCSO Tennant talking about anti-bullying.

In maths, we have been multiplying by 10 and 100 and we are starting to move to dividing by 10 and 100.

In PE we had a great afternoon with the Elite coach, working together in teams to improve communication and respect.

It is an exciting time of year and we are beginning to prepare for our Christmas performance.

Mrs Cutler



Year 5



A great week in Year 5!

We've started our science topic this week, which is the human life cycle, and the children were very good at noticing the different stages. This week we have been looking into Mountains more, more specifically volcanoes!

In our writing we have looked at our model text, which is a suspense story all about aliens! I already can't wait to see the children's innovations!

Just a reminder Friday's are forest school, and with colder days coming, please make sure your child is dressed in warm clothing, a coat and either trainers you don't mind getting muddy or wellies.

Miss Slater



Year 6



P.E this half term is every Tuesday and Wednesday. .

Once again we've had a fun, action-packed week. On Monday we had visitors in talking to us about Remembrance day and the importance of this.

On Wednesday, as part of Anti-bullying week, we had our local PCSO come in and chat with us and then we created our own Anti-bullying banners and did an anti-bullying protest.

On Thursday we had a really great day on our school trip to the Eureka museum where we had the opportunity to explore science in a fun and engaging way.



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		98%
Y1		88%
Y2		96%
Y3		98%
Y4		97%
Y5		95%
Y6		96%



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/

Mrs J Simons
Lead Thrive Practitioner



Lets go on a treasure hunt!

On the crisp autumn days why not take part in a treasure hunt for all the family to enjoy.



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