

Friday 20th 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,

We are delighted to be able to share our news this week that during our Ofsted inspection in July we were rated Outstanding!

The first line of the report, "Pupils at England Lane Academy thrive in a caring and welcoming environment." really captures what we aim to achieve at our school.

We are very proud of the children, staff and community.

Next week is National Inclusion Week and we look forward to raising awareness and celebrating differences with a range of activities and visitors across the week.

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

**23.09.24** - National Inclusion Week

**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** - 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



Reception has had another busy week enjoying the sunshine with lots of outdoor learning. In phonics, the children have continued to learn new sounds and some harder to read and spell words. Great work with reading at home, we can tell at school! The children are getting super confident with reading. In Maths the children have concentrated on matching, sorting and comparing groups of objects.

Nursery has had another enjoyable week, spending lots of time in our outdoor learning space. In phonics the children are continuing to explore environmental sounds and musical instruments. In Maths the children are learning about pairing and matching. Well done Nursery.

**Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney**



## Year 1



This week in Writing we have started to innovate our class text, changing our story to the 'Three little fish and the big bad shark!' We are making sure to use interesting verbs and adjectives.

In Forest school we went on a bug hunt, finding spiders and woodlouse under the logs in our forest school area. We then learnt some songs and rhymes and sang them altogether.

Keep up the amazing work Year 1!

**Miss Scott**



## Year 2



This week in Year 2 we have been looking at different types of straws in our Science lessons. We have had a range of straws including plastic, glass and paper to be able to plan an experiment to see which material would be the best for The Shard's restaurant to use in London!

In PE, we have been working on our teamwork skills and we have been amazing! We have played lots of different games and even worked on our football skills.

Next week is inclusion week and we have lots of fun things planned to look forward to!

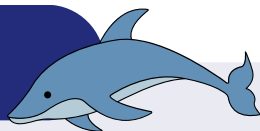
Well done on a fantastic week Year 2!

**Miss Colley & Mrs Lilley**





## Year 3



Another fantastic week in year 3. We have worked extremely hard in all areas of learning this week. In writing the children have amazed me with their knowledge of prepositions. In Reading we are really getting in to the swing of discussing our text in more depth and developing reading skills. In Science we have experimented with different types of rocks and explored hardness. I am super impressed with their recall of events and knowledge from the school trip last week and how they have applied this experience to their learning of the Stone Age. Keep up the amazing work year 3 you continue to amaze me every single day and I am super proud of you all. Remember to making green choices! have a wonderful weekend.

**Mrs Parish**



## Year 4



Year 4 have had a very busy week with lots of fantastic activities and work being produced!

In our D&T lessons, we have been constructing nets and practising our cutting and scoring skills to create our own dice. In maths, we have been working hard on place value especially splitting up four digit numbers in different ways. In our lights down story time sessions we have started another book! 'The famous Five'. This will be our third book of the half term, we love a good story in year 4!

Look out for your child bringing home their homework book on Friday. It will have some spelling and timetables activities inside. Have a fantastic weekend!

**Mrs Cutler**



## Year 5



What a great week in Year 5!

We have been looking at why Claudius was successful in his invasion of Britain compared to Julius Caesar, as well as how sources can be unreliable with a game of Chinese Whispers! In French we have been learning about the different seasons, and how to say something associated with that season. In reading we have continued reading Street Child and looking at what happens to Jim and his family.

**Miss Slater**



# Year 6



In Maths this week the children have been learning about factors and multiples. It is really important that the children in Y6 feel confident with their times tables so additional practise would be beneficial. I have placed a link to an online game below:  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>  
In our history session we have been looking at sources of information and looking at how we can work out their reliability especially in relation to Lady Jane Grey.  
PE is on Wednesday and Thursday. P.E kits can be brought into school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.



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



93%

Y1



91%

Y2



96%

Y3



94%

Y4



95%

Y5



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Y6



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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.

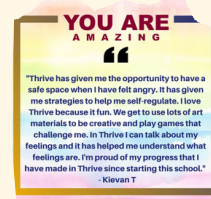
If you would like any more information, please visit:  
[www.elacademy.org.uk/thrive-mental-health-wellbeing/](http://www.elacademy.org.uk/thrive-mental-health-wellbeing/)

**Mrs J Simons**  
Lead Thrive Practitioner



Get creative at home!

Here's a great activity to do together at home with your children.



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