

Friday 25th October 2024



## Coming Up

Wishing all our families a lovely half term!

Afterschool clubs are the same when we return on 4th November.

## Update from the Head

Hello everyone,

What a fantastic week to finish off a great half term! We had an absolute blast at the Halloween Disco! Huge thank you to everyone who attended and bought a ticket and a big thank you to all the staff who organised, decorated and attended too!

This week we launched 'Delta Stars' to support our personal development offer in school. This will enable us to provide lots of opportunities and experiences for our children. This week we had a visit from a Guru, Mr Singh, who came into school to talk to the children all about what it means to be a Sikh and the key principles of Sikhism.

Our Y6's have had a great time on their residential at Dallowgill, building relationships, developing independence and most of all having fun!

Well done to everyone who entered the Pumpkin Carving Competition. We had over 80 entries! They were absolutely fantastic - we hope you had fun making them!

Have a great half term. We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 4th November, 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

**25.10.24** - Break up for half term

**04.11.24** - School reopens for new half term

**12.11.24** - Odd Socks Day

**13.11.24** - Sibling photographs from 8.15am

**13.11.24** - Parents Evening

**14.11.24** - Y6 School Trip to Eureka

**15.11.24** - Children in Need

**26.11.24** - Y4 School Trip to Eureka

**09.12.24** - Whole School Christingle Service

**20.12.25** - Break up for Christmas



# Early Years



Nursery have had a great last week of term enjoying lots of learning through Halloween activities. The children have enjoyed carving out pumpkins and creating their own magic wands. In Maths the children have been learning about the number 4. In Phonics the children have been learning about Rhythm and Rhyme, focusing on exploring find the rhyming pairs. Have a lovely half term and I look forward to see you again soon.

Reception have had a spooky last week of term enjoying lots of learning through Halloween activities, such as carving out pumpkins and counting spooky ghosts. In Phonics we have reviewed ck, e, u, r. We are super proud of the children's phonic knowledge! In Maths we have been learning about one more or one less than a given number and applying it in their play. We wish you a restful half term. P.E. will continue to be on Thursdays next term.

**Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney**



## Year 1



In Forest school this week we have been using our map skills from Geography to follow a map around the field to find the treasure!

In Art we created some beautiful collage's based on Jeannie Baker's work, using our skills of layering, cutting and tearing materials.

In Maths we have been learning how to use part-whole models, and using these to build number sentences.

We also had an amazing time at the Halloween disco, have a great half term year 1!

**Miss Scott**



## Year 2



What a spooky week in Year 2 this week!

We all had a fantastic time at our Halloween disco, all of the children looked amazing in their costumes and it was wonderful to see them all enjoying the music!

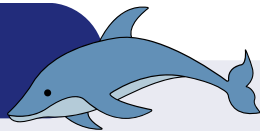
In writing, we have been writing our hot task by incorporating our learning about Geography in London and writing a recount to tell our grown ups about what we could do there!

We've had an amazing start to Year 2. I hope everyone enjoys their half term break and stays safe! Happy Halloween!

**Miss Colley & Mrs Lilley**



## Year 3



Wow! We have had another amazing week in year 3. We have been super busy being Scientists. We have created our own sedimentary rocks then smashed them open to discover fossils. The children were amazing at this and applied their knowledge and scientific vocabulary to understand how sedimentary rocks are formed.

Also this week we have been visited by a Guru from a Gurdwara and the children asked some fantastic questions and showed great interest in what he had to say.

**Our new PE day will be on Thursdays and Swimming will remain on Fridays.**

Enjoy the half term my year 3 superstars and I will see you after the half term break. Stay safe and choose green!

Mrs Parish



## Year 4



A lovely end to the first half term in year 4!

We have had a busy and fun packed week in the year 4 classroom. This week we have participated in an aviation talk, discussing careers and opportunities in the world of flying. We were also very lucky to have a visit from a Guru, his way of life was very interesting. We all had fantastic questions to ask him.

Next term, we will have P.E. on Thursday and Friday, please ensure P.E. kits are in school so everyone is full equipped to join in the exciting Elite Coaching sport sessions. Have a lovely half term and a fantastic Halloween!

Mrs Cutler



## Year 5



We've had a busy week in year 5!

Firstly, the police came in on Monday to talk to the children about knife crime, and how it can effect peoples lives. On Tuesday we had an aviation talk, which inspired some of the children to become pilots!

On Tuesday we had a visit from Mr. Singh, a Guru from a Gurdwara in Leeds, he spoke about Sikhism and the Gurdwara, and the children were hooked by his calming voice! The Halloween disco was absolutely great with some fab costumes!

Next term we will be doing forest school on a Friday, which will take place instead of our elite PE session. Please ensure your child brings warm and waterproof clothing, as we will be out no matter the weather! Have a lovely half term!

Miss Slater



# Year 6



This week, the Y6 pupils have had a fantastic and action packed week. This week the children had a Guru from the Gurdwara visit. The children learnt about the 5 Pillars and were able to learn about some key principles. In order to inspire our children, they also took part in a careers workshop all about careers in aviation.

In Maths this week, the children have began learning how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators. In writing, they have been writing their own introduction texts based on our story Black Powder.

Next half term P.E will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Have a wonderful and well- rested half term.



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		89%
Y2		95%
Y3		94%
Y4		95%
Y5		97%
Y6		99%



## 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



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