

Friday 6th December 2024



## Coming Up

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

New afterschool clubs start in January - please ensure you have booked a place as they are filling up fast!

## 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

- 04.12.24** - Pantomime Visit
- 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
- 13.12.24** - Pyjama non-uniform day
- 16.12.24** - Christmas Craft Morning Y5 & Y6 9.30am - 10.30am
- 17.12.24** - Christmas Craft Morning Y3 & Y4 9.30am - 10.30am
- 17.12.24** - Year 5 visit to York Museum
- 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
- 06.01.25** - Back to School
- 10.01.25** - Inset Day

## Update from the Head

Hello everyone,

What a lovely, Christmassy week we have had at England Lane.

The pantomime was fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed by all children. "I liked it because we could sing along to it and dance with the characters!" Sofia, Y6. "It was so funny, it nearly made my ribs crack!" Ester, Y5. "I loved it when the pirates came out!" Poppy, Y3.

On Thursday every class took part in the 'Elf Run'. The children can now start collecting their sponsor money and bring this into school. A big well done to the children who represented our school at the Gym & Dance Festival - see the picture below.

Next week, we are looking forward to our whole school Christingle service on Monday and welcoming lots of families into school throughout the week to see our Christmas performances. Don't forget our Christmas Fair is on Thursday at 3.15pm!

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Cooke



# Early Years



Another lovely week for Nursery. Nursery have just started our brand new story called Dear Santa. In Phonics the children have been learning about rhyme. I wonder if they can tell you any silly rhymes that they have been learning. In Maths the children have been exploring patterns using natural objects.

Although Christmas is slowly entering the classroom, Reception have been busy learning about Rockets and how Buzz Aldrin is our inspiring person this term. I wonder if your child can tell you what Buzz Aldrin did. In Phonics, Reception have reviewed all the graphemes they have learnt so far and we are beginning to write sentences! This is amazing progress, and I wonder if they can write a simple sentence at home for you.

**Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney**



## Year 1



In Maths, we have been learning all about 3D shapes. We have been recognising and naming 3D shapes, looking at the properties of the shapes to help us.

In Writing, we have been learning a new recount text all about Baby Bear's busy day! He explained to us all about what happened to him when Goldilocks' visited his house. We then went on to explore writing in first person and past tense!

This week has been the start of Christmas celebrations for us in Year 1, we enjoyed a whole school pantomime and took part in the 'Elf Run' to raise money for The Prince of Wales Hospice.

**Miss Scott**



## Year 2



In maths this week, we have started looking at arrays and counting the arrays to write a multiplication sentence. We have completed a practical lesson where we matched the arrays to the number which really helped us to understand.

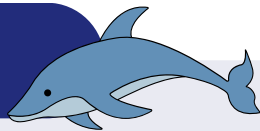
We have been doing lots of practice for our nativity next week and the children are sounding amazing! We have also been very lucky to watch a pantomime in school this week and the children were captivated by the performance. We have also completed our Elf Run this week! A week full of brilliant activities on the run up to Christmas!

**Miss Colley & Mrs Lilley**





## Year 3



This week has been a very exciting week. We have been very lucky to have watched a pantomime in school which the children loved. We have also taken part in our Elf Run this week for the Prince of Wales Hospice. It would be great if you could please collect any sponsors for this as it is for a great cause.

This week in year 3 we have also continued to work on our DT topic looking at structures and stability. We have also continued with our Stone Age topic looking at the impact farming has had on our modern life today.

Another fantastic week year 3. Keep up the amazing work!

**Reminder: PE is on Thursdays. Could all children please bring their PE kit in on a Mondays and take it home on Fridays.**

**Mrs Parish**



## Year 4



What a busy week in year 4

We have been lucky enough to watch a pantomime in school, which we all absolutely loved! We have also been preparing for our Christingle on Monday by making our own Christingles, this was very tricky however we all put in 100% effort. The elf run on Thursday was so much fun! We really enjoyed raising money for a good cause.

In maths we have been working really hard to master division by using our timetables knowledge and in writing we have been continuing with our suspense stories.

Have a lovely weekend!

**Mrs Cutler**



## Year 5



Another great week in year 5!

We have started our non-fiction piece of writing, starting with asking the children to create a witch's potion, and there were some interesting potions!

Mr. Rainer was very impressed with the children in forest school last Friday afternoon, as he tasked them to create their own fire without him reminding them what to do, and they all did it!

The children absolutely loved the pantomime that came to school on Wednesday, with some of the Year 5 children taking part!

In Geography we have moved on to looking at volcanoes, which sets us up to learn about Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii

**Miss Slater**



# Year 6



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

This week the children have been really busy and have taken part in SAT's practise. They all tried their best and worked very hard. The children had the opportunity to get in the festive spirit and raise money as they took part in the Elf dash. If your child still hasn't brought in their sponsor form then they still have time to bring this back. The children came back very excited after watching the pantomime.

Miss Milton



## Safeguarding



Ensuring our pupils are safe and well looked after is our key priority. If you have concerns regarding your child please make an appointment to see the class teacher.

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

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

**Mrs C Carratt:**  
**Thrive Practitioner**

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/>

## 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		92%
Y1		93%
Y2		95%
Y3		97%
Y4		95%
Y5		97%
Y6		91%



## 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



**Let's 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.mylocaloffer.org/>

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

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