

Friday 8th November 2024



## Coming Up

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

Next week is Children in Need and children can dress down and wear something either spotty or yellow for Pudsey bear. Donations can be made via the MCAS App.

## 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

- 12.11.24 - Odd Socks Day
- 13.11.24 - Rescheduled Sibling from home photographs from 8.15am
- 13.11.24 - Parents Evening
- 14.11.24 - Y6 School Trip to Eureka
- 15.11.24 - Children in Need - dress in Pudsey Yellow or Spotty
- 26.11.24 - Y4 School Trip to Eureka

- 05.12.24 - Elf Run - Prince of Wales Charity
- 09.12.24 - Whole School Chirstingle 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,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back this week, I hope you have all had a wonderful half term.

We have had Grandad Dave in completing individual sessions of Wellness Drumming with each class which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. "I enjoyed it because it was a different instrument to what I've played before." Daisy, Y5.

We have had an assembly about keeping safe on Bonfire Night and learnt about its origins with The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 and the unsuccessful attempt of Guy Fawkes to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

Next week we will be celebrating Anti-bullying Week. There will be a range of activities taking place over the week which will include celebrating Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th November to highlight that everyone is different and unique.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Cooke



# Early Years



Nursery have had a wonderful first week back. They have just started their new story "Ollie's Lost Kitten". The children went on a hunt to search for our missing cat called Pumpkin. In Maths the children are learning about the number 2. Please remember PE days are Thursday and book bags are to return to school on a Friday.

Reception have had a lovely start to the term and already shown wonderful focus on their learning. Phonics continues to be a big part of our day and children have begun Phase 3 letter sounds and will soon start to learn sounds that are represented by two letters. In Maths we have been revisiting circles and triangles which works nicely with our Artist of the term; Andy Goldsworthy who focused on making circular patterns in his artwork.

**Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney**



## Year 1



We have had such an incredible, busy first week back!

We have started investigating materials in Science, matching up objects with the material they are made from. We also spent time feeling different materials and describing their properties.

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 History we have started to look back at the history of transport and how transport has changed and developed over many years!

**Miss Scott**



## Year 2



We have had a fantastic first week back in Year 2!

On Tuesday, we had another visit from Grandad Dave where we all had turns playing different instruments. The children were smiling from ear to ear while we took it in turns to sing different songs!

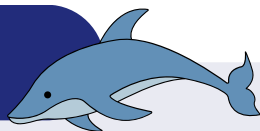
In RE, we have started learning about Christianity and why Jesus is so important to Christians. We started to look at the Nativity story and the children were fascinated to find out that Christmas Day is the day that Jesus was born.

**Miss Colley & Mrs Lilley**





## Year 3



What another fantastic week we have had this week in year 3. In Music we have been looking at the artist Ella Fitzgerald. In reading we are continuing to read 'This Morning I Met A Whale' and the children have amazed me with their impressions of the characters and the vocabulary they have used. In Science we are experimenting with different types of soil and in computing we are looking at how digital devices can help us. We also had an amazing visit from Grandad Dave and his drums this week to make our own music. The children have continued to amaze me with their enthusiasm and green behaviour. Keep up the good work.

**A reminder our PE day, it is now on Thursdays and Swimming will remain on Fridays.**

Mrs Parish



## Year 4



A lovely week back!

In maths, we have started multiplying and dividing. This is important as at the end of the year. We will be participating in the timetables check at the end of the year.

In D&T we have been practising our strengthening techniques in preparation to make a Viking boat next week.

A letter will be coming out early next week about an upcoming trip.

Mrs Cutler



## Year 5



Welcome back Year 5!

We've had a great first week back! We have started our suspense story in Writing, and there are already some good stories coming from it!

In Geography we have started our, Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes topic, which we will be linking to Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius.

We have also had a visit from Grandad Dave to do a drumming session which the children loved!

Miss Slater



# Year 6



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

This week, the children have come back into school with great mindsets and positive attitudes and have really been working hard- particularly in Maths whereby the children have been learning all about fractions and how to add, multiply and divide using these.

In reading this week, the children have been completely engrossed in our story Black Powder and are on the edge of their seats waiting to find out who exactly the Falcon is and what his plans are once they get to London.

This week, the children have had the opportunity to learn to play the drums with our special visitor Grandad Dave.



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



93%

Y2



95%

Y3



99%

Y4



97%

Y5



94%

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



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