

Friday 24th January 2025



## Coming Up

Young voices Concert, Tuesday 28th January  
Sheffield Arena.

There was a letter sent out from Sheffield arena, explaining that Children taking part could meet parents after the performance. However this will not be the case. Children will come home on the coach, and be collect from the School grounds.

## Update from the Head

Hello everyone,

We have spent some time this week recognising World Religion Day.

This takes place each January, aiming to promote understanding and peace between all religions as well as mutual understanding and tolerance between people from different backgrounds.

We talked about the links to British Values and our own school aims of showing kindness and respect to everyone.

We've also had Judo coach, Peter Lomax in school this week providing our children with a short Judo taster session which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

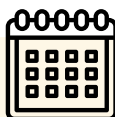
"It was very cool and we got to experience a new sport," Jack, Y4. "It was great, I've never been to Judo before," Alfie, Y4.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Cooke



## Diary Dates

### Dates For Your Calendar



#### *Inset days for academic year 2024-25*

- Monday 2nd June 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025

**28.01.25** - Young Voices  
**03.02.25** - Children's Mental Health Week  
**07.02.25** - World Number Day  
**07.02.25** - Multi Sports Festival  
**11.02.25** - Safer Internet Day  
**14.02.25** - Break up for half term

#### **Half Term**

**24.2.25** - Back to school  
**25.2.25** - Book Fair in school  
**04.03.25** - World Book Day  
**10.03.24** - Science Week  
**13.03.25** - Y6 trip to Murton Park



# Early Years



Nursery have had a wonderful week full of learning. The children are enjoying using role play to continue learning their story "The Little Red Riding Hood". In Maths, Nursery are learning to count to the number 3 and 4.

In Phonics, The children have been learning their new sound "t" and continuing to learn about rhyme. In PE the children are continuing to explore gymnastics, mainly focusing on using their body to move in different ways.

Reception have had a wonderful week of learning. Firstly, we are coming to the end of learning all the Phase 3 sounds which children have enjoyed learning. Secondly, in Maths, children have concentrated on Mass and Capacity, using the different scales to find if the weight is equal to an item. In Literacy, the children have begun to innovate The Gingerbread Man independently. I wonder if they can retell the story at home for you.

**Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney**



## Year 1



In Science this week Year 1 have been learning about grouping animals into their classification. Year 1 have been learning the vocabulary, 'mammals', 'reptiles', 'birds', 'insects', and 'fish.' We then began to understand which animals go into each group and why.

In Writing we have started to innovate our 'Queen's hat' story. We have been using the verbs and words with suffix's we banked on our washing line. Year 1 have also been using our 'Everyday toolkit', making sure to use capital letters and full stops every time we write.

Last Friday Year 1 took part in an RE day, where we learnt all about the Islamic faith and listened to some stories which allowed us to understand kindness and what it means to be kind to every living thing that God created, we then followed this up by making bird feeders.

**Miss Scott**



## Year 2



We have had a brilliant week in Year 2! On Tuesday, we visited Pontefract Castle. We explored the grounds and looked at the different features of a castle and linked this to the learning we have been doing in our history lessons. The children even had a turn at dressing up in some Medieval clothes! Everyone loved the trip and we were extremely proud of how all of the children represented England Lane while we were out!

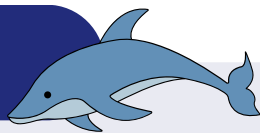
In writing this week, we have started boxing up ready to write our own innovations of a fantasy tale! We have looked at lots of different magical settings to give us ideas. I can't wait to read the end results!

**Miss Colley & Mrs Lilley**





## Year 3



What a week!

This week in year 3 we have had a fantastic week. We have been able to take part in Judo Taster sessions and we have also spoken with a miner to help us with our learning about Victorian coal mining and how it has developed over the years. The children really enjoyed this and are excited to learn more!

This week we have also continued to work on writing our quest tales and building suspense.

Keep up the amazing work year 3.

**Mrs Parish**



## Year 4



A lovely week in year 4!

Another busy week in year 4! We have enjoyed the Judo taster sessions and lots of us seem very eager to join. We had the opportunity to learn about different religions and taste honey and bread whilst learning about how bees make the honey.

In writing, we have been working on setting and using descriptive words to bring it to life. In science we have been investigating solid, liquids and gases.

Please help your child to bring their reading book in everyday so adults can have the opportunity to read with them.

**Mrs Cutler**



## Year 5



Another great week in Year 5.

We are still loving our space topic! Thank you to Suki and Jamie who brought in pictures they created at home of Jupiter's red sunset and the Solar system! The children are looking forward to trying to get a glimpse of the planetary alignment on Saturday so don't miss it!

We had a Judo taster this week, and by the looks on all the children's faces they absolutely loved it! Some had never tried it before and were a little nervous, but by the end they loved it!

Our suspense stories are heating up, as we are delving into what makes a suspense story suspenseful and the children have been writing some fantastic starters so far!

**Miss Slater**



# Year 6



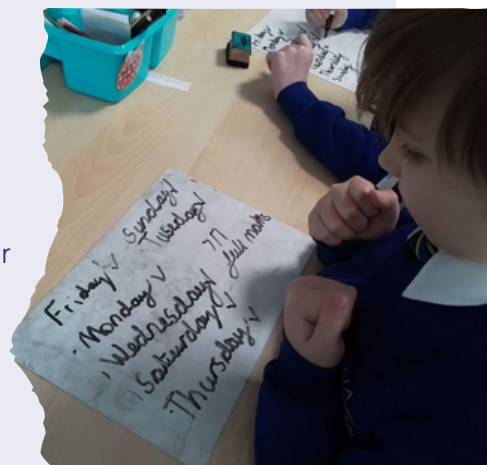
P.E this half term is on a Wednesday and Thursday.

In P.E this week the children have been doing gymnastics and have been creating their own synchronised gymnastic sequences.

In Science this week, the children have continued to learn more about electricity and circuits and were set with a challenge to create a circuit that could be used to create powerful floodlights that would light up our Muga area at night.

The children in Maths this week have been securing their knowledge in percentages and now have a variety of ways in which they can find a percentage of a number.

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:**  
**Pastoral Officer**

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



94%

Y1



92%

Y2



94%

Y3



96%

Y4



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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 C Carratt**  
Pastoral Officer



**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 - Pastoral Officer
- Miss C Milton - Designated Safeguarding Lead & Assistant Principal
- Mrs L Cooke - Head of Academy & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead