

Thursday 9th January 2025



## Coming Up

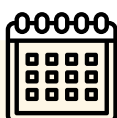
Spring Term Afterschool clubs start back from Monday next week.

All children who have a place have been sent a text home, so please check your MCAS app.

If you haven't yet applied for a place, please contact school, as places are nearly full!

## 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

**06.01.25** - Back to School

**08.01.25** - Science Dome Y1, Y3, Y5

**09.01.25** - Multi faith visitor

**10.01.25** - Inset Day

**21.01.25** - Y2 Visit to Pontefract Castle

**28.01.25** - Young Voices

**03.02.25** - Children's Mental Health Week

**07.02.25** - World Number Day

**11.02.25** - Safer Internet Day

**14.02.25** - Break up for half term

## Update from the Head

Hello everyone,

Happy New Year to you all. We have enjoyed welcoming all our children and families back into school this week. It has been a great, although very cold, first week back!

This week we have learnt about Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of lights, and why Jews celebrate this.

We also had the Science Dome in school; a digital planetarium which provided interactive learning experiences for the children. "I liked when the meteoroid crashed into Earth and the volcano erupted." Oliver, Y1

Just a reminder that there is an Inset Day on Friday 10th January.

Have a lovely weekend, we look forward to seeing everyone next week!

Mrs Cooke



# Early Years



Nursery have had a wonderful start to the term. The new starters have settled really well and the existing students have been so helpful. We have kicked off Literacy sessions with reading Little Red Riding Hood and in Maths the class have been exploring the number three. In P.E., the children have begun their Gymnastics topic with an Elite trainer. P.E. continues to be on Thursday mornings.

Reception have had a splendid start to the Spring term. We have begun the week by reviewing letter sounds we have learnt so far and using our phonic knowledge to write simple words and captions. In Maths, the class have been reviewing numerals up to 6. We have celebrated Evergreen by having a joyful time in a bouncy dome. Equally, to consolidate our Space learning we had the opportunity to visit space in a blackout dome.

**Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney**



## Year 1



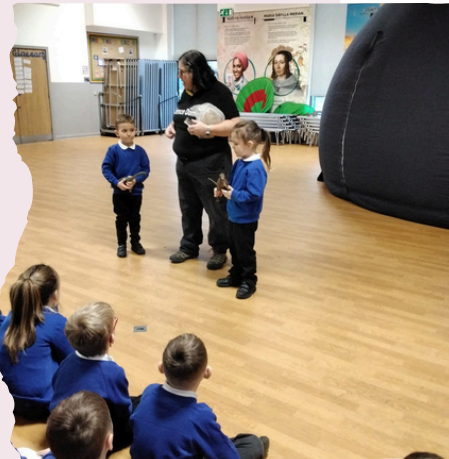
We have had an amazing first week back!

On Tuesday the children started to learn about Dinosaurs in History. We learnt about the what time periods the Dinosaurs lived through including the Jurassic, Triassic and cretaceous period. We then started to understand how the Dinosaurs became extinct and what the word extinct means.

Following on from this new learning on Tuesday, on Wednesday we had a visit from a dome that allowed us to walk through life with the dinosaurs.

Our PE days this term are Mondays and Fridays.

**Miss Scott**



## Year 2



We have had a lovely first week back in Year 2.

In maths, we have started learning about fractions where we have looked at parts and wholes. Over the term, we will be learning about quarters and halves.

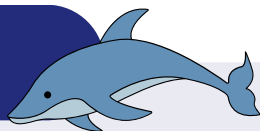
In science, we have started looking at life cycles and different types of animals. We have classified animals into ones that give birth to live young and ones that lay eggs. Our word of the week has been offspring and the children have been fantastic with using it in their own sentences.

A quick reminder that our PE days this half term are now Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Miss Colley & Mrs Lilley**



## Year 3



Welcome back year 3!

What a fantastic week we have had. We have begun to look at Victorian Miners in History and light and dark in Science. We have also been very fortunate to visit the Science dome and look at the Ancient Egyptians and the temples. The children were amazed by this and really were involved and enthused by the dome.

On a Friday, we have Forest School and Swimming. Could we please ask that the children come to school in their school t-shirt and jumper/cardigan and any warm bottoms for Forest School. Your child will also need a change of footwear as the children will be out in all weathers and so a warm, waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves will also be needed.

**Mrs Parish**



## Year 4



Welcome back Year 4!

We have had a fantastic first week. In reading, we have been predicting what 'The Iron Man' will be about. They have made some fantastic predictions, we are very excited to read the story.

In writing, we have been creating our own newspaper articles about Edward Tulane. Our art topic is very interesting and fun, we have been learning techniques to create our own sculptures.

Reminders that P.E. is Thursday and Friday. P.E. kit is white top and navy/black bottoms.

**Mrs Cutler**



## Year 5



Welcome back Year 5!

I hope you've all had a fantastic time off! We have started as we mean to go on!

We've started our Space topic this week, including having a visitor with a dome to show us space! It was great!

The children are loving learning all about space, I can tell it'll be a fun term!

In writing we are writing another suspense story, and if they are anything like last time, I cannot wait to read the end results!

PE this term is on a Monday and Wednesday.

**Miss Slater**



# Year 6



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

The children have had a fantastic first week back at school.

On Monday they got the opportunity to take part in their Evergreen award which they really enjoyed.

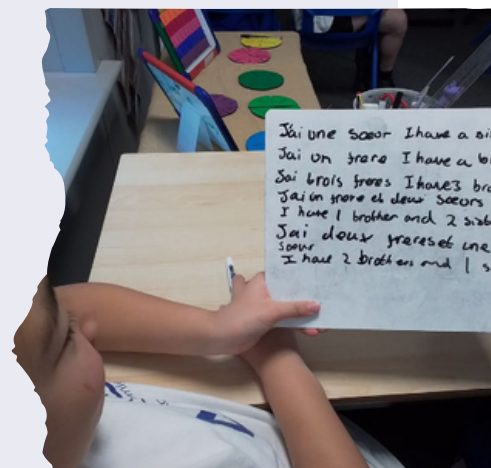
In Science this week the children have learnt all about circuits and scientific symbols by doing a fun experiment with sweets.

In computing this week the children have been learning about algorithms and how games use these.

In Reading this week the children have started reading their new book for this term, 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'

In French, the children have been learning how to talk about their families.

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		97%
Y1		96%
Y2		96%
Y3		96%
Y4		98%
Y5		96%
Y6		93%



## 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