

Friday 28th February 2025



## Coming Up

Following on from the text message sent to parents and carers, can we also ask to be more mindful when parking. The yellow zig zag lines are outside school for a reason, and are there to keep your children safe.

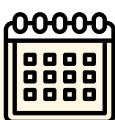
Thank you.

We have World book day in school on Thursday 6th March. There are still plenty of costumes to choose from in reception if your child would like to come and have a look.

The final day of the book fair will be on Monday. This is cash only, Y6 classroom at 15.15pm.

## 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

**25.02.25** - Book Fair in school

**06.03.25** - World Book Day

**10.03.24** - Science Week

**13.03.25** - Y6 trip to Murton Park

**24.03.25** - Shakespeare Week

**31.03.25** - EYFS Easter Crafts 9-10am

**01.04.24** - KS1 Easter Crafts 9-10am

**02.04.25** - LKS2 Easter Crafts 9-10am

**02.04.25** - Parents Evening

**03.04.25** - UKS2 Easter Crafts 9.30-10.30am

## Update from the Head

Hello everyone,

We hope you have all had a brilliant half term and what a first week back we have had! A real effort has been made this week with behaviour, attendance and resilience. Thank you to you all, we have been so proud of our children this week.

This week we celebrated National Career's Week. Mrs Parish launched with an assembly aiming to develop awareness and excitement about what different career opportunities children could do in the future. All classes have taken part in a range of activities over the week and the Academy Council have also spread awareness, visiting the different classrooms.

On Wednesday we took part in a Great Athletes Event. Sean Gaffney attended and was an inspiration to our children. We look forward to collecting your sponsors, 60% of the money raised will go towards PE equipment in school! We really appreciate all your support.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Cooke



# Early Years



Nursery have had a lovely first week back, settling into their routine well. In phonics the children are continuing to explore phase 2 sounds along with their pre-phonics. In writing, we have begun our new story, "The Munching Crunching Caterpillar". We have enjoyed making our own caterpillars using pom-poms during our independent learning time. In Forest schools, we have been minibeast hunting and enjoying the outdoor weather. On Wednesday, we took part in a great athlete event, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for this event.

**A reminder that our PE day is a Tuesday and forest schools are on a Friday.**

In Phonics sessions, Reception have continued to review phase 3 graphemes. After carry out assessments of children knowledge, the class are doing wonderfully well! In Maths we have been working hard learning about doubling to 8 and finding one less and one more up to 8. In Literacy, we are transitioning over to our non-fiction texts related to The Gingerbread Man and we are learning about recipes and how we make gingerbread.

**Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney**



## Year 1



We have had an amazing, busy first week back!

We took part in the 'Great Athlete Day', we all took part in different sporting challenges for seven minutes and made lots of money to raise money for the schools PE equipment!

In writing we are starting to learn all about The Queen, writing an information text about all the work the Queen did and who her family is.

In Maths we are understanding place value to 50, using out knowledge of tens and ones to work out number sentences to 50.

**Miss Scott**



## Year 2



We have had a lovely first week back in Year 2! We have started our new writing unit where we will be writing an information text about a creature. We hunted around the school fields and found a fairy door! We banked lots of adjectives to describe who could live behind it.

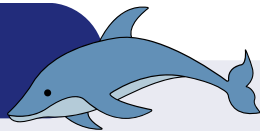
On Wednesday, we celebrated Great Athlete Day. We went in to the hall and had an amazing time completing lots of sporting challenges to raise money for some more PE equipment.

**A reminder that our PE day is a Tuesday and we now have forest schools on a Friday afternoon.**

**Miss Colley & Mrs Lilley**



## Year 3



Well done year 3! We have had a super first week back after the half term break. This week we have begun looking at information texts in writing. In Geography we have located where we live and cities on a UK map and in Reading we are still continuing to read the firework makers daughter.

This week has also been careers week and we have taken part in activities to inspire us as to what we want to be when we grow up. We have also taken part in a great athlete event. The children were brilliant and had lots of fun.

Our PE day is Thursday and Swimming is on Fridays.

**Mrs Parish**



## Year 4



Year 4 have had a lovely first week back!

In writing, we have been trying to persuade our readers to eat a delicious burger by asking rhetorical questions. During maths, we have been looking at decimals.

This week has been our careers week, we have looked at what careers we would want when we are older and what qualities we need to achieve them.

During science, we have been investigating the water cycle and created our own with cress seeds. We are hoping they will grow!

PE days are Monday and Friday this half term, please ensure your child brings their PE kit.

**Mrs Cutler**



## Year 5



Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely week off! We have started our new writing unit which is information writing. The children have already written some fantastic pieces about a creature of their choice.

In Science we have finished space and have started looking at forces. In DT we are looking at gears and levers, and how we have different pulley systems.

The children are still learning the ukulele which they are doing amazing at! I'm so impressed with how much they have progressed in such a short amount of time. We also had a para athlete in this week to do a mini workout with the children, and they got very sweaty from it! Thank you to everyone who sponsored their child!

just a reminder PE is on Thursday and Friday.

**Miss Slater**



# Year 6



This week, the children have had lots of fun during careers week. They had the opportunity to work with an athlete and have played lots of careers based games throughout the week.

In Maths, the children have been exploring area and perimeter.

In Reading, the children have been making inferences about character's personalities based on what they say and what they do.

In Writing this week, the children have worked hard on completing their persuasive leaflets. They have thought carefully about their audience and ways in which they can persuade them to visit.

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

**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



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Y1



96%

Y2



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Y3



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Y4



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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



## Mindfulness activities for young people



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