

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## Coming Up

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and a good start to the New Year.

Don't forget tomorrow, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January, is an INSET Day. We will see everyone back in school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

## Update from the Head

Hello everyone,

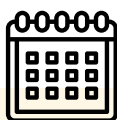
Happy New Year to you all. We have enjoyed welcoming all our children and families back into school this week. It has been a great, although very cold, first week back!

The children have come back into school with fantastic attitudes this week. Showcasing kindness to each other and resilience in their lessons. See the picture below of Nursery testing out porridge from Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Reminder there is an inset day tomorrow, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Cooke.

## Diary Dates



### Dates For Your Calendar

#### *Inset days for academic year 2025-26*

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**05.01.26** - Back to school

**09.01.26** - INSET DAY

**23.01.26** - SEND Parent Coffee & Chat 9.30am

**23.01.26** - Y6 visit to Eureka

**30.01.26** - Y1/2 Dodgeball Festival

**30.01.26** - Y6 Delta Careers Fair

**05.02.26** - Y2 visit to Pontefract Castle

**06.02.26** - Coffee morning for parents - Managing emotions at home

**09.02.26** - Mental Health & Wellbeing Week

**13.02.26** - Break up for Half Term

**23.02.26** - Back to School



# Early Years



Nursery have had a great first week back to spring term. In Phonics we have begun to learn our phase 2 grapheme 's'. In Maths we have begun to subitise the number 3. I wonder if your child can find 3 objects at home? During provision we have been exploring ice and investigating what happens to the ice when it gets warmer. In T4W we have started our new story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children have been tasting different porridges, jam, golden syrup and plain.

Reception have come back into school, ready for learning and focused. In phonics we continue to review and have learnt the sound 'oo' (book) and continue to practice writing sentences. In Maths we have been learning about zero, subitising 0-5 and one less. In T4W sessions, children have been learning the text 'The Gingerbread Man' completing the story map to support their story telling. P.E. on Thursday has began a dance theme and started with dancing like animals!

**Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney**



## Year 1



We have had an amazing first week back in Year 1. The children have all come back in ready to learn and showing super green behaviour!

In writing this week the children have been learning all about verbs and adverbs. They have been using them to describe weather and understanding how adding a suffix to a verb can change the meaning of the word.

In Jigsaw this week the children have been celebrating success and understanding what being successful at something means, we have been celebrating our little wins that we have everyday.

Next term our PE days will be Tuesdays and Fridays.

**Mrs Forkes**



## Year 2



We have had an amazing final week before our Christmas break! We had a wonderful craft session and a lovely Evergreen.

In writing we have finished our warning stories — there were some very creative pieces created. In reading we finished The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark. The children wrote some lovely reviews of the book and were able to share their favourite part of the story with others.

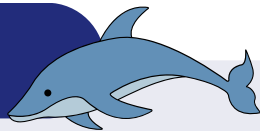
PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit for those days.

**Mrs Lilley**





## Year 3



This week in year 3 they have been working super hard on multiplication and division in maths. In History we have begun to look at revolutionary changes in the Victorian Era and in writing we have completed our write to ignite based on an information text. Also this week, year 3 have begun to look at Hinduism in RE and how and where Hinduism originated. In reading we have begun our new story 'The Firework Maker's Daughter.' We are excited to read more!

Keep up the fantastic work year 3. It is lovely to see you all back in school and being so enthusiastic!

**PE this half term is Wednesday and Friday! Please bring PE kit into school on Mondays and take home on Fridays.**

**Mrs Parish**



## Year 4



A lovely first week back!

We have had a busy first week! This week we have been looking at a poem about the wind. We have then started to collect our own vocabulary about the wind. In maths, we have started working on multiplication, we are using our timetables knowledge to complete this work. We have also started making our bug hotels in D&T.

Just a reminder that PE is Monday afternoon and Thursday morning. If your child attends swimming, they will still need their PE kits as PE on Thursday will be in the morning.

**Mrs Cutler**



## Year 5



This week year 5 have had a great week.

In maths we are continuing to look at fractions. In reading we have started our new story 'Street Child' and made some excellent predictions. In writing we have completed our write to ignite based on instructions.

Year 5 have also worked extremely hard this week on their reading fluency working on when to pause in texts and defining new words.

Keep up the fab work year 5! I am very impressed!

**PE this half term is Monday and Thursday! Please bring PE kit into school on Monday's and take home on Fridays!**

**Mrs Parish**



# Year 6



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

This week in Maths the children have been learning about percentages and percentages of amounts. In reading this week, we have begun our new book- The boy the striped pyjamas and the children have loved making predictions and learning about the author. In writing this week, the children have been learning about how to write a text based on peoples memories and the different ways that this can be done.

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



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Y2



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Y3



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Y4



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Y5



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New year brings lots of positive things for some people - fresh starts, new challenges, goals and planning for the year ahead.

For others though, it can also be challenging and feeling that we 'have' to be making changes, doing the new goals everyone else seems to be doing and feeling that we need something to look forward too.

January is a month where we can not only reset ourselves but also embrace the Winter and make the most of the darker evenings by hunkering down at home and recharging after the busy month of December.

Walks in the cold winter fresh air can work wonders on our mental health and allow us to escape into the outdoors for some needed Vitamin D.



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## 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. There are leaflets available in our Reception area for a fantastic support for our parents and carers



**Wakefield  
Parent Carer Forum**

**Our Mission - Working together to make a positive difference and improve the quality of life for all SEND children and families in Wakefield**

**Wakefield Parent Carer Forum is an independent parent carer forum** supporting families of children with special educational needs and/or disability, aged 0-25 years old, living in the Wakefield district.

**The forum is led by a group of local SEND parents** who are looking forward to listening to, and representing the views of parents, carers, children and young people now and in the future.

**We work in partnership with service commissioners and providers** through participation and co-production to make a positive difference and improve the quality of life for all SEND children and families in Wakefield.

**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