



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who attended our parents' evenings this week. We hope you found the discussions beneficial. We will shortly be having our spring assessment week, following which, you will receive a copy of your child's progress report.

This afternoon our Junior Safety Officers and our Junior Leadership Team led an assembly on anti-bullying. Over the past term, year six have been looking at the ways bullying can impact on individuals, class groups and our whole school. As ever, they have chosen to be proactive and want to make a difference. In the assembly we watched a video about the impact of bullying and the people who are there to help.

As part of this focus year six have been reviewing the Children's Anti-Bullying Policy. This policy refers to what bullying is, the types of bullying that can occur and how it can make us feel. The important message they wanted to get across is that they are part of a group of many people who are there to help. We want to make sure that everyone comes to school happy and ready to learn.

Incident at Lunchtime

I wanted to make you aware of an incident that occurred today during the lunchtime break. While the children were on the playground the Midday's noticed that something was being sprayed through the hedge. The priority was to ensure that all children were at a safe distance. The Midday's acted promptly and directed the children back into their classrooms. While this was happening, the people on the outside of the hedge threw a fire extinguisher over the hedge onto the school grounds. Although it narrowly missed hitting a child, fortunately nobody was hurt. Sadly, some children were a little shocked.

We have reassured everyone that they are safe. This incident has also been reported to the police.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Murtagh

Please note that next Wednesday and Thursday (15th and 16th March) are the last two planned days of teacher industrial action. Provisions for your child will be the same as they were on previous days.

Attendance

Lower than 90% Attendance Class 3	90-95% Attendance Class 1 Class 2 Class 4 Class 5 Class 6	96-100% Attendance Reception
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Overall Attendance this week **93.2%**
Across the school, **50 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

- 98% attendance means 4 school days missed
- 95% attendance means 10 school days missed
- 90% attendance means 19 school days missed
- 80% attendance means 38 school days missed
- 5 minutes late each day means 3 school days missed

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

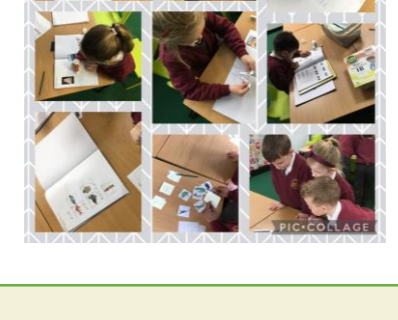
Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Reception

Last Friday, we had a special visitor from Frodsham Fire Station who talked about his job and showed us the equipment/special protective clothing he has to wear. We even got to try on the helmet! Thank you to Mr Cooper for taking the time to come and visit us.

We have spent the majority of the week watching our chicks develop and grow. After the weekend, we noticed that they had already grown in size and confidence and we loved watching them play together. On Wednesday, we got chance to hold our new friends and talked about how soft they were when we stroked them. We were feeling a little sad on Thursday as they went off to their new forever home but we know that they are going to be very happy and make some new friends with other chicks on the farm.

As well as looking after the chicks, we have been enjoying reading more of our English book, exploring numbers to 10 in Maths and finding out about Jesus and his disciples.



Class 1

Our week has been another busy one and we are now feeling very settled in our new learning space.

We have been exploring more of our English book and are very intrigued to find out more in 'The Curious Case of the Woolly Mammoth'.

In Maths, we have been exploring number bonds to 20 and investigating how we could use this to help us with calculations.

We really enjoyed our science lesson this week where we worked together to sort different animal types and found out all about birds, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and fish.

Class 2

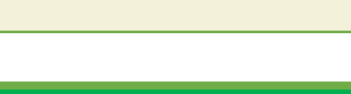
We have worked really hard this week! In maths we have been finding totals using coins and notes. We have been looking at the most efficient way to make a total.

We are really enjoying our text Major Glad, Major Dizzy. We have been thinking what it would be like to travel on a steam train and we could not believe how loud it was!

Well done to all those who attended KS1 football, Coach Chris was really impressed with your listening skills.

We started our History topic focusing on the history of flight, we constructed a timeline of events.

We have had a fantastic PE session with Mr Curran who said that everyone has improved since the first session.



Class 3

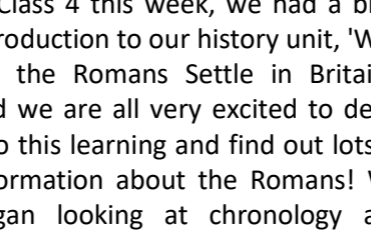
We have had a fantastic week in Class 3! In English, we have written poems to the theme of our class story The Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies.

In Maths, we have continued exploring multiplication and division through the expanded written method.

In PE this week, we have continued developing our ball skills and control through badminton, focusing on a forehand and backhand.

In History, we have introduced our new topic and explored the timeline of events leading up to the invasion of Britain by the Romans.

In Science, this week we have been exploring which objects reflect light well through our own investigation using torches. Great work this week Class 3, well done!



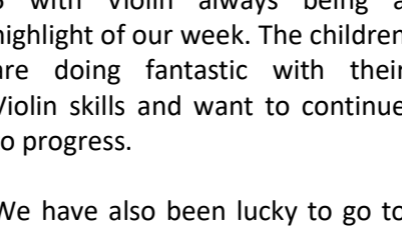
Class 4

In Class 4 this week, we had a brief introduction to our history unit, 'Why did the Romans Settle in Britain?' and we are all very excited to delve into this learning and find out lots of information about the Romans! We began looking at chronology and made a start on our timelines.

In religion this week, we thought about ways in which Jesus is truly human and truly God. We thought about the parables we know and how these show us that Jesus is truly God. We also discussed that he is truly human because he went to school just like us, grew up just like us, and many other things.

In our maths lessons, we have been exploring different ways to multiply, showing our working out using arrays and the bar model. We have been developing our journaling skills and thinking about different ways to answer the same questions.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe weekend.



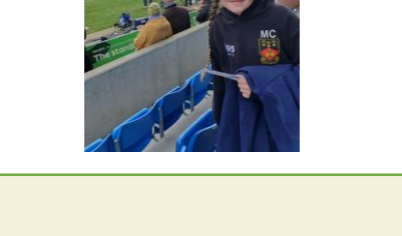
Class 5

We have had a great week in Class 5 with Violin always being a highlight of our week. The children are doing fantastic with their Violin skills and want to continue to progress.

We have also been lucky to go to Crucial Crew in Widnes, this was a great but hard hitting experience teaching the children all about safety.

Science was lots of fun using ice cubes and in History we took part in an historical role play!

Have a great weekend,
Mr Sutton



Rugby

Last weekend Megan as part of Helsby Rugby Club Juniors went to the Sale Sharks vs Saracens match and trained on the pitch at half time, what a great experience!

Class 6

A brilliant week in Class 6 this week! We have had so much fun and worked very hard, despite the snow!

On Wednesday, we started our new History topic – Ancient Greece and we also enjoyed beginning our new book - Plastic Planet. We have been writing diary entries from the point of view of Greta Thunberg, talking about her school strikes in 2018.

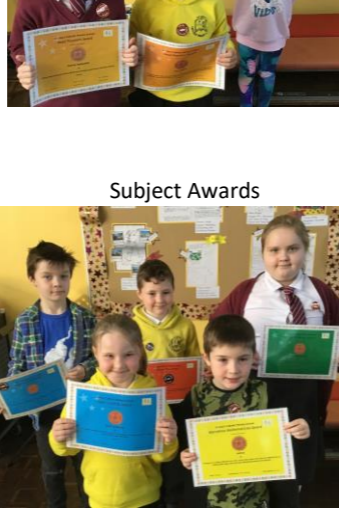
In Science, we started our new topic – Evolution and Inheritance and learned all about what fossils tell us about how animals have changed over time.



Award winners

Well done to everyone that won awards this week, we are very proud...

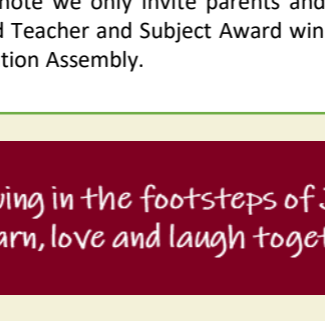
Head Teacher Awards



Subject Awards



Pride Awards



Please note we only invite parents and carers of Head Teacher and Subject Award winners to Celebration Assembly.

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