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Newsletter

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OPAL in Action

The dressing-up items have been a real highlight this week and quickly become firm favourites with the children. The children have been using them to spark imaginative play, creativity, and collaboration with their friends, and it's been wonderful to see their ideas come to life.

If you have any spare outfits at home that are no longer needed, along with any coat hangers, we would be very grateful for any donations. Your contributions will be well used and truly appreciated, as they help to enrich the children's play experiences even further.



Honeycomb Holiday Club

Honeycomb Holiday Club will be running during the February half-term from Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026. We are now taking bookings for full-day and half-day sessions.

Session options:

- Full day: 8:00am–5:15pm (£30.00)
- Morning half day: 8:00am–12:00pm (£18.00)
- Afternoon half day: 1:00pm–5:15pm (£18.00)

Prices include breakfast (for morning and full-day sessions) and a snack. Children attending full-day sessions must bring a packed lunch.

All bookings must be made and paid for via the Arbor app by 3:30pm on Monday 9th February 2026.

A wide range of activities will be available, catering for different age groups to ensure all children have an enjoyable experience. We look forward to welcoming the children to Honeycomb Holiday Club for a fun-filled and enjoyable half-term.

Year One

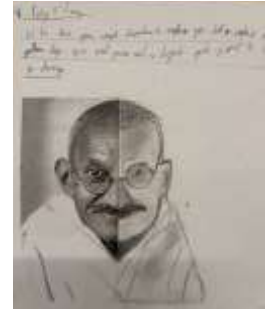


This week, Year 1 have been doing lots of outdoor learning. In Maths, they went onto the playground with their chalks and drew some number lines and estimated where our midpoint would be. They then estimated where some numbers would go on the number line based on this. During Geography the children ventured out onto the playground with their litter pickers and, using a tally chart, recorded how many pieces of rubbish we found. Next week year 1 will be comparing what they have found and working out why these are the results.



Year Four

This week in Year 4, we have been developing our understanding in RE by learning about inspirational people, focusing on Mahatma Gandhi. We explored who Gandhi was and why he is remembered as an important and inspiring figure.



Alongside this, we linked our learning to art by practising our sketching and shading techniques. The children used careful observational skills and built their drawings step by step, showing great concentration and creativity. We were very impressed with the thought and effort they put into both their learning and their artwork.

Parking Reminder

We would like to thank all parents and carers who park considerately around school. This really helps to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and keeps everyone safe.

Unfortunately, since the New Year, we have had some incidents of inconsiderate parking. We kindly ask everyone to think carefully about where they park and to be mindful of their driving when around the school site. Please avoid blocking driveways, pavements and access points, and ensure roads remain clear for pedestrians and emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.



Thank You for Your Support



FOA would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who attended and supported our events throughout 2024–2025. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible total of **£11,891.61**.

We'd like to share how these funds have been used to benefit the children:

- A whole-school visit to the pantomime
- Year 6 leavers' treats for 2024 and 2025
- A theatre workshop delivered in school
- A contribution towards the new OPAL scheme
- A power station generator for Forest School

We hope you'll continue to support and enjoy our events. The children truly benefit from the extra opportunities and experiences we're able to fund together. Thank you once again for your amazing support.

Year Five



Year 5 have begun their next art project by exploring the work of David Hockney.

They have been investigating how contrasting colours, which sit opposite each other on the

colour wheel, can be used to make specific parts of a painting stand out.

The children have started practising by drawing their own landscape pictures featuring a South American landmark.

These sketches will be used to support their final outcome, where they will create a painted piece inspired by the style of David Hockney.



Gardening Club

Last week in Gardening Club, we planted a variety of microgreen seeds, including sunflower, broccoli, spinach, radish shoots and sprouting peas. First,



we added the correct amount of soil to the trays and used a special tool to press it down firmly. We then carefully weighed the seeds to make sure we used the correct amount. After reading the



instructions, the seeds were sown as directed. Next, the right amount of water was poured into the reservoir, and the seeds were left to germinate for a week.

We were excited to see that just one week later, the seeds had produced lots of healthy shoots.

Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition

On Thursday, our Year 5/6 athletics team took part in the Mansfield district qualifying event, which was the second of two competition rounds. In total, 16 schools participated.

We were placed in a particularly challenging heat, with several incredibly close races. This only spurred the team on and pushed them to

give their very best. Although we narrowly missed out on victory, we are incredibly proud to share that the team finished third overall.

Every athlete gave their all, and we could not be prouder of their efforts. The team spirit and sportsmanship shown throughout the competition were especially impressive. Well done to everyone who took part.



Celebration of Learning



A reminder that our termly Celebration of Learning sessions will take

place on Tuesday 10th February. Parents and carers are invited into school at the end of the day to visit their child's classroom and look through their books together from 3:15pm to 3:45pm. These sessions are always very popular and well received, and we hope you are able to join us.

Class Attendance

Figures for This Week are as follows:

F2 Miss Chick:	94.4%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	99.7%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	98.0%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	97.7%
Y1 Mrs Stephens:	94.7%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	92.0%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	98.0%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	94.7%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	93.0%	Y5 Mr Potter :	96.9%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	94.7%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	96.2%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	99.0%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	96.2%

Well done to
Miss Nutall's Class
for the best attendance
this week!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 95.9%

School Meals Menu - Week 1

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing 26th January 2026.
School dinners cost £3.16 per day. If you wish your child to have a school meal, you must top up your Arbor account each week to enable us to charge you. Thank you.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheesy tomato pasta with garlic bread & mixed salad	Margherita pizza, pommes Noisettes & mixed salad	Nottinghamshire sausage, Yorkshire pudding, mash, seasonal vegetables & gravy	Herby chicken, mashed potato & sweetcorn	Fish fingers with bread & butter, oven chips, peas, sweetcorn & tomato ketchup
Honey & oat cookie	Classic iced 'school' cake	Ice cream tub	Cornflake tart with custard	Donuts

Please see full menu on website for any allergens.

Year 1 to Year 6 have the choice of the main meal, jacket potato or a sandwich option.

Parents' Evening Appointments Moving Online

You should now have received a letter with full details about booking Parents' Evening appointments. We're pleased to let you know that Parents' Evening appointments for 24th and 25th February will be booked online through the Arbor Parent App. This change is part of our ongoing commitment to making communication between home and school smoother and more convenient.

What This Means for You

- Simple online booking: Choose a time that suits you directly within the app.
- Instant confirmation: Your appointment will appear immediately in your Arbor account.
- All details in one place: No more paper slips or missed messages — everything is stored securely in the app.

We appreciate your co-operation as we continue improving how we connect with families.

Next Week's Diary Dates

Monday 26th January

KS2 Boccia Club 15:15-16:15

Y3/4 Tennis Club 15:15 - 16:30

Year 6 Reflective Readers' Club
15:15– 16:30

Tuesday 27th January

Y4/5 Dance Club 15:15 – 16:15

Y3-5 Athletics Club 15:15 – 16:30

Gardening Club 15:15 -16:30

Band Club 15:15 -16:15

Y6 Maths Club 15:15– 16:15

Thursday 28th January

KS2 Choir 15:15 -16:15

Year 3 Art Club 15:15 - 16:15

Year 5/6 Girls Football Club 15:15–
16:30

Y6 SATS Meeting 17:30

Spring Term Key Dates

29.01.26	Y6 SATs Parents' Meeting
02.02.26	National Storytelling Week Celebration
09.02.26	Children's Mental Health Week
10.02.26	Safer Internet Day
10.02.26	Celebration of Learning
12.02.26	Last Day of Spring 1 (Fri 13 th is an Inset Day)
23.02.26	School re-opens - Spring 2
24.02.26	Parents' Evening
25.02.26	Parents' Evening
03.03.26	Y2 SATs Parents' meeting
04.03.26	Swimming changes to Wednesday (HS Class)
06.03.26	World Book Day Celebrations – Pyjama day
17.03.26	Y3/4 Easter Production - 2:00pm
19.03.26	Y3/4 Easter Production - 9:30am & 2:00pm
23.03.26	Y4- Boggle Hole Residential until 25.3.26
27.03.26	Last Day of Spring 1
13.04.26	School re-opens - Summer 1