

Class Updates - 15.05.2026



Reception Butterflies update

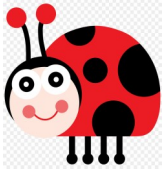
This week has been all about healthy eating and lifestyle! We have been reading Oliver's Fruit Salad and made our own fruit kebabs and written instructions about how to make them. We have talked about the importance of exercise to keep us fit and health and stretched our bodies in a yoga session.

In Maths we have been looking at subtraction and begun to learn how to record subtraction sentences using minus and equals symbols.

In RE we have continued learning about special places and we walked to St Mary's Church to explore and look for important features in the church (the altar, pulpit, font etc) The children all behaved very well on the walk and were very respectful in the church.

Miss Nicholson and the Reception team





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have had lots of fun this week!

Maths: This week we have been focusing on fractions, specifically halving. We have halved shapes and quantities.

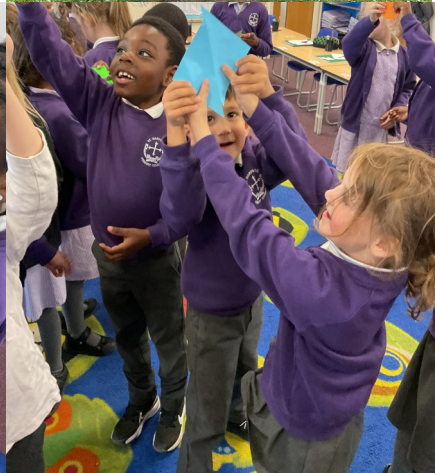


Art: We had lots of fun painting our final piece in art, an abstract mosaic inspired by Almas Thomas.

English: We have not only written our non-chronological reports on ocean animals, but we have also familiarised ourselves with using sound buttons to read words, to support us in our Phonics Screening Check.

Forest school: We had a lovely afternoon playing butterfly memory games, nature bingo, tag games and watering the plants. It was fascinating to see the bluebirds flying in and out of their nesting box and we loved retelling the story of the hungry caterpillar to each other.

Mrs Holmes and the Year One team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week in Year 2, we have been working incredibly hard across all of our subjects.

In Maths, we have started learning about shapes. The children have been developing their understanding of sides and vertices and have been learning how to identify and describe different 2D shapes. We also explored the classroom to find everyday objects and discuss what shapes they are.

In English, we have been writing diary entries from the perspective of someone leaving home. The children have focused on writing in the first person and using the past tense correctly. We have also explored the emotions of the character in the story and thought carefully about how to express feelings through our writing.

In RE, we have continued our Courageous Advocacy unit. The children have been learning about plants and the different barriers people face when trying to grow food. They carried out some thoughtful research and then created fantastic cards to present their findings. We were very impressed with their creativity and effort.

Well done to all of Year 2 for another brilliant week of learning — keep up the fantastic work!

Mr Brown and the Year 2 team.





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

We have had another busy and exciting week in class!

In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time. This can be quite a difficult skill to master so the more opportunities children have to practise at home, the better. It is especially important for children to be able to tell the time on an analogue clock first, using the language of "past" and "to." Looking at a range of different clocks at home can really help build confidence. The children have done a fantastic job so far and should be very proud of themselves!

In English, the children have been writing their own Stone Age adventure stories. It has been wonderful to see them beginning to show some really strong writing skills, including exciting vocabulary and imaginative ideas.

In Art, we had great fun making Stone Age jewellery out of clay. The children were very creative and we are looking forward to finishing our pieces next week.

In French, we have been reading the story of *The Hungry Caterpillar* while learning vocabulary linked to foods, colours, and numbers.

In Science, we carried out an experiment to investigate the different components of soil. Watching the layers separate in the jar was even more exciting than we anticipated! We even observed bubbling from the gases, which sparked lots of curiosity and discussion.

In RE, we continued our learning about Pentecost and designed posters to celebrate this important time in the Christian calendar.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

A lovely week down in Fireflies,

This week, we have been focusing on our times table recall, in preparation for the multiplication check in June. We have enjoyed lots of games of bingo and interactive class games. Please encourage your child to practice their times tables at home where possible. A great free resource for this is: www.timestables.me.uk. The children are really familiar with this website and need to select the 'speed test.'

In **Science**, we have continued our sound topic by looking at pitch. The children enjoyed listening to different sounds to identify high and low pitch, as well as using their rulers to understand how they could be used in different ways to create different pitches.

In **PE**, the class enjoyed some games of rapid fire cricket and worked in small groups to focus on their underarm bowling skills.

In **Maths**, we have moved on to area and perimeter and I have been particularly impressed this week by how much care the children have taken with their presentation when representing shapes in their books.

In **English**, the class have focused on editing and extending small pieces of writing, in preparation for their final non-chronological reports next week. I have seen some wonderful pieces of writing, in the form of rainforest stories and persuasive arguments to convince the local community to support rainforest conservation. It is lovely to see how proud the children are of their writing.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team.





Year 5 Busybees Update

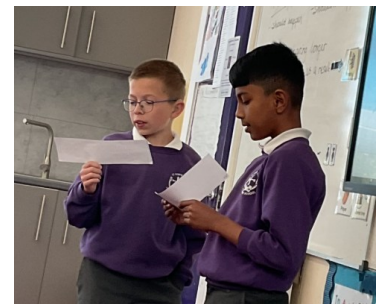
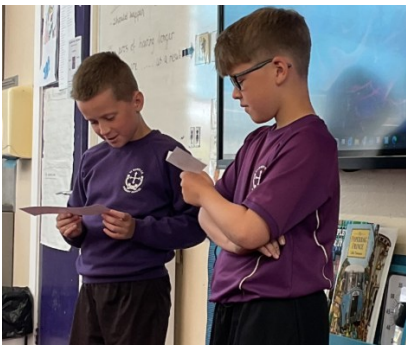
In Maths, we revisited telling the time to the nearest minute and then focused on converting units of time, including seconds, minutes, hours, days and weeks. I was impressed with the overall understanding in the class. The children showed great perseverance when solving a range of reasoning and problem-solving challenges.

In English, the children explored persuasive writing. In pairs, the children selected their own topic and created thoughtful 'for' and 'against' arguments before confidently presenting their ideas to the class. It was wonderful to see them using persuasive language and speaking in front of others even if they didn't feel hugely confident. Great effort shown!

In Geography, our courageous advocacy work focused on reducing plastic pollution in the oceans. The children discussed the impact plastic has on marine life and considered ways we can all help protect our environment through small everyday changes such as reducing use of single use plastic. You will hear more about this initiative next week!

In Science, we compared asexual and sexual reproduction in plants, learning about the advantages and disadvantages of each method. The children enjoyed investigating how plants reproduce and discussing which methods are most effective in different situations.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Humphreys, Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies update

A huge well done to Year 6 for all of their hard work this year and for the way they approached their SATs this week. The children handled the pressure brilliantly, stayed positive, supported each other and gave every paper their best effort. We are incredibly proud of the resilience and maturity they've shown throughout the process.

The whole school is proud of them, and no matter what the results may say later on, every single child should be proud of themselves too. SATs are only a small snapshot of who they are, and this year group has shown so many qualities that can't be measured on a test paper.

Now, after all that hard work, they've definitely earned a bit of a rest! There's also lots to look forward to over the coming weeks, from residential and preparation for secondary school to the very exciting Year 6 production. It's shaping up to be a fantastic final half-term together!

Have a great weekend Year 6—you've earned it!

Mr Clarke

