

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really positive week in school, with calm, purposeful learning taking place across all classrooms. The children have been engaging well with their lessons, and it has been wonderful to see the progress they are making each day.

As part of our continued focus on improving attendance, we will now be including each class's attendance figures in the newsletter. This information will reflect attendance from the previous week (in this case, 05.01.26 – 09.01.26) and will help us keep you informed about how each class is doing as we work together to ensure that every child is in school as regularly as possible and to meet our overall attendance target of 95%. Well done to 6 Blackman for having the highest class attendance this week!

1 Grey	95.4%
1 Murphy	92.4%
2 Blake	97.4%
2 Rosen	97.3%
3 Cowell	95.0%
3 Rowling	86.2%
4 Lewis	97.1%
4 Morpurgo	90.5%
5 Dahl	94.6%
5 Strong	94.3%
5 Walliams	95.3%
6 Blackman	98.8%
6 Ibbotson	90.8%
Nursery	80.0%
R Carle	92.0%
R Donaldson	95.0%

Safer Internet Day – Parent Workshop

This term we are excited to hold a parent workshop linked to the importance of online safety. We will explore how parents can protect children online, the different parental settings on devices and give tips and tricks. This will be held on **Tuesday 10th February between 2:15pm and 3:15pm**. Please fill in the form to register your place: [Safer internet day - Parent Cafe](#)

Year 1 Phonics – Parent Workshop

We would like to invite you to a Year 1 parent workshop to share information with you about phonics and early reading. Please join us to find out how you can support your child at home and prepare them for the Phonics Screening Check which is coming up in June 2026 for all Year 1 children. This will take place on **Tuesday 10th February at 9am** in the large hall (go through

the carpark to the gates on the right-hand side). In the session, we will give you more information about the Phonics Screening Check as well as modelling how we teach phonics in Year 1 live. No need to register, please turn up on the day.

Police Visit To Reception

Reception parents, you may be aware that the 'Evil Pea' has been causing mischief and mayhem in reception this week. The police were called to help the children catch him (and to teach the children how the police support looking after our community).



Looking After Nature

Children in the Potter Room have been learning about how to help garden birds, especially during the winter. They have made bird feeders, looked for birds around school, have listened to bird song and followed a story about 'Rory' the garden bird. To gain their Ruby Robin Award from the Song Bird Survival Charity, they have also made and are selling seed bombs to Thorpe staff.



Work Spotlight – Year 3 and Nursery

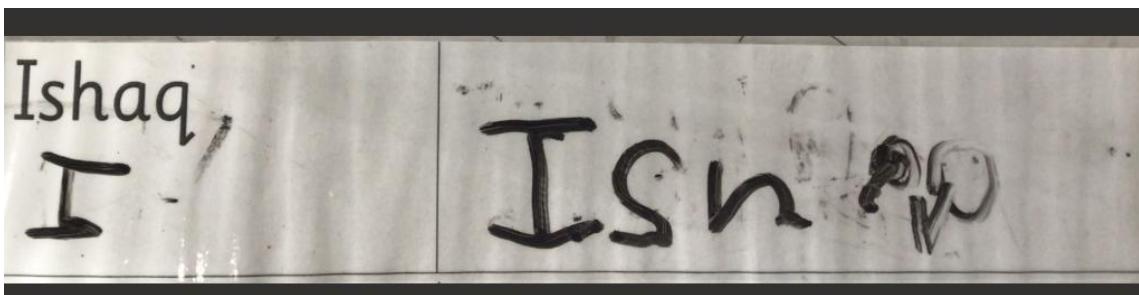
In PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education), Year 3 children have been exploring their identities and what makes them ‘them’ – their favourite things, their cultural and religious heritage and families.



In art, they were also creating 'Stone Age' style paintings, mixing paints to make earthly colours. They took inspiration from cave paintings of handprints.



In nursery, the children have been exploring transport as a topic, as well as developing their writing and maths skills. Below, you can see a car model created by Layla, Blessing working hard learning about the number 2 using a 'build it, draw it, write it' grid and some excellent name writing progress by Ishaq Mohamed.



Medical Tracker – a reminder

Over the next few weeks, we will be moving our recording of first aid incidents onto Medical Tracker, a secure digital system. This means that children will no longer bring home a paper note after receiving first aid. Instead, you will receive an email notification with the details and this will often occur in real time.

To ensure you receive these updates, please check that we have your correct email address on file. If you are unsure, contact the school office as soon as possible.

As always, for any head injuries or more serious incidents, we will continue to call you directly.

Key Dates Coming Up:

Date	Event
Thursday 29th January	14.50: Year 4 class assembly
Friday 6th February	Reception 'Royal Banquet' Day
Tuesday 10th February	09.00: Year 1 Phonics Parent Talk 14.15: Safer Internet Day Parent Cafe
Thursday 12th February	Reception Chinese New Year Parade 14.50: Year 2 class assembly
Friday 13th February	Last day of the half term (finish at 14.30 as usual).
Monday 23rd February	Children return to school from the half term break

Reminders:

Parent Evenings

The dates for the next parent evenings this term have been confirmed and will take place on **Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March** between **3.40pm and 6.30pm**. More information will come soon, but I wanted to ensure you had the dates in good time.

Spring Term Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will begin again soon. Please see the timetable below for the Spring Term. They start at 2.50pm and finish at 3.15pm on the designated day (always a Thursday). If you can make it, please come along.

Thursday 29th January	Year 4 (both classes)
Thursday 12th February	Year 2 (both classes)
Thursday 5th March	Year 5 (5 Walliams & 5 Strong)
Thursday 26th March	Year 3 (both classes)

Parent Shout Outs

If your child's teacher or another member of staff has gone above and beyond, I would love to hear from you. Please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/6r5w1yxP8F>

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr J Parkhouse
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