

MAY NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome to our May Newsletter. Our children have been shining so brightly in May, living out all of our school values with confidence and pride. As we head into the final half term of the academic year, you will see a number of key diary dates to mark the end of the year and the transition to a new one. We thank you, as always for your continued support.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Searson
Headteacher

Diary Dates

JUNE 1st - Return to school
June 2nd - Nursery Welcome Meetings
JUNE 3rd - Community Coffee Afternoon
JUNE 8th - Phonics Screen Check Week
JUNE 12th - New Classes information
JUNE 16th - One Voice
JUNE 19th - Class photographs all day
JUNE 23rd - Captivating Creatures Nursery
JUNE 26th - African drumming/dancing KS1
JULY 1st - Nursery Sports Day 9.15am & 1pm
JULY 1st - Cleethorpes Y1
JULY 2nd - Reception, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day 9.15am
JULY 3rd - End of year reports
JULY 7th - Transition
JULY 8th - Transition
JULY 9th - Transition
JULY 15th - Y2 Leavers Assembly
JULY 16th - Summer Disco
JULY 17th - Last day for children
SEPTEMBER 3rd - Return to school

Y1 PHONICS SCREEN CHECK
JUNE 8th - all week

Attendance

Whole school attendance – 96%
Nursery – 92%
Unit 2 – 96.3%
Unit 3 – 93.1%
Class 5 – 96.5%
Class 6 – 96.9%
Class 7 – 95.7%
Class 8 – 96.1%
Class 10 – 95.45%

Transition

Whole School

Tuesday 7th July - morning
Wednesday 8th July - afternoon
Thursday 9th July - all day

Additional Y2 to Y3
See letter sent separately.

Inset Days 2026-2027

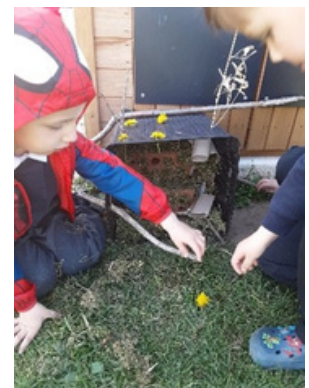
- **September** Tuesday/Wednesday 1st & 2nd
- **October** Friday 23rd
- **December** Friday 18th
- **May** Friday 28th

NURSERY NEWS

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What a busy and exciting few weeks we have had in Unit 1. The children have been thoroughly enjoying our new topic, "Down on the Farm", and have been enthusiastic learners in all areas of the classroom. Our key text this half term has been Rosie's Walk. The children have loved exploring the story and learning lots of positional language such as over, under, through and around. We have also been retelling the story using our outdoor area and small world resources, helping to bring the story to life through imaginative play and storytelling.

We have been fascinated by the many seasonal changes taking place in our outdoor area, especially the minibeasts and animals that have been visiting us. The children have asked thoughtful questions about where animals live and how we can care for them. This inspired us to design and build our very own bug hotel. The project has created lots of excitement and discussion, and the children are enjoying checking to see who has moved in.



The children have also been busy planting sunflower seeds. We learned all about how to plant seeds and what they need in order to grow strong and healthy. The sunflowers will be coming home at half term, and we would love for families to continue this learning journey by helping your child care for their sunflower at home. Please remember to take photographs and share your growing sunflowers on Dojo – we cannot wait to see how tall they grow!



RECEPTION NEWS

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Unit 3 Morgan "I've picked a sunset landscape. You need to mix darker colours."



This month, we have been busy creating art work for the Picture This exhibition. Our inspiration on FS2 is the Rotherham Artist 'Paul Freeman'. We have used Paul Freeman's work to inspire our artwork, by looking at those he has created and the techniques he uses when working with Oil Paints. We looked at artists landscape paintings and used these as inspiration to create our own. We learnt how to mix and apply oil paints to paper, creating textures and using the brushes to create different effects.



YEAR 1 NEWS

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Year 1 are working extremely hard in Phonics learning! We are so proud of all our children, and hope they enjoy the special Fred Frog Challenge over half term!



We have all been busy producing our artwork for the 'Picture This 26' Art Exhibition which will be available to view at Gulliver's Theme Park during the summer. We have been inspired by the local artist Margaret Hall. We have been exploring her work around nature and the local environment. We have explored our school environment and have been inspired to paint some of our natural surroundings. We are looking forward to producing our final masterpieces for the exhibition.

In Geography, we continue to learn about the United Kingdom. We have discovered the capital cities and looked at the local landmarks of Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and England. We all enjoyed looking at the Giant's Causeway in Ireland.

In Science, we have continued our learning around Spring & Summer, last week we enjoyed tasting different fruits and vegetables. We explored oranges, apples, peas, lettuce, pear and carrots.

In RE, we have been delving into the story of Moses and the Jewish celebration of Passover. The children have attentively listened to the retelling of the story and used drama to act out key parts. This has helped them to explore how religious figures may have felt at the time.



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YEAR 2 NEWS

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Another month of busy Year 2 learning has soon passed! Children have been thinking about significant people in their lives and learning about the important changes that have been made by significant people in History. We have especially enjoyed reading the Little People, Big Dreams books about Marcus Rashford, Nelson Mandela, Malala Yousafzai, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King and discovering the differences they have made in the past.

Our Science learning has taught us ways of protecting our environment, in school and at home. We have discovered ways of being 'energy efficient' such as reducing, reusing and recycling, switching lights off and turning the tap off when brushing our teeth. It was wonderful to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday this month and reflect on all the ways we can work together to save our planet.

Geography learning has focused on 'Life in Kenya', where we have explored similarities and differences to life in the UK. Children have compared physical and human features, and geographical landscapes, including rural and urban areas.

Look out for our clay sculptures in this year's 'Picture This' exhibition at Magna. Year 2 were set the special task of creating an animal sculpture in the style of local sculptor, Jason Thomson. Children worked hard to manipulate clay into different shapes, make joins using slip and finally marking to create different effects.

Children have especially enjoyed playing in areas of provision based on the wonderful story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and have written an imaginative piece of writing about Wonka's sweet garden. The children have thrown themselves into our new learning about fraction, they were overjoyed to hear we would be using food items to help us with halves, quarters and thirds.

