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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, our Year 6 children enjoyed a real adventure during their residential to Willersley Castle. I must express my thanks to Miss Bullock and Miss Delargy for accompanying the children on the trip and especially to Mr Young for organising and leading the residential as well as putting in a vast amount of work beforehand to plan and prepare for the visit. It was lovely to read the kind messages of thanks from parents on Thursday to the staff – this was very much appreciated. I'm sure the children have made lifelong memories on the residential, especially with the snow! I was also amazed at seeing how quickly the children in Year 6 got back into their school routines in Thursday – they had already covered active and passive voice in English before half past ten!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Ray

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Monday 2 nd December	Year 5	Trip to Warwick University Planetarium
Friday 6 th December	Year 5	Victorian Day (in school) – dress up
Friday 6 th December	Reception	EYFS Christmas Parent Event (2:30 start)
Tuesday 10 th December	YR, Y1, Y2	Smeds & Smoos – Warwick Arts Centre
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1/2 Parents	KS1 Christmas Play (5pm start)
Thursday 12 th December	Y3/4 & Musicians	Annual Christmas Music Concert (2pm start)
Thursday 19 th December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day

Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Year 5	Planetarium Visit at University of Warwick
Year 5	Victorian Day
Selected Pupils Year's 3,4 & 5	HADO Arena Trip

Lost Property

The colder weather brings in more coats, hats and gloves. Please ensure all clothing is clearly named so we can return items back to their owners.

Can you help?

The school's main source of funding comes through pupil numbers. If the school maximises the number of children in school, a capacity of 210. To help promote the school in the local area, we have created a flyer. If you are happy to post flyers through your neighbours letterboxes, please email the school with the roads you will do and the approximate number of flyers you would like. You support is much appreciated.

Children in Need

Thank you all so much for your donations to Children in Need last week. The children had a lovely time, doing lots of fun activities in their classrooms. We raised £184.39 for the Children in Need charity. Thank you once again for your support.

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Reception

The children in Reception have had another busy and exciting week of learning! This week, we have based lots of our learning around the story *Elmer*. We worked as a team to create a large collage of Elmer and enjoyed creating mini Elmers using the milk bottles you so kindly sent in. We found out lots of amazing facts about elephants and used a map of the world to find different countries they live in. Did you know that when elephants go swimming, they use their trunk as a snorkel? In maths we have been learning to count one more and one less, and the children showed a good understanding when using the nursery rhyme '5 current buns' to support this. It was so lovely to see the children independently set up a shop together to sell the current buns! In phonics, we have continued to practise blending the sounds we already know and have learnt new sounds 'ck' and 'e'. We have also been recognising some tricky words (words that have sounds that we can't blend). There is a great tricky words song on YouTube to support them at home with these. The children absolutely loved playing out in the snow this week! Even in this cold weather we will still take some of our learning outside so please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves.

At home, please support your child with zipping up their coat and putting on their gloves so they can be more independent in school. This would really help us too! Have a great weekend, and we are looking forward to another exciting week of learning. Miss Swain and Miss Roberts





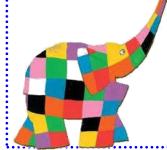




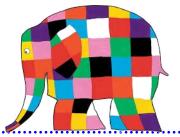








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Year 1

We have had a lovely week in Year 1. On Monday, we started rehearsals for our Christmas show and we have been practising it every morning! It is looking fabulous already! So many children have learnt their lines, and many more are working so hard to learn and deliver them. In maths, we have started a new topic on *shape*. We have been identifying and naming 2D and 3D shapes. We have also been sorting them into groups based on their properties e.g., number of sides, curved edges vs no curved edges etc. In science, we explored the question: *Does it get dark at the same time every day?* We recapped our learning of the seasons from Reception and discussed how this might affect what time the sun sets, and it gets dark each day. On Friday, we finished our work on *Ori's Stars* in Book Talk by creating a character description of Ori. It has been amazing to see Year 1's love of reading and exploring stories shine through in how much information they can retrieve from the story so enthusiastically. *Next* week, we will be starting a new chapter in English, exploring the book *Supertato*. The class will be honing their writing skills to help Supertato protect the vegetables from Evil Pea! We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday. Miss Brett, Miss Delargy, Miss Bullock, Miss Dangi and Miss French









Year 2

It has been another busy and very exciting week in Year 2. This week we, along with Year 1, have been full steam ahead with our Christmas play rehearsals. It has been great to see the childrens confidence increasing throughout the week with them remembering their lines and stage directions. Well done Year 2. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped their child learn their lines already. Please can you continue to do this at home, with a focus on being as loud and clear as possible. In our English lessons this week, the children have finished writing up their pirate adventure story based on the Pirate Cruncher. Mrs Akthar and I were really impressed with the quality of the children's writing and we really enjoyed reading their stories. It was great to see the children remembering to use the range of skills we had learnt recently such as adjectives, conjunctions and even a double adverb sentence. It was lovely to see the enjoyment throughout the lessons from the children as they were all very eager to carry on with their writing. In our maths lessons, we have started our new topic on shape. The children had the opportunity to look at and explore both 2D and 3D shapes. We spoke about how there is shape all around us both inside and outside. In science, it was our last lesson on where would an animal choose to live. In the lesson, we looked at how do we know whether something is living, dead or never been alive. The children explored life processes by looking at how living things can tell us if something is living, dead or has never been alive.

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They also learnt the acronym MRS GREN to remember all the different life process they are. In PE, the children completed three small circuits focusing on a range of different skills which were hurdles, ladders, skipping, throwing, and catching. It was great to see the enjoyment and the discipline the children showed while completing each of the various parts. Following on with our pirate theme, the children had the opportunity to create a short dance piece focusing on improvisation within a small group. In PSHE, the children learnt the importance of personal, public and social spaces and how we should respect each other's space. We spoke about the importance of having your own personal space and how everyone personal space is very different.

What a wonderful week and well done. Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar







Year 3

It has been another superb week of learning in Year 3. In our English lessons, we have been learning about persuasive writing and the techniques the writer uses to entice readers. We identified key features, learned about modal verbs and practised how to develop a paragraph. To end the week, we researched facts about some of the wonderful places we have in Coventry, which we will use next week to write persuasive texts encouraging people to visit our city. Our previous learning about the rich history of Coventry will be a great cross-curricular link. As mathematicians, we have been busy practising the 3 times table namely multiplication and division facts. On Thursday, we enjoyed playing a carousel of games and activities linked to the times table.

As scientists, we investigated magnetic materials. We went on a scavenger hunt to find objects that had the 'pull' force when we placed a magnet near them. Did you know that not all metals are magnetic? During our RE lesson, we learned about how nature and seasons shape Muslim worldviews. We found out that nature plays a key part in the celebration of the festival of Eid-al-Fitr at the end of Ramadan as the date is determined by the sighting of the crescent moon. A few of our children, who are Muslim, volunteered to answer questions about how they celebrate Eid. They were full of knowledge about their religion and showed great oracy skills. Well done, Year 3. Please remember to complete your Spelling Shed and LbQ homework. Mrs Nagra, Mrs Murphy and Miss Williams











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Year 4

Year 4 had a great start to the week with their 'campfire experience', which was made even more atmospheric with the snow falling outside on Tuesday morning. The children enjoyed their hot chocolate and marshmallows; listened to spooky stories; and sang campfire songs as the snow was falling outside. This was a great start to our next unit of writing, in which the children will be writing a newspaper report based on the short film, Marshmallows. If you have a newspaper at home, this would be a good opportunity to share it with your child and discuss the different features of newspaper articles (headlines, introductory paragraphs, eyewitness quotes, etc.). In our maths lessons, we have continued our work on multiplication and division. This week, the children have been learning multiplication and division facts for the x7 and x11 times tables. Next week, we will be moving on to the x12 times table. As always, please encourage your child to practise their times tables at home. TTrockstars is ideal for this. As scientists, the children have learnt about the benefits of a balanced diet and the different nutrients that are needed for this. As geographers, Year 4 have found out about some famous landmarks in Barcelona, such as: La Segrada Familia, Parc Guell and Camp Nou. In our PSHE lessons, the class have been thinking about our value of 'respect' and the different ways that they can show it. In RE, the children have been learning about the important work that different Christian charities do. Well done Year 4, another super week. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett and Miss Dangi

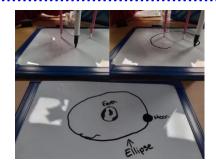


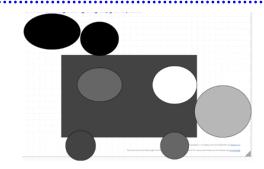


Year 5

Well, it's been a chilly week but Year 5 have still had a great week of learning. In maths, we have continued to learn about fractions, finding equivalent fractions and converting between mixed and improper fractions. Fractions is always a tricky topic but the children are trying really hard and showing resilience when they find something challenging. In our reading lessons, we have continued reading Brightstorm and using this to improve our comprehension skills. In writing, we have been practising skills for our story writing next week by writing accurately punctuated dialogue, starting sentences with a verb and using paragraphs. As scientists, we asked the question 'How does the moon move in relation to the Earth?' We found out how the Earth orbits the Sun and the moon orbits the Earth. In the photograph you will see how we investigated the orbiting path of the moon. We noticed that it makes an elliptical shape. In history, we have been finding out about the industrial revolution and the impact it had on people's lives. This is a very significant change that happened during Victorian times. We thought about the advantages and disadvantages it would have had for people. In PE, the children have been enjoying creating their own space dance, being planets and satellites in orbit! In their outdoor lesson, they have been practising their football skills. In computing, the children are learning how to draw vector diagrams. Using the circle and square, the children created their own images. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland

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Year 6

This week's newsletter is a Willersley Castle special! I must start by saying how proud I am of all of the children whilst on their first residential trip. They took on all challenges that were put in front of them, represented their school brilliantly and respected their peers and grownups for the duration of their stay. I would not hesitate to take this group again given the chance; they were fantastic!

I was so impressed by how quickly the children got settled into their new routines—they were organised, played nicely and were on time for all their activities. The centre staff even commented that we were the tidiest school they had seen for an awfully long time so well done everyone for looking after all of your things, for being so well prepared and doing your best during all of your activities.

Despite the cold temperatures, we were treated to a rather spectacular snowy wonderland whilst we were there which was made all the more magical by being able to play in the snow on the field at the front of the castle and on our walk into Matlock Bath which was picturesque and a nice reprieve from the other sporty and adventurous activities.

The children ate well during their stay – cooked breakfasts were on offer along with cooked lunches and dinners at tea time, which we all certainly made the most of. These were lovely opportunities for the children to discuss their day and talk about what was next on their timetables.

I just want to say a final thank you for the lovely card that was sent to us following our trip. It was very much appreciated, and we loved reading all of the messages. It's little gestures like this which make us feel extra proud to be doing the job that we do.

I hope you all have a lovely relaxing weekend. Mr. Young and Mrs. Kailey





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Well Done Mr Wood for getting free board games from Chaos Cards donated for the school!



If you have any unwanted board games at home, we would very much appreciate them Thank you





Our Achievers for the week ending 22nd November 2024



Our Stars of the w/e 22nd November 2024



Year 1 - Carley

Year 2 - Eden

Year 3 - Siyuan

Year 4 - Kausar

Year 5 - Abdul

Year 6 - Daniel



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Main Choices will be:

Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy

Or

Vegetable, Cheese & Cranberry Pastry Parcel

With

Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Peas, Carrots, Parsnips & Cranberry Sauce

Dessert

Festive Cookie



If your child normally has a packed lunch and you would like them to try this Christmas menu, please log onto MCAS consent and pay before 9th December.

If you require the vegetarian option, please inform the school before Monday 9th December.





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Clubs Autumn Term 2024

Start Date	Day	Activity	Year	Led by	Cost
		7.0,	Groups		
16 th Sept	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Lego Club	Y2-6	Vicky from Cre8fun	£5 per class
	Monday 12:30 – 1:00	Spanish	Y1-2	Joy from Bilingua Sing	£4.50 per class
	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Football	Y4-6	Mr Beech	£10 per term
17 th Sept	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Netball	Y4-6	Mr Beech	£10 per term
	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Hockey	Y3-5	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Tuesday 8:00 – 8:45	Dance	Y2-6	Liz Wison Dance	£60 per term
18th Sept	Wednesday 8:00 – 8:45	Badminton	Y3-6	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	Games	Y1-3	Mr Beech	£10 per term
2 nd Oct	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	Sugar Craft	Y2/3	Midge Smith	£96.50 per term
19 th Sept	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Basketball	Y4-6	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Multiskills	Y1-3	Mr Beech	£10 per term
3 rd Oct	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Sugar Craft	Y4-6	Midge Smith	£96.50 per term
13 th Sept	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Arts & Crafts	R-2	Vicky from Cre8fun	£5 per class
		Music Lesson	s offered durin	g the school do	ıy:
	Thursday	Drum Lessons	Years 2 – 6	Coventry Music Service	£17.90 to £49.50 per month,
	Thursday	Flute Lessons			depending on frequency of
	Friday	Keyboard Lessons			lessons and group or individual lessons
					Contact Coventry Music Service for more information



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Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term (2024)

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Monday 2 nd September	INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	First day of term
Friday 25 th October	INSET Day
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	Half Term
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term
Monday 23 rd December to Friday 3 rd January	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term (2025)

Monday 6 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th January	First day of term
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school
Friday 11th April	Last day of term
Monday 14th April to Friday 25th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term (2025)

Monday 28 th April	First day of term
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June	INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd June	Children return to school
Friday 18th July	Last day of term
Monday 21st July	INSET Day