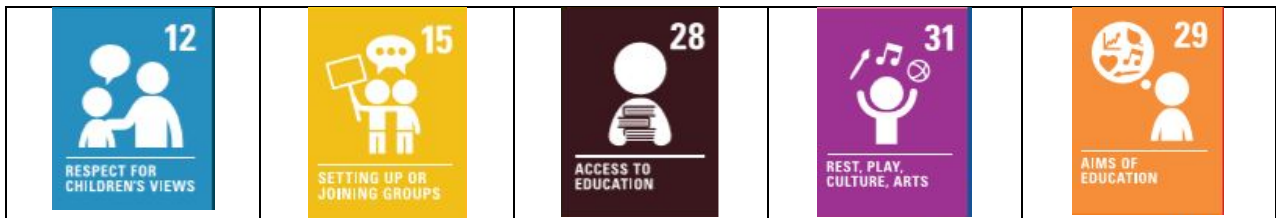




## NEWSLETTER – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

It has been lovely listening to some of the children’s ever growing list of ideas for lunchtime clubs. We are seeing more and more children wanting to run a lunchtime club with ideas so far being chess club, culture club, art club, dance club, drama club, Pokémon club and abstract club. I am delighted that our children know they have such a strong voice and their ideas are always listened to. We have now purchased five new chess sets to enable chess club to start. Art club has already started this week and abstract club will begin from next week. It is wonderful to see our children much more confident and showing such kindness whilst also showing their leadership skills and abilities. As a Rights Respecting School this all links to the following conventions



### Every School Day Matters

School and future success starts with good attendance!

Going to school helps children to:

- ✓ Learn
- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Make Friends
- ✓ Get new experiences
- ✓ Increase their confidence
- and most of all....
- ✓ Have the best start in life

**DAILY LATENESS**  
equates to...

3 DAYS LOST	6 DAYS LOST	10 DAYS LOST
5 MINUTES LATE 15 hours of lost learning	10 MINUTES LATE 30 hours of lost learning	15 MINUTES LATE 50 hours of lost learning

Education is important - don't miss out!

100%	<b>PERFECT</b> 100% Attendance
98%	<b>IMPRESSIVE</b> Equates to 4 school days off each year
96%	<b>GOOD</b> Equates to 7 school days off each year
95%	<b>NEARLY THERE</b> Equates to 9 school days off each year
94%	<b>NEEDS TO IMPROVE</b> Equates to 11 school days off each year
90%	<b>DANGER ZONE</b> Equates to 1 month off each year
80%	<b>EXTREME IMPACT</b> Equates to 2 months off each year



## Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern about the welfare of a child's and would like to discuss this with a professional, you can do this through Norfolk County Council's Children's Advice and Duty Service on **0344 800 8020**.

You can also talk to a school Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Our school DSL's are: Mrs Petchey, Mrs Stolworthy, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Derer, Mrs Eaglen, Miss Alderton and Mrs Burman.

## A POLITE REMINDER OF OUR PE UNIFORM

Our PE kit comprises of a plain white t-shirt, plain dark blue, black or dark grey shorts or joggers, plain dark blue, black or dark grey jumper of a school jumper and caridgon and trainers. If you are struggling to source the correct PE kit, please speak to either Mrs Derer, Mrs Chester or Mrs Watts in the school office as we may have spare PE kit in school which we can offer.

## School Car Park

We are still seeing some parents and children walking through the school car park in the morning and at the end of the day. For your safety, we ask all parents, carers and children to use the steps at the side of school by the office. The school car park can become quite busy and using the steps rather than walking through the car park is the safest option, thank you.



### YEAR 3

Year 3 have had another busy week. In Science we have been finding out about how our skeletons help us move. We have made arms out of cardboard tubes (the bones) and balloons (the muscles) to see how the muscles contract and stretch. We will continue to find out about this in more detail next week.

In History we are describing the changes and continuity from the Paleolithic to the Mesolithic. We know that people still hunted and gathered but that their homes and tools have changed. Our English learning this week has been around the use of the past tense of irregular verbs. We have matched past and present tense verbs in cooperative learning and solved crosswords. In Maths we have been working on adding and subtracting 1, 10 and 100 from 3 digit numbers. We have used place value charts and counters to practise.

In Art we have created large scale drawings of dancers and have included chiaroscuro.



### Concerned about a child?

#### Are you worried about a child's welfare and would like to discuss?

You can speak directly to one of our Consultant Social Workers, and alongside our early help Pathway Advisors and partners, we will make sure the child gets the right support first time

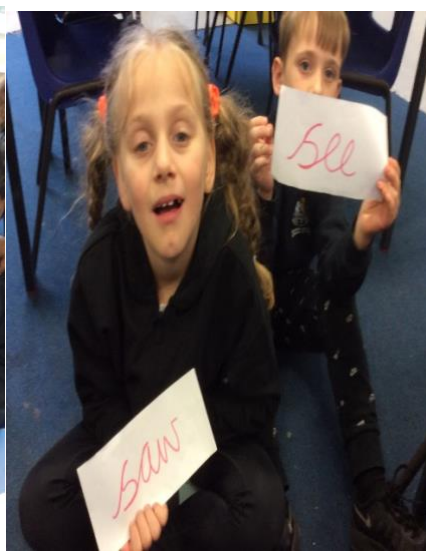
Call our Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS)  
**0344 800 8021**



Our team is on hand from 9am-5pm (Mon-Fri)  
Out of hours: 0344 800 8020  
If you think it is an emergency call 999

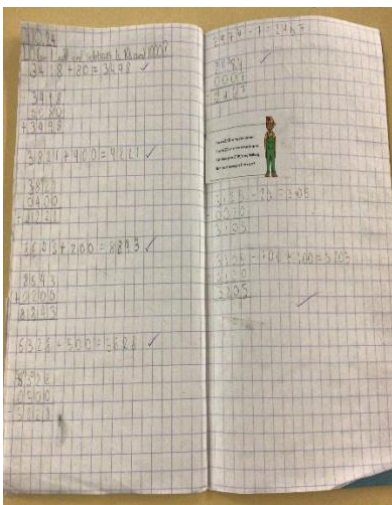
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#### YEAR 4

We have had such a busy week of learning in year 4! On Monday we started our new addition and subtraction unit in Maths. The children have worked incredibly hard on their presentation this week in Maths, we have been practicing setting out the column methods in our Maths book. In English children have looked at the subject and the verb in the sentence. On Wednesday children looked at the features of a diary entry in preparation for Friday's English lesson. On Thursday we had our Roman Day! The children enjoyed the visit from Titus the Roman Centurion. The children learnt Latin and how to become a Roman Solider! The children used swords and shields and went for a march around the school! We also looked at Roman Artefacts and created some Roman coins. What a fantastic day we had! On Friday children wrote a diary entry from the perspective of a Roman Solider.



#### YEAR 5

In Year 5 this week, we have been doing our autumn assessments. We have been so pleased with the hard work, determination and energy shown in both classes as the children tried to do their best.

We have also continued learning about adverbs and adverbial phrases in English, revised rounding in maths and extended it to larger numbers, learnt some new dance steps in PE and continued to explore topography and lettering styles in art.

Highlights this week have been investigating the effects of friction with jelly and oil in science, the whole of year five learning a new song to sing together and imaginative story writing that demonstrated year five's creativity and gave them the opportunity to apply our work on punctuation and grammar. Another fantastic week of learning in year five - well done everyone!



## YEAR 6

### **Amazing Week of Learning in Year 6!**

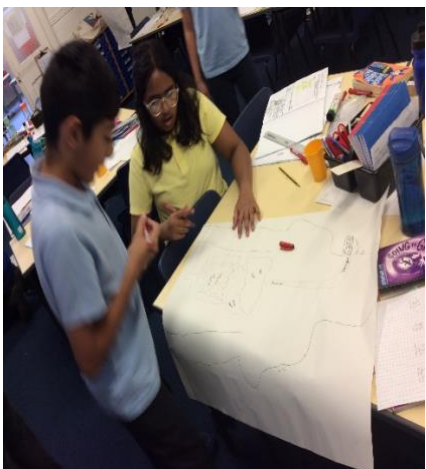
This week in Year 6 has been full of excitement, learning, and creativity! Students have been diving into a variety of subjects, showing off their skills, and having lots of fun along the way. In PE, the focus was on football and dance. The football sessions sharpened our footwork and teamwork, while the dance lessons brought out our creativity. We didn't just move to the music—we *were* the music, using our hands to clap and our feet to stomp as we created amazing routines together.

In Science, we explored the fascinating world of the human body, focusing on how blood works. Students discovered what blood carries around the body and how it helps us function every day. Maths was all about numbers, as we practiced adding and subtracting in ways that make everyday problems easy to solve. Word problems became our new playground, applying these skills in real-life scenarios.

English brought out the inner storyteller in each of us. We focused on character descriptions, using emotional language, physical appearance, and inner thoughts to bring our characters to life. It was a chance to express creativity and use our writing skills in exciting ways.

The whole week has been an incredible journey of learning and fun, with pupils gaining new skills and confidence in every subject. Year 6 is truly shining!

Thank you for your support,  
Year 6 Team



### Blake Class

Blake class have been excellent scientists this week! We have been observing what had happened in each of our experiments. We checked on our cress again and our experiment has proved that cress needs sunlight and water to grow and be healthy. Our sunflowers are on a

windowsill with plenty of air, sunlight and water and they have started to grow. We are very excited to watch what happens over the next few weeks. Our beans have sprouted and we will soon plant them in soil so they can get the nutrients they need to grow.

In English, we have been continuing our setting descriptions, using a still from the TV series of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. Children have come up with some brilliant adjectives and we have worked together to create sentences. Next, they will use these skills to write descriptions from their choice of picture.

In maths, we have been using column addition to solve calculations. Children have used Base 10 and arrow cards to work out when they need to exchange and then using this for work in their books. We have talked a lot about the importance of place value when laying out work and children are trying very hard to remember this.



## Attendance

We hold a celebration assembly every Friday morning to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this Assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week.

**Our school attendance target is 96%.**

Well done to and this week, for having the highest attendance.

**6 Ness – 93%**

**6 Palacio – 93 %**

**6 Morpurgo - 97 %**

**5 Johnson – 94%**

**5 Almond – 98%**

**4 Pullman – 99%**



**4 Tan – 95%**

**3 Blyton – 94%**

**3 Potter – 92%**