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Be kind, be fair, be safe whilst learning together to be the best we can.

Dear Parents / Carers

Although this half term has been a little shorter than normal, we have managed to pack so much in to ensure the children continue to receive some fantastic learning experiences, as you will see on the class pages. The children have worked so hard with their day to day learning and the progress within all of the classes has been amazing.

It has been fantastic to have had some brilliant enrichment activities within school that have really brought the learning to life. These wonderful opportunities have only been able to happen through your generosity in paying the contributions that we have asked for so a big thank you.

The Mother's Day afternoon was a very enjoyable event and the children loved welcoming their special adult into school.

Last Friday's Easter bingo was well attended and a great night was had by all. Thank you again for the chocolate donations that made the evening so successful.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break. Fingers crossed the sun will shine!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another fun packed half term on Monday 17th April.

Mrs. Forshew

Mrs Forshew
Headteacher

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target for year 2022–2023 is 96%
Whole School Attendance from 10th March–30th March 91.9%

Check our figures to see how we are doing!

Please report a child's absence from school by sending us a message on MyEd or telephone the school on 02476 392236 and press 1 to leave a message for the office before 9.30 am.

School Year group doors open between 8.45 am and 8.55 am and children can go into school between these times for registration at 8.55 am. Please make sure your child is on time for school. If they arrive after 8.55 am they will need to come via the main school office entrance. Children arriving after this time will receive a late mark. **Please help us to achieve our target!**

10.03.23–16.03.23

RDD 92.9% Best Class RHa 89.4%

RIr 89.5%

1VH 83.2%

1Fu 89.4%

1Lo 91.7%

2Ev 91.7%

2Co 82.9%

2McG 91.7%

17.03.23–23.03.23

RDD 98.0% Best Class RHa 91.7%

RIr 96.3%

1VH 93.7%

1Fu 89.7%

1Lo 95.7%

2Ev 89.0%

2Co 89.3%

2McG 97.0%

24.03.23–30.03.23

RDD 85.3%

RHa 84.3%

RIr 95.3%

1VH 99.3% Best Class 1Fu 91.4%

1Lo 94.3%

2Ev 94.3%

2Co 90.3%

2McG 92.0%

Monty has/will be spending the week with the winning classrooms!



Well Done

Date	Best Class
10.03–16.03	1Lo
17.03–23.03	1Fu
24.03–30.03	1Lo



Snow Flake has will be spending the week with the winning classrooms!

Movie Event Winner

TOP ATTENDANCE WINNERS - 2McG & 1Lo

Well done to Miss McGraths & Mrs Lowens/Mrs Bates' class for having the best attendance this half term, both classes have WON a Movie afternoon as a reward!! Enjoy!! And WELL DONE!!





Headteacher Tea Party

Mrs Forshaw had the pleasure of a tea party with our nominated children - talking about their what they enjoy doing in their spare time and also in school, whilst enjoying some sweet treats and a glass of squash. Well done to all the selected children. We hope you all had a lovely time.

24/03/23

Year 1 - Amelia C, Daria, Poppy L

Year 2 - Aaliyah

Our Pupils of the Week!

A pupil from each class is chosen by a teacher each week as 'pupil of the week' for eg doing good work.

	16.03.23	23.03.23	30.03.23
Reception	Reagon, Max A, Jenson W	Carter E, Danny W, Arlo B	Lewis R, Madeline W Timothy R
Year 1	Kimberley, Ellis H, Hazel B	Ruby M, Lily R, Indigo C	Nancy W, Thomas B, Stanley C
Year 2	Bonnie H, Oliver C	Lexi L, Milosz, Hannah R	Phoebe B, Chloe M, Polly M



Our Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to all the children who have been awarded with stars! Well Done

24/03/2023

100 Paisley-Rose, Ralph J, Lyla B, Hasita

200 Dolly R, Sophie S, Willow D, Lexi L

300 Lily F

400 Samuel W

31/03/2023

200 Keivagh H

300 Aaliyah S



Easter Celebrations

Thank you for everyone's hard work this year, it was lovely to see and talk to the children about their creations. They all did a fabulous job and looked so proud to showcase their bonnets off. Choosing the winners was very difficult as always You all looked AMAZING!

Egg Rolling Competition Winners

	1st Place	2nd Place
RDD	Amely S	Daisy A
RIr	Ryan M	Annie S
RHa	Ellie-Rose M	Max A
1Fu	Daksha P	Ivy C
1Lo	Ruby M	Daisy-Mae M
1VH	Dolly R	Hazel B
2Ev	Harvey M	Isaac E
2Co	Amelia M	Charlie H
2McG	Noah B	Noah M

Easter Bonnet Parade Winners

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Year R	Evie C	Maxwell F	Joseph B
Year 1	Freya-Louise N	Poppy L	Nate B
Year 2	Chloe B	Ceanne T	Maisie M



A big thank you to all our PTA members, parents/carers and staff!!

From your wonderful generosity at our PTA Events, we have been able to fund a BOOK VENDING MACHINE for the children!! All children that read at home will receive a reading raffle entry. (see below for full details on how the gold coins can be won).



Reading Raffle Winners

This half term we have welcomed our brand new 'Reading Vending Machine' into our library. Each time a child reads at home they are awarded with a raffle ticket that goes into our class prize box. The winners are awarded a golden coin to spend in the vending machine.

This half term our class reading raffle winners are:

RDD: Arlo
1FU: Jackson H
2EV: Leila

RIR: Freddie
1LO: Olivia H
2McG: Noah B

RHA: Maxwell
1VH: Christopher H
2CO: Jessica



PTA News



What a lovely night at our Chocolate Bingo Event! Thank you to all that attended, we hope you had a great night. A massive thank you to the PTA and Staff for organising the event.

Thank you to all parents for your chocolate donations, we really do appreciate your continued support.

We would not be able to do these events without all of your help!!

THANK YOU!

PTA Movie Night Year R. 3.00pm - 4.30pm. (DATE CHANGE)

This will now be held on Tuesday 16th May instead of Monday 15th May. Letter will go out nearer the time.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all the children for taking part in our spelling bee!

RIr - Evie C
RDD - Bella and Arlo
RHa - Finley M
Overall winner - Bella

1Fu - Tommy and Layton
1VH - Ralph
1Lo - Lyla B
Overall winner - Lyla

2Ev - Anu
2Co - Chloe
2McG - Joey
Overall winner - Joey

Year group winners will represent school competing against other local schools at a competition on April 28th.



Year R

We have had another busy half term in Reception!

World Book Day

We began by celebrating World Book Day - each class did lots of work about a different story and we all made some super art work to decorate our school library. We were also able to tick off one of our 50 read books too!



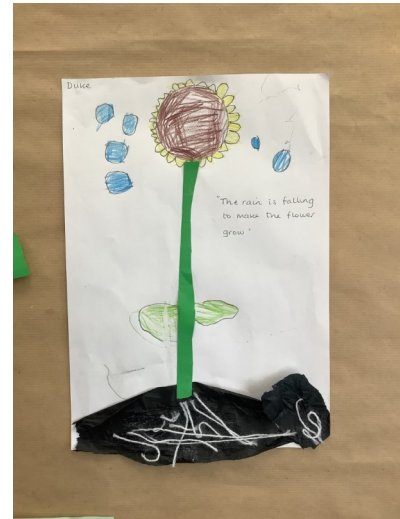
Hoop Guy!

We were very lucky to have a hula-hoop lesson from the Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist: John Parnell aka Hoop Guy! He taught us lots of games and how to build a hoop den. We had lots of fun making our own hoop dens and learnt that collaborating as a team helped achieve the end result more efficiently.

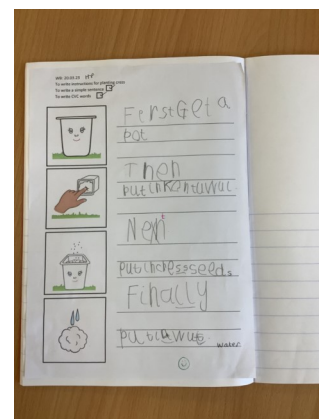


Secret Garden

Our topic has been Secret Garden. We began by looking at different plants and seeds and discussing what things they needed to grow. We looked at the different parts of a plant, learning their names and what jobs they do.



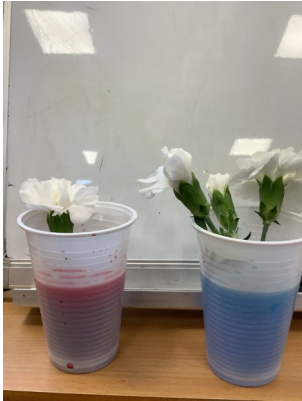
After reading the story Oliver's Vegetables, we planted our own cress seeds. We watered them carefully and made sure they had plenty of sunlight. We then wrote our own instructions to explain what we did. We were very excited to take our cress home!



Science week

We carried out an experiment to see what happens when we put a flower into coloured water. Lots of children predicted that the flower would change colour because the stem of the flower will suck up the coloured water.

We were lucky to have a scientist visit school and he showed us how to make exploding rockets using diet lemonade and Mentos—it was very exciting!



Caterpillars

We had a special delivery of caterpillars this week. They are very tiny at the moment. They are in a special pot with food and we look forward to watching them grow over the next few weeks and hopefully turn into butterflies.



We hope you all have a lovely Easter and a well earned rest and look forward to seeing you after the holiday!



Year 1 NewsLetter

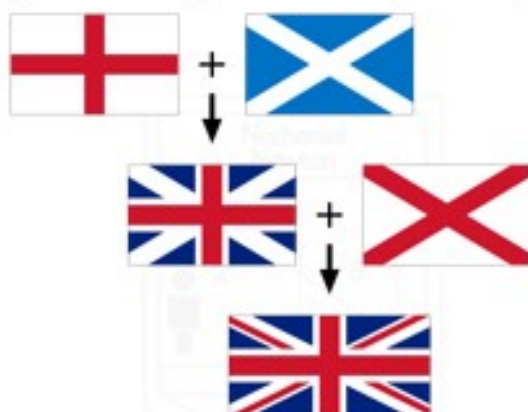
Well, we are coming to the end of another fantastic half term in Year One, filled with many highlights to recount. Time has gone by so quickly! Progress in maths has been exciting as the children have begun to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and have begun to apply their knowledge of multiples to grouping and sharing. The children have also had a focus on measures during the last half term and have been experimenting with weight and balance, exploring capacity and using a ruler to measure in centimetres.

We have also been working hard on developing our writing skills with a focus on Paddington and his travels in London. All of our pupils in Year One have written their own Paddington story. We are impressed by the quality of the children's stories, including their structure, the super sentences with punctuation and description, as well as the children's stamina for writing. Naturally, we had to taste Paddington's favourite marmalade sandwich...with mixed verdicts!



Over the course of the last six weeks, the children have also developed their knowledge and understanding of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland through our topic work on the **British Isles**. Here is a glimpse of some of the activities that have kept us very busy...

We have been studying maps of the British Isles and the children are proud to have created their own maps. They have used a key to identify land and sea and labelled the countries with their capital cities and displayed each Country's flag on the map. At the very top of the map, the children have drawn a Union Jack to show the combination of the nation's flags. We have played a game involving collaboration, matching flowers to flags and countries.





Celebrate with Ireland

To mark Saint Patrick's Day, we had our very own celebration in Year One! Dressed in green t-shirts for the afternoon, we discovered all about Saint Patrick and how he was a missionary in Ireland. We found out about Irish symbols and their meanings including the shamrock and the leprechaun. While we completed our activities, we enjoyed listening to some Irish music and had our own Irish Ceili! Some of our children were very good at dancing a jig and it caused us quite a giggle!



Scotland and its islands...

For some of our work on Scotland we have taken inspiration from the stories written by Mairi Hedderwick about a little girl called Katie Morag who lives on a fictional Scottish Island called Struay. The children have been working hard to compare life in Hartshill to life on a Scottish island. They have been able to identify lots of similarities and differences in the way of life between the two.



Focus on Wales... Building on previous skills and learning, the children designed a poster on Book Creator detailing facts about Wales. They included information about sport, food, the Welsh language, mountains, rivers and the daffodil as the national flower of Wales. Super!



Focus on England, the country where we live...

We have been on a fact-finding mission to discover information about England. The children worked collaboratively to answer questions such as: What is the capital city of England? Where does the King live? What is England's most popular sport? Can you name some foods that England is famous for? Do you know the name of any famous English people? Through our Paddington stories, we have explored many landmarks in London such as The London Eye and The Tube, even travelling upon our own imaginary tour bus...

Other highlights over the course of the half term include...



Sublime Science... we had a visit from Sublime Science for a workshop full of fun, learning and science vocabulary. It was brilliant and we laughed – A LOT! We observed and participated in lots of science experiments...lava erupting from a volcano, watched polystyrene dissolve, experimented with forces, and made our own snow and slime! We gathered together at the end of the day for a special assembly where Science Guy launched rockets fuelled by Mentos! It was brilliant and we all enjoyed the countdown to launch...





The Fire Service Visit Nathaniel Newton!

Stop, drop and roll was the order of the day when the fire service came to talk to us about fire prevention and keeping safe in the event of fire. The children were impeccably behaved and answered lots of questions, demonstrating their maturity and understanding.



World Book Day

Hooray for World Book Day! The children celebrated WBD and loved dressing up as a book character and sharing their favourite books. We shared a very special assembly as a school and then each went back to our classes for a day of focused activities based on one book. Each class worked hard to produce a canvas and they are all on proud display in the library.



I hope you can see that children and staff have had a fabulous half term, and are really looking forward to the summer term and our upcoming topic "Knights, Castles and Dragons". We are going to open our new topic with a very special Dragon day... more details to follow.... It will also be lovely to enjoy the warmer weather and make opportunities to utilise our lovely outdoor space and play equipment. Thank you for all of your support over the half term and wishing you a very happy Easter.

Mrs L. Fussey (Year One Team Leader) and the Year One Team

Year 2

Well this half term seems like it has flown by! The children in Year 2 have been incredibly busy working really hard in all areas of the curriculum. We are all very proud of the perseverant, resilient learners they are!



Fabulous Flight

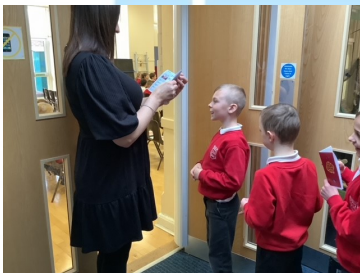


This half term our topic has been based on 'Flight'! As historians we have found out about the lives of significant individuals including the Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart.



As part of our computing learning we have been creating our own algorithms. We used PurpleMash software on the computers to develop our coding skills before challenging ourselves to program a drone using the iPads!

All aboard Nathaniel Newton Airways!



To fully immerse ourselves in our topic we travelled to America on our very own airline! We made our own passports, had the full in flight experience including snacks and entertainment, and a full safety briefing from our cabin crew. We used our new knowledge to compare old and new planes, labelled key parts of the plane and even identified how planes have changed since the invention of 'The Wright Flyer' in 1903.



English

This half term we have developed our stamina for writing. We have been working hard to write at length making sure that we use our writer's toolkit to help us write successfully. Our focus this half term has been on the books Emma Jane's Aeroplane by Katie Howarth and Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman.

For both of the stories we have been using our prediction and inference skills to identify what we think the story will be about, looking at parts of pictures to help us come up with our own ideas. To share our ideas with others we drew our own story maps and brought our ideas to life through role play.



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023

On World Book Day each class explored a book from our Year 2 '50 Reads' list. Each of the classes produced a wonderful canvas to represent the book we read together. Why not visit our newly refurbished library to see them in 'real life'! I'm sure you will agree they look AMAZING!



Maths

This half term we have been learning about shape and fractions. We have developed our understanding of the properties of 2D and 3D shape, sorting them using correct mathematical vocabulary to identify similarities and differences. Linked to this we have been identifying $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of different 2D shapes and numbers.



The children have also been using the 4 operations: $+$ $-$ \times and \div in the context of measures to apply their written methods of working out.

During the half term all children have experienced a wide variety of curriculum theme days and exiting activities from special visitors. This would not have been possible without your contributions so thank you very much for helping us to enrich the children's lives through first hand experiences.



To celebrate British Science Week the children took part in a day of hands on workshops to learn all about 'Connections'. We made prediction, were fascinated by scientific reactions and even got chance to make our very own slime!



The children had a fantastic experience with John 'The Hoop Guy'. We all tried so hard to learn how to hula hoop correctly, even the teachers had a go! We have to say though that the children were MUCH better than the adults!



On behalf of all of the Year Two team, I hope you have a very happy Easter!

Mrs Carly Evans, Year 2 Team Leader

Upcoming Events



Friday 31st March
Monday 17th April

- We break up for Easter holiday.
- Children return to school.

Monday 1st May
Monday 8th May

- May Day Bank holiday - school closed.
- Bank Holiday - school closed. King Charles III Coronation

Tuesday 16th May
Tuesday 23rd May
Wednesday 24th May
Thursday 25th May

- PTA Movie Night Year R. 3 pm - 4.30 pm. (NEW DATE)
- RDD Class Assembly 9 am.
- RHa Class Assembly 9 am.
- PTA Non-uniform day.

Thursday 25th May
Friday 26th May
Monday 5th June

- We break up for half term.
- Staff training day - school closed to children.
- Children return to school.

Monday 19th June
Friday 30th June
Sunday 2nd July
Monday 3rd July
Wednesday 5th July
Wednesday 5th July

- New Entrants Meeting 6 pm.
- PTA Non-uniform day.
- PTA Summer Fayre - 11 am - 2 pm.
- Reports go home to parents.
- Induction Day.
- Open Evening 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm.

Tuesday 4th July
Wednesday 12th July
Wednesday 12th July
Thursday 13th July
Tuesday 18th July
Wednesday 19th July
Monday 24th July
Tuesday 25th July

- RIr Class Assembly. (NEW DATE)
- Sports Day - Year 1 9.15 am.
- Sports Day - Year 2 1.15 pm.
- Sports Day - Year R 9.15 am.
- Year 2 Leavers Concert 1.30 pm
- Year 2 Leavers Concert 9.15 am.
- Leavers Assembly.
- Toy Day.

Tuesday 25th July

- We break up for Summer holiday.

The school calendar is also on the school website.

We will also include this calendar at the bottom of half termly newsletters and include any additional dates added etc so please check for any changes.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Easter half-term at
Warwickshire's Country Parks

1-16 April
Kingsbury Water Park,
Ryton Pools and
Burton Dassett Hills

**Limited tickets –
book now!**



Easter Egg-citement at Warwickshire's Country Parks

The team of Education, Community & Health Rangers at Warwickshire's Country Parks have been busy developing an fun-filled Easter half-term activity

programme. Whether it's pond dipping or Easter egg hunts, toasting delicious s'mores over an open fire or building a wooden Easter bunny, there's something to get every child immersed and engaged in Warwickshire's unique natural landscape.

For more information or to book tickets, visit the Warwickshire Country Parks Eventbrite Page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-country-parks-17229016764>



Vacancy

Would you or anyone you know like to be a
Relief School Crossing Patrol for
Michael Drayton Jnrs and Nathaniel Newton Infants School
in Hartshill (casual contract)

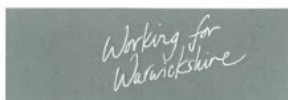
Shift availability: 8.10-9.05am and 2.40-3.45pm daily

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promoting the welfare of
children and young people
and expects all staff,
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to share this commitment**



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The designated Safeguarding leaders in this school are Mrs Forsheew, Mrs Taroni and Miss Telford. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact them via the school office.

School Lunch Menu

School lunch full menu is available on our website.



Jacket Potato everyday choice of cheese and beans or tuna.

Week 1 W/c Monday 24/4, 15/5, 5/6, 17/7.

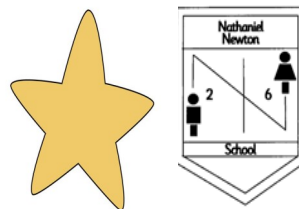
	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Pork Sausages	Veggie Korma	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Pasta Peas and Bacon	Veggie Breakfast Pattie in Bun	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft bap
Wed	Roast Chicken.	Quorn Roast.	Jacket Potato *	Tuna Mayo soft bap
Thur	Pasta Bolognaise	Vegetable Brito	Jacket Potato *	Ham soft bap
Fri	Salmon Fishcake	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap

Week 2 W/c Monday 1/5, 22/5, 12/6, 3/7, 24/7.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Quorn Dippers	Mac 'n' Cheese	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Chicken Fillet Wrap	Plant Based Meat Balls.	Jacket Potato *	Tuna Mayo soft Bap
Wed	Roast Gammon	Quorn Roast	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft bap
Thur	Beef Grill in a Bun	Veggie Burger in Bun.	Jacket Potato *	Ham soft bap
Fri	Breaded fish fillet	Tomato Pasta Bake.	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap.

Week 3 W/c Monday 27/3, 17/4, 8/5, 19/6, 10/7.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Pork Meatballs	Sticky BBQ Quorn Fillet.	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Chicken Korma	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Jacket Potato *	Tuna Mayo soft bap
Wed	Roast Beef.	Veggie Toad in the Hole.	Jacket Potato *	Roast Chicken soft bap
Thurs	Chicken Pie.	Breaded Vegetable Fingers.	Jacket Potato *	Ham Soft bap.
Fri	Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers.	Veggie Hot Dog.	Jacket Potato *	Egg Mayo soft Bap



You are warmly invited to our Nathaniel Newton Library Café.

Why not:

- => Pop along and visit our newly refurbished library.
- => Spend time choosing and sharing a book with your child.
- => Borrow any books you choose together.
- => Enjoy refreshments provided.

When: Every Tuesday

Time: 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Enter through the main school office

There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world.

Love of books is the best of all.