

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

This week saw the first competitive sporting event of the new school year. Following the Layfield KS2 cross-country trial last Friday, we were delighted to send a large squad of children to the cross-country competition at Norton Sports Complex, which took place on Wednesday morning.

The weather was not particularly kind to the competitors, but I can say with certainty that every child who attended represented the school admirably and gave their very best. We were also delighted that some of our children qualified for the next round of the competition, and we look forward to sharing details of how they get on in the coming weeks. Well done to everyone who took part — you should all be very proud of your efforts.

Remaining on the sporting theme, today marks the final day of a two-week block of swimming sessions for our Year 4 children. I know the children have very much enjoyed attending the sessions and have not only been developing their swimming proficiency but also learning some very important lessons about water safety. The next round of swimming sessions will take place in January.

With so much activity taking place, I think some of our children may be ready for a well-earned rest this weekend!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for this week (Thurs-Thurs) is summarised below. Well done to Year 5 for having the highest attendance this week!

Nursery	96.65%
Reception	95.37%
Year 1	93.77%
Year 2	88.26%
Year 3	97.02%
Year 4	93.15%
Year 5	99.68%
Year 6	92.56%

Whole School Attendance:
Cumulative attendance, since
September, is shown below:

Nursery	95.71%
Reception	96.18%
Year 1	95.89%
Year 2	91.05%
Year 3	96.43%
Year 4	94.53%
Year 5	99.64%
Year 6	94.01%

Cumulative whole school
attendance:
95.2%

Attendance	Description
98-100%	Excellent
95-97.9%	Good
92-94.9%	Caution (Below national)
90-91.9%	Cause for concern
89.9 or below	Presistent Absence Serious Concern

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Please contact Miss Lock, Mrs Smith or Mr Pinkham if you have any safeguarding concerns.

THIS WEEK IN

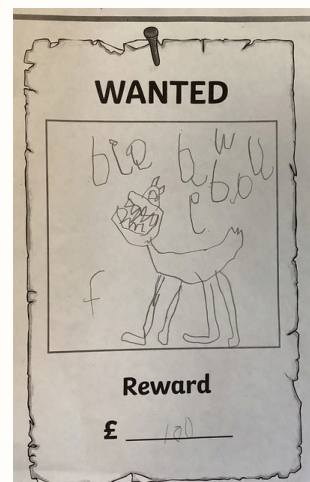
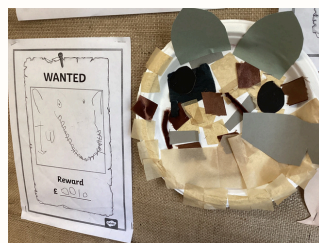
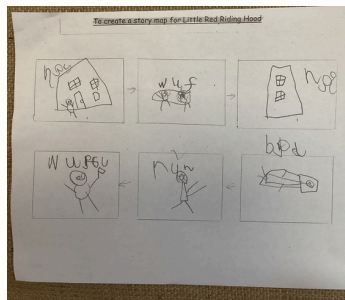
NURSERY

Nursery's learning this week was linked to Little Red Riding Hood. The children created a story map of Red Riding Hood as she travelled through the woods. They also painted pictures of characters from the story and created grandma's cottage using 2d shapes.



RECEPTION

This week Reception read Little Red Riding Hood. We had fun making story maps and making wanted posters for the wolf.



YEAR 1

This week, Year 1 have been learning about the Green Cross Code and how to cross roads safely. They have been practising the important steps of 'stop, look and listen', as well as learning the importance of staying close to an adult when crossing the road.

In Maths, the children have been exploring the greater than, less than, equal to symbols and applying these when comparing different quantities.



YEAR 2

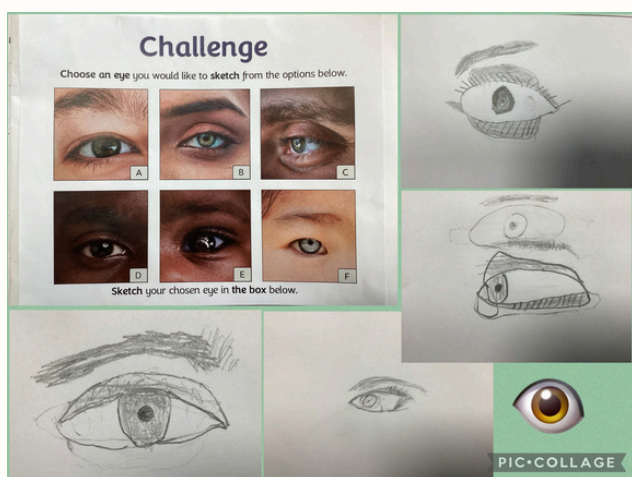


This week pupils have been working on repeated patterns.

Pupils have explored various artworks and discussed geometric and organic shapes. Here you can see some of their organic patterned wallpaper designs.

YEAR 3

Y3 have been working on sketching eyes this week and were tasked with a challenge to sketch one of the chosen eyes from the activity sheet. Here you can see some of their wonderful observational drawings. Can you guess which I eye they chose?



YEAR 4

Year 4 have continued to make excellent progress with their swimming lessons this week. They have earned certificates for swimming different distances and learned about how to keep safe in the water. We are also proud of our Cross Country runners efforts this week on Wednesday morning. Well done Y4!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been learning orienteering skills in their PE lessons. The children were set a challenge to complete a number of different faces using a map to help to find and place equipment.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been really enjoying their orienteering lessons in PE, developing their map-reading, navigation and teamwork skills through a range of challenges.

We would also like to say a massive well done to one of our Year 6 pupils, who finished an amazing 3rd place in the recent cross-country event! We are all incredibly proud of this fantastic achievement. Now it's on to the finals!



SCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesday 8th September - Thursday 22nd October 3:30pm-4:30pm

MONDAY	Choir - Year 1 - Year 6 (Mrs Rosana Turton)
TUESDAY	Arts & Crafts – Reception to Year 3 Karate – Year 2 to Year 6 (Yarm Martial Arts)
WEDNESDAY	Football – Reception to Year 2 (DF Coaching) Diva Dance – Year 1 to Year 6 (Miss Rachael)
THURSDAY	Sports Stars – Year 1 to Year 6 (DF Coaching)
FRIDAY	Dodgeball – Year 1 to Year 3 (DF Coaching) Football – Year 3 to Year 6 (DF Coaching)



WEEKLY MENU 2

Weeks beginning – 7th September, 28th September, 19th October, 9th November, 30th November & 21st December, 2026

Dish	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Traditional	Margarita Pizza Oven Roasted Potatoes Baked Beans Garden Peas	Minced Beef Pie Creamed Potatoes Swede Broccoli	Beef Burger in a Bun Roasted Potatoes Baby Sweetcorn	Chicken Curry served with Rice Mixed Vegetables	Fish Goujons Oven Baked Chips Mushy Peas Baked Beans
Popular		Cheese Omelette Baked Jacket Potato Broccoli	Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake Roasted Potatoes Baby Sweetcorn	Pork Meatballs In Tomato Sauce served with Pasta Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato filled with Tuna
Vegetarian	Tomato Pasta Bake Homemade Herby Bread Garden Peas	Minced Quorn Pie Creamed Potatoes Swede Broccoli	Quorn Burger in a Bun Roasted Potatoes Baby Sweetcorn	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Pasta Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese Baked Beans
Sandwich Selection	Egg Mayonnaise Oven Roasted Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Baked Jacket Potato	Cheese Oven Roasted Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Potato Wedges	Egg Mayonnaise Oven Baked Chips
Dessert	Vanilla Sponge & Custard Sauce Angel Delight Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Eve's Pudding & Custard Sauce Chocolate Muffin Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Jam Sponge & Custard Sauce Decorated Iced Sponge Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Marble Sponge & Custard Sauce Jelly Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Creamy Rice Pudding & Jam Sauce Ice Cream Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit

Available daily – Salad bar, milk and drinking water

All our menus are compliant with the School Food Standards - we only serve farm assured meat, MCS fish and free range eggs.
Low fat milk. If you require advice regarding allergens, please contact the School Catering Supervisor.



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