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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It has been another lovely week in school, and we have been delighted to welcome some new faces into our school community!

On Monday morning, we hosted a coffee morning with the aim of introducing families to some of the support networks and services available within our local community. We were pleased to welcome representatives from Alliance (Mental Health Support Team), who provide early support for emerging mental health difficulties; Family Hubs, which help forge links between community, health, education and family services, offering targeted practitioner support and guidance to help children with additional needs access the right provision; and Early Help, who work alongside families to identify difficulties at an early stage and prevent them from escalating into crisis.

This was a lovely opportunity for families to find out more about the support available to them in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and ask questions while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Chu for organising this event and helping to bring these valuable services into our school. We hope to host similar opportunities throughout the year and would encourage as many of you as possible to come along. Whether you are looking for advice or support, would simply like to find out more about the services available, or just fancy the opportunity to meet and chat with other parents, you will always receive a warm welcome.

On Tuesday, it was also wonderful to welcome some new families into school as we held the first of our open events for children looking to start Reception in September 2027. It was lovely to meet prospective parents and give them an opportunity to find out more about our school. We have further events planned throughout the year and look forward to welcoming even more families through our doors.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who were able to join us on Monday evening for our Year 1 Phonics Screening Check information session. The session was an opportunity to share information about what the assessment involves, what the children can expect, when the screening check will take place and, most importantly, how we can work together to support and prepare the children for this process. If you were unable to attend, please don't worry, as the presentation and all accompanying resources will be shared with you today, so that you have access to the same information.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for the part you play in making our school such a welcoming and supportive community.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for this week (Thurs-Thurs) is summarised below. Well done to Year 2 for having the highest attendance this week!

Nursery	91.09%
Reception	98.28%
Year 1	96.84%
Year 2	98.41%
Year 3	94.61%
Year 4	94.14%
Year 5	96.47%
Year 6	95.54%

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

Nursery	94.38%
Reception	96.93%
Year 1	96.86%
Year 2	97.46%
Year 3	96.21%
Year 4	95.27%
Year 5	97.74%
Year 6	94.35%

Cumulative whole school attendance:
95.8%

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 have been learning about the Hindu festival of light called Diwali. They listened to stories about how Diwali is celebrated around the world. They made their own Diwali lamps out of salt dough and designed a henna pattern.







RECEPTION

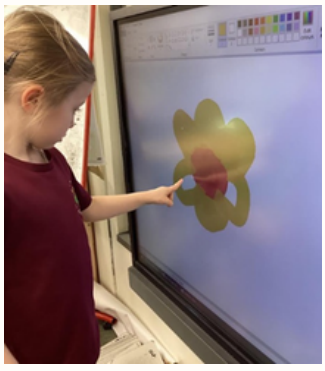
This week we have enjoyed learning about Diwali. We have made diva lamps and rangoli patterns.







YEAR 1





In computing this week, Year 1 have been learning how to use digital tools to draw a picture. They were introduced to three new symbols/tools: paintbrush, erase and fill, and were given time to explore these on their devices.



YEAR 2



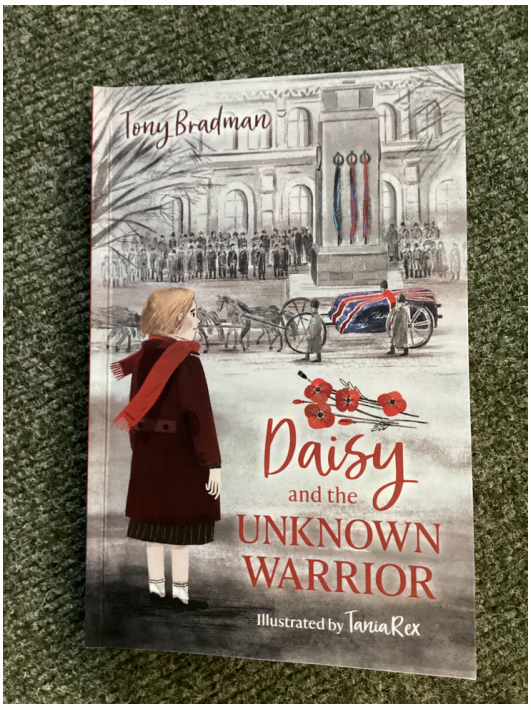




Year 2 has had an extremely busy week of learning! On Tuesday we embarked on an active afternoon of fun. At this event pupils tried out a wide range of sports and games. We also have focussed on remembrance. In lessons pupils discussed the story of the poppy and produced their own artwork while reflecting on other's sacrifices. In Geography, we have been learning about oceans and continents through map work & songs. Today we discussed the equator and its impact on climates around the world.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning about Remembrance through a fictional story. The children contributed thoughtful discussion ideas about why we fall silent on the 11th November each year.



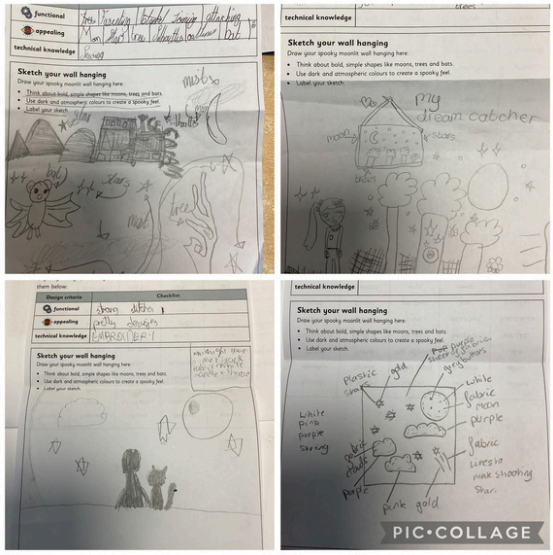
YEAR 4

Our children proudly dressed up to show their support for Children in Need and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved to raise awareness for such worthwhile causes. A big thank you to everyone who took part and showed their support.



YEAR 5

In Design Technology work this week, Year 5 have begun to plan a spooky scene which they will eventually turn into a wall hanging using a range of fabrics and sewing skills.



YEAR 6

To mark Remembrance Day, Year 6 have written their own thoughtful poems to honour and remember those who have sacrificed so much for us. We are incredibly proud of the care and respect the children have shown, creating these beautiful poppy tributes. Here is just some of our fantastic work.



SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday 2nd November - Friday 11th December 3:30pm-4:30pm

MONDAY	Choir - Year 1 - Year 6 (Mrs Rosana Turton)
TUESDAY	Arts & Crafts – Reception to Year 6 Karate – Year 2 to Year 6 (Yarm Martial Arts)
WEDNESDAY	Football – Reception to Year 2 (DF Coaching) Diva Dance – Year 1 to Year 6
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)

Friday 13th, Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th will be the final nights of our book fair. With lots of books to choose from, please feel free to come into school from 3.30-4.30 to have a look.



On Wednesday, we were very proud for our Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy to represent Layfield Primary School in the wreath laying ceremony on Yarm High Street.

‘Lest We Forget’



WEEKLY MENU 3

Weeks beginning 14 September, 5th October, 26th October, 16th November & 7th December, 2026

Dish	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Traditional	Breaded Chicken Breast Fillet Potato Waffles Garden Peas	Minced Beef & Dumplings Creamed Potatoes Cauliflower & Green Beans	Lasagne Homemade Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Homemade Pizza Whirls Roasted Potatoes Baked Beans	Fish Fillet Fingers Oven Baked Chips Mushy Peas & Baked Beans
Popular	Homemade Quiche Potato Waffles Garden Peas	Macaroni Cheese Homemade Garlic Bread Cauliflower & Green Beans	Sausage Roll Potato Wedges Sweetcorn		Baked Sausages Oven Baked Chips Mushy Peas & Baked Beans
Vegetarian	Vegan Dippers Potato Waffles Garden Peas	Minced Quorn & Dumplings Creamed Potatoes Cauliflower & Green Beans	Vegan Sausage Roll Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Vegetable Fingers Roasted Potatoes Baked Beans	Baked Quorn Sausages Oven Baked Chips Mushy Peas & Baked Beans
Sandwich Selection	Cheese Potato Waffles	Tuna Mayonnaise Roasted Potatoes	Roast Ham Potato Wedges	Egg Mayonnaise Roasted Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Oven Baked Chips
Dessert	Jam Sponge & Custard Sauce Fruity Cookie Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Choc Chip Sponge & Custard Sauce Cup Cake Homemade Biscuit & Yoghurt	Syrup Sponge & Custard Sauce Jelly Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Crunch & Custard Sauce Fruity Muffin Homemade Biscuit & Yoghurt	Decorated Iced Sponge & Custard 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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