



Diary Dates:

- Friday 29th November – Xmas Fayre
- Pantomime in school – 3rd December
- Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December - Collection for school at Asda
- **Year 6 SATS Monday 12th -Thursday 15th May**

**Head
Teacher's
Message**



As we enter this new half-term, our theme of **Hope** resonates deeply with our school vision: *"From tiny seeds grow mighty trees."* Just as the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that even the smallest beginnings can lead to great things, we are encouraging our students to nurture their own potential, knowing that every small step they take can grow into something remarkable.

Hope is about believing in new possibilities, embracing challenges, and having the courage to grow. This aligns beautifully with our school values, reminding us that with patience, care, and dedication, great things can flourish from even the tiniest of seeds.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for being a part of our journey as we cultivate a hopeful and positive future for our children.

**Collective
Worship**

This week, we discussed **Democracy** and the **U.S. Presidential Race**, linking this to **British Values** and our school rule of **Being Ready**. We also explored the idea of **New Beginnings**, emphasizing the importance of being prepared for change and ready for our new half-term. Our theme for this period is **Hope**. Rev Ian visited EYFS to talk about our school vision.

**Anti Bullying
Week**

On Tuesday we are hosting special classroom sessions and we invite pupils to wear ODD socks!



FOST

Thank you for supporting our wacky hair day and for donating to the Christmas Fayre.

We are also now collecting donations for our Christmas raffles and would be grateful for good quality (as new) toys and gifts, and bottles of any kind (toiletries, sauces, alcohol, non-alcohol) for our bottle stall. Bring them along to school.

Reception

Reception started their new topic of Once Upon a Time. We dressed up as fairy-tale characters and we have enjoyed lots of activities like making crowns, wands and carriages.



Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been thinking about artefacts, because the children did such a good job at creating their own museum they have been tasked with finding missing artefacts from a toy museum. We found them scattered around our school grounds and used Google Lens to find out more about them.



Year 2



2M have enjoyed looking at atlases in Geography this week. We like learning about the world around us.

Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been thinking about the human and physical features of the United Kingdom. We looked at the type, purpose and use of different buildings, monuments, services and land. Here we were showing our place card and explaining why it is a human or physical feature.



Year 4



We have started our new learning theme in PE which is 'Throw, Prepare, Catch'. This week, we have looked at different throwing techniques, and improving our accuracy. The children were tasked to use both right- and left-handed throws to throw bean bags into targets held by others. We discussed ways in which we could make this more or less challenging.

Year 5

This week in year 5 we have begun learning about Vector Drawing; making images using technology!



Year 6



Year 6 have started a new unit in PE called Inspire, Create, Perform. This week the children focused on finding the beat to 2 instrumental pieces of music and created moves to match the feeling of the song such as waving, stomping, jumping etc. The children worked well in pairs to create a short-choreographed piece and performed it to the class.

#teamthomas



We are so proud of our Y6 girls who represented us at the HTAFC primary football league tournament. They showed great sportsmanship and team spirit and were exceptionally proud of third place achievement. Well done!



DOJO WINNERS



Congratulations to 6 top dojo scoring pupils who won shopping vouchers. 14 children also won juice and biscuit time.

We are proud of your efforts.

Ready

Respectful

Safe

Home Visits

To ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, home visits are a key part of our attendance procedures.

Here's how it works:

HOME VISITS



- **Day 1 Home Visit:** If a child is absent from school and we do not receive any communication from the family explaining the reason for the absence, a member of our staff will conduct a home visit on the first day of the unexplained absence. This is to confirm the child's safety and to offer any necessary support to the family.
- **Day 3 Home Visit:** For all absences, even those with an initial reason provided, we will conduct a home visit on the third consecutive day of absence. This is to ensure continued support and to check on the child's well-being.

These home visits are in line with recommended good safeguarding practices and are consistent with policies followed by other local schools. Our goal is to ensure every child's safety and to maintain clear communication with families. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our school community safe.

Attendance

Each day in school builds valuable skills, knowledge, and connections that help students thrive academically and socially. Consistent attendance strengthens routines, boosts learning, and supports a positive school experience. Let's work together to make every school day count!

Attendance Matters

