



**Let Your Light Shine
Matthew 5:16**

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As we approach the end of February, it is hard to believe that we are already at half term. The children have been busy engaging in a rich variety of learning experiences over the past few weeks, thanks to numerous visitors and outings that have served to enhance their education.

Visitors in School – EYFS

In our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), the children have been exploring the world of jobs. To this end, we have welcomed several speakers and interactive demonstrations. The children were fortunate enough to interact with police officers and their police dogs, who provided an engaging search demonstration alongside a patrol car. Additionally, a fire engine visit gave our young learners a close-up look at the vital work of firefighters, while a police officer arrived on a motorbike to share their experiences in law enforcement. A nurse was also present to discuss their important role in the community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our neighbours for their understanding in accommodating the necessary sirens and the bustle of vehicles, as well as the excited voices of our children during these visits. We would also like to thank our dedicated parents who generously contributed their time and resources, helping to bring the children's learning to life in such an impactful way.

Years 1 and 2

In Years 1 and 2, the children have embarked on an exciting journey of their own, engaging in various activities designed to enrich their learning. They have dedicated time to explore different subjects through hands-on projects and collaborative efforts. The enthusiasm displayed by the students during these activities has been truly commendable.

Year 3 and 4

For our Year 3 and 4 students, the focus has turned to the fascinating world of the Ancient Egyptians. At the beginning of this topic, they enjoyed an amazing WOW day, which sparked their curiosity and energy. They have been busy delving into the intricacies of Egyptian culture, creating themed art projects that reflect their understanding of this ancient civilization.

Additionally, the students have been learning about the pioneering archaeologist Howard Carter and his remarkable adventures exploring the pyramids. It has been wonderful to witness their imagination and creativity flourish during this unit.

Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 have recently had the opportunity to visit the Energy From Waste Centre in Lincoln, as part of their Plastic Pollution topic. This excursion allowed them to gain first-hand knowledge about environmental impact and sustainability. The students have also been busy expressing their artistic flair, producing beautiful tonal sketches of turtles. We sincerely thank the staff at the waste centre for their hospitality, the tour and informative presentations, which greatly complemented our children's learning.

Young Voices 2025

What an incredible day our Year 5 and 6 students had at the Sheffield Arena as part of the Young Voices choir! On this unforgettable adventure, our talented children joined over 4,500 fellow singers from across the region, creating a truly magical atmosphere. After three hours of energetic rehearsals filled with fun and laughter, the stage was set for a spectacular evening performance that left both children and parents beaming with pride.

Despite it being a late night, the smiles on our young performers' faces made it all worthwhile! It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase their hard work and passion for music, and we couldn't have been more proud.

A message to our Year 4 and 5 children: keep your eyes peeled for information about this fantastic event next year—you won't want to miss the chance to join in the fun!

Year 4 Sports Morning

Year 4 took part in an exciting Sports morning at Bishop Grosseteste College. The children were involved in a fantastic mix of multi-skills activities, from cricket to hockey to relays. It was a brilliant opportunity not just to practise our sports skills but also to develop teamwork. Everyone left with smiles on their faces and one team with silver medals! A huge thank you to Premier Education for running the morning.

Year 3 and 4 Wow Day

Year 3 and 4 had their WOW day exploring the wonders of Ancient Egypt! The children really got into the spirit of things as they sketched Egyptian-style art and painted jewellery fit for a pharaoh. Our science investigations had everyone pulling bricks to mimic the building of the pyramids across various surfaces, learning about friction and force. We had a brilliant day and rounded it off with an episode of 'Horrible Histories.'

Year 2 Class Assembly

This week also saw Mrs Murphy's class assembly take place, showcasing the hard work and dedication of her students. We appreciate the effort put in by all involved in making this event a great success. We loved hearing all about your learning from the last term and you shared the information with great enthusiasm – well done!

Other News

Thank you for your ongoing contributions to the Food bank Friday collections. These are always greatly appreciated – the next one is on Friday 7th March.

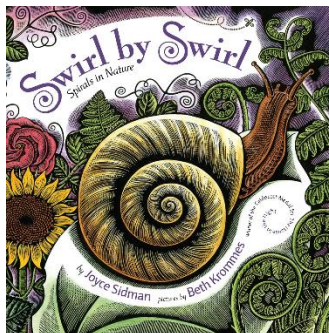
As we approach the end of term, we've noticed a growing pile of lost property, including jumpers, coats, and lunchboxes. Please remind your children to check the lost and found for any missing items. Labeling clothes can really help us get them back to their rightful owners!

Just a quick reminder that dogs are not allowed on school grounds for safety and hygiene reasons. Please share this with any relatives who may be picking up children. Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school environment safe for all.

Our school value this term was happiness and we have explored what makes us happy whilst also thinking about what makes others happy. We have talked about filling other people's buckets rather than being a 'bucket dipper' and we have considered how we can make others happy through kind words and kind actions, noticing special moments and making special things happen when we connect with others in a positive way.

Next term we will be thinking about our school value of honesty.

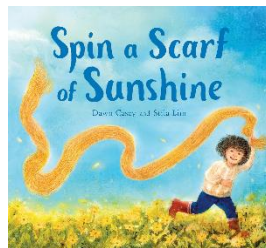
Reading Recommendations



A Caldecott medalist and a Newbery Honor-winning poet celebrate the beauty and value of spirals. What makes the tiny snail shell so beautiful? Why does that shape occur in nature over and over again—in rushing rivers, in a flower bud, even inside your ear? With simplicity and grace, Joyce Sidman's poetry paired with Beth Krommes's scratchboard illustrations not only reveal the many spirals in nature—from fiddleheads to elephant tusks, from crashing waves to spiraling galaxies—but also celebrate the beauty and usefulness of this fascinating shape.



As days stretch longer, animals creep out from their warm dens, and green begins to grow again. Everyone knows - spring is on its way! Join a boy and his dog as they explore nature and take a stroll through the countryside, greeting all the signs of the coming season. In a series of conversations with everything from the melting brook to chirping birds, they say goodbye to winter and welcome the lushness of spring.



A lively, charming celebration of sustainability and crafting -- Nari knits a scarf from her sheep's fleece. 'On a gentle slope in rolling hills stood a little house of wood and stone. There were hens and bees and apple trees, bright flowers and soft green grass. And Nari had a little lamb of her very own.' As the seasons change, Nari and her parents shear her sheep's fleece, and spin and dye the wool. Nari knits the yarn into a cosy yellow scarf. But as Nari grows older, her beloved scarf becomes tattered. It's time to recycle the wool into compost, with a little help from the worms. This charming picture book will help children understand where clothing comes from, and is a joyful celebration of traditional crafts and sustainable living. The luminous illustrations are full of character, texture and seasonal detail.

Diary Dates for this Term

Friday 14th February	Children break up and Last Swimming lesson
Monday 24th February	Children return to school
Thursday 27th February	PGL Year 5 Meeting Two 3.30pm & 5.00pm
Friday 28th February	EYFS/KS1 Magic Show & KS2 Disco
Wednesday 5th March	Reception parents stay & play 9.00-10.00am
Friday 7th March	Ms Clark Class Assembly (parents invited into school) 9.10am
Friday 7th March	Foodbank Friday
Wed 19th - Friday 21st March	Year 5 PGL Residential Trip
Friday 28th March	Miss Toyne's Class Assembly (parents invited into school) 9.10am