



Sorry for being a Tuesday Newsletter and not a Friday! It is rather a meaty newsletter with information from the year groups about what is happening. Please remember that you can always check on the website for information what is happening in each year group.

<https://www.missiongroveschool.co.uk/>

The new website has a translate button in the top left hand corner.

Playground equipment up date

We have raised £1,574 from the Gofundmepage (still live), £82.26 from easyfundraising to date and £5,000 from the Christmas movie night and fair. This does not cover the £50,000 that we need to complete all of the works. We are going ahead with the works the week beginning the 24th February and will use some of the Capital funding we get from the Government and also look to the next financial years budget to help cover the costs. Please keep using the easyfundraising when you buy things on line and keep promoting the Gofundme page with family, friends and work colleagues.

The year 3 & 6 children are into the 2nd week of their Ballet part of the PE curriculum. We have had some fabulous feedback from some of the children: 'To begin with, I found ballet pretty good. It was my first time doing it so I was a bit nervous. Galloping was my favourite. I found it challenging when we had to the dynamic moves. To sum up, ballet was a lot of fun.' Yousaf Goldfinch

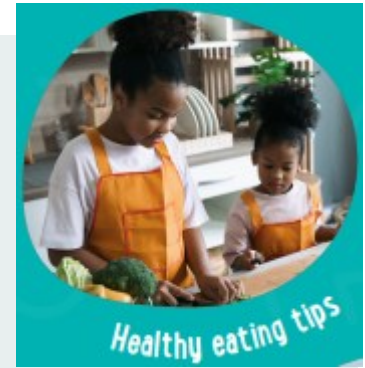
'I enjoyed the elegance of the moves. It reminded me of a swan, an animal I quite like. The routines were enjoyable and easy. Something I disliked was that we had to perform in front of others and I would like to change. I found being in sync pretty tricky. Overall, it was quite fun and good.' Hamzah Y Grouse

We have booked 60 places for children in year 3 and 6 to go and Swan Lake with the English National Ballet. There is a cost of £10 per child. We can try and get more tickets if we have a greater interest. Please pay on parentpay or at the school offices. It is for the 23rd April.

Sorry again for the lateness of this newsletter.

Katie Jennings

Headteacher



Check out courses available now.

## **February Half Term Holiday club**

This will be running Monday 17th—21st February.

If you would like to book a place please click [here](#)

This will take you to the booking form on the school website under parent.

Our session start at 08:45am and finish at 16:45pm (£20:00). However you can buy an additional hour at the start and end of the day for an additional £5:00 per hour.



### **MILLIONAIRE READERS**

Essa in Swallow is already a double millionaire.

Then we have Susanna, Livvy, Fatima S, nuuh H, Alina H, Asma C, Musa F, Dawoud H, Maria R, Jad T, Sajid T, Areesha F, Mohammed K, Zayan A, Safyyah K, AliHaydar k & Rushik P on 1 million.

### **\*\*Coding Club @ North Site\*\* \*\*Spring Term 2025\*\***

The club is designed to inspire children and help them develop creativity, logical reasoning, and problem-solving skills through engaging projects. Pupils from both sites are welcome to join.

**\*\*Start Date:\*\*** 27 January 2025 –

**\*\*Time:\*\*** 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm (9 sessions) –

**\*\*Schedule:\*\*** Mondays: Years 1 to 6 –

**\*\*Cost:\*\*** £58.50 / Sibling rate: £49.50\* (\*per additional child)

We still have spaces available for interested students.

Bookings can be made using the link below: <https://acecodeclub.simplybook.it/v2/#book/count/1/provider/1/>

## SPECIAL DATES IN NOVEMBER

<u>Attendance to date</u>	
Form	%
2yr North AM	81.18%
R Chaffinch	87.41%
R Cuckoo	87.61%
R Chiff Chaff	88.09%
1 Magpie	90.25%
R Crow	90.40%
2 Kestrel	91.39%
1 Mallard	91.51%
4 Sparrow	91.61%
6 Goldcrest	91.72%
1 Merlin	91.75%
Nursery North AM	92.00%
3 Wagtail	92.02%
Nursery South PM	92.60%
Nursery South AM	92.62%
Nursery North Full Time	92.69%
2 Kingfisher	92.84%
5 Blackbird	93.04%
2 Kittiwake	93.41%
3 Woodpecker	93.49%
Key Stage 1-4	93.76%
Nursery North PM	93.79%
3 Waxwing	94.02%
5 Barn Owl	94.20%
6 Grouse	94.65%
6 Goldfinch	94.81%
4 Swan	95.05%
4 Swallow	95.16%
5 Buzzard	95.22%
3 Wren	95.33%
4 Skylark	95.34%
1 Moorhen	96.17%
2yr North PM	96.42%
2 Kinglet	97.07%
Nursery South Full Time	97.33%
6 Goose	97.88%

### January 2025

- 20th Swimming—year 5  
Bikeability year 6
- 22nd Year 2 – fire Brigade
- 23rd Panathlon competition
- 24th Kingfisher class assembly
- 27th National Story Telling
- 27th Merlin @Young V & A museum
- 29th Year 6 parent evening 2pm—4pm  
Kingfisher & Kestrel @British Museum
- 30th Year 6 parent evening 2pm—6.30pm  
Kinglet & Kittiwake @ British Museum
- 31st Mallard @ Young V & A Museum

### February

- 4th Young Voices
- 6th Full Governors
- 10th Magpie @ Young V & A Museum
- 12th Year 3@ Natural History Museum
- 13th Friendship Disco end of school until 5.15 or 5.30pm £5
- 14th Moorhen @ Young V & A museum  
End of half term
- 17th– 21st Half Term
- 24th Children return to school  
Playground works commence
- TBC Ramadan

## Nursery 2025

Children in nursery have been welcoming new friends and settling back in after the break.

Our topic is dinosaurs and we have started the term discussing what we already know about dinosaurs.

We will be learning facts about dinosaurs through stories and non-fiction texts. We will be broadening our vocabulary so we can talk about dinosaurs. Expect to hear children talking about “tails” “spines” “teeth” and “claws”. We will be using some really unfamiliar words like “extinct” and “fossil”

Chinese New Year is coming up and we will be learning about the traditions of Chinese New Year around the world. We will be listening to the story of the animal’s race. We will be cooking and trying Chinese cuisine.

Phase 1 phonics is continuing and we are building our rhyming skills through learning some new rhyming songs. We will be starting to find initial sounds in words and working out together, what objects have the same sound.

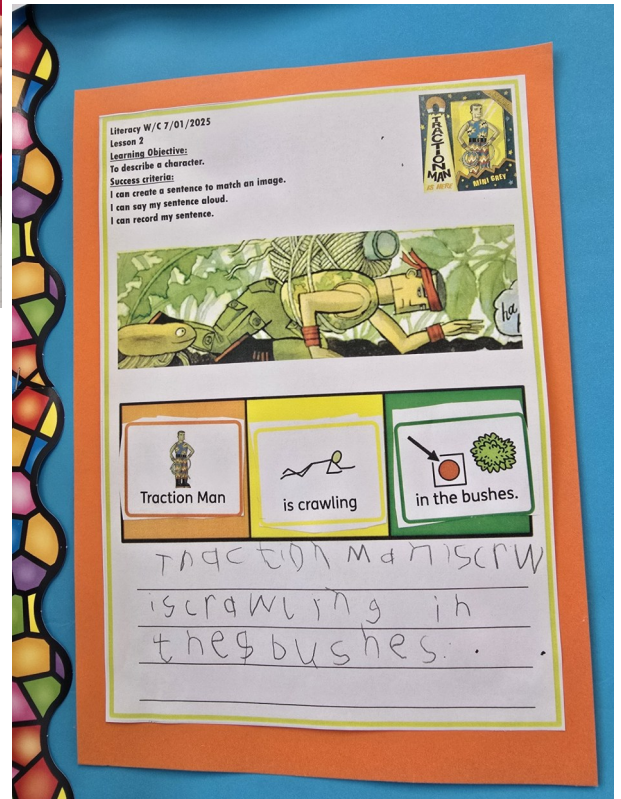
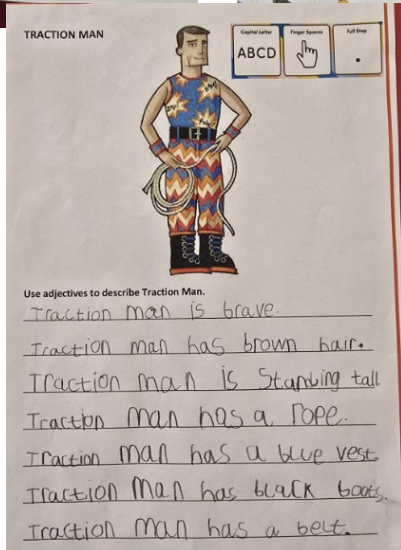
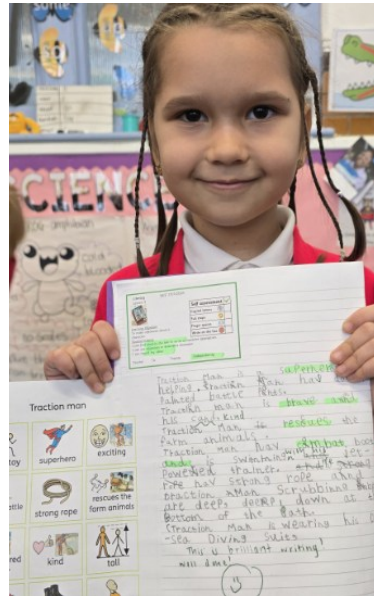
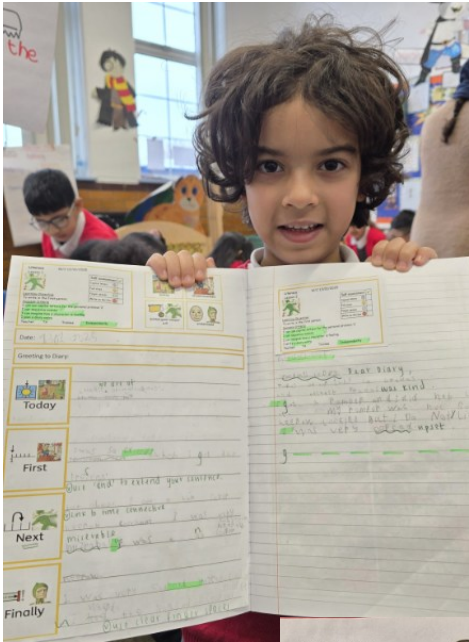
Children have been practising finding their name and writing some sounds from their name with adult modelling and support.

## Reception 2025

Welcome back to a new year and a new topic! This term is an exciting and busy one for sure! We are learning about Journeys and Transport. We split the term up by themes, looking at Air Transport and Space, moving on to Land Transport and finally Water Transport. We have several story books linking to our topic which will engage and excite pupils imaginations. These stories will lead us well into Storytelling week, where we will put our ideas and creativity together to continue and change the endings of our stories. We also have 2 very exciting trips this half term, the Science Museum to kick off our topic with a bang and the Transport Museum to take us back in time to discover historical modes of Transport. We will have several visits to the Library coming up which Parents are encouraged to attend to promote early reading. In Maths, we will be working on comparing numbers up to 10, comparing length and size and recognizing simple patterns.



## Year 1 in pictures 2025



## Year 2

Year 2 are enjoying reading Lila and the Secret of Rain; this week they will be re-telling the story in their own words. In Maths they have been coming to grips with money! It would be great if you can support them at home with coin recognition and encourage them to make amounts with money. Looking ahead, the London Fire Brigade will be coming in to talk to the children about Fire Safety, Kingfisher have their Class Assembly, we have an Africa theme day planned and a trip to the British Museum! Please make sure you are signing your child's Reading Record at least once a week.

## YEAR 3

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** and we hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break! We would also like to thank you for the lovely Christmas party contributions we received – we were very touched by your kindness.

We are looking forward to the new term ahead and have many exciting activities planned. Below is just a glimpse of the different lessons we have planned for this term. The rest of the information can be found on the School website.

<b>Literacy</b>	In Literacy we will be looking at creating our own newspaper report based on our core text 'Krinklekrax' by Philip Radley.
<b>Maths</b>	In Maths, we will learn our times tables. The children should now start learning their times tables starting with 2s, 10s and 5s moving onto 3s, 4s and 8s. It is also important that children learn the associated division facts. Times Table Rock Stars is a great fun tool for this. We will also be learning how to solve multiplication problems and multiplying 2-digit numbers by 1 digit.
<b>Science</b>	Animals including humans - We will be learning about the human skeleton and what nutrients we should eat.
<b>Geography</b>	We will continue our journey through pre-history by learning what came after the Stone Age. We will compare the Bronze Age and the Iron Age and decide which age we would have preferred to live in.
<b>Art &amp; DT</b>	We will look at the work of Paul Cezanne and create our own still life painting. We will also learn to make our own healthy wrap linking our learning to Science.

## YEAR 4

The children have settled back into school wonderfully after the holidays and are already showing great enthusiasm for their learning. They are thoroughly enjoying our new topic on the Saxons and Vikings, diving into fascinating history and preparing for an exciting workshop coming soon! In Science, they are exploring the world of sound, while in PE, they're building their gymnastics, fitness and teamwork skills. To top it off, our guitar lessons are off to a fantastic start, with the children eager to develop their musical talents. We're looking forward to even more fun and discovery in the weeks ahead!

## YEAR 5

Our first two weeks back in Year 5 after the Christmas break have been fantastic! The children have been busy with their swimming lessons, and the swimming teachers have been thoroughly impressed with their effort and progress. In class, we've been diving into the adventures of Odysseus, and it's been wonderful to see how engaged and enthusiastic the children are about the story. A big thank you to all the children who dedicated time over the holidays to their homework projects – we've been blown away by the creativity and quality of the work shared!



Some amazing year 5 work.

Odysseus!

( Penelope unravelling her loom )

Oh my Odysseus! My intelligent, handsome husband!  
Will you return to me?

( Tears rolling down Penelope's eyes )

These stupid, foolish men like vultures waiting for me,  
mistaking me for a weak, ignorant woman however they do  
not know my cunning plan and they never will. Always,  
they make me feel like I am gold being sold in an  
auction.

Oh my Odysseus! When will you return? Where are you?

Every waking ~~day~~ moment, loneliness runs through my  
veins as the terror brakes my heart but my determination  
to find you won't go... When will you return to your wife  
who did everything for you? If only I could hear  
your voice, my husband, who I eternally love. If only  
I could see your face, lined with courage, until then  
I will wait because true love which is like ours  
never fades.

( Penelope tying a knot and staring out of the  
window watching the enraged sea with waves  
crashing against the sand )

Come back my sweet, smart Odysseus, don't leave your  
caring wife! Our connection is not to be forgotten but  
reunited.

Without you what will I do? How will I live in  
peace? I need you in my life! Come back my  
precious Odysseus don't leave me! As a constant strike  
of fear awakes me afraid of your death. But I  
know you will return - when this painful endless  
waiting finally comes to an end. You must return!