



# Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School & Nursery

*A Caring Community Where All Can Flourish*



*'Through God's love, we are the rich soil  
where roots grow and seeds flourish.'*



## KEY STAGE NEWS

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

### Early Years News

It might have been a shorter week for us in EYFS, but it has certainly been just as busy as usual.

#### Nursery

In Nursery, we have been den-building, mud-painting, playing colour games and creating some amazing junk models. We have been very much enjoying the book 'One Fox' in our story times. Here is a link to the book read by its author, Kate Reed <https://youtu.be/2fvf6PFzlSo> The children have really enjoyed the fact that this book is a counting book thriller!

On Wednesday, Nursery went on their trip to Hall Hill Farm. The children had a great day learning about, feeding and handling lots of different animals as well as enjoying the tractor ride and soft play. As always, the packed lunch and the bus ride were the children's favourite parts of the day! Thanks to all adults who supported us on this trip.



#### Reception

In Reception, the children have been busy hunting for bugs and phase 11 words! They enjoyed their All Stars cricket session and demonstrated great enthusiasm and determination. Lots of them have said they would like to sign up to the sessions so do look out for this if you are interested. In music lessons, the children have been using different types of voices. They have been playing games and learning songs and we have heard some amazing solo singing voices. We have teaching students in Reception for the next 5 weeks on a block placement. The children have enjoyed getting to know them and showing off our learning environment. We are so lucky to have this extra support in our classrooms and know we will learn as much from them as they will from us.

#### EYFS Outdoor Areas

We have worked really hard to develop our outdoor area over the past half term. You will have noticed some changes to our mud kitchen, with additional units and a seating area, a very much improved water area and a new construction area by our refurbished sheds. We are always on the lookout for further enhancements. We are currently on the hunt for some rattan seating for our outdoor area, so if you know anyone who is looking to change their garden furniture and would be willing to donate their preloved items to us, please let us know.



### Key Stage One News

Both year groups in Key Stage One have begun new units of learning in RE this half-term.

In Year 1, the children are learning about the story of Matthew in the Bible. They have been finding out about how he became one of Jesus' disciples, and this week they have been creating their own comic strips to tell the story of how Matthew decided to follow Jesus. This will lead onto learning more about the Gospels and how Jesus demonstrated forgiveness through his actions and teachings.

The children in Year 2 have begun to learn about the idea of 'belonging' in different religions. This week, they have been learning about different symbols and objects that people use to show belonging to Christianity and to Islam. This has been a lovely way to reflect on learning that they have undertaken earlier in the year linked to both religions.

Both Year 1 and 2 both worked really hard with the cricket coach this week, honing their super sport skills. Year 2 have also enjoyed working with Captain Chemistry today, completing numerous experiments all about electricity, looking at their heart rates, completing electrical circuits and seeing the power of static electricity. They have had a great time seeing science in action.



On Friday next week, Year 1 will be travelling to Burnopfield Primary School to take part in an exciting multi sports festival. The event has a Disney theme and the children are welcome to wear Disney-related clothes if they would like to. The children should come to school wearing either their Disney-related clothes or their PE kit.

### Things to ask your KS1 children this week:

Year 1 - In the Bible, what was Matthew's job before he became a tax collector?

Year 2 - How might Christians or Muslims show that they belong by what they wear?

## Key Stage Two News

It has been a very busy few weeks in school – especially for our Year 6 children who have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs next week. Every one of them has been superb and are more than ready for the assessments next week.

The timetable for the week is as follows:

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Mathematics Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics Paper 3 (Reasoning)

The children are most excited about their 'SATs breakfast' in school every morning– we have taken orders from the children for croissants, pain au chocolate, muffins, fruit, yoghurts and a range of juices. At the end of the week, everyone will celebrate with bacon sandwiches and a pizza extravaganza next Friday.

I am sure you will all join us in wishing our Year 6 children the very best of luck for next week!



### VE Day Celebrations

Thursday marked the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day. As part of the celebrations, Year 5 and 6 walked to the village green to take part in an event which included children from all of the village schools, Parish counsellors and local residents. Several Year 6 pupils shared moving words about the war and the bravery of those who fought. The celebration also included a two-minute period of silence and a moving rendition of the Last Post by a member of the Lanchester Brass Band. It was a real privilege to be involved in the celebrations and the children were very respectful and sensible, making us all very proud.