



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

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



KEY STAGE NEWS

Friday 16th May 2025

Early Years News

Nursery

In Nursery this week, we have been comparing heavy and light items. We are good at using the language 'heavier than' and 'lighter than' - see if your child can practise using these words at home, perhaps by comparing the weight of food items when you are putting away the shopping. In our Big Group Time, we have learned a poem about planting a seed and everybody has had the chance to plant one to bring home. We can't wait to find out what grows from each seed. Please let us know via Evidence Me! In other activities, we have made up fantastic Tales Toolkit stories, learned three Nursery Rhymes, explored an exciting new construction kit and had a grand afternoon out to the forest.

Reception

In Reception, the children have done some amazing writing in their Drawing Club sessions, all inspired by Wacky Races. In RE, they have been learning about why Church is a special place for Christians, whilst in Maths they have been practising number bonds to 9 and exploring ways to make 10. A very exciting morning in the Forest on Friday sees the children making toast and egg bread on the campfire. After the holiday, Reception will be starting a new 'Under the Sea' topic, so if your child would like to bring in anything to add to our Summer 2 display, we would be very grateful.

Nursery Celebration Day

We had such an amazing day at Hall Hill Farm with our Nursery children last week that the staff were keen to book in another trip for Nursery before the end of the year. Unfortunately we are unable to book coaches for the day we had in mind, so we have decided instead to plan a special day in school to celebrate everything we have loved in Nursery this year. We would love to invite families into school to spend some time with us taking part in fun activities, so if you think you might like to come along please save the date - **2nd July**. More details will follow very soon when we have finalised our plans. Get your towels at the ready...

Nursery Open Morning

Thanks to all who came along to our Nursery Open Day last Saturday. We were pleased to welcome lots of families, old and new. These sessions are always special, but this time was even busier than ever. We have had lots of interest in our new two year-old provision from September and can't wait to get this up and running. If you are interested in applying for a place for your two year-old but have not yet registered your interest, please do so as soon as possible as places will be limited.

Fun & Fitness Week

Next week is Fun and Fitness week and we have a busy week to look forward to, with the Jungle Bus coming to visit on Wednesday and Wheels Day on Thursday amongst many other activities. Nursery Mon-Wed children are welcome to bring their wheels on Tuesday so that they do not miss out.

Nursery Transition to Reception

As we move towards the end of this half term, we are starting to think about transition to our new classes. As part of this process, we would like to encourage Nursery children to start coming in to school independently as they will in Reception. Parents will still be welcome to come in to Nursery to collect their child at the end of sessions, but from next half term we will be encouraging you to say your goodbyes at the Nursery gate. We understand that this is not always possible, but your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Key Stage One News

This week started off really well, with an enjoyable visit to Messy Church by both Year 1 and 2. The children had a lovely time and it was brilliant to see so many adults being able to join us. We are very lucky to have such a strong link to our local church and hopefully this will be the first of many Messy Church visits for our children. If you would like to attend Messy Church with your children on Sundays, please see the list of dates.

For Year 1, the week has ended with another brilliant trip arranged through the Durham and Chester-le-Street Schools Sports Partnership to a Disney themed sports festival at Burnopfield.



Key Stage Two News

SATS Week

Our Year 6 children have been amazing this week as they have tackled their SATs assessments – they have all been stars!

The children have worked incredibly hard and have pulled together 4 years of learning in maths and English. They have identified determiners and relative clauses in their grammar test, answered questions about archery, chess and spaceships in their reading comprehension and have multiplied and divided fractions in maths! The dedication, resilience and enthusiasm shown by every child has been incredible and we all so proud of their efforts. They are ready for their well-deserved bacon sandwiches and pizza today, followed by a restful weekend.



The children across the rest of the school have been superb with their behaviour, patience and support during the tests. They have moved around school in silence and have waited patiently for break times as the Year 6s worked. Everyone in Year 6 would like to say a huge thank you!

We would also like to thank our parents for supporting the children this week – the children have arrived at school calm and ready for the challenges of the day!

Madrid Visit

Immediately half term, three staff and eight children will be visiting Madrid on our next Turing visit. They will be spending time with students from our partner school on Tuesday and will have the opportunity to visit Real Madrid's stadium, encounter the animals at the zoo, sample tapas and enjoy the thrills of the Warner Brothers' theme park. We look forward to sharing our exploits with you when we return home.

