

# Weekly Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

## *Message from the Headteacher*

It has been another exciting week at our school, filled with remarkable achievements and memorable moments. We are truly proud of our students' dedication and the unwavering support from our community.

First and foremost, we would like to extend our gratitude to the parents who attended the arts performance organised in collaboration with a student from LIPA. Your presence and encouragement meant the world to our young performers. Despite the technical hiccups, your patience and enthusiasm were appreciated.

Furthermore, we are delighted to share that a group of our students had the opportunity to visit the Vikings stadium and receive tickets for our school's attendance prize giveaways. Not only did the children have a great time, but we also had the chance to say thank you to the Widnes Vikings for their support.

As we continue to foster a love for learning, we are thrilled to witness the outstanding work produced by our students across all grade levels. Their dedication and creativity are truly remarkable, and we invite you to explore their achievements on our school's Facebook page.

We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to sharing more exciting updates in the weeks to come.



## Diary Dates

### *Summer Term*

#### MAY

7th- Y3 Trip to Chester

13th – Year 6 Tests

21st – Year 1 and 2 Sports Day  
(1.30pm)

22nd – EYFS Sports Day (2pm)

23rd – Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Sports Day  
(1.30pm)

24th – School Closes for Half term

#### JUNE

20th – Year 4 trip to Eureka

28th – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

#### JULY

1st/2nd - Year 6 transition days

3rd – 5th – Year 5 Residential

8th – 12th – Students from China  
Visiting

12th – Reports to parents

9th – Fun food chef (Year 5)

18th – School Closes for summer

## Attendance Updates

Class	Attendance %	Lates	Class	Attendance %	Lates
RKLB/NW	90.6	5	RRJL	90.8	1
Y1RD	88.3	5	Y1LD	88.1	5
Y2CH	96.3	2	Y2AP	95	0
Y3LA	95.4	7	Y3TP	79.3	6
Y4AL	91.8	3	Y4BM	94.3	3
Y5ML	89.2	5	Y5LW	95.6	3
Y6DW	95.8	7	Y6GB	82.5	8

### **This week's Attendance winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Y2CH

2<sup>nd</sup> Y6DW

3<sup>rd</sup> Y5LW

### **This week's punctuality winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Y2AP


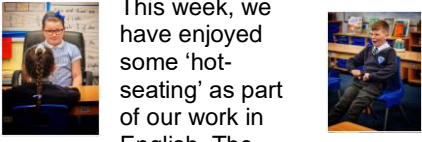
2<sup>nd</sup> RRJL

3<sup>rd</sup> Y2CH

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO INFORM SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FOR ANY REASON.

# See what we've been up to!

Look at our twitter page (@ditton\_ps) to see even more!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
 <p>This week we have been enjoying a change in the weather, meaning we could get outside more and investigate the natural world. We have been planting seeds and bedding plants, and cannot wait to see them grow. We have been thinking about how the trees have changed.</p> <p><u>English</u> We completed the final two parts of our instructions for how to plant a tree and used them to plant our own seeds outside.</p> <p><u>Maths</u> We have been learning about weight, using the balance buckets and spring balances. Children have learnt some new vocabulary to use, test them out at home!</p> <p>Reminders: - As the weather gets warmer, it may be time to start sending children in with sun hats in their bags. It is still important to bring a coat in case of rain.</p>	<p>This week the children have continued to explore Hinduism in RE. They have learnt about the three forms of God that make up the trimurti.</p> <p>In science, the children have explored their senses. They went outside and used their senses to describe the environment around them.</p> <p>In Spanish, the children have revisited colours, along with numbers and dinosaur names – wow!</p> <p>We have also been doing lots of phonics in class, in the lead up to the Phonics Screening Check in June. Please ensure that you read every night with your child to support them with this.</p>	<p>This week Year 2 have continued their work on fractions and have been investigating equivalent fractions such as <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> and <math>\frac{2}{4}</math>.</p> <p>In English next week we'll start to write our letters of persuasion. The children spent the past week collating their ideas and are looking forward to trying to convince the King to change his mind.</p> <p>Science this week involved a trip to the forest to investigate habitats and microhabitats.</p> <p>In RE we continued our learning around Hinduism and learnt about their place of worship – the mandir, and the special items they use to worship.</p>
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
 <p>This week, we have enjoyed some 'hot-seating' as part of our work in English. The children have got into character and developed their speaking and listening skills. In Maths, we have started to look at adding and subtracting fractions. We are working hard to develop our arithmetic skills in Maths and the children are working hard to practise methods for division and multiplication. In Spanish, we were learning numbers up to 15 and we always enjoy singing songs to help us remember new vocabulary. In PE, the children have enjoyed playing some cricket and we have also been joined by the LFC foundation who have been working with both Year 3 classes in recent weeks.</p>	<p>This week year 4 have been working hard to finish their stories based on our vehicle text: The Journey. In maths we have continued to explore decimals and have now compared, ordered and started dividing by 10 and 100 into decimal places. In RE we have continued to look at the Islamic faith and how they celebrate festivals. In Spanish we are expanding our knowledge of body parts by creating our own yoga sequences.</p> <p>We would like to remind everyone about using the Maths frame website to concentrate on the times tables they are struggling with.</p>	<p>Year 5 have been busy exploring more pages from our text – The Lost Book of Adventure. We are gathering ideas to help us write a survival guide. We made visited our forest area and made shelters with Kev and will use our experiences to inform our planning. In maths, we have continued our 3D shape work, looking at how 3D shapes can be created from nets. In science, we have investigated which solids are soluble in water.</p>

Year 6

The children have been working their socks off this week in preparation for the SATS tests that begin a week on Monday. As well as honing their arithmetic skills, they have been working with angles and nets of 3D shapes, as well as answering grammar and punctuation questions. There are 10 questions to complete on this for homework that will be important to complete in preparation for the first test. We are also writing a third person narrative of a sequel to the hit book and film 'Wonder'. In PE, the children have been refining their cricket skills. Further to the ping regarding the trip in July – please make payment, if possible, in order for us to avoid having to cancel. Many thanks.

## Poetry Competition

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/primary-7-12/once24?view=ind#:~:text=Your%20child%20is%20invited%20to,or%20goals%2C%20hopes%20or%20wishes>

### [Once Upon A Dream 2024 poetry competition for 7-12 year-olds](https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/primary-7-12/once24?view=ind#:~:text=Your%20child%20is%20invited%20to,or%20goals%2C%20hopes%20or%20wishes)

Set imaginations alight with Once Upon A Dream, the writing competition that encourages creativity and gives 7-12 year-olds a purpose to write. Request your free resources and get involved for the chance to be published and win prizes.

[www.youngwriters.co.uk](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk)

Children in years 2-6 have been offered the chance to enter a national poetry competition and letters have been offered to all those interested. Winners will have their poems published and the school will earn some lovely new books for our library if we get enough entries.

The school closing date is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May when we will send all our entries off together.

We look forward to reading your dreamy ideas



# Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
Freddie M	Children First	Always trying his hardest and volunteering answers in lessons.
Emily S	Children First	Fantastic writing of her refugee narrative.
Olivia M	Pioneering	For thinking about language to use when discussing the weight of objects.
Alicia H	Resilience	Making a great contribution to our drama project
Amelia B	Resilience	For impressing us all with your phonics knowledge and reading this week!
Oliver L	Pioneering	For expressing himself well during drama in our English lessons this week.
Lily M	Pioneering	For expressing herself well during drama in our English lessons this week.
Ivy RM	Resilience	For trying hard with her spelling and getting great scores on her spelling tests!
Izzy C	Children First	For being a caring friend and supporting others when they need it most.
Lucy G	Pioneering	Excellence in applying mental methods and calculating geometry problems.
Aliye	Pioneering	Writing an amazing portal narrative story. It was great to read and she tried her best with her handwriting too! Well done!
Savannah F	Resilience	For amazing work in phonics and reading challenging words
Summer U	Resilience	for developing confidence and independence
Jesse W	Pioneering	For working incredibly hard during maths this week
Jaxson M	Resilience	Trying really hard to make the sensible choices
Jessica S	Pioneering	For working really hard and always being a role model.