

Accomplishing great things at JCA



Friday 12th May 2023



Year 6 – We are very proud of you!

This week our year 6 children have made us so proud. Their attitudes, determination and kindness shown to each other has been so commendable. This cohort have been through so much over the year and our pride for the way they have approached their SATs this week is outstanding. Thank you to our brilliant parent community who have supported them so well too.

Please explore our class pages to find out about everything that has been happening across our academy. Our children are brilliant and the sky really is the limit to what they are all personally achieving.

Thank you to all of you for your contributions towards Rai-Leyah's just giving page. We all took some time this week to reflect and think about Rai-Leyah on her birthday.

A huge thank you to Rai-Leyah's Mum for the lovely ice-creams we all had as a special treat. We were truly grateful.



Special Mentions

Teachers are so proud of the amazing effort of the children in their class and would like to celebrate the effort they are making. They have chosen their Special Mention; someone who has really stood out during the week for demonstrating excellent learner traits, fantastic attitudes to their learning and consistently being the **'best that they can be'** every day. Well done!

Special Mentions for the week ending 12th May 2023	
RECEPTION	Tiago
YEAR 1	Sarin M
YEAR 2	Eddie T
YEAR 3	Noa R
YEAR 4	Maisie C
YEAR 5	Beth D
YEAR 6	All of Year 6

Attendance winners

As you know as a school we continue to focus on excellent attendance as this is essential for children to make the best progress. As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**

Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
RECEPTION	90.24%	95.49%
YEAR 1	99.58%	95.52%
YEAR 2	100.00%	97.17%
YEAR 3	100.00%	95.92%
YEAR 4	94.17%	95.96%
YEAR 5	88.43%	96.14%
YEAR 6	100.00%	96.00%

97% +	AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET
BELOW 95%	CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS
90% & BELOW	PERSISTENT ABSENCE - SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

97.40%	WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET
96.03%	ACTUAL

RECEPTION

The 3 Billy Goats Gruff

On Tuesday, we read an alternative version of the traditional tale The 3 Billy Goats Gruff - 'Listen My Bridge is so Cool' told by the Troll. We practised trip trapping over the bridges constructed in the outdoor area and then re-enacted the story using key refrains such as 'Who's that trip trapping over my bridge' and 'I'm going to gobble you up'. During the week, we imagined life as 'Arty the Troll' designing natural weaving frames and creating dandelion and blossom tea infusions, kindness potions and soup! We also built bridges across the river using loose parts, construction materials and Lego; modifying our designs to improve the strength, stability and size to ensure they are suitable for the goats to cross safely. The children have been carefully mixing different shades of green to paint Arty the Troll.



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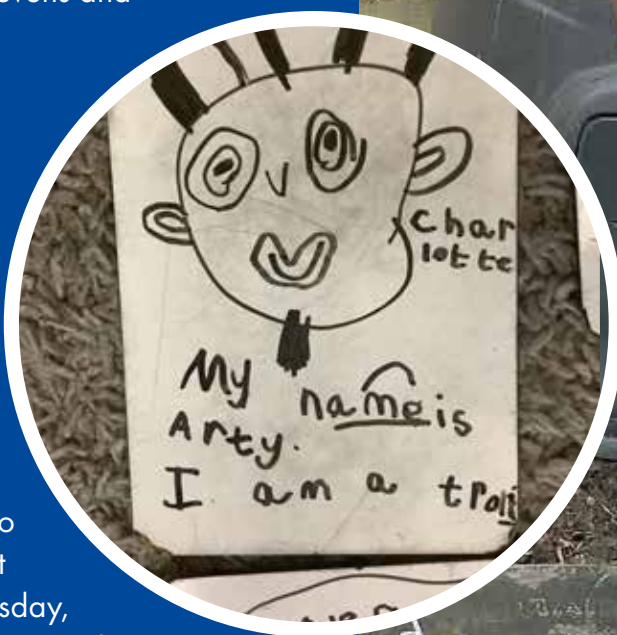
Mathematics

We are learning to apply our mathematical knowledge to play games with our talking partner such as 'number track' and 'build a tower'. The children have been demonstrating excellent teamwork and listening skills as well as accurately counting to add and take away objects. We are striving to learn our number bonds to 5 and recall odds, evens and doubling facts too.

Literacy

In Literacy, the children are writing their own sentences with correct letter formation, capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. They are persevering to read sentences back to their friends to check it makes sense. On Thursday, the children wrote a letter to the 'Troll Patrol' asking for Arty to stay in post under the bridge!

In **Read Write Inc. Phonics**, we are concentrating on reading set 1 and 2 multi syllabic words at speed and Action Words including spellings every day. Please do support your child to review these at home in addition to reading and completing the home learning sheet in your child's reading folder. Many thanks in anticipation.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

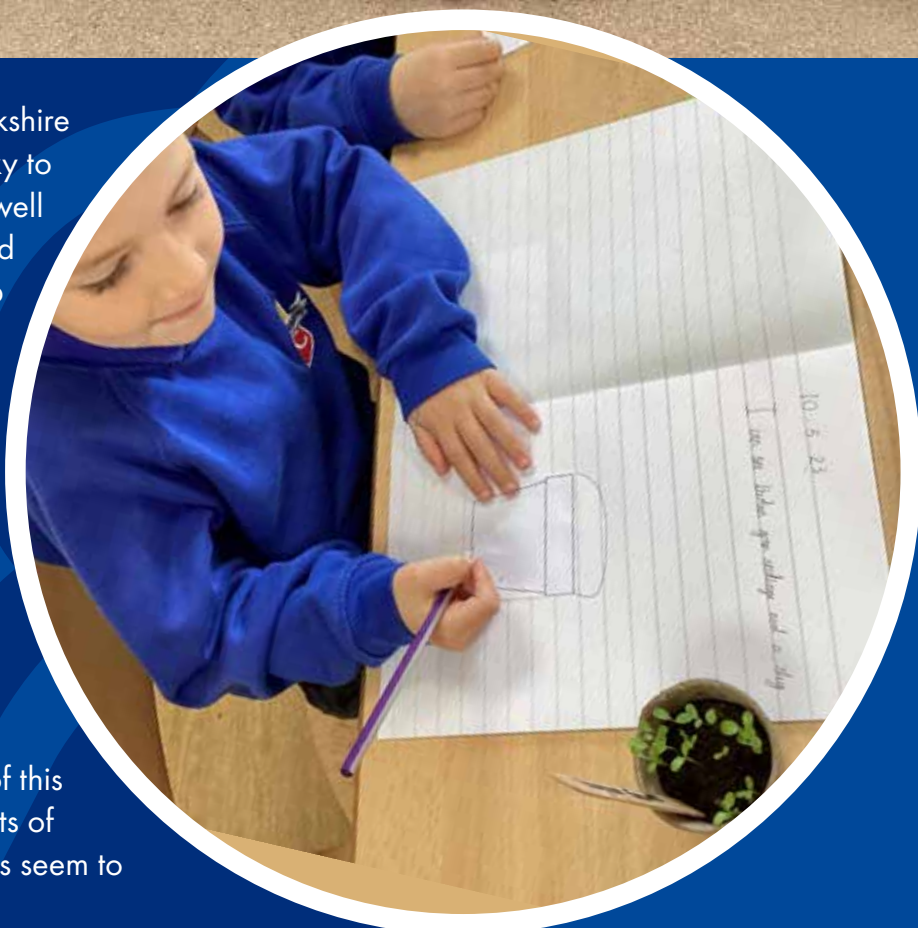
YEAR 1



Year 1 had an incredible visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park last week; we were so lucky to see polar bears up very very close! As well as this we saw lots of other animals, read lots of facts and took part in a workshop too!

In **English** we are continuing to work towards writing our own stories, inspired by our core text 'Leaf'. In **Maths** we have been investigating equal groups of objects, and arrays to support our multiplication unit.

We have started to write seed diaries in **Science** as we monitor the progress of the seeds we planted at the beginning of this term. Our rain catcher is also causing lots of excitement and discussions: it really does seem to be raining a lot in Spring!



YEAR 2



What a fantastic two weeks in our learning journey in Year 2! We started the week off with an incredible outdoor learning day exploring our theme '**What's the weather**'. We loved being meteorologists, measuring time with a sundial, working scientifically to investigate the temperature and creating rain sticks.

In **English**, we have been inspired by Benji Davies to create our own stories of 'Grandma Bird'. We have used the structure of the story to create our own characters and used phrases from the story to inspire our vocabulary and exciting sentences.

In **Maths**, we have continued our learning on time. We can now read the time to 5 minute intervals past the hour and draw the hands too! It has become an important part of our day and timetable and we love being able to use our Maths skills in a real life context.



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YEAR 3

What a busy two weeks in Year 3! We loved celebrating the King's Coronation with such a special lunch and activities afterwards to further our knowledge!

In **Maths**, we have been working tremendously hard on mass and capacity. We have been exploring equivalent masses and comparing between kilograms and grams. Our steps to success have been really important when understanding volume and capacity this week. We used jugs to understand how to measure millilitres before challenging ourselves to find litres and millilitres.

In **English** we have been drafting and revising our persuasive arguments for our letters. We have been striving to include persuasive openers and rhetorical questions to add further persuasion. After completing our hot writes, we have now published our persuasive letters ready to display as part of our 'Charlotte's Web' display board!

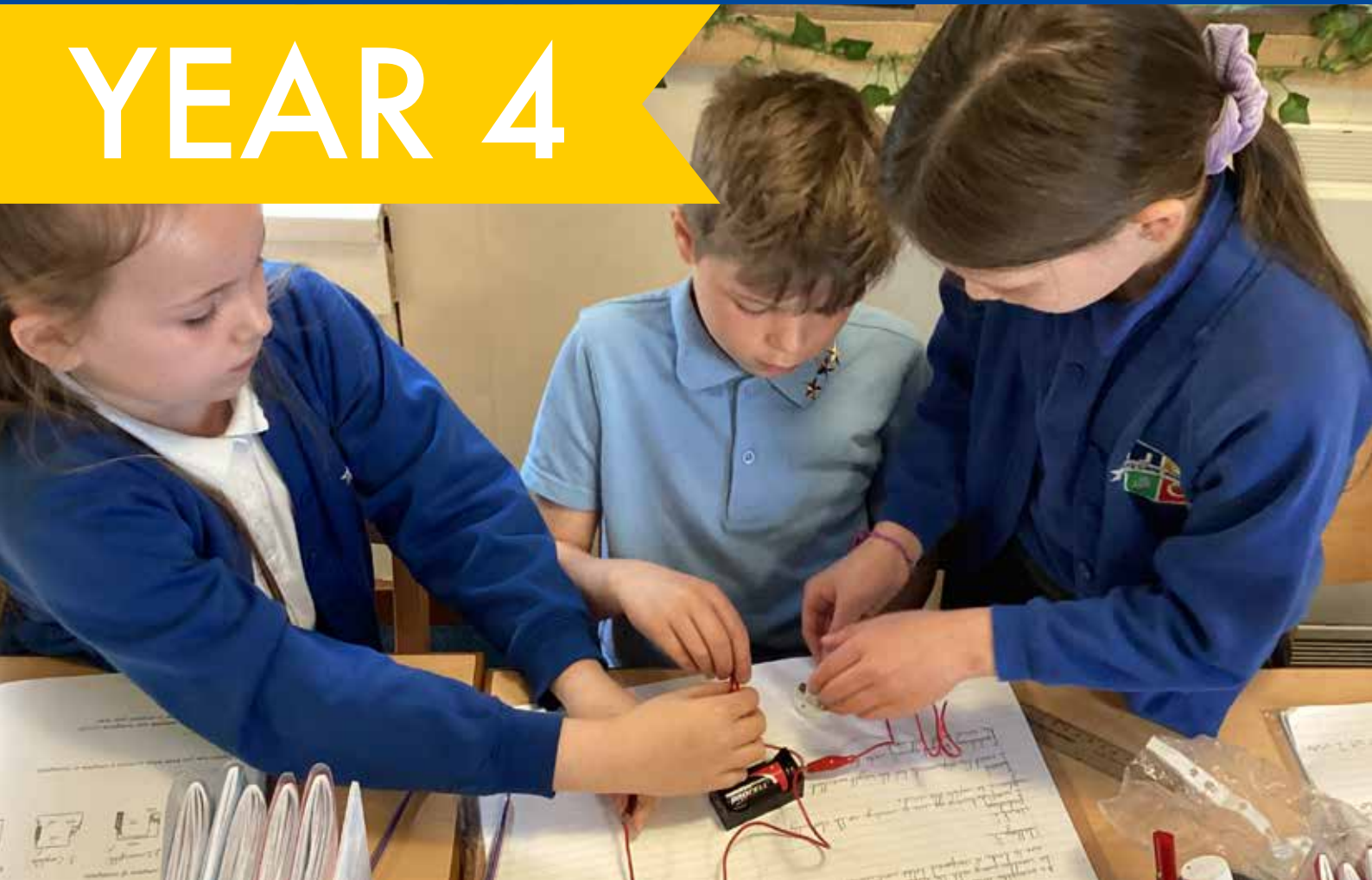
We have been showcasing some brilliant essay writing in **RE** this week! We reflected on our recent topic of Judaism and collated all of our knowledge together to support our essay planning. Our precision of key vocabulary and expansion of knowledge has been wonderful to read.

In **DT**, some of us have begun creating our wooden photo frames. This has been a challenging project but we were so excited by the results and cannot wait to continue these.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 4



Year 4 have had a brilliant couple weeks, and are starting to really showcase their skills in all their learning.

In **English**, we have finished our unit on writing a diary as if we were a character in the Railway Children based on the novel by Edith Nesbitt. The children have been inspired by this and have created high quality pieces with added history knowledge about children at this time.

In **Maths**, the children have loved learning all about money. We are focussing on how they are written as decimals as well as rounding to estimate change given.

In **Science**, we have enjoyed starting our unit on Electricity. The children have been learning about different types of appliances, experimented with creating a series circuit and investigating when components make a complete or incomplete circuit.

In **Art**, the children have enjoyed starting our art unit inspired by the artist William Morris. We have begun our unit by learning about his life as an artist and created a mood board based on his art work.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 5



We have been incredibly impressed with the development, maturity and respect shown in Year 5 over the past couple of weeks. We have completed lots of group work and they have demonstrated how well they can work in teams and how kind they all are.

In **English**, have been planning our adventure stories based on space. The children have dived into this unit and have loved researching and exploring the many facts they could include in their writing. I can't wait to read the finished pieces.

In **Maths**, Year 5 have blown us away with their knowledge and eagerness to learn about angles. Lots of the children have expressed how proud of themselves they have been and that they have never completed as much work in a maths lesson before. It is brilliant to witness the children striving to be the best they can be. As a result, the children are bursting with pride.



In **Science**, we have studied how the Moon, Earth and the Sun work together. We have also enjoyed researching the different planets and finding ways of remembering their order of them.

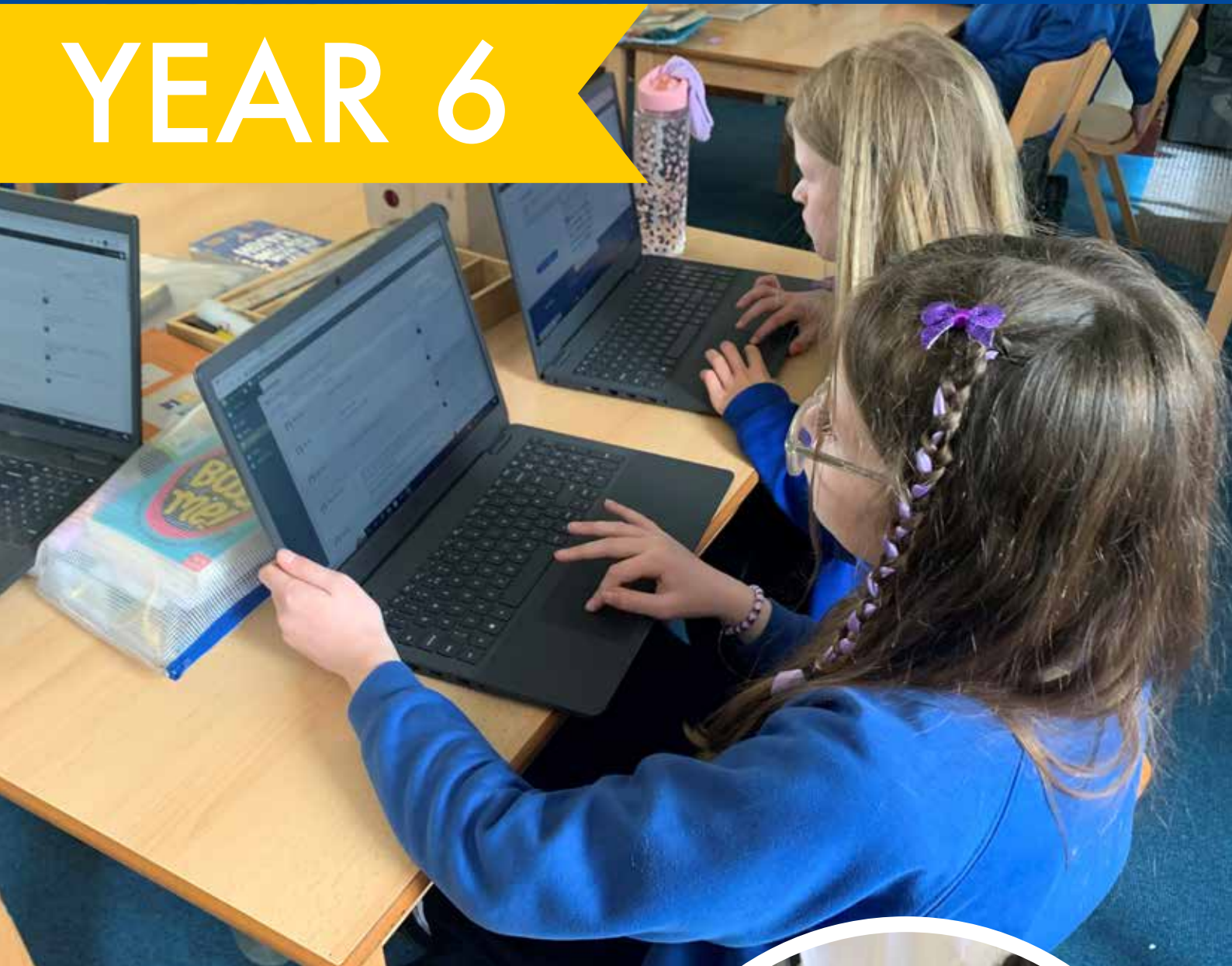
KEY DATES

27th – 28th June 2023

2-day tour of London

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 6



We have been so proud of all Year 6 children! They have worked incredibly hard in their SATs this week and have shown great determination and resilience! The children were all so supportive of each other and helped each other endlessly.

In **History**, we have continued to learn about the Tudor period and have continued to look at some of the key figures. We have also used some of this information to add to our class blog in **Computing**, sharing and commenting on different things we have been learning about.



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 2d ***
 🌟 FANTASTIC NEWS 🌟 There are 32,000 primary schools in England and we've just had an email from @NickGibbUK -the Minister for Schools, to say that our multiplication standards in Y4 are in the top 200 schools in the whole country! @JCANumeracy

Well done to everyone! 🏆🏆🏆



JCAEYFS @jcaeyfs · 2d ***
 The children have had a super day weaving natural objects such as leaves and daisies into cardboard looms and creating nature frames for our art work #EYFS #nature #creative



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefi... · 19m ***
 🌟 SATS- WE DID IT! 🌟 So amazingly proud of this bunch of young people! Superb attitudes all week & a quote from one pupil "I'll miss the SATs, a chapter for our memory bank" ❤️🌟



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 2d ***
 An incredible day outdoor learning with @edensforestcic exploring our new theme 'What's the weather!' Yr 2 created sundials, explored how weather is made and worked scientifically to investigate the temperature. 🌧️ #MakingMuddyMemories #OutdoorLearning @JCA_Geography @JCA_Science



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 2d ***
 Remembering a very special girl today 💜



Dates for Your Diary 2022–23

INSET DAYS	Monday 5th September 2022
	Tuesday 6th September 2022
	Friday 18th November 2022
	Monday 24th July 2023
Parents Evenings	Thursday 8th September 2022 – Meet the teacher 3:45 – 4.05 and 4.10-4.30
	Monday 28th November and Wednesday 30th November 2022– Parents’ evenings
	Tuesday 21st March and Thursday 23rd March – Parents’ evenings
Reports	Friday 25th November 2022 - Progress check out to parents
	Friday 17th March 2023 – Progress check out to parents
	14th July 2023 – End of year reports to parents
Theme Days/ Weeks	Wc 17/10/22 – Theme Week
	Thursday 2nd March 2023- World Book Day
	wc 27/3/23 – Theme Week
	wc22/05/23 - Creative Arts week
Performances	2/12/22 – Reception Activity Morning
	6/12/22 (9.30am) and 7/12/23 9.30am – Reception nativity
	12/12/22 – Christmas carols around the tree
	13/12/22 (9.30am) and 14/12/22 (2pm) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
	15/12/22 Christingle at St. Annes (AM)
	14/06/23- Art gallery evening
	04/07/23 (Evening) & 5/07/23 (Afternoon)– Creative Arts performances
	w/c 17/7/23 – Celebration week
Sports Day	30/6/23 (7/7/22 Reserve Sports Day)
Summer Fair	1/7/23 (TBC)

Child Protection & Safeguarding

The designated Child Protection Officers for this academy are:

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