

# Accomplishing great things at JCA



Saturday 1st July 2023

## Amazing fun at the fair!

**Wow, what a great time we had at the annual PTA Summer Fair. The rain certainly did not put a dampener on the fair! Thank you to our PTA & all parent volunteers who made this event possible. Events such as these are vital to celebrate our community, raise funds & bring everyone together. Thank you to all external visitors too, including the police, fire brigade, Wakefield Family Hubs.**

**We certainly all had a brilliant time! A highlight was Mr Palin & Miss Farrer in the stocks!**





# Summer Fair Fun





# RECEPTION

### **Norman the Slug with a Silly Shell**

On Monday, we shared 'Norman the Slug with a Silly Shell' to continue our learning on minibeasts and fascination with snails! The children discussed Norman's feelings throughout the story and imagined what life would be like if they could fly. They created wings from cardboard and paper and built a flying school with a levelled ramp so that they could take off and practise flapping their wings soaring high into the sky. The children even built a gym with specialised equipment so they could build up their strength. Such great imaginations and teamwork! Throughout the rest of the week, we have continued to build bug machines and apply our mathematical skills to teach the insects in our 'bug school' small world area.

### **Cinder Ella**

This week, we have been formulating plans to host our own 'bug ball party' like Cinder Ella the ladybird. The children have been busy creating hats to wear and discussing what games they should play as well as music and food.

### **PSHE**

In PSHE, we are learning about oral health, teeth and visiting the dentist. The children are enjoying the new dentist themed role-play area and talking about wobbly teeth and their own real-life experiences.

During the week, we have also been discussing change and growing up as we prepare children to move into year 1. A busy week!





# RECEPTION



### Maths

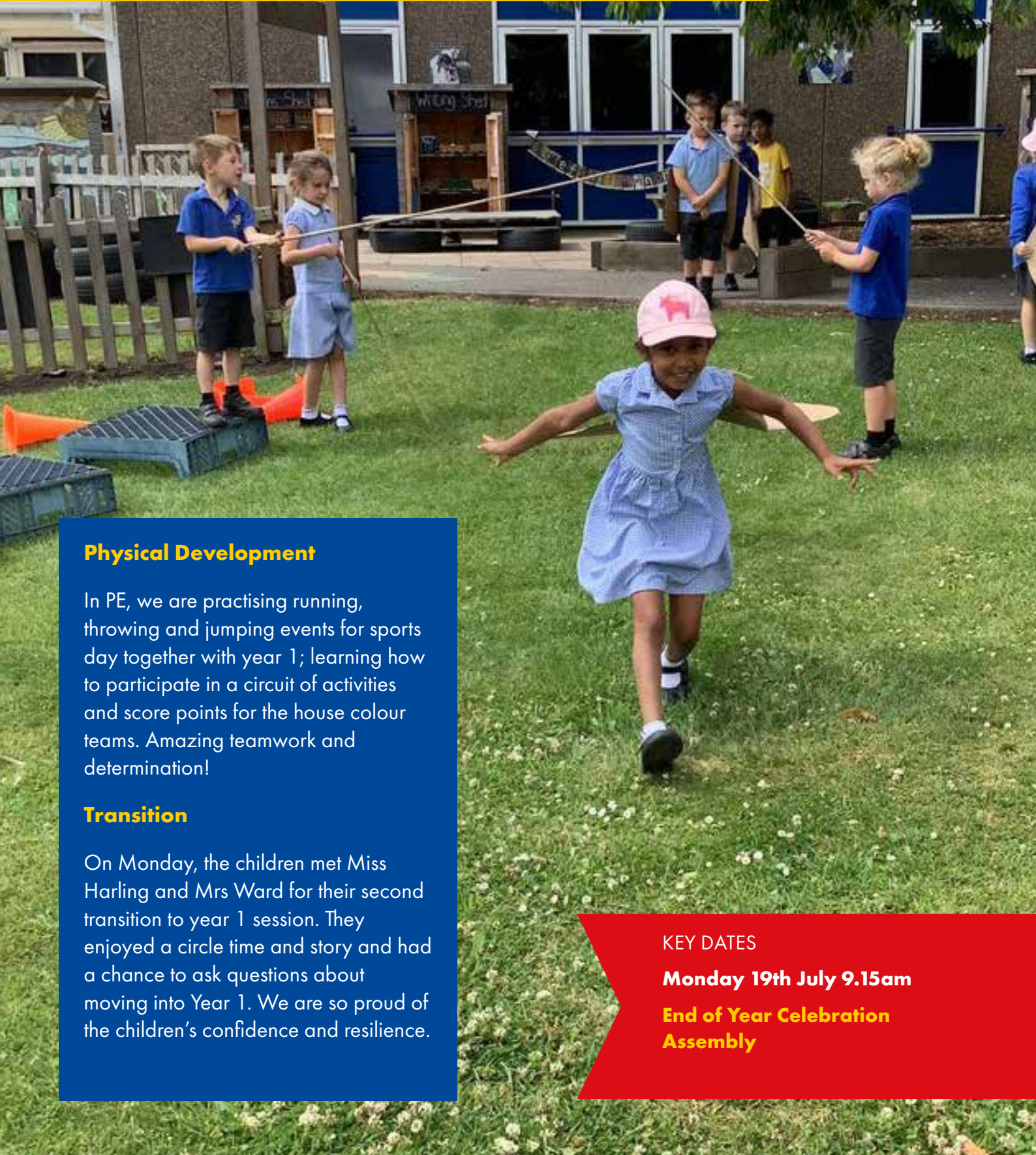
In Maths, we are learning to apply our mathematical knowledge to help the insects in 'bug school'. We are becoming excellent at recalling our number bonds to 5 and solving addition and subtraction problems. We are also learning to recognise number patterns to 100 and count in 2's, 5's and 10's.

### Literacy

This week, the children have been continuing to draw and write facts about minibeasts and read factual books to increase their knowledge and understanding of the different types of animals that live in our miniature world. We have started to write invitations to our friends for the bug ball party applying our phonic knowledge and 'action words'. In handwriting, we are learning to write in a cursive script by adding a whoosh to join letters together. We are also concentrating on reading and writing both lower and upper case letters.



# RECEPTION



## Physical Development

In PE, we are practising running, throwing and jumping events for sports day together with year 1; learning how to participate in a circuit of activities and score points for the house colour teams. Amazing teamwork and determination!

## Transition

On Monday, the children met Miss Harling and Mrs Ward for their second transition to year 1 session. They enjoyed a circle time and story and had a chance to ask questions about moving into Year 1. We are so proud of the children's confidence and resilience.

## KEY DATES

**Monday 19th July 9.15am**

**End of Year Celebration  
Assembly**



# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## YEAR 1



**Year 1** have begun their new learning journey through a new core text: **The Jungle Book!** We had to search for clues that led us to our book in our new jungle area! We listened to the story, acted the story in character and completed a story map.

Our new **English** focus is writing a non-fiction text about a jungle animal; we have been busy learning about mammals and reptiles and learning the difference between non-fiction (true facts) and fiction (not true).

In **Maths** we have been learning all about position and direction. Ask us to show you our left and right hands! We have also been practicing different turns with our bodies and enjoyed dancing to the Cha Cha Slide!

We have enjoyed locating where different jungles are in the world (near the Equator) in **Geography**. In Science we have also been learning about the human body and the 5 senses, we have explored our senses further with our wonderful yoga session this week in PE.





# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## YEAR 2



**Wow! The weeks are truly flying by in this final term of this year! But Year Two are demonstrating their Jerry Clay traits in everything they do and are already showing they are Year Three ready!**

In **English**, we have collated all our learning about water and weather so far to create a non-chronological report. We have strived to write in a formal manner and organise our sentences into structured paragraphs. At the end of the week, we will be publishing them into leaflets and we are looking forward to sharing these with Yorkshire Water to showcase our knowledge and understanding!

In **Maths**, our learning has continued on statistics and we have explored tally charts and pictograms. When creating pictograms, we have reflected on our key and the multiples we count in to represent our data. Once we have represented the data, we have enjoyed interpreting the totals and answering questions.

As part of our theme 'What's the weather', we looked at how weather has changed and impacted in **History**. This week, we researched Luke Howard, discovered how he named and categorized clouds and the impact that had on weather today!

In **P.E.**, we have worked relentlessly on our athletic skills in preparation for sports day! We can't wait to share such a special memory with you! In our second P.E session, we had a calming yoga session, which helped us stop, take notice and be mindful of our wellbeing.





# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## YEAR 3

**Year 3** have been working tremendously hard this week as shown by their record number of **Diamond Dash** passes! We also had a magical time on our ukulele trip last Tuesday, where we were able to take part in group sessions with other schools and even perform a final concert to parents. We loved listening to other school's solos and were proud of all the hard work and effort we put into our performance.

In **Maths**, we have concluded our learning on money where we explored adding and subtracting pounds and pence using both part-whole modes and the column method. We also used number lines to help us solve worded problems on change. We will now be moving onto our new unit of time where we will focus on telling the time to 5 minutes, analogue and digital clocks and roman numerals.

In **English**, we are persevering with our newspaper reports on Charlotte's Web. We have carefully planned out our structure and conducted interviews with characters from the book to gather quotes to include in our own writing. We have also begun drafting out sections of our newspaper to ensure we are including all of our key features.

For **Spanish**, we expanded our knowledge of fruit and days of the week by exploring the 'The Hungry Caterpillar.' We used clues from pictures and our knowledge of the story to translate unfamiliar words and then retold a section of the story in Spanish.





# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## YEAR 4

**What a brilliant couple of weeks we have had in Year 4! The children have worked very hard in all aspects of our curriculum and we are so pleased with how mature they are getting ready for year 5!**

In **English**, the children have worked extremely hard to create their own newspaper report as if they were investigators solving a crime just like Sherlock Holmes which is our core text for this half term. They have strived to include a variety of higher-level vocabulary and we cannot wait to publish them next week!

In **Maths**, we have focused on properties of shapes this week. The children have impressed me with their knowledge of angles and understanding different triangles. The children have enjoyed using mirrors to identify lines of symmetry and have liked the challenge of completing symmetric figures.

In **Art**, we have just finished our final piece inspired by our focus artist 'William Morris'. We used his repeating patterns and attention to nature to help create a poly-print, using polystyrene tiles and printing ink. The children are very proud of their final piece.

In **PE**, we are so excited for Sports day and have been working very hard in sessions to prepare for an exciting sports day where we will be partaking in athletic races which we can't wait to share with you.





Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

# YEAR 5



**Wow, what a busy fortnight we have had! We have created fantastic information texts about Space, made a great start on our sewing project, and had the best time in London!**



Year 5 have made all of us incredibly proud with their behaviour, maturity and kindness throughout the London trip. Other schools and organisations took the time to compliment how wonderful they all behaved.



# YEAR 5



We had so much fun experiencing the London Eye, a City Cruise, Matilda the Musical and visiting the Tower of London. Year 5 arrived at school the following day with an excited buzz. We enjoyed recapping all of our favourite parts of the trip and used this to create a recount/diary entry. Year 5 blew me away with the speed they wrote at.

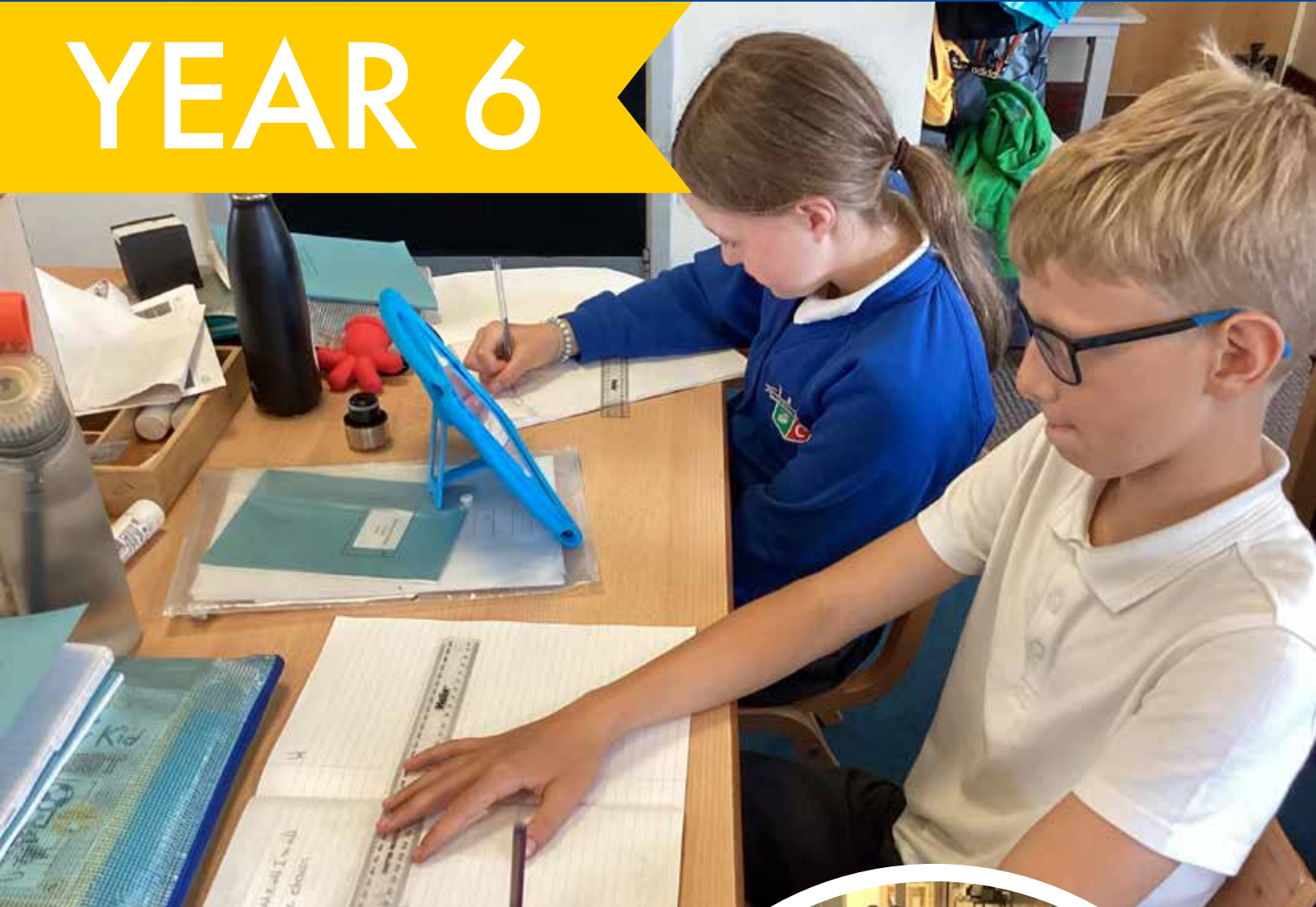
In **Art**, we have begun creating a Space piece using different types of stitches. We have practised the running stitch and the backstitch. We have also used different types of fabrics and buttons in our project – we can't wait to show you them!





# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## YEAR 6



**Another busy two weeks for Year 6 as we prepare for our performances of The Lion King, our residential and the end of the year celebrations!**

As well as all of the above, we have been working hard on starting to create our own businesses in **Maths**, particularly using our calculation knowledge to work out costings.

In **English**, we have continued to build up to writing our own versions of The Tempest, using a variety of techniques to engage the reader.

In **Computing**, we have started to design and create our Yearbook which we aim to have completed by the end of the year.







# Summer Countdown



Week commencing Monday 22nd May	<b>Creative Arts Week</b>
Wednesday 7th June	<b>School Class Photos</b>
Wednesday 7th June at 5.30pm	<b>Year 5 London Parents' Meeting</b>
Wednesday 14th June from 5.30pm	<b>Creative Arts Gallery</b>
Tuesday 27th June	<b>Year 5 London Trip</b>
Friday 30th June at 9.15am	<b>Sports Day- EYFS &amp; Year 1</b>
Friday 30th June from 1.15pm	<b>Sports Day - Y2,3,4,5 &amp; 6</b>
Saturday 1st July	<b>PTA Summer Fair</b>
Friday 14th July	<b>End of Year Reports to Parents</b>
Monday 17th July at 9:15am	<b>Reception Celebration Assembly</b>
Tuesday 18th July at 9:15am	<b>Year 1 Celebration Assembly</b>
Wednesday 19th July at 9:15am	<b>Year 2 Celebration Assembly</b>
Wednesday 19th July at 2:00pm	<b>Year 3 Celebration Assembly</b>
Thursday 20th July at 9:15am	<b>Year 5 Celebration Assembly</b>
Thursday 20th July at 2:00pm	<b>Year 4 Celebration Assembly</b>





# Year 6 Countdown



Thursday 25th May

**VIP Leavers' Disco**

Wednesday 7th June

**Leavers' Photos**

Monday 19th June

**Residential Parents' Meeting**

Tuesday 4th July  
at 6pm

**Performance**

Wednesday 5th July  
at 2pm

**Performance**

Monday 10th July to  
Thursday 13th July

**Residential**

Wednesday 19th July

**Celebration Day (For children)**

Friday 21st July  
at 9:15am

**Leavers Service**



# Highlights of the Week from Twitter



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 2d** ...  
What an incredible two days for Year 5 in London! We have done so much and the children have been absolutely fantastic! We are on our way back! #JCALondon



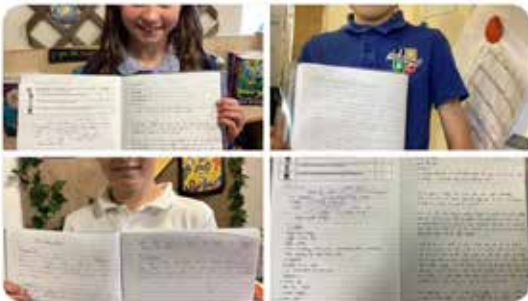
**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 3d** ...  
Next stop for Year 5... Matilda at the Cambridge Theatre! #JCALondon



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 2d** ...  
This week, Year 3 have been continuing to prepare for their races on Sports Day! They have been using any spare moment to practise and improve their technique and cannot wait to take part with their colour teams on Friday! 🏃🏻🏏🏸 @JcaPhysicalEdu #SportsDay #JCAPE



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 1d** ...  
There was a beautiful buzz of excitement in Year 5, as we discussed our favourite parts of the London trip. We then created a recount of all the fun things we got to experience ✨ #memories



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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 2d** ...  
A calming and relaxing session with @Schoolofyoga2 this afternoon helping Year 2 to stop, take notice and be mindful of our wellbeing! @JCAPE @JCA\_PSHCE #Mindfulness #wednesdaythought #ChildrensMentalHealth



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 1d** ...  
Year 4 were so fortunate to have the lovely @TraceyHamer3 in this afternoon. She taught them songs no one has ever sang before and they loved performing with her! 🎵 @music\_jca #makingmemories



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# Dates for Your Diary 2022—23

<b>INSET DAYS</b>	Monday 5th September 2022
	Tuesday 6th September 2022
	Friday 18th November 2022
	Monday 24th July 2023
<b>Parents Evenings</b>	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
<b>Reports</b>	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
<b>Theme Days/ Weeks</b>	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
<b>Performances</b>	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
<b>Sports Day</b>	30/6/23 (7/7/22 Reserve Sports Day)
<b>Summer Fair</b>	1/7/23 (TBC)



# Child Protection & Safeguarding

The designated Child Protection Officers for this academy are:

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