

Accomplishing great things at JCA



Our Summer Carnival & Circus is nearly here!

Come and join our whole community on Saturday 6th July at 11am until 3pm. Please pass onto all your friends that this year our event will be even more spectacular! We are looking forward to a brilliant day!

Thank you for your donations. Please do continue to bring any in. We are collecting:

- **Wine bottles, empty or full!**
- **Tombola prizes – new unwanted gifts**
- **Gift wrap**

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to support us. This makes a huge difference! If you would like to volunteer and haven't put your name forward yet, please do contact our PTA on jerryclaypta@gmail.com



I set the children the challenge of creating jam jars filled with treats for our jar bar stall on Monday. Please see the picture for some ideas. The children can also bring in an empty jam jar for them to fill these in school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. We look forward to the final 3 weeks of this academic year at JCA.

With kind regards,

Mrs. T Swinburne
CEO & Executive Headteacher

Free Entry
Come & join us for our first
**Summer Carnival
& Circus**
Saturday 6th July
11am till 3pm
Jerry Clay Academy Wrenthorpe

Events

Circus & Circus Workshop (Payable)
Games | Tombola | Stalls | Food | Plus LOTS more

Residential

Our Year 6s had a fabulous time on their residential. I hope you all enjoyed seeing the photographs of their adventures on X.

A huge thank you to our staff, Miss Karlsson, Mr Palin and Mr McDougal for giving up their time to support our children. I am forever appreciative of our wonderful JCA team.



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	92.20%	96.10%
YEAR 1	90.40%	96.20%
YEAR 2	97.00%	95.70%
YEAR 3	98.90%	97.30%
YEAR 4	98.90%	96.70%
YEAR 5	99.60%	96.20%
YEAR 6	98.90%	98.10%

97.40%	WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET
96.60%	ACTUAL

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

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring your child attends school every day. As a result, our attendance remains in the target zone. However, I am receiving quite a few ad-hoc requests for days off and holidays in term time. Please can we ask that this is avoided. Days off disrupt learning more than you can believe. We are still facing the challenge of building back after the COVID pandemic and need your support to ensure every child has good attendance.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

RECEPTION



Miniature homes and minibeasts

Snail and the Whale

Last week, we read 'The Snail and the Whale' and enjoyed learning key phrases and vocabulary as well as re telling the story. We used chalk to draw different parts of the story on the playground. What a wonderful 'snail trail' depicting the main events!

During the rest of the week, we have been creating potions, mixing paint and investigating the movement of paint using magnets and pendulums. We used chalky pastel to create wonderful observational drawings of the meadow in the school grounds. What amazing talented artists!



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RECEPTION



This week, the children have been building their own ice cream role-play shop and using junk modelling materials and clay to create minibeast

Cinder-Ella

On Monday, we read Cinder-Ella by Alex T Smith and compared it to the traditional tale of Cinderella noting the key similarities and differences. The children were delighted to discover that we are going to have our own 'bug ball party' next week and set straight to work writing invitations to our friends, creating minibeast hats and drawing/painting pictures just like Pierre in our story.

We are looking forward to sports day and continuing our transition activities with Miss Harling to prepare children for year 1. We are so proud of all the children and their brilliant attitudes towards learning. An excellent week.



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YEAR 1

A lovely sunny end to the fortnight in Year 1; we were amazed at the difference in the weather as the seasons changed from Spring to Summer, highlighting our **Science** learning this year. The rain we caught in Spring really helped us to evaluate that there was a lot of rain in Spring this year!

It was empowering to see the children share their animal stories so proudly with friends and family during Library time last week; we had worked incredibly hard in **English, Art** and **Computing**, with illustrations done on the Paint programme as well! We have now started our new English learning, we are striving to complete a non-chronological report about a jungle animal. During **Geography**, we are learning about where jungles are in the world, and have started to research the Amazon.

We have been incredibly busy in **Maths**, completing our learning on Fractions and learning about how many days are in each month. Please help your child by asking them questions about this at home. We have also started telling the time using o'clock and half past.

During **PSHE**, we have been learning all about Staying Safe on the Road. We have discovered the names of the different crossings: zebra, toucan, puffin and pelican and shared key information on a poster.



KEY DATES

Monday 1st July - Outdoor Learning day

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YEAR 2

The weeks are truly whizzing by in Year Two's and as we continue to make more magical memories, we are also looking ahead to our transition to Year 3! We are also looking forward to sharing our celebration assembly with you so that we can share our learning journey and favourite memories from Year 2!

We started this week with a fabulous **outdoor learning day** in the sunshine! Throughout the day we used our outdoor learning to deepen and extend our learning on our summer term theme 'What's the weather'. From creating large scale contents to explore different climates, fire lighting to creating cloud spotters and identifying types of clouds. Who knew there were so many different types of clouds!? It was such a fantastic day to extend our theme learning. To continue our theme, in **DT**, we have been practicing our running stitch to create weather symbols through sewing.

It has also been brilliant to see Year Two's perseverance in **Maths**. We are continuing our learning on time and we are now focusing on 5-minute intervals. As we become experts of 5-minute intervals past the hour, we will also begin 5-minute intervals towards the hour. The whole team are now very helpful at being prompt for timings with our timetable!

As we move towards the end of the year, we have had a huge drive on extending our fluency and stamina in our **reading**. During our reading lessons, we have begun reading more challenging, longer texts and developing our inference skills too. To further support, please can you support us with reading with your child at home every day to support with fluency, which is key as we transition into KS2.



KEY DATES

Tuesday 16th July @2:30pm
Year 2 Celebration assembly

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YEAR 3

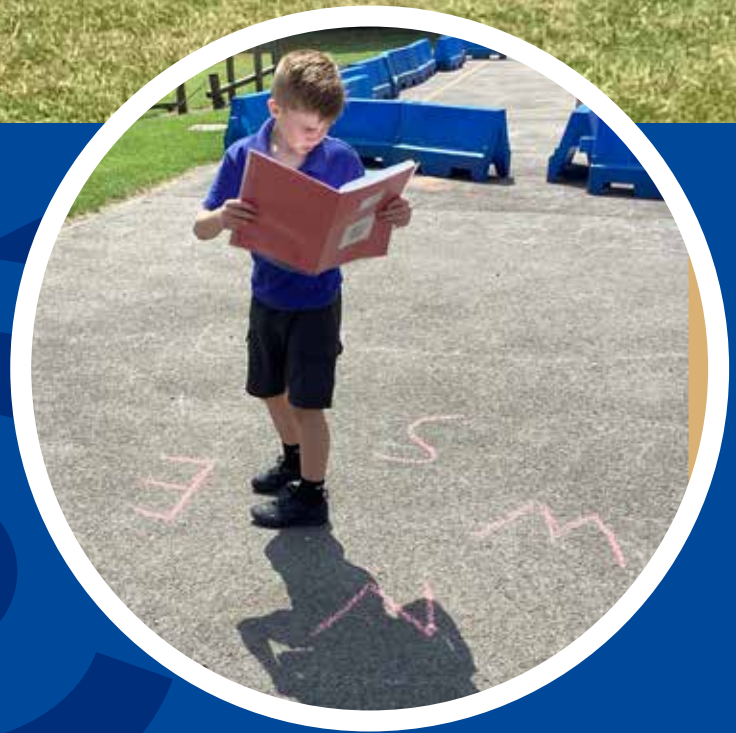


With only three weeks left, Year 3 are determined to prove that they are ready for Year 4! They are looking forward to their transition afternoon as well as their celebration assembly to parents in our final week!

In **Maths**, we have finished our topic on time where we have focused on duration and converting between minutes and seconds in our last lessons. We have now recapped our learning of shape from Year 2 and have focussed upon turns and angles. We completed an outdoor learning lesson where we followed a series of instructions to reinforce our understanding of turns.

For **English**, we have created a character description of Fantastic Mr Fox and peer assessed these to improve our writing. We used detailed critique sheets where we could provide specific suggestions to each other and published our writing in the form of a wanted poster.

We explored different methods of seed dispersal in **Science** and used the information recorded in our books to create an informative poster. We have also enjoyed a fantastic **yoga** session outside in the sunshine this week where we focussed on the difference between reactions and responses.



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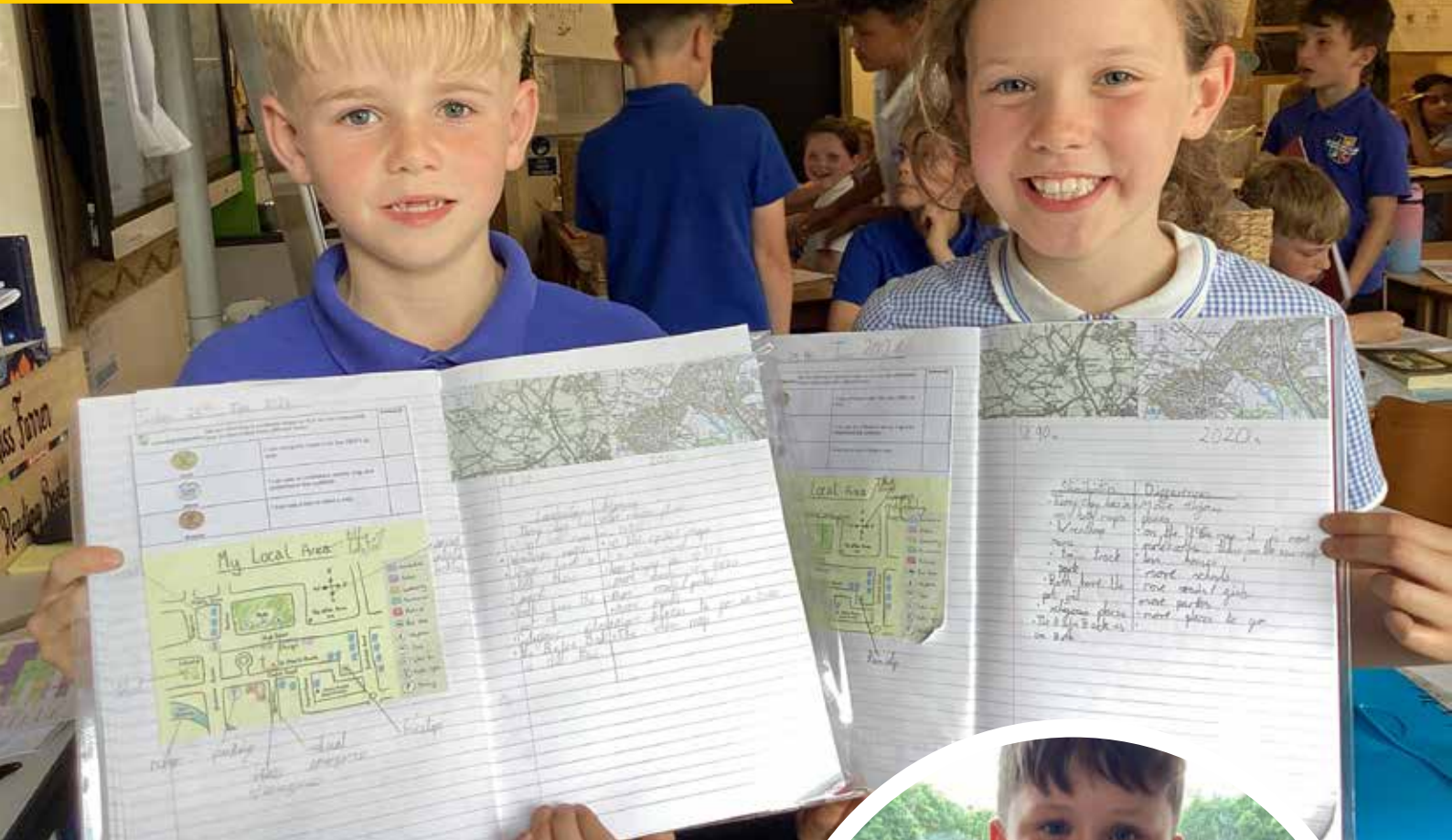
**Tuesday 2nd July -
The Big Sing @ Wakefield Cathedral**

**Tuesday 9th July -
Ukulele concert @ 9:15am**

**Wednesday 17th July -
Celebration assembly @ 9:15am**

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YEAR 4



What a brilliant couple of weeks we have had in Year 4. The children are starting to get Year 5 ready and are showing their maturity in our learning.

In **English**, we have started our learning all about Sherlock Holmes and his detective cases. The children are using different tenses to create flashback story of their own. They have been very imaginative to create their own mystery case to be solved.

In **Maths**, we have started our unit on Time. This has been very challenging for the children but they are working hard to overcome any obstacles they have. We are confident with showing time on a clock.

In **DT**, we have been very excited to practice our sewing skills. The children have practiced their running stitch and whip stitch ready for their final piece next week creating their very own cushion!



In **Geography**, we have loved investigating a variety of maps from different time periods on Digimaps and comparing them to see how different Wrenthorpe was and looking at different points of interests.

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YEAR 5



The Year 5s have been shining brightly these past couple weeks! Their hard work and dedication have been truly inspiring. They've tackled some fantastic topics, all while developing valuable life skills.

We all had an absolute blast in **London** and enjoyed experiencing, the London Eye, a City Cruise, Lion King in the theatre and the Tower of London. The class were beaming throughout the trip and represented the school fantastically.

In **science**, we explored the fascinating phases of the moon! To bring lunar learning to life, we got creative and used Oreos to represent each stage of the moon's cycle. It was a delicious way to visualise the moon's journey around Earth!

In **Yoga**, we developed our understanding of reacting vs responding. Year 5 then practiced not reacting whilst enjoying the spray of water. They especially enjoyed watching the teachers get sprayed.



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YEAR 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic time this week at our **YHA Castleton residential!** We have strived to use all our Jerry Clay Learner traits, namely perseverance and risk - taking. We have also taken part in brand new experiences and achieved physical and personal goals. We have spent break times playing football, climbing trees, making swings and making memories.

Our week started with fire - lighting and shelter building which involved huge amounts of teamwork. We then tested how effective our shelters were when the 'raincloud' came. We then searched for gems during gem panning and were lucky enough to be able to take these home!

During our next two days, we worked with Acclimatize doing rock scrambling, rock climbing and caving below ground and on a cliff face. These were all tests of strength and endurance, and we are so proud of how every year 6 pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones!

We ended the week with Jumblies and Archery and made sure that we tidied our rooms!

Overall, it has been a magnificent memory making week!



Highlights of the Week from Twitter

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 3d ...
Getting more children through the Reading Gateway 🌟 #EveryChildaReader #AccomplishingGreatThingsTogether 🌟

Accomplish MAT @accomplish_... · 3d
Well done to Team Accomplish for working so hard to get our children through the early reading gateway. We have been on a mission with 95% Phonics Screening trust average. 🌟 #Phonics @StanleyGrovePri @TownvilleIS @JCAWakefield #EveryChildaReader @RuthMiskinEdu



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 1d ...
Caving this morning for some of our Year 6s! Some of us really pushed ourselves to the limit! #JCACastleton



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 19h ...
We are on our way home! What a fantastic week we have had at YHACastleton on our Y6 residential. We have made so many memories to remember and to be proud of! 🌟 #JCACastleton



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 15h ...
Reading for pleasure in the sunshine with our school tortoise 🐢
Year 2 enjoyed their story time with extra company from Jerry the tortoise! It looks like Jerry was enjoying our repeated read just as much as Year 2 were! 😊📖🌞
@JCA_Reading #ReadingForPleasure #MakingMemories



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 1d ...
Today in Yoga, we developed our understanding of reacting vs responding. Year 5 then practiced not reacting whilst enjoying the spray of water. They especially enjoyed watching the the teachers get sprayed. 🧘💧



JCAEYFS @jcaeyfs · 3d
We have been drawing, painting and creating characters from our shared story including Pierre and Cinder-Ella. We are busy planning our 'bug ball party' and writing invitations to our friends #EYFS #literacy #purpose #JCACurriculum



Dates for Your Diary 2023-24

INSET DAYS	Monday 4 September 2023
	Friday 24 November 2023
	Monday 8 January 2024
	Monday 8 April 2024
	Monday 22 July 2024
Parents Evenings	Wednesday 6th September 2023 – Meet the teacher 3:45 – 4.05 and 4.10-4.30
	Monday 4th December and Wednesday 6th December 2023 – Parents' evenings
	Monday 18th & Wednesday 20th March – Parents' evenings
Reports	01/12/23- Progress check out to parents
	15/3/24 – Progress check out to parents
	12/7/24 – End of year reports to parents
Theme Days/ Weeks	Thursday 7th March 2024- World Book Day
	wc 18/3/24 – Theme Week – Speaking and listening – Ted Talks
	wc20/05/24- Creative Arts week
Performances	1/12/23 – Reception Activity Morning
	12/12/23 (9.30am) and 13/12/23 9.30am – Reception nativity
	18/12/23 – Christmas carols around the tree
	19/12/23 (2pm) and 20/12/23 (9.30 am) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
	21/12/23 Christingle at St. Annes (AM) at 10am
	14/06/24- Art gallery evening
	Wc 8th July 2024 – Performance
	w/c 15/7/24 – Celebration week
Residential	London- TBC
Sports Day	14/6/24 (21//6/24 Reserve Sports Day)
Summer Fair	(TBC)

Child Protection & Safeguarding

The designated Child Protection Officers for this academy are:

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