

Accomplishing great things at JCA



A year to truly celebrate at JCA!

A year that has gone so quickly, yet, we have so much to be proud of. There are so many accomplishments, which we should all be proud of and these are listed within the newsletter. JCA has continued to accomplish great things!

A special thank you must go to our PTA members who have planned and organised so many events for your children this year. Most notably, the Summer Carnival and Circus. This was a huge success, raising nearly £3000 in profit. Without these events, we simply would not have the value-added items which our school is lucky enough to have. We are purchasing a polytunnel for the new academic year for a gardening/ horticultural classroom.

Our Junior Leaders have carried out their role with pride this year and have supported our whole school developments. I wish to thank them all for the excellent work they have carried out for JCA this year.

We now welcome our new 2024-25 Junior Leadership team and we look forward to sharing their aims with you all in the new year. We can't wait to see them continue the excellent work already started by the previous team.

A huge thank you must go to our JCA staff team. I am very fortunate to have such an amazingly caring and hard-working team who do all they can for the children in our care. This has never faltered and I am extremely grateful for their hard work.

Next academic year, I will be stepping away from the day-to-day running of JCA and hand over this to Mr Palin who will become Head of Academy. I will be at JCA once a week and I look forward to hearing your feedback on the gate during my visits. The leadership of the whole of AMAT is relentless and is my ambition to ensure every school within our family flourishes.

Finally, thank you to all of you for supporting our JCA mission. A true community is a partnership and I have welcomed your feedback throughout the year to ensure that JCA is the best it can be. For another year running, JCA has remained the most popular primary school in Yorkshire for admissions. This is down to your opinions about the work we do, so thank you.

As we move into the next year, we can assure you of one thing, that we will always remain relentless in pursuing the best for our children, both academically and holistically. A school is more than a curriculum; it is about everything that should make a Primary School truly magical. We only get one chance at it and a child's experience should create memories forever.

Thank you for your support, have a relaxing Summer and see you all on Tuesday 3rd September, as we turn the page to Chapter 2024-25.

With warm regards,

Mrs. T Swinburne, OBE
CEO, Accomplish MAT

Our Accomplishments - 2023-24

We gained the **highest average of 24.8 out of 25** in the Year 4 computerised DfE times table check. Placing us a **one of the highest performing schools in the country.**

We achieved **Platinum Arts Mark Gold** which is the highest mark for the work we have done in the arts both within our school and for the wider community.



We have supported over **300 schools** in both intensive support, programmes and reading leader networks as part of our **English Hub.**

We achieved 100% in our **Phonics screening**, with a total of **98% average over 3 years.**

We achieved **97% expected in Writing** for KS2 SATs

We achieved **97% expected in Mathematics** for KS2 SATs.

We achieved **97% expected in Reading** and **43% greater depth** for KS2 SATs.

Our Reception children achieved **93% at Good Level of Development**, which places us incredibly high in the country for ensuring the very best start.

We have delivered on **23 school trips** to ensure that our children's enrichment curriculum is the best possible to enhance our curriculum.

88% of our children attended an **after school club enrichment activity**

Mrs. Swinburne was awarded an OBE for her services to Education. Our whole community was very proud of her.



Gaining **Ofsted Outstanding** once again in November 2023. Our school was described:

'There is zero complacency for what children can achieve in this remarkable school. Despite its outstanding status, the school has continued to improve since the last inspection. Leaders are relentless in their continuous pursuit of excellence.'



We look forward to 2024-25!



Over the past few weeks, our children have enjoyed transitioning into their new classes and have spent valuable time getting to know the adults that will be working in their class! We are really looking forward to the Academic Year 2024-25!

As it comes to the end of this academic year, we say a fond farewell to some of our staff. **Mrs Burrows** will be going on secondment to another Accomplish school; we know that she will do a fantastic job of spreading the Jerry Clay magic!

Miss Cariss will be leaving Year 2 at the end of the week to pursue another career opportunity – good luck! From our SEN team, we wish **Mrs Ingham** all the best as she moves to another school, closer to her home.

We are excited to welcome a number of new staff to our team for next year; **Miss Taverner** joins us as Year 3 teacher! In addition to this, **Mr Rowsall** will be joining as Reception Teaching Assistant and **Mrs Stratton** will work in Year 2 as well as across school as a Learning Support Assistant.

Please note the teachers and support staff that will be working in each year group:

Reception : Mrs Johnson, Mrs Rex, Mr Rowsall

Year 1 : Miss Harling, Mrs Ward

Year 2 : Miss Morley, Mrs Stratton

Year 3 : Miss Taverner, Mrs Wilkinson

Year 4 : Miss Farrer, Mrs Wilkinson

Year 5 : Miss Hazell, Mrs Hart

Year 6 : Miss Karlsson, Mrs Longley, Mrs Hart

You will have the chance to meet with your child's class teacher on **Wednesday 4th September** at either 3:35pm or 3:55pm at our '**Meet the teacher**' event.

Have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Thank you to our amazing Junior Leadership Team!

We are immensely proud of our whole Junior Leadership Team who have been the absolute best this year. I cannot believe how much they have personally grown throughout the year. Their hard work has not gone unnoticed.

We wish them all the very best for the future and know that they are all absolutely ready for Year 7 and their transition into secondary school.

Good luck Year 6 & thank you for everything you have done for our school. We are very proud of you all!



RECEPTION

An incredible year full of magic, awe and discovery! We have enjoyed watching all the children flourish as the year has progressed and accomplish many wonderful skills and qualities to become true JCA learners. We cherish each and every part of our learning journey together however these are our top 5 memories.

1. **Meanwood Farm trip.**

We were so excited to go on our first school trip to Meanwood Farm where we discovered animals and their habitats. Pond dipping was certainly a highlight. The children were able to explore nature at its finest and investigate life cycles first hand.

2. **Child led play projects.**

Throughout the year our children have been inspired to lead play projects on volcanoes, potions and colour mixing in our amazing indoor and outdoor learning environment, in particular utilising the sand world and water resources to build, experiment and investigate their hypothesis and curiosities.



RECEPTION



3. **World Book Day.** We enjoyed producing 'silent movies' and developing narratives using torches to create shadows and silhouettes behind lengths of white fabric.

4. **The Nativity production.** The children put their heart and soul into performing the Nativity on stage in costumes. They were so confident projecting their voices and singing with gusto.

5. **Arctic exploration.** In the Spring term, we learnt about the Arctic and Antarctic and set sail on an expedition around the School grounds; Pedro the penguin, Andy's Arctic rap and mapping skills were a real feature in our learning inspiring children to understand the world around us.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 1



All the teachers in Year 1 are incredibly proud of the progress and achievements of the children! It has been a superb year full of learning, laughter and magical memories!

We wish everybody a wonderful summer break. After reflecting on our year, here are our favourite occasions:

1) Year 1 loved our visit to the **Yorkshire Wildlife Park**, it was fantastic to see so many animals that inspired our Science and English learning in class. The children have found learning about different animals fascinating and have been so keen to extend their existing knowledge!

2) Our theme week **“Small changes make a big difference”** was great fun. The children learnt how to spot if packaging can be recycled, surveyed the local area for recycling points and really highlighted the importance of recycling in Wrenthorpe. They even recorded a song with an important message and sent it to the council!



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YEAR 1



3) Revealing and **reading our core-texts** has been fun; the children have never wavered in their enthusiasm, using their vivid imaginations to consider clues before discovering new core texts. They have enjoyed developing our understanding of characters through drama and small world play.

4) Meeting Paddington when he came to visit us for a few weeks, the experience of **going to the post office** to send our letters to our families was great! A special memory was paying for stamps by ourselves with real money!

5) **Geography** is a firm favourite in this class; the children truly adore map-reading and have thrived on developing their locational knowledge throughout the year.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 2



Wow, what a truly incredible learning journey Year Two have been on this year. We have loved making magical memories together and watching each other grow in confidence. Together, we make a brilliant team and can achieve anything!

1. School trips

Across the year, we have visited the National Coal Mining Museum, Wakefield Cathedral and Yorkshire water as part of our learning journey. All of these visits were such exciting opportunities to see our learning in action with real life experiences. We had to be risk takers to descend 140 meters down the mine and enquirers when exploring the Yorkshire Water Works.

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YEAR 2



2. Reading

Throughout our learning, we have loved reading and we have eagerly anticipated our visits to the magical outdoor library with Mrs Pickersgill. We are so lucky to have an abundance of books in our class and this year we have really focused on developing our reader identity. However, our class favourite is 'The Cook and the King' by Julia Donaldson. We have loved orally rehearsing the text so that we can showcase our story telling skills.

3. Diamond Dash

From our love of Maths, it is no surprise one of our favourite memories was our Diamond Dash success! We are all incredibly proud of our own individual journeys and successes with Diamond Dash. This year, every single child in Year 2 has passed a diamond dash level and blossomed in confidence too!

4. Singing

When we shared our favourite memories, we all agreed on our Music learning journey but couldn't decide which aspect was our favourite! We have developed so many creative arts skills this year and we just shine in performances. Singing has been a huge part of our learning journey across the curriculum and we love to sing in Music, assemblies and even in Maths!



5. Christmas Nativity

The magic of Christmas is truly special and one of our favourite memories was sharing our Christmas Nativity 'This is Bethlehem' with you! Year 2 loved choosing their character for the Nativity and wearing their costumes on stage – an eagerly anticipated experience.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 3



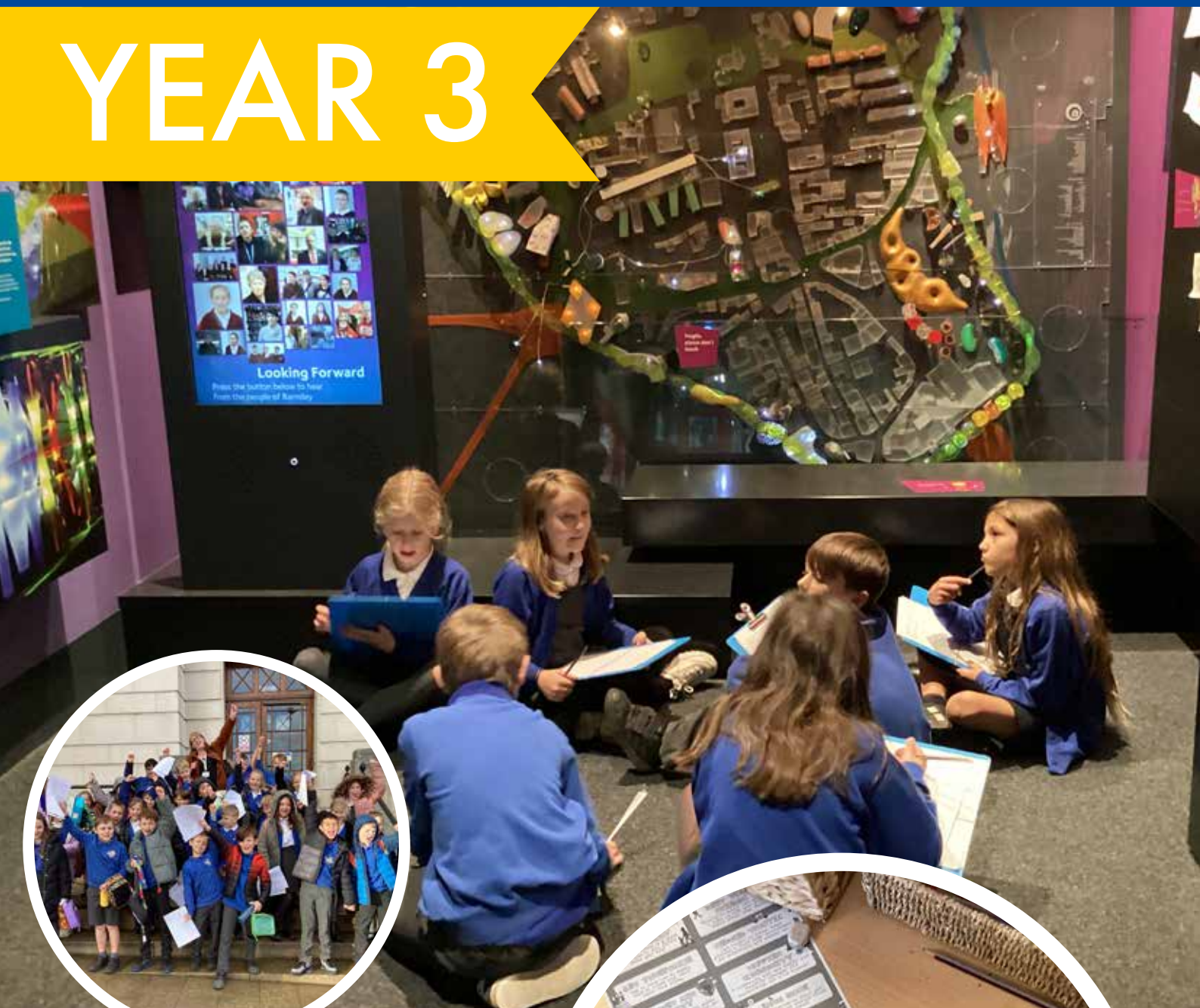
What a fantastic and magical journey Year 3 have been on this year! The year has flown by so quickly but the children have an abundance of achievements to show for it. We have created so many memories as a class but there have been some that are unforgettable.

Our top 5 memories for this year have been:

1. Attending the **Big Sing at Wakefield Cathedral** to perform with a variety of other schools.
2. Creative Arts Week - creating our **self-portraits** and really reflecting on what makes us unique on the outside and inside.
3. **Ukulele concert to parents** - the children loved sharing their hard work and dedication from summer term with parents.

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YEAR 3



4. Theme week - Small Things Make a Big Difference. The children decided on a focus of encouraging others to **walk to school more frequently** to reduce the traffic on Jerry Clay Lane. They promoted this in the form of a song.

5. **Barnsley Museum** - our trip back in Autumn was a firm favourite for Year 3. Exploring Pre-historic Britain artefacts and creating cave paintings.

YEAR 4



YEAR 4 MEMORIES

1. Creative Arts Week – Year 4 loved creative arts week this year as we focused on what is important to us and how important we are to each other. We create **unique self-portraits** which were inspired by different artists which made all the children's individual.

2. Sustainability week- The children thoroughly enjoyed this brilliant week where they were able to focus on helping make small actions to change the world. We wrote letters to Mrs Swinburne to persuade her to let us **plant trees in the school grounds**. We even wrote our own song to stop deforestation and plant more!



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YEAR 4



3. **Going to The National Railway Museum-** The children showed amazing enthusiasm during this trip, we learnt about the amazing trains of the world and even got to go into the Wonderlab and be scientists experimenting with different elements.

4. We loved visiting the **Gurdwara** as part of our Sikhism unit in RE. The children loved exploring the holy place, playing musical instruments and even trying some of their delicious food.

5. We have loved sewing our own cushions in DT inspired by the floral patterns of William Morris. The children worked relentlessly to improve their whip stitch and created beautiful final pieces.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 5



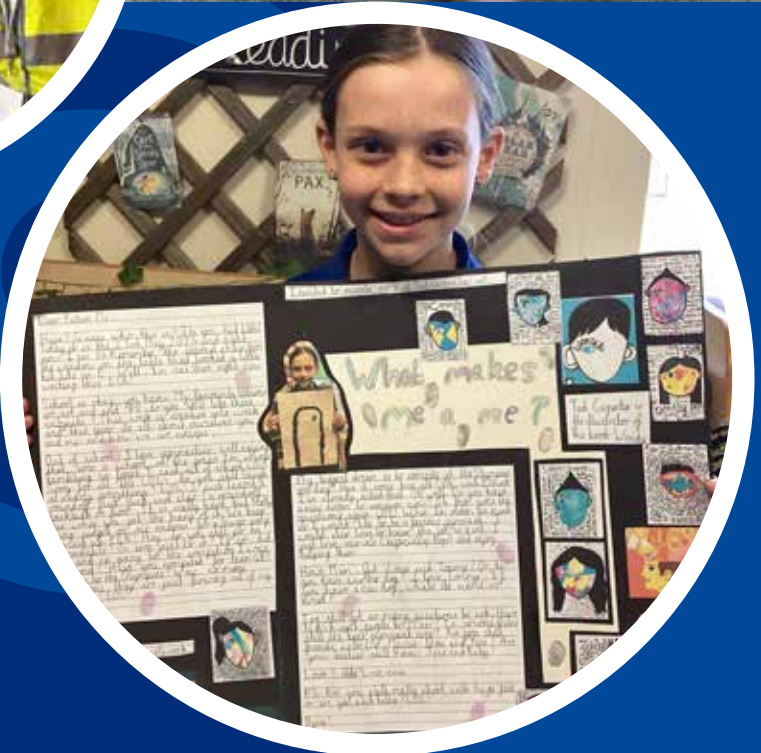
YEAR 5 MEMORIES:

1. Trip to London

Year 5 loved their trip to London and they returned with so many memories! We enjoyed lots of brilliant activities such as, the London Eye, a City Cruise, watching Lion King and a trip to the Tower of London. For some of us, it was the first time staying away from home and they approached this with maturity and confidence.

2. Creative Arts Week

We loved creating ideas which linked to reflecting on ourselves. We were super proud of our final pieces and loved sharing these with all of the parents at Creative Arts Week.



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YEAR 5



3. Eden Camp

In the Autumn term, we went on a trip to Eden Camp to develop our learning of World War 2. Year 5 were very interested in the impact the war had on every aspect of Britain. All of the staff on the trip were blown away at the maturity and inquisitiveness the children demonstrated on their first trip in Year 5.

4. Swimming

What a fantastic experience swimming has been! We hold lots of fond memories of our trips to swimming. We all started at different levels and have progressed on our own journey. Year 5 have particularly enjoyed the water safety weeks and getting in the pool in their clothes.

5. Theme Week – Small things make a big difference

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed theme week. We looked at the impact that plastic waste has on the environment and how to best spread the message to reducing plastic. We decided to create a poem to capture your attention about plastic pollution and global warming. We grew our own vegetable plants in order to reduce plastic packaging.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 6



This year has been an absolute success for everyone in Year 6 because of their determination and striving to be the absolute best that they can be! We have so many amazing memories that we have made this year but our top 5 are:

1. Earlier in the year, we went on a trip to the **Leeds City Museum** to further our learning about Ancient Egypt. We walked to Wakefield Westgate and caught the train into Leeds before looking around the museum and learning about mummification in a workshop. We were so lucky to be able to see Nesyamun and learn about his life.

2. It was excellent to see Year 6's interpretations of themselves and how they wanted to represent themselves during our **'Reflections' Creative Arts Week**. They were able to work collaboratively to explore things most important to themselves and plan out a final piece to showcase this. It was an absolute joy to present their work within the gallery!

3. We are so proud of how every Year 6 pushed themselves to the limit on our **YHA Castleton Residential**. Each of them tried new experiences every day! Year 6 also had a fabulous time each day making memories outdoors, not only in group-led activities but in their breaktimes where they made swings and dens.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 6



4. Over the year, it has been a privilege to see all of Year 6 thriving in their **Junior Leadership Roles** and taking further opportunities to work on their Jerry Clay Learner Traits. We have seen them flourish and this was demonstrated through key proud moments during Parents' Evening where Year 6 were able to confidently present their own achievements and next steps in learning.

5. Year 6 have worked so hard throughout all of this year and throughout their time at Jerry Clay. Whether it was in class, boosters or any extra time, they all showed such a great attitude & accomplished great things - this was reflected in our excellent SATs results this year! The SATs breakfast was enjoyed by everyone each day and was an excellent way to start our day – knowing that we were all going into our SATs to show our absolute brilliance! Getting to celebrate all of our hard work with a bouncy castle and BBQ will be a fantastic memory that we hope you will treasure forever!



Wishing you all the very best of luck year 6. We will miss you all but know that you will go on to achieve so much more. Fly high and keep striving!

Dates for Your Diary 2024-25

INSET DAYS	Monday 2nd September 2024
	Friday 29th November 2024
	Monday 6th January 2025
	Monday 21st July 2025
	Monday 22nd July 2025
Parents Evenings	Wednesday 4th September 2024 – Meet the teacher 3:35 – 3:55 and 4:00 – 4:20
	Monday 2nd December and Wednesday 4th December 2024– Parents’ evenings
	Monday 31st March 2025 and Wednesday 2nd April 2025 – Parents’ evenings
Reports	Friday 28th November – Interim Reports
	Friday 28th March 2025 – Interim Reports
	Friday 11th July 2025 – End of Year Reports
Performances	6/12/24 – Reception Activity Morning
	10/12/24 (9.30am) and 11/12/24 9.30am – Reception nativity
	16/12/24 – Christmas carols around the tree
	17/12/24 (2pm) and 18/12/24 (9.30 am) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
	11/06/25- Art gallery evening
	w/c 14/7/25 – Celebration week
Sports Day	20/6/25 (4/7/25 Reserve Sports Day)

Child Protection & Safeguarding

The designated Child Protection Officers for this academy are:

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