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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

13th June 2025

What a fantastic week we've had celebrating our annual Sports Days! It's been truly inspiring to watch our students showcase their athletic abilities, but even more impressive were the many displays of outstanding sportsmanship. From demonstrating incredible resilience in challenging races to showing empathy for their fellow competitors and exhibiting unwavering determination in every event, our children truly embodied the spirit of sport. Well done to everyone who participated and made this such a memorable week!

In other exciting news, our newest Reception children also had their first taste of school life with their 'Stay and Play' sessions this week. It was wonderful to see them exploring their new environment and making new friends ahead of their official welcome in September!

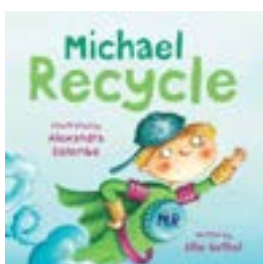
Attendance

Well done to these classes with attendance of 97% and over this week

RR Year 5 Magnolia Class

Curriculum Focus

Reception



This week in reception, the children have continued to learn about how to be sustainable linked to their core text Michael Recycle! They have learnt how to make composters and have used this to write their own instructions! They have learnt what a 'bossy word' is and know they can use it to give a command.





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In maths this week, they have continued to learn about shapes and their properties. They have looked closely at shapes and have been able to identify the 'odd one out' by looking at their shape, size and colour. They have also learnt to decompose shapes and break them apart. For example, they learnt that cutting a rectangle diagonally in half makes 2 new triangles!

In topic this week, the children have been learning about lifecycles. They have looked at the lifecycle of a chick, frog and even butterflies! They have had some new visitors this week and have introduced caterpillars to their classroom! The children are so excited to see them transform into beautiful butterflies.

Year One

Year One have had another busy week! This week they have been completing their phonics check. They have made their teachers so proud trying their best with their phonics screening check.

In writing they have been learning all about non fiction writing. They began the week by looking at different texts and sorting them into fiction and non fiction texts. They learnt that non fiction texts have facts instead of opinions. Then they looked at the features of a non fiction leaflet in preparation to write their own. Finally they ended the week writing their own facts about pollution in their local area.

In the wider curriculum, the children have enjoyed starting their new art unit all about using recycled materials to create sculptures and they are looking forward to creating jelly fish out of recycled materials. In science they are finishing up their learning about the seasons by learning about Summer. This week they have been identifying the weather in Summer and comparing it to Winter. Finally everyone is very excited for their trip to the beach at Littlehampton next week.

Year Two

The children have been working hard this week applying all the learning that they have acquired this year, to complete their final year 2 assessments. They have worked diligently all year and we are extremely proud of them!

In English this week the children have embarked on their final texted based learning journey. This term the children are following the story of Gnomeo and Juliette. The children began by listening to the story told in animation form, then discussed features of a narrative; including opening, build up, climax, resolution





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and ending. The children ended the week by identifying and describing the main characters.

In Maths this week the children have been revising previously taught calculation strategies including the column method to work out addition of two 2 digit numbers and subtraction of a 2 digit number from another 2 digit number, arrays for multiplication and grouping or sharing for division.



As part of their geography learning the children used venn diagrams to compare the physical features of the United Kingdom to Trinidad and Tobago. The children then wrote sentences about the similarities and differences between the two countries. Did you know that both the United

Kingdom and Trinidad and Tobago are made up of two islands?

Finally the year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day at Lanfranc Academy on Wednesday morning. We would like to congratulate all the children for taking part with enthusiasm and team spirit. In addition, we would like to thank all the parents and carers who came to support, cheer and race!

Year Three

This week the children have been very busy putting all of the knowledge they have accumulated into practice during their summer assessments. We are so proud of how resilient they have been and their hard work has paid off!

In English, the children have discussed and evaluated their time in year three, in preparation for their school reports. They enjoyed recapping the amazing learning journey they have had in Year 3. They shared their successes and the things that they found challenging in Year 3.

In maths, the children have continued to develop their knowledge on time. This week they have looked at finding the duration between start and finish times. They were able to identify the duration in both hours and minutes.

Within the wider curriculum, the children undertook an investigation in science looking at whether the length of our bones in our arms and legs affects how far we can throw or jump. The children worked in groups to carry out this investigation. They used their measuring skills from maths to help them answer their investigation questions. In Geography we looked at the physical features located in our local area and discussed the impact these have on our community. The children



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were able to give excellent examples of the benefits places like Beddington Park and Wandle Park provide us with.

Year Four

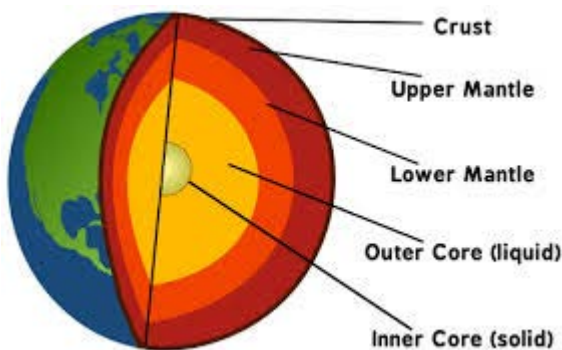
The highlight of Year Four's week has definitely been sports day! We are working very hard on developing sportsmanship, so this was a great chance to cheer for each other and say 'good game' even though we all wanted to win ourselves! Our assessment period is drawing to a close and we know that we've done our best - please congratulate us on our hard work this weekend!

In English, we have gathered different skills over the last week, which will help us brainstorm for our shared writing about how we face and overcome our phobias. We will be writing in the first person using the pronouns 'I', 'me' and 'my'. We have also learnt what complex sentences are and have

practised how to gather ideas and then use the right conjunction to connect the clauses.

In Art, we are exploring the surrealist artist Valentina Brostean. We have found it quite challenging to put together different ideas that don't make sense because usually we are doing the opposite!

In Geography, we have learned about the four different layers of the Earth, and have been very surprised to find out that magma comes from the viscous mantle layer,



and not the core!

Year Five

Year 5 has had a busy week this week! Children have worked hard during their assessments and showed true team spirit and resilience at sports day! It has been lovely to see the progress the children have made throughout the year.

In English, the children have worked hard to plan their dystopian narrative, they have used a wide range of vocabulary to create the mood and describe their narrative. They are using a wide range of vocabulary, and we can't wait to read their final outcomes!





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In maths, the children continue to show determination, in understanding negative numbers. They have been applying their understanding and knowledge into their work.



In Science, we have started learning about the different stages of development. The children have enjoyed this topic, as they can relate to some of the developmental stages!

Year Six

Year 6 has been buzzing with activity and learning across the school!

Our recent Sports Day was a fantastic display of teamwork and enthusiasm. The children participated in a range of team activities, cheering each other on with great spirit. The excitement was palpable during the 100m running races, and the cheers were just as loud for the teachers and parents who joined in the fun!

In History, the children have been transported back to the Golden Age of the Islamic Civilisation. They've been acting as historical detectives, using clues and evidence from various sources to piece together what life was like during this incredible period. It's been fascinating to see them uncover advancements in medicine, science, technology, and literature using images and written reports from those who lived during the time.

Writing lessons have been a real highlight, with the children thoroughly enjoying their work based on the short animation "El Caminante," about a famous tightrope walker. They have unleashed their creativity by inventing their own characters and showcasing all the fantastic writing skills they've honed throughout Key Stage 2.

Maths has also seen some exciting projects. From designing and budgeting for their very own zoos to calculating wages, salaries, and taxes, the children have been applying their knowledge of percentages, decimals and the four operations in practical and engaging ways.

Finally, a huge round of applause to Year 6 on both sites! They have been working incredibly hard, practising for their end-of-year performances, and we can't wait to share their talents with you all soon.



Phrases of the Week



¿Cómo estás? - How are you?

Estoy muy bien, gracias. - I'm very well, thank you.

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Whole Class	Yuvaan	Aniyah	Malik	
	Tyrone	Benjamin	Emmanuel	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Elektra	Fir Class	Ayda	Elikem	
Ahana		Harry	Sophie	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Whole class	Whole class	Scarlett	Whole	
		Seth	class	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Whole class	Kavinu	Afrah	Whole class	Wali
	Romero	Rachel		Akousa
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Whole class	Whole class	Whole class	Micah	Nevaeh
			Aras	Thizon
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Whole Class	Fiza	Alex.S	Nistha	Melat



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	Apsaran	Ziana	Zaina	Charlie
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Etana	Saran	Amelia	Ammar	Paisley
Anika	Aseye	Sumaya	Samra	Bilal
Spanish				
Years 4,5&6 RR				

Community

Save the date!

West Thornton Summer Fair

Date: Thursday 26th June 2025

Venue: Rosecourt Road Site



We have two meetings planned next week to help us to prepare for the summer fair - **Wednesday 18th June at Rosecourt Road and Friday 20th June at Canterbury Road**. You are welcome to attend either site. If you have ideas to share or would like to join our growing PTA community then do come along.

We have a cake sale after school on **Tuesday 17th June** at **both sites** after school to raise money for our upcoming fair. Do come along!



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