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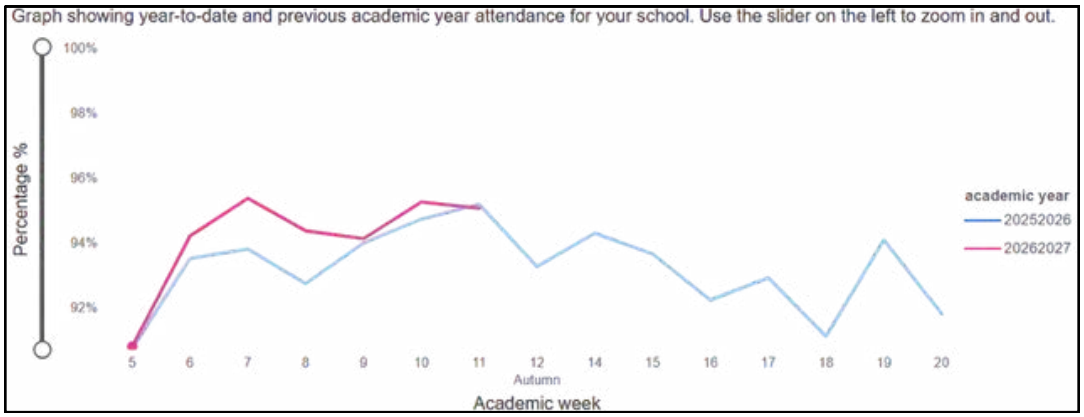
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23/10/2026

Hello everyone

We are really **scooper-proud of this term's attendance** so we celebrated in style with a treat for everyone from the ice cream van! We are trying really hard to reach our whole school attendance target of **96% attendance**. So far this year, our attendance has been better than last year: the **pink line on this graph shows our attendance is higher** than the same time last year. With your help, we can make sure we keep improving our attendance - let's go for everyone in school, every day!





School and Eco Councillors were awarded their badges this week and have already started working hard! **School Councillors** are collecting nominations for **environment charities** that we are going to fundraise for this year, and **Eco Councillors** have been taking part in a climate workshop and running a '**switch off, save energy**' competition. Winning entries will be shared after the holidays...

Year 6 delivered an energetic and creative Harvest Assembly this week with some excellent performances! Well done to all the children and staff involved, all your hard work really was appreciated.



Year 6, we are very proud of you, and we are also **very grateful to VJ** for sharing his outstanding drumming skills with us again!

Wishing everyone a great half term holiday and see you back in school after one week on **Monday 2nd November from 8.30am** and by 8.45am at the latest!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

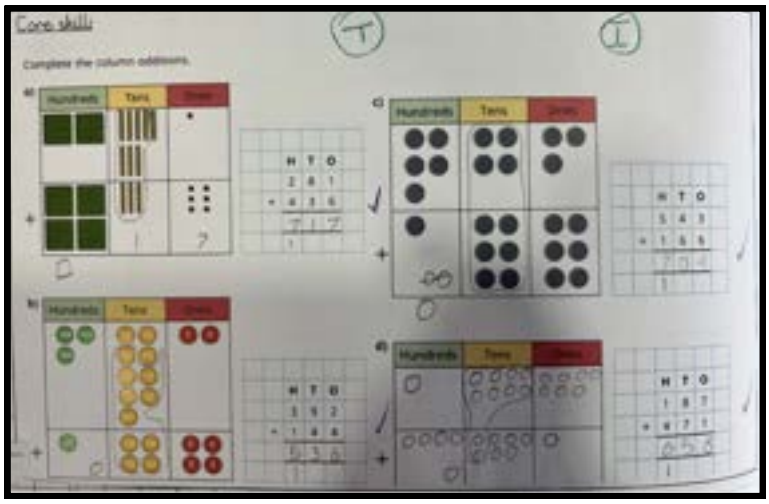


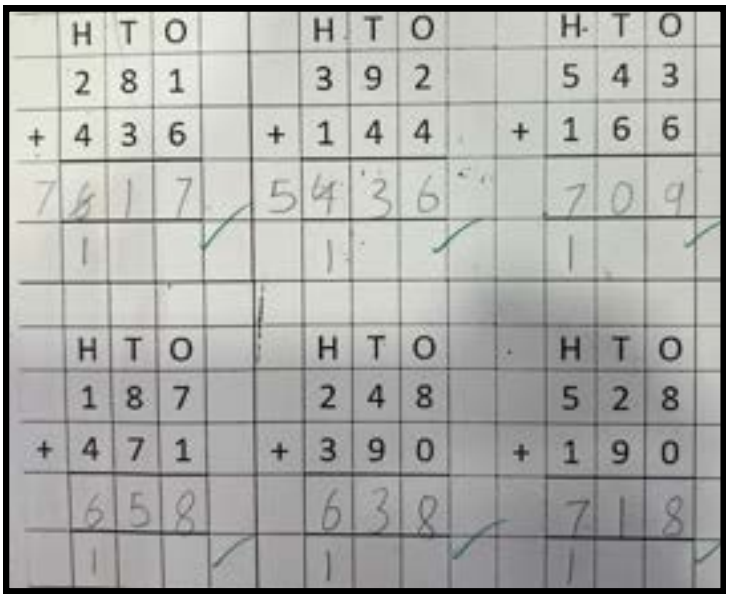
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Year 3

In Maths, Year 3 have been learning about **addition and subtraction**. Our pupils began by using counters and place value charts to develop their understanding before progressing to the formal column method. They have been busy practising exchanging, as well as remembering to align numbers correctly when using the column method. Children have been working hard to apply these skills to solve addition and subtraction calculations with increasing confidence and greater accuracy.





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+	4	3	6
	7	1	7
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	3	9	2
+	1	4	4
	5	4	3	6
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	H	T	O
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Year 4

This week in year 4 Mr Ryall stood in the assembly hall and captured everyone's attention! Imagine you were a Roman soldier marching into Britain nearly 2,000 years ago! This was his hook to start the **Romans** topic. He told us that the Romans invaded Britain in AD 43 and built straight roads, strong bridges and forts to control the land. We learned that Roman soldiers lived in forts and wore armour, and that they brought things like baths, new foods and towns to Britain. Mr Ryall's exciting hook made everyone want to find out more about how the Romans changed Britain. Now we are looking forward to starting our new topic and we have some great facts to start with!



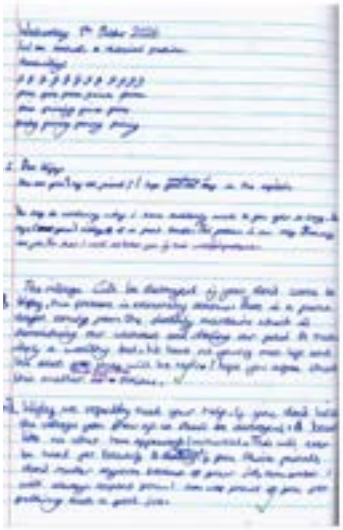


Year 5

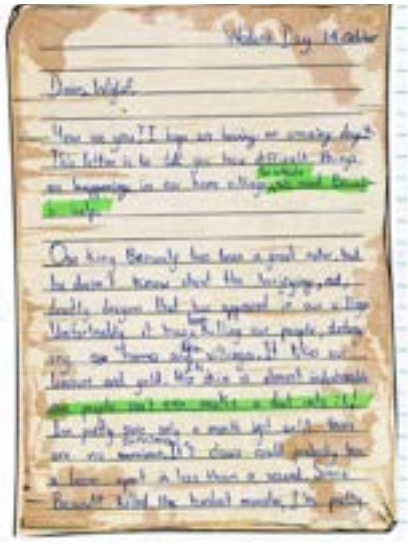
Year 5 marked the end of their **Anglo Saxons** topic by imagining they were living in Geatland with Beowulf as their king.

They wrote an informal yet persuasive letter to request help for their village as it was under attack from a greedy, fire-breathing dragon!

The two examples show the children's writing process, from their initial letter drafts to their edited versions.









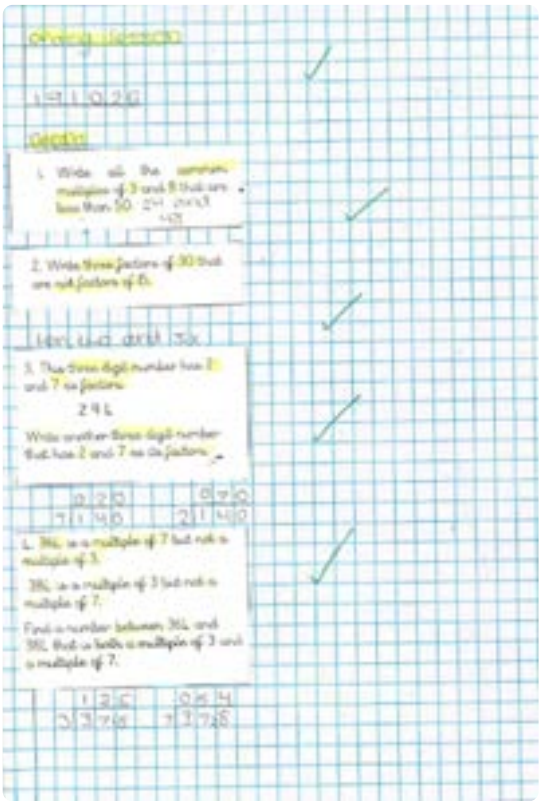
Year 6

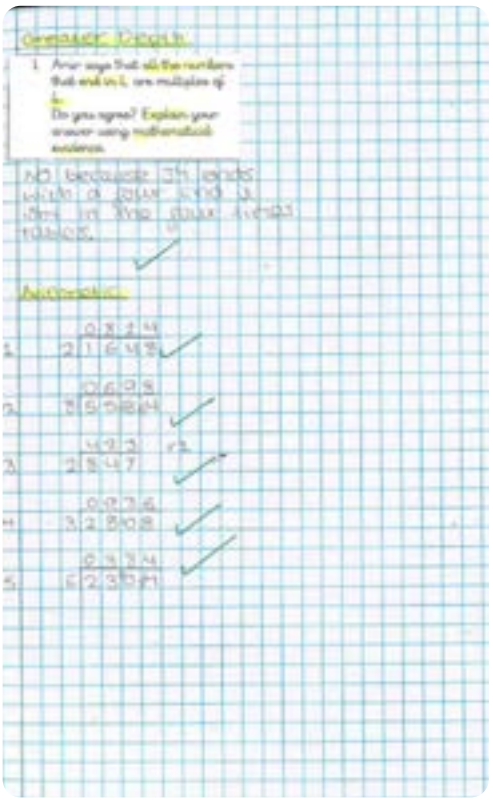
In Year 6 this week, children have been learning about **multiples and factors** in Maths.

The children learnt that a multiple is the answer given when you multiply any whole number by another number.

A factor is any number that you can divide by another number without a remainder being present in the answer.

Have a look at an example of a child's work linked to multiples and factors





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- 2-hour session each week
- **4pm–6pm**
- Small groups of 8–10
- £20 per 2-hour session
- £120 for the full 6 weeks
- **Proposed start:** After October half-term

Day to be confirmed

Well Done to **3ST, 4TW, 5BA, 5ST, 5TR, 6NI and 6ZB** for achieving our school attendance target of **96%** and above for last week!

Our school attendance last week was 95.1%

Every day COUNTS!

Golden Ticket Initiative

How does the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work? Everyone has an opportunity to win a Golden Ticket each term and get a fun attendance treat!
Autumn Term Bronze Award – Pupils need to achieve 96% above to qualify. Mr Mason will be announcing exciting details of the reward later on this term…

The children are much happier and settled if they attend school **every day** consistently without taking any days off. Good attendance will ensure that your child can reach their full potential. Absence disrupts the education of not only your child but the whole class. Good punctuality will ensure that your child can reach their full potential. Children who arrive on time to school regularly on time achieve well in exams and find it easier to maintain friendships.Thank you in advance for working in partnership with us to make every day count in your child's education

The table below shows just how much a child with low punctuality may miss:

If you are….	You have been absent for an equivalent of ….
5 minutes late each day	**3 days lost**
10 minutes late each day	**6 ½ days lost**
15 minutes late each day	**10 days lost**
20 minutes late each day	**13 days lost**
30 minutes late each day	**19 days lost**

Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer 2026

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2026 are now live on the following website: **https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school admissions** The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. MUST BE COMPLETED by **Saturday 31 October 2026 by 11:59pm.**



Monday 2nd November
Year 4

Tuesday 3rd November
Swimming for 4TW and 4GJ

Wednesday 4th November
Year 6

Thursday 5th November
Year 5

Friday 6th November
Year 3

Royal British Legion
Poppies on sale

This year's Poppy appeal Items will continue be on sale to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. Please send your child in with no more than £2.00 in small change to donate to the charity.

Bonfire Night Feast Day

If your child normally has a packed lunch but you would like to book them the 'Bonfire Night Feast' Please contact the school office (0121 327 0824) and pay online via your ParentPay account, the cost of this meal is £2.80

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