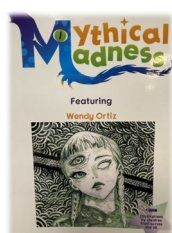


Hello everyone


What a super busy and hot week we have had this week! The children have excelled! We started the week with **Y3 sports day**, held the **Y6 graduation ceremonies** on Tuesday, celebrated **3SQ and 4AA's guitar performance** on Wednesday, and **3MJ's guitar performance** on Thursday, and ended the week with the **Y6 prom** planned for this evening...



Congratulations to all the children who entered the Mythical Madness art competition to draw, paint or colour a mythical creature. There were 58 entries published in the Mythical Madness book, together with winning entries from other primary schools. **An extra special congratulations to Haadya in Y6** for creating the artwork that was selected to appear on the front cover of the book!



We are blown away by our **Year 6 children's truly awesome SATs test results** this year—a massive congratulations to our talented children who have shown fantastic determination and resilience to be the very best version of themselves they can be, and to the family and staff who have supported them on their incredible journey!

	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar		Reading		Maths	
	Expected Standard +	Greater Depth Standard	Expected Standard +	Greater Depth Standard	Expected Standard +	Greater Depth Standard
Thornton 2025	79%	50%	76%	45%	82%	35%
National 2025	72%	32%	74%	29%	73%	24%

And finally, here are a few reminders for our last week of term:

Monday 14th July — French day (wear something red, white and blue, £1 donation to cover special activity costs)

Tuesday 15th July — rearranged Year 5 Sports Day (morning)

Friday 18th July — Non uniform day (Y6 can wear their school shirts so they can be signed by their friends!) **and the last day before we break up for the summer holidays!**

Tuesday 2nd September 8.30am — ALL children return to school for the start of the new academic year.

Please note: **From September, dinner money will be increasing by 10p per day.** This will make the cost of a school meal **£2.70 per day, £13.50 per week.** For the past 2 years we have been able to keep the cost of meals at the same price, but we now have to slightly increase the charge as food and labour prices have increased.

Have a great weekend everyone, and stay cool!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace
Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason
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Year 3

In PSHE this week, the children explored how **stereotypes can negatively affect people's behaviour and attitudes towards others**.

They began by learning the definition of a stereotype, then examined a variety of common stereotypes and discussed ways we can challenge and break them.

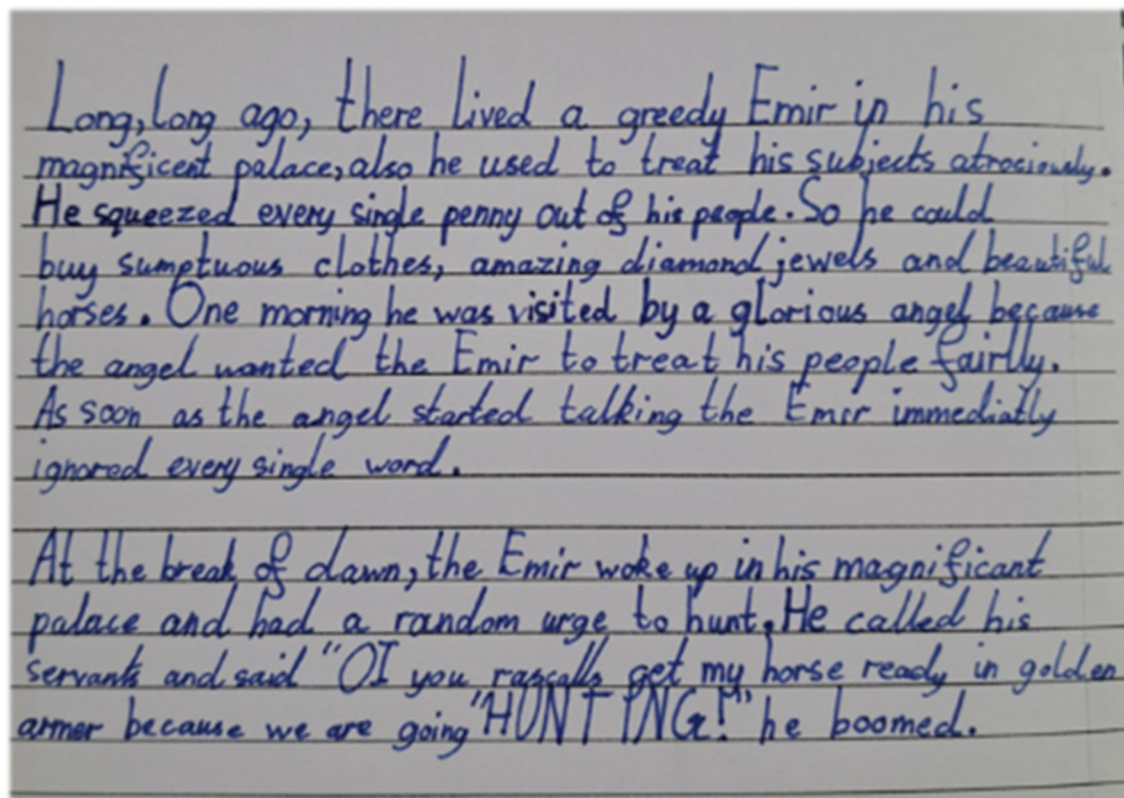
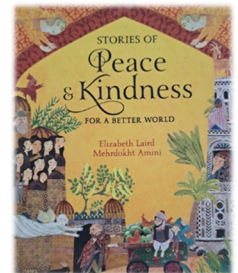
As part of their activity, the children each identified a stereotype that might be associated with them and that they would like to challenge.



They then created a drawing to visually represent their response, encouraging self-expression and promoting positive identity.

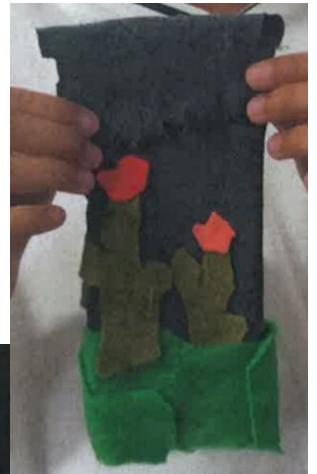
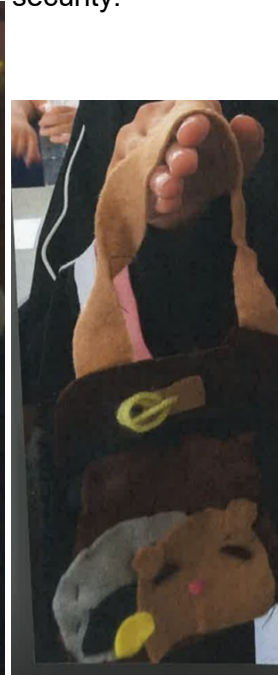
Year 4

This week, the children in Year 4 have been publishing their **traditional folktales**. They have used many skills to publish their final narrative, such as planning, drafting paragraphs and proofreading for spelling and punctuation errors. Have a read of the work from **Imaan and Hareem in 4SH**.



Year 5

In Year 5 Technology, we have **designed, made and sewn phone bags**. We have designed and sewn them to look cool and protect an expensive piece of kit! Some of us chose to glue on decorations and others chose to sew them on. Some useful features that we also incorporated include handles and buttons for security.



Year 6

Visit the Mediterranean

As part of our topic, **The Mediterranean**, Year 6 pupils completed research on the region and created a holiday brochure insert on a chosen Mediterranean country.

Pupils gathered information about their chosen country which included the following key facts:

- Size (population/amount of land)
- Currency
- Capital city
- Flag
- Economy
- People (languages/religions/culture)
- Climate
- Environment

Pupils created some wonderful brochure inserts which we are very proud of — well done, Year 6!

Monday 7th July 2015

Italy

Italy is one seriously interesting country, from the Ancient Romans, their awesome food, their speedy cars and an entirely independent state that sits within Italy itself. Read on to find out more about Italy!

Climate

Italy generally experience a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters, but regional variations exist. Northern Italy tends to have more continental climate with colder winters and hotter, often humid, summers.

Mount Etna, Italy



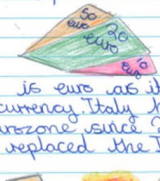
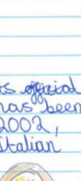
Mount Etna in Sicily, almost 11,000ft high and 15 miles wide, is not only an enormous volcano but it is one of the world's most active, with regular lava flows and spits of hot rock. You can travel almost to the top of this mighty mountain via road, cable car and special 4x4.

Currency

Italy's currency is euro as its official. Their official currency Italy has been part of the Eurozone since 2002, when the euro replaced the Italian Lira.

Famous Dishes

Italy is renowned for its diverse and delicious cuisine. Some of the famous dish include pizza, pasta in various forms with diverse sauces like Bolognese or pesto, risotto and regional specialties like arancini and bistecca alla Fiorentina. Other popular dishes include gnocchi, focaccia and desserts like tiramisu and gelato.


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Join us to explore the park environment, understand climate-change, and create beautiful, nature-inspired art.

Every MONDAY and THURSDAY

// From 21st JULY to 21st AUGUST 2025

- ① 10:30am to 12:30pm next to the graffiti bridge in Ward End Park.
- ② 1:30pm to 3:30pm outside our LAKESIDE Cafe by the Dolphin Women's Centre, Ward End Park.

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST COME ALONG!

We always meet in a safe, caring, friendly and guided environment.

School Attendance

Class Attendance

Well Done to **4NG**, **5BA** and **5ST** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!

Our school attendance last week was **93.6%**.

Dinner Money Price Increase

Dinner money for school meals will increase to **£13.50** per week from 1st September 2025.

1 day - £2.70

2 days - £5.40

3 days - £8.10

4 days - £10.80

5 days - £13.50



Join us for a 'French Food Feast'
On Monday 14th July.....
On the day we will be serving.....

Main Course
Chicken Chasseur
(French style chicken)
Or
Quiche
(Cheese flan)
Gratin Potatoes
(Sliced potatoes, with cream & cheese)

Dessert
Crepes
Pancakes with chocolate & raspberry sauce

If you normally have a packed lunch, don't miss out....book a meal for Bastille Day in Reception £2.60

Bastille Day
14TH JULY

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 14th July

French Day Pupils to wear Red, White, Blue.

(If you haven't done so already,

Tuesday 15th July

Swimming for 4SH & 4TW- 4SH MUST be in school for 8.25am

Wednesday 16th July

Year 3

Thursday 17th July

Year 5

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Article 42 of the UN Convention on the rights of the child (UNCRC) states that governments should actively work to make sure that children and adults know about the Convention and its principles. This means actively distributing information about the UNCRC to both children and adults through appropriate and active means.



Article 42



When we are treated fairly and we are respectful

When adults listen to us and take our opinions seriously

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