

Hello everyone

What a busy week we have had! It was lovely to see so many parents/carers from Year 4 and Year 6 in school for the year group parent welcome meetings. We look forward to welcoming our Year 3 and Year 5 parents/carers this week too!

Today you should also have received a letter telling you how to book parents' evening for the start of next month. Please check your child's school bag incase they haven't handed it to you yet! We can't wait to talk to you about how your child has settled in to school!

Monday 15th September—School photographer taking individual pupil photographs

Wednesday 17th September 9-9.45am — Year 3 Parent Welcome Meeting

Thursday 18th September 9-9.45am — Year 5 Parent Welcome Meeting

Monday 22nd September 9-10am—COMPASS introduction coffee morning for all parents

Thursday 25th September—Special School Dinner Day (see the back page for more information and please contact the reception to book your child a meal for this day if they usually being a packed lunch!)

Monday 29th September — 5BA & 5ST National Space Centre Leicester trip

Wednesday 1st October 3.45-6.15pm — Parents' Evening for all but NOT 6MF (letter to follow with more details)

Thursday 2nd October 3.45-6.15pm—Parents' Evening for ONLY 6MF

Friday 3rd October — 5TR & 5GJ National Space Centre Leicester trip

Wednesday 8th October 3.45-6.15pm — Parents' Evening for all (letter to follow with more details)

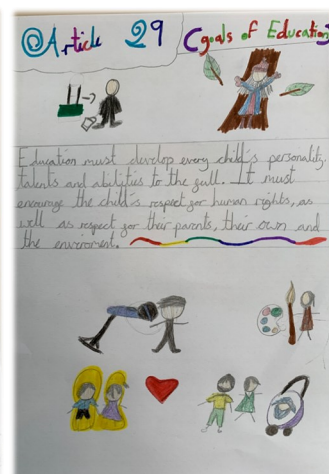
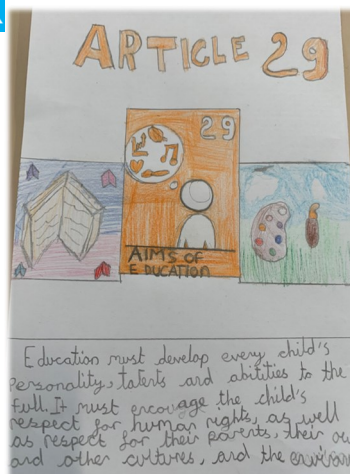
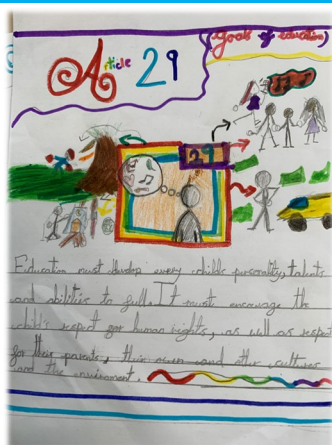
Friday 17th October — Year 6 Black Country Museum trip

Please make sure to take a note of all the parent/carer workshops we are running this year with **COMPASS Mental Health Support Team**—they are all listed further on in our newsletter. Thank you.
Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

In Year 5 we have been looking at Article 29 this week. This article tells us the importance of education in developing a child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. The article encourages children the respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.



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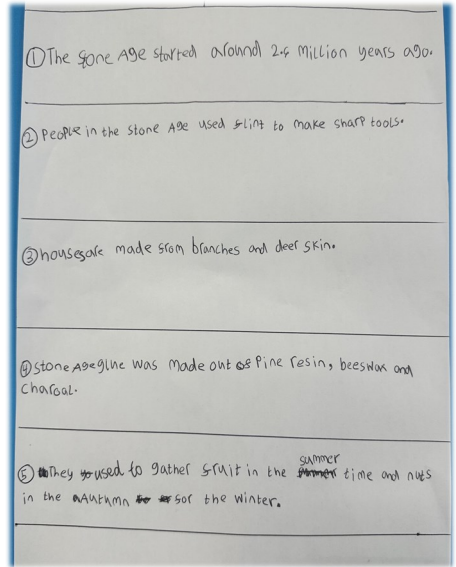
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Year 3



This half term, Year 3 have been exploring the **Stone Age** as part of their History topic. The children have produced some excellent homework to showcase their learning. Many demonstrated their creativity by creating Stone Age tools and houses, while others carried out research to discover fascinating facts about the Stone Age.

The Year 3 team have been particularly impressed with the effort and imagination shown in the creative homework tasks – well done to everyone who took part



Year 4

This week, Year 4 have started their new Geography topic **Rivers**. In class, they were set a challenge to create a flowing river using the resource provided. The children had to work together to carefully place the resources provided so their river flowed.



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pebbles



bottle



water



Scan the QR code to watch a video to make your own flowing river using natural resources.



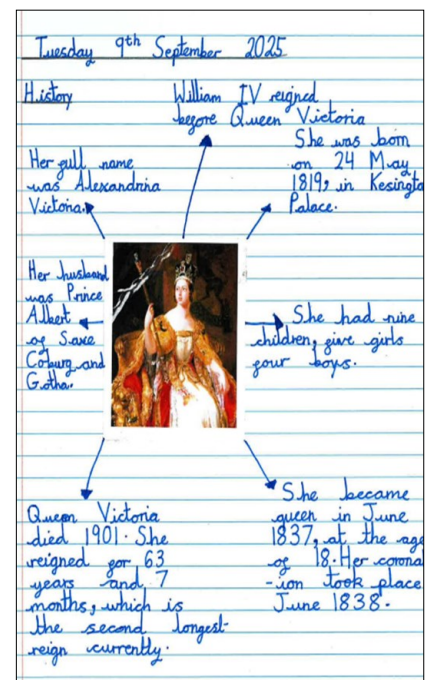
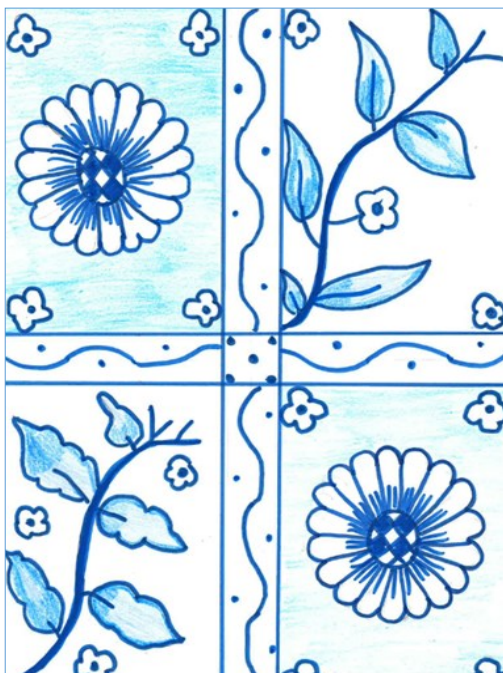
Year 5

This week, Mrs Ahmed organised for a **Saxon farmer-warrior** to speak with our year group! He came equipped with weaponry and clothing from that period in time. We talked about when the **Anglo-Saxons** came to Britain, the processes the items went through to be made, proper fighting technique and how tribes may organise themselves and their settlement. This experience will help us in our learning about Saxon life and history as well as our information texts we will be writing over the next fortnight.



Year 6

To kick start this term's topic of local history, **Victorian Birmingham**, Year 6 pupils completed some wonderful creative homework. Pupils also had the opportunity to research Queen Victoria during our first topic lesson.



We are really pleased to be working closely with **COMPASS** again this year so we can make sure our children get all the support they need in school.

We have invited **COMPASS** to run some special **parent/carer workshops**, as well as workshops for our children. Please take a moment to see what is on offer and which of the parent/carer workshops you would like to attend across the year (you are very welcome to attend them all!):




Date	Parent/carer workshop	Pupil only workshop
Monday 22nd September 9-10am Friday 10th October	Introduction to COMPASS— coffee morning	Monday 15th September—Y3 new transitions pupil workshops World Mental Health Day Assemblies for all pupils
Wednesday 12th November 8.45-9.30am	Bullying	Y5 Anti-bullying pupil workshops
Monday 8th December 8.45-9.30am	Healthy Sleep	Y4 Resilience pupil workshops
Monday 19th January 8.45-9.30	Connecting with your child	Y5 self-esteem pupil workshops
Friday 13th February 8.45-9.30am	Online Safety	Online safety day workshops and assemblies for all pupils
Tuesday 17th March		Y3 Behaviours workshops for all pupils
Friday 17th April 8.45-9.30am	Y6 SATs Anxiety	Y6 SATs anxiety pupil workshops
Monday 18th May 8.45-9.30am	Building Self-esteem	Y4 Building self-esteem pupil workshops
Friday 12th June		Y6 Transition pupil workshops
Monday 22nd June 8.45-9.30am	Supporting your child with worries	Y5 Worries pupil workshops



Get ready for Photography Day on

Monday 15/09/2025
at Thornton Primary School

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coming home with your child



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PE TIMETABLE	
Monday 15th September Year 4	
Tuesday 16th September Swimming for 4TW and 4AA.	
Wednesday 17th September Year 3	
Thursday 18th September Year 5	
Friday 19th September Year 6	

School Attendance

Class Attendance

Well done to class **4SH** who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!

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 97% above to get a golden ticket and a treat - Mrs Grace will be announcing exciting details of the reward later this term...

Tips from school on how you we can work in partnership to help your child achieve this award:

1. **Avoid booking appointments** during the school day whenever possible and always bring your child to school before/after appointments.
2. Arrive to school early – **from 8.30am**
3. Make sure your child **gets to bed on time** and set your alarm 10 minutes earlier.



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. Thank you in advance for working in partnership with us to make every day count in your child's education.

This table shows just how much learning time a child with low attendance may miss:

Attendance for academic year	Number of days absent	Approximate number of weeks absent	Number of lessons missed
90%	19 days	3.8 weeks	95 lessons
80%	38 days	7.6 weeks	190 lessons
70%	57 days	11.4 weeks	285 lessons

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