

Newsletter - Friday 9th January 2026

Next week's menu is Week 2



Celebrations!



All Stars

Very well done to the following children who received an Allstar nomination this week:

Be proud – Salma, Stanley, Dylan

Be Determined – Harrison

Reach high – Zara

Monster Points

A huge Well Done to the following children:



50 Monster Points: Avi, Reverie, Thanuli, Thea, Chiziterem, Sophia, Stanley

75 Monster Points: Emily

Rainbow Reading Awards



Well done to the following children for all the reading at home



Red: Hunter, William, Eva, Avi, Marcelina, Freya, Elizabeth



Attendance

Congratulations to Badger Class for 97% attendance last week!

Year 2 Next School Place:

The **deadline** for applying for a Junior School place is **15th January 2026**

Please remember to apply via the Parent Portal

at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions

Your child **will not automatically transfer** to a Junior School - it is really important you go on to choose the school you want for your child!

Year 2 School Trip:

Please remember to give consent and contribute on parentpay for the Year 2 school trip to Bosworth Battlefield.

Number Day:

On Friday February 6th we will be supporting Number Day by completing some fun and exciting Maths activities in school. The children can come to school dressed in clothes that have numbers on.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 13th January – EYFS Dental Survey

Thursday 15th January – School Census Day

Friday 6th February – Number Day

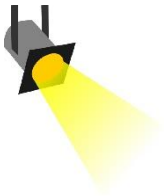
Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February – Height and Weights – EYFS

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

- **HALF TERM**

Monday 23rd February - INSET Day (**School Closed to Pupils**)



Spotlight on Learning

Year R

Literacy - The children have loved learning about space! They have learnt names of the planets, including Earth, and have thought about their distinguishing features. They have been writing about the things they would pack in their bag to take to space using the sounds they know.



Maths - They have been exploring mass and capacity. The children have used cubes and a set of balance scales to work out how heavy an object is.

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have started learning the story of *Lost and Found* by Olivier Jeffers. We are using this fantastic book as a starter for our topic this half term. Our topic is all about the Antarctic and what it is like there.

In Geography we have been looking at the landscape of the Antarctic and what the weather is like. We found out that it is the coldest continent and driest! It doesn't rain much!



In Maths we are continuing to learn all about teens numbers and how they are made up of tens and ones.

In D.T we have started to plan our puppets which we will be starting to make next week. We will be learning to sew using needles and thread. We are already very excited to bring them home to show everyone!

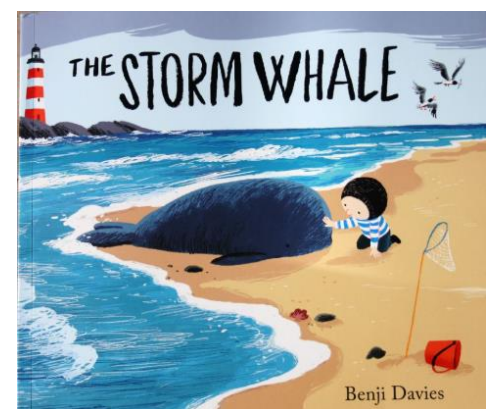
This weekend you could take a trip to the library in town to see if you can find any other books by Oliver Jeffers! (pictured right).



Year 2

This week Year 2 have begun learning about money in Maths. They have learnt how much each coin or note is worth and have added amounts of pence and pounds. Please continue to practise this at home if you can.

In English, they have begun learning the story *The Storm Whale* using Talk for Writing actions. They made large 3D story maps in groups. They have written sentences about the main character, Noi, and have written about how the characters felt during different parts of the story.



In Science, they have learnt about life processes which shows whether something is living, dead or never alive. They learnt to use the acronym MRS GREN (see attached image) to help remember the 7 processes that tell us if something is living and then decided which category things fit in to.

In Geography, they have learnt about our location the world. We explored Google Earth (Something you can do at home!) and found their location in Thorpe Acre then thought about their wider location of Loughborough, Leicestershire, England, UK, Europe. They compared that with the place we will be learning about Kampong Ayer, a water village in Brunei, Asia.

