



The Nethersole CofE Academy Friday  
21st March 2025

## *Headteacher Welcome*



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a fantastic day raising money for Comic Relief; we embraced the 1980's, showcasing some colourful costumes and 'big' hair styles. The Comic Relief Bake Off was a huge success and proved very challenging to judge; the cakes were all brilliant.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you for all your support towards our Comic Relief fundraising. The children looked amazing in their 80s costumes! The Comic Relief bake Off was a great success with 26 entries. We were so impressed with the designs! Congratulations to all of you!

### **Here are our winners:**

Nursery 1st place- Darcey

Reception 1st place-Charlie-Jack

Year 1/2 1st place - Ruby-Ann and 2nd place - Grace and Sophia

Year 3/4 1st place - Jessica and 2nd place - Owen

Year 5/6 1st place - Jacob and 2nd place - Sophie.

Thank you for all of the cake donations and to all of you who visited our very busy cake sale after school!

A huge thank you to NASA who donated the wonderful prizes for our bakers.

We will let you know the total raised next week.











## NASA



The Nethersole Academy Supporters Association (NASA) do an amazing job fundraising for our children and our school.

**They would really appreciate some additional support in preparation for the school events that they have planned.**

If you would be interested in joining them or finding out more about the work that they do, please contact them via -

Text - 07716974877

Email - [nethersolenasa@gmail.com](mailto:nethersolenasa@gmail.com)

Facebook - Nethersole Academy Supporters Association - search @nethersolepta

Thank you in advance of your support.

## Early Adopter Free Breakfast Club

We are delighted to announce that following a successful application process, we have been asked by the DFE to be part of the Early Adopter Free Breakfast Pilot Project running throughout the Summer Term.

What this means -

1. Free breakfast for all children if families want to access it.
2. 30 minutes of free childcare for all children if families want to access it.
3. Club starts at 8.15am and runs until 8.45am Monday to Friday.
4. Booking sessions in advance so that we know how many children to expect.

Our current Wraparound provision will still be available from 7.45am Monday to Friday, but families accessing this will only be charged for 30 minutes; the second 30 minutes will be free!

### **We Need Your Help -**

In order for this to be successful we need parents / carers to volunteer to help us each morning. If you can spare 30 minutes per week (one morning per week) to give out bagels and juice to the children and supervise them in the school hall, we would really like to hear from you. If you would like to help please come in to school and let Mrs Carter and Mrs Williams know.

### **Central News -**

Look out for ITV Central News on Tuesday 22nd April between 6.00pm and 6.30pm - there is a piece on the governments Free Breakfast Offer. Central News came into Breakfast Club on Monday 24th March; they asked Mrs Goode some questions and filmed the children eating their breakfast!

This is a fantastic opportunity for our school and the community; we know it will just enhance the Wraparound Provision we already offer.





### *Class Updates - Carle and Donaldson*



#### **Carle**

Last week, the children in Carle continued with their learning based around the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. They enjoyed tasting a range of different foods featured in the story such as watermelon, strawberries and salami! The children then decided which foods they liked and which they disliked. This week, we have been learning about Spring. The children



have explored the outdoor environment, looking for signs of the new season. They have also explored a planting tuff tray filled with compost and have started to learn about how seeds grow. In our outdoor area, the children have enjoyed creating their own potions using natural resources!

### **Donaldson**

The children in Donaldson have continued to learn about farms and farm animals over the last two weeks. This week, they have read the book 'Farmyard Hullabaloo' by Giles Andreae. Each day, they have learnt about a different animal that lives on a farm. The children have also been busy learning about Spring. They enjoyed mixing colours to create beautiful paintings of flowers. In RE, we have been learning about Easter and learning to recognise some of the symbols associated with this special time of year for Christians. In PSHE, we have been learning about healthy eating. The children enjoyed creating their own healthy lunchboxes.

Finally, the children in nursery have really enjoyed looking at photographs of themselves when they were younger. The photographs have been used as a stimulus for the children to describe how they have changed since they were babies. Thank you so much for sending the photos into nursery.

















## Class Updates - Jeffers

The children have been continuing their learning about Jack and the Beanstalk. We have planted our own magic beans that we have been looking after with water and sunlight. The children have been fascinated with seeing how they have been changing as they grow. As the beans were a present from Jack the children wanted to write a thank you letter to him and post it, so last week we took a walk to our local post box to send our letter. We have been learning about the season of spring and went on a Spring Saunter around school looking for signs of spring. We found lots of buds starting to grow on the trees and some beautiful daffodils growing in our school garden. We have also been looking how we have changed and grown over time, the children had so much fun looking at their baby photos and talking about the changes they can see. We even played a game of guess who with School Staff baby photos. In Maths the children have been learning about more and fewer as well as developing their understanding of number, particularly what numbers we can see in 6. In Design Technology the children are going to be making their own soup, so we have been tasting different kinds of fruits and vegetables and discussing their texture and taste.









## *Class Updates - Bond*

Bond class have been very busy over the last two weeks. In English, we have continued to enjoy our class text, 'The Day the Crayons Quit.' We have talked about our favourite crayons, completed hot seating activities and have started to write a letter back to the crayons.

In Maths, we have been dividing by 2, 5 and 10. We have also been creating and interpreting tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams.



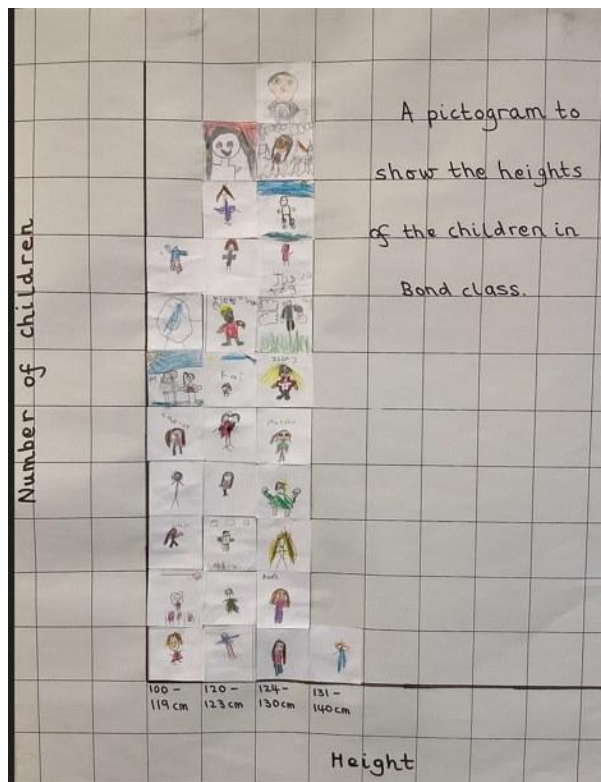
In Science we have been naming and ordering the planets in the Solar System.

In DT we have been practising our food preparation skills, we have been cutting and juicing fruits and talking about the different food combinations. Next week we will be designing and making our own smoothies.

Well done Bond Class, keep up the hard work!

Mrs Tweed and Mrs Wallace





## Class Updates - Milne

We have been so busy over the last couple of weeks! We all really enjoyed our Science week, where we took part in lots of different activities based around STEM (Science,

Technology, Engineering and Maths). It was lots of fun creating our own new animals adapted to live in different environments and collecting data to draw pictograms of our class heights! We have continued to learn all about pictograms and tally charts in Maths and have been continuing to enjoy our English lessons based on 'The Day the Crayons Quit'! We have been writing letters to all of the crayons asking them to come back and will be working on another type of persuasive letter soon! In Science, we have continued to learn about space - how the Earth travels around the sun and the order of the planets in our solar system - did you know that Earth is also known as the 'Goldilocks planet' or that the biggest volcano in our solar system is on Mars?! In DT, we have been practising our cutting techniques by chopping fruit. We also practised using juicers and even had a little try - mixed responses to that one! We will be planning what we want to put into our smoothies next week! Well done for all of your hard work Milne class! Keep it up!

Mrs Johnson and Ms Norris









### *Class Updates - Morpurgo*

This week in Morpurgo, we have been working hard in our English to prepare for our speech writing. We have looked at the use of formal and informal language as well as really focused on the purpose of our writing and how we can make it as persuasive and powerful as possible.

In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions and have begun to look at how we can calculate fractions of amounts. To support with this, the children have continued to draw out representations of the fractions that they are looking at to help them to see the equal parts needed when working with fractions.

The children have all been particularly enjoying our History topic all about the Kings and Queens of England and so far we have looked at William the Conqueror, King Henry VIII, Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. The children have been really inquisitive during this topic and have loved coming to me with their own fun facts about the monarch's that we have been looking at.

For Comic Relief, the children all looked amazing dressed up in their 80s outfits and non-uniform clothes. The children were all really curious about what 'Red Nose Day' is for and why we celebrate it.

Miss Mytton and Mrs Yilmaz.



## Wilson

Last week, we had assessment week in school. Wilson class have done a fabulous job at showing their resilience, knowledge and new skills learnt so far this year. It has been lovely to see the amount of progress every child has made already and I'm confident that this will continue. Well done Wilson, I'm super impressed!

In Maths, we have been continuing our work on fractions. We have been finding equivalent fractions using Numicon and comparing and ordering fractions using bar models. In English, the children have been exploring our book 'The Iron Man.' We are working towards a piece of persuasive speech, where the children will take over the character of the Mayor to persuade their residents of the village that the Iron Man is a monster! The children have had an opportunity to use a thesaurus to find formal and ambitious adjectives to support them with this.

In DT, the children have enjoyed practicing their chopping and peeling skills in preparation to make their own seasonal tarts. They followed safety steps well and did a fabulous job at preparing (and eating) lots of different vegetables. In science, we have been exploring how we can change water into different states (solids, liquids and gasses) by heating up and cooling down. We have also explored what the atoms will look like inside of the different states.

Miss Bennett







## *Class Updates - Rosen*

There have been lots of exciting things going on in Rosen class over the last fortnight, which I'm sure you'll have heard lots about already. The most exciting thing has been the new additions to our classroom - our caterpillars! We are observing their life cycles as part of our Science topic and the children have loved checking on them each day to see how they are growing and changing. We currently have a couple forming their chrysalides which is super interesting! Additionally, children had a go at planting and growing some cress - it was a slow start, with a few pots looking like they wouldn't grow, but take a look at them now! In DT, we have continued our cooking block and children enjoyed comparing different tomato-based products to find the one with the most nutritional value; we look forward to putting this knowledge into practise when we make our bolognese sauce. In RE, we have been learning all about the resurrection story, and what it means to many Christians. In PE, the children are enjoying developing their tennis skills, and in English, we continue to read and learn about the book 'Holes'. Last week, the children wrote and published their very own persuasive leaflets for Camp Green Lake, which were a joy to read! Well done Rosen, keep up the good work!

Miss Smith







## Dickens

In Dicken's class the children have continually worked hard over the last few weeks, as we now are reading our book for this half term, *Holes*. The children have particularly enjoyed the piece of writing we have been working on, as it has been different and has required the children to think of ways to make something unappealing seem exciting and fun, which has been hard, but the children have been brilliant! We have been constructing leaflets that showcase the children's persuasive and skilled writing, and they have written some pretty convincing pieces!

In addition, we recently had our STEM day at school (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), and the children immersed themselves into some new and exciting tasks that saw them developing these skills and applying their knowledge to real-world scenarios. In Maths, Year 5 have been working on their knowledge of negative numbers, and Year 6 have been working on long division and percentages of amounts. We are going on to look at perimeter and area in week 5.

Finally, we have also been lucky enough to be learning about life cycles in Science, and we have a class set of caterpillars that we will be watching over the next few weeks as they go through their life cycle and transform into butterflies which we will release in the forest garden. We can't wait to see how these animals transform over the next few weeks!

Miss Sinclair.

## Zephaniah

In Zephaniah class, we have been very busy learning about the life cycles of plants and animals. We have planted cress seeds to observe the different stages as the plants have grown. The children have also been observing our caterpillars as they have grown over the last week. We are very eagerly anticipating the next stage of them forming into chrysalises.

The children have also really enjoyed writing a persuasive advertisement for Camp Green Lake which is based on the camp within our book, Holes. The children have done a fantastic job at writing to persuade people to visit the camp. We are nearly halfway through our book and the children are very much enjoying it. <sup>2</sup>

Miss Dukes





## Reminder Key Dates for Academic Year 2024 to 2025



We have arranged for an additional training day (see below.) This is to ensure that we can come together as a whole school staff team and complete the final stages of our Nethersole CofE Academy curriculum. We have thought carefully about this date and as a consequence, it is added to a holiday in the hope that this causes the least amount of disruption.

Please see the updated dates below -

### **Term Dates 2024 to 2025 Reminder**

#### **Spring 2**

Spring Term 2 Starts - Monday 24th February until Thursday 10th April.

Tuesday 25th February - Coffee, Cake and Catch Up for Parents - 5.00pm.

Friday 28th February - World Book Day Costume Swap - School Hall at 3.15pm.

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day (Children invited to dress as a book character)

Friday 21st March - Comic Relief Day (Non-Uniform and Bake Off Competition)

Monday 24th March - Year 5 and 6 Mother's Day Craft Workshop - 2.00 to 3.00pm

Tuesday 25th March - Nursery and Reception Mother's Day Craft Workshop - 2.00 to 3.00pm

Wednesday 26th March - Year 1 and 2 Mother's Day Craft Workshop - 2.00 to 3.00pm

Friday 28th March - Year 3 and 4 Mother's Day Craft Workshop - 2.00 to 3.00pm

Tuesday 1st April - Parents Evening - 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Wednesday 2nd April - Parents Evening - 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Thursday 10th April - Easter Bonnet and Diorama Competition

Thursday 10th April - Year 6 SATs meeting - 3.30pm

Thursday 10th April - Last Day of Term for the Children.

Friday 11th April - Training Day for Staff - School Closed for Children.

### **Summer 1 and Summer 2**

Summer Term 1 Starts - Monday 28th April until Wednesday 21st May.

**Thursday 22nd May - Training Day for Staff - School Closed for Children**

Friday 23rd May - Training Day for Staff - School Closed for Children.

Summer Term 2 Starts - Monday 2nd June until Friday 18th July.

Monday 21st July - Training Day - School Closed for Children.

## **Attendance and Absence**

### **Update on Procedure for Absence**

Firstly, thank you to all those of you who telephone and / or email school and let us know that your child is going to be absent and the reason why. Please continue to do this.

There will be a slight change in that on **Day 2** of an absence, even if you leave another telephone message and / or send an email, we will still telephone to speak with you. If by **Day 3** we have been unable to speak with you, we will complete a home visit.

It is essential that we all work together to safeguard all the children.

We thank you all in advance for your support with this way of working.