



Fleckney CE Newsletter



Headteacher update

As we approach the end of a wonderful half-term leading up to Christmas, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been an exciting and successful term at Fleckney CE Primary School. This newsletter will showcase just a few of the many highlights of the past few weeks—demonstrating the hard work, creativity, and spirit of our children and staff.

One of the standout moments of the term was undoubtedly the Year 6 PGL trip to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire. The Year 6 children had a fantastic time, taking part in a packed outdoor adventure experience that they will surely never forget. It was a wonderful way for them to make lasting memories in their final year at Fleckney. A huge thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to accompany the children and make this experience possible.

Next term, we look forward to Year 4 heading to Edale and Year 5 going to Aylmerton, continuing our tradition of offering our pupils exciting and enriching residential trips. These experiences are so valuable in fostering independence, resilience, and a love of learning, and we are proud to offer them as part of our curriculum.

Our Year 2 Nativity was another highlight this term, and it was wonderful to see over 140 family members in attendance, enjoying the performance. The children were superb, and I want to extend a huge thank you to the staff for their hard work in making it such a memorable event.

We were also delighted to welcome back Mrs Jones to her role as Office Manager earlier this month.

It's fantastic to have her back leading our office team, and we are grateful for her continued dedication to the smooth running of the school.

At the same time, we say a heartfelt Fleckney goodbye to Miss Buck, who has worked in many roles across the school and supported countless children throughout her time here. We wish her all the best in her new role and thank her for everything she has contributed to our school community.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you all enjoy a restful and joyful break with your loved ones, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year for another exciting term of learning and growth.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Mr Richards

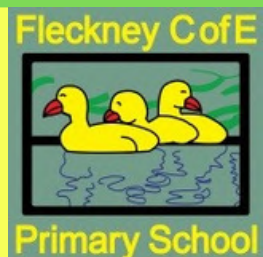


Autumn 2 edition

Foundation Stage



Fleckney CE Primary School



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Dojo Termly Winners

As we reach the end of this half term, it's wonderful to reflect on how busy and jam-packed it has been with so many exciting things happening both in and out of the classroom. From engaging lessons to enriching school visits, our children have had countless opportunities to allow their light to shine.

One key message that remains central to everything we do is the importance of positive behaviour. Whether in school or out in the community, our golden rules—be kind, be safe, and be ready—are evident in the actions and attitudes of our pupils. School visits this term have been particularly uplifting, with staff, volunteers, and members of the public praising our children for their manners, politeness, and positive behaviour. It's a true testament to the values we uphold as a church school community.

This half term has also been a fantastic one for celebrating achievements through Dojo reward points. From our youngest pupils in Foundation Stage to our oldest in Year 6, children across the school have been working hard to collect points for their dedication, effort, and commitment to learning. Some children have even reached up to 80 individual points—a remarkable accomplishment that reflects their focus and determination.

We are, as ever, enormously proud of all the hard work and effort demonstrated by our children this term. A huge well done to all our pupils!



Kindness Cup

We are thrilled to announce the recipient of this half-term's Kindness Cup! This time, we were overwhelmed with nominations, as our children have displayed enormous amounts of kindness across the school. It has been heartwarming to see so many of our pupils going above and beyond to show care and compassion for others. After much consideration, the Kindness Cup for Autumn Term 2 goes to a very worthy winner in Year 3 Theo!

Theo is a shining example of kindness, compassion, and consideration. He is extremely caring and supportive to his peers, always looking for ways to make a positive difference. Theo has an extraordinary sense of empathy, showing loyalty to his friends and going out of his way to ensure those closest to him feel special and happy. He is always on the lookout for anyone who might need a friend and consistently offers his help with a smile. Theo also has a strong sense of justice and fairness, and he is the first to inform an adult when he notices something that could affect someone's feelings or safety.

Theo truly embodies our school rules of being kind, being safe, and being ready. We are tremendously proud of him and his ability to bring out the best in others. He is a true role model, and it is a joy to witness his caring nature light up our school every day.

Congratulations, Theo, on this well-deserved recognition! Keep shining your light of kindness for everyone to see.

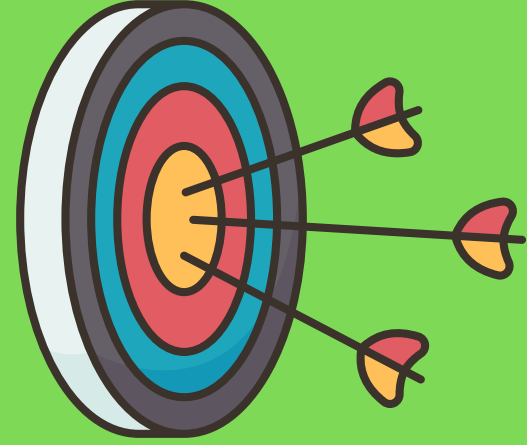


Clubs!

This term, we have been thrilled to see the enthusiasm and enjoyment our students have shown for the new clubs we introduced: Chess, Multi-Sport, and Film. It's been wonderful to watch the children grow in confidence, develop new skills, and have fun in these engaging activities. Whether honing strategic thinking in Chess, staying active in Multi-Sport, or unleashing their creativity in Film club, every child has been excited to participate and learn.

Looking ahead to next term, we are delighted to announce another round of clubs, running for 10 weeks! The options for next term include: Film, Chess, Programming, Art, and Archery. We can't wait to see even more of our students getting involved and trying something new.

Confirmation of places will be made at the start of the new term—so keep an eye out for more information soon! We look forward to another term of fun, learning, and growth in our exciting extracurricular clubs.



Choir



The choir have been spreading Christmas cheer this half-term and have been to sing at various locations around Fleckney and Kibworth. We have been super impressed at how hard the children have worked to learn the words to all the songs and how much enthusiasm they have shown to go out and perform in the community. Well done everyone!

Foundation stage

This term the Foundation Stage children have been busy learning about "Light & Dark" – night time animals, the Festival of Diwali and Space!

In the Diwali House the children wore traditional dress and pretended to light the diva lamps. We also made Diva lamps out of clay in our malleable area.

We have been reading Traditional Tales and used our puppet theatre to act out the story of the Gingerbread Man and The Three Little Pigs. We have been using the repetitive language from the stories in our own writing.

In our Builders Yard, we have been building a house of bricks, using different tools and dressing up as builders.

We have also used the large outdoor construction to build a rocket to go to space!



Year 6



We started off this half-term with our annual trip to PGL, Lincolnshire for a week of outdoor adventures. The children got to experience activities including: the giant swing, fencing, high ropes, canoeing and rifle shooting. Whilst most of the children were at PGL, the children who stayed behind enjoyed a week of magical activities based on the Harry Potter series. The children took part in lessons such as potions, care of magical creatures, wand making and quidditch. The staff in school and at PGL were very impressed with the behaviour and enthusiasm during this week. In our English lessons, we read the book *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty and wrote diary entries and poems about what life may have been like for Victorian children. In Maths, we have learnt about ratio and proportion. The children have worked really hard to grasp this new concept and been able to apply what they have been taught previously to help them. In Science, we learnt about the circulatory system and how it works. We have been really impressed at the knowledge the children have demonstrated throughout. In geography, we have been learning about how people living in different places have been affected by climate change and in DT we have had lots of fun designing and making slippers.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy and productive half term.

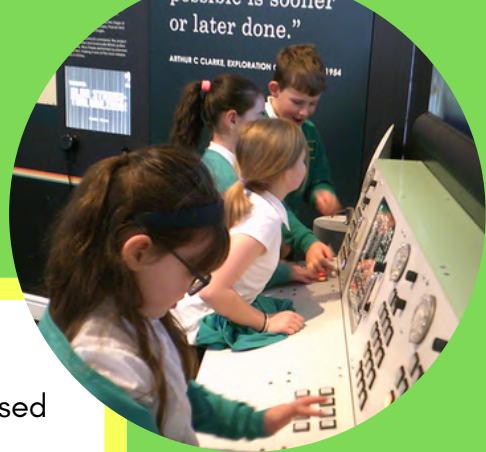
In English lessons, the children have been writing a biography based on the life of the famous freedom activist Harriet Tubman.

In maths, year 5 have worked hard to improve their knowledge of fractions and we have been pleased with the way they have been improving their arithmetic skills.

During geography lessons, the children have been learning about volcanoes and studying the volcanic terrain, environment and society on Icelandic Islands. The art this term has also mirrored this. We have been studying the Icelandic art of Louisa Matthiasdottir, and creating pieces inspired by her work.

The children have taken a real pleasure in their science topic about Space, which culminated in an enjoyable trip to the Space Centre in Leicester.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and wish you a Merry Christmas.



Year 2



On Wednesday 11th December, the children in Year 2 performed 'Simply the Nativity' to parents and carers. Following two successful dress rehearsals to the school, the children (dressed in their lovely costumes) raised their game for a stunning final performance. We were so proud of all of the children and the amazing effort they have put into rehearsals and performances. Their singing was beautiful with the whole year group putting great gusto into every song and brave soloists taking part in a number of songs - either alone or with a small group. In addition, the acting and speaking was clear, expressive and told the story effectively to the listening audience. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch. We hope you enjoyed the show. Thanks also to Mrs Holman for all of her fantastic efforts preparing costumes and props and Mr Baum for playing the piano for us.

Sport @ Fleckney



On Thursday 17th October, twenty seven children took part in the first cross-country race of the school year. It was a warm and sunny afternoon, creating a very positive atmosphere. All the children ran well and finished with glowing faces. We had three top ten finishers and many more who were close behind. It was marvellous to see all of the children cheering each other on at the finish, showing great team spirit and compassion. Well done to all who took part. The next race will take place on Thursday 6th February.

The following day, four year six children went to Robert Smyth Academy for their Sporting Ambassadors training. They came back enthused and inspired to promote sports and physical activity in our school.

The girls' football tournament was held at Market Harborough on the 12th of November. They played many matches against local primary schools. We won, drew and lost matches, finishing near the middle of the table. All of the children played well and showed great team spirit. Well done!

On Friday 15th November, Glenhills Primary travelled to Fleckney to play the next round of the Rice Bowl tournament. Whilst we played well, Glenhills proved to be the stronger team and won the match. Well done to all who took part.

Twenty year five children took part in Playground Leader Training at our school on the 19th November. The weather was far from ideal, but they all enjoyed it and learned practical leadership skills. It has been great to see them all enthusiastically organise games and activities for the younger year groups.



Year 3



We have had an incredibly energetic, fun and productive half term in Year 3. Our children have been looking at some amazing literature under our English 'Wonderfully Wild' theme. Books have included: The Butterfly Lion, Who are you calling Weird? and The Great Kapok Tree. Children have explored: life on the African Plains, the fantastic creatures which make up our world, and have created their own weird and wonderful creatures. Writing outcomes have entailed: informal letters, non-chronological reports, character and setting descriptions. Also, on an African theme, our children have been looking at the work of Kenyan artist Gakonga and have produced their own compositions reflecting the joy of the Kenyan tribal lifestyle through colour, dance and music. Our children have taken on the role of Seismologists in Geography, studying earthquakes, in particular the earthquake in Christchurch, NZ in 2011. We enjoyed a visit from one of our children's grandparents, who is from Christchurch and was able to show and tell us a lot of interesting information about earthquakes in that part of the world. In science, we have been focusing on rocks and soil where our Year 3 children became geologists and took part in The Chocolate Challenge where they compared the structures of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks to the compositions of various chocolate bars. In our RE lessons, we have been thinking about Why the Trinity is important to Christians and enjoyed a visit from Fr Philip, who answered lots of our tricky questions. Our Maths learning has included formal calculation methods and hands-on practical work in the skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We also studied 2D and 3D shape, angles, parallel, horizontal and vertical lines. We are also extremely proud of our Year 3 children's artistic skills that were called upon for our school's entry to the St Nicholas Church Christmas Tree Festival. Working with Mrs Watt, they created the decorations for our brilliant Nurse Tree Rhyme.

Holy Trinity Performance

On 6th December, KS1 and KS2 enjoyed another visit from the children's team at Holy Trinity church, Leicester. The presentation was entitled 'A Christmas Experience' and involved visits from an angel, Mary, a shepherd and a wise man, interspersed with quizzes, songs, games and a very entertaining rap to finish. This experience, apart from being entertaining and a lot of fun, enabled the children to better understand the Christmas story and its significance for Christians. Many thanks to the team at HT, who are so generous with their time, and without charge, provide such a wonderful opportunity for our children



Religious Belief Roadshow

At the end of November, our KS2 children had the exciting opportunity to attend a special event designed to introduce them to the diverse world of religions and beliefs. The 'Religions and Beliefs Roadshow' was an educational experience that took our children on an incredible journey, helping them to explore and understand a wide range of beliefs that shape our world today.

The roadshow was packed with exhibits, displays and activities, allowing the children to experience first-hand the key aspects of various faiths, from Judaism to Christianity and Hinduism to Islam. It was a super experience which fostered curiosity, respect and understanding of the world religions.



Celebrating excellent attendance

Whole
School
95.6%

**Autumn
Term**
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**Autumn
Term 2**
Yr5

At Fleckney CE Primary, we continue to focus on the importance of excellent attendance as a key factor in ensuring the best outcomes for all our children. We are delighted to report that, as a school, we are currently above the national average for primary school attendance, with an impressive attendance rate of **95.6%**—a fantastic achievement that reflects the hard work and commitment of both our students and their families.

A massive well done to Year 5, who have achieved the best attendance for the Autumn 2 term - **96.6%**. Your dedication to being in school each day is truly commendable. We would also like to congratulate year 3, 5 and 6 for having the best overall attendance so far this year at **96%**. Keep up the great work! Regular school attendance is not just about being present; it has a huge impact on both academic success and social development. Children who attend school consistently are more likely to achieve higher academic outcomes, as they have more opportunities to engage with lessons, develop key skills, and build positive relationships with teachers and peers. Furthermore, regular attendance supports social growth, as children develop important social skills through daily interactions, group work, and extracurricular activities.

We are incredibly proud of our school community's commitment to high attendance, and we encourage all families to continue prioritising school days. Together, we can ensure every child has the best possible opportunities to succeed. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Christmas Services

This week, our school was filled with festive cheer as all of our children attended the wonderful Christmas services at St. Nicholas' Church. It was a truly special time as the children took part in a beautiful collective worship, celebrating the joy and meaning of the season.

Each class had the opportunity to share in the traditions of the season, reflecting on the story of Christmas and coming together in song, prayer, and reflection. The children were a credit to the school, showing great enthusiasm and reverence throughout the services. It was a lovely reminder of the true spirit of Christmas and a perfect way to come together as a community.

A big thank you to the staff, our church leaders, and all the volunteers who helped make this happen for our children. We are so proud of how our students embraced this time of celebration, and we hope it brought joy to you all as we mark the Christmas season together.



Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy this half term.

We are looking forward to our trip to The Curve theatre to see 'Pirates Love Underpants'. The children have enjoyed designing their own colourful underpants for the pirates to find and have used fantastic adjectives to describe them in their sentences.

The children are enjoying lots of practical maths activities, working with their friends to develop their understanding of number. We have been focusing on numbers to 20 in maths, learning how to count forwards and backwards and to use a number line to solve calculations.

In science, we have been learning about the season of Autumn and linked this with our topic of Plants. We really enjoyed our 'Hibernation Day', learning about animals that hibernate in our country and making a nest of leaves for our own hedgehogs. We looked at the different plants we see around our school and learning the names of common plants and trees.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a super half term and have all been working very hard - from learning about sustainability and understanding the role of the United Nations and Sustainable Development Goals, learning the technique of pointillism in art, to studying all about the digestive system in Science.

In English, the children have been applying the sentence level skills from last half term to writing more extended pieces of writing under our unit of 'Rights and Responsibilities'. We have looked at the author Nicola Davies and children have written their own versions of the story 'The Promise'. We have also looked at a story from India, called the Snake Charmer and children have engaged in drama techniques to aid story writing - writing from the point of view of another character.

Reading continues to be a focus in Year 4, and to mark this, we had a Reading for Pleasure Day where the children enjoyed sharing their favourite books as well as being introduced to new authors. The whole team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to another successful half term in the new year.



Charity Work

This term, we've been truly inspired by the generosity and community spirit that has shone through our charity efforts. Your support has made a real difference, and we are proud to share the positive impact we've made together.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Poppy Appeal. Through your kindness, we raised an incredible **£484.39** for The Royal British Legion, helping to support veterans, service personnel, and their families. Your contributions are a powerful reminder of the importance of remembering and supporting those who have given so much.

Christmas Jumper Day was a festive success, aligning perfectly with our Christmas dinner celebrations. With your support, we raised over **£400** for Save the Children, helping provide life-saving aid, education, and protection for children in some of the world's most vulnerable regions. We loved seeing everyone's creative and colourful jumpers, and your donations will go a long way in spreading some holiday cheer to those in need.

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated. Your generosity truly embodies the spirit of the season and makes a lasting impact on those who need it most.



Fleckney School Association

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Fleckney School Association (FSA) for their continued dedication and tireless efforts to raise vital funds for our school. Their commitment to enriching our children's educational experience is truly inspiring.

This term, two fantastic events raised an incredible amount of money that will directly benefit our students. The Winter Fayre was a huge success, raising over **£1,200!** From the festive stalls to the fun activities, it was a wonderful day filled with community spirit. And of course, the world-famous School Disco did not disappoint, raising an amazing **£1,000!** These events are always a highlight in our school calendar, and it's thanks to the FSA's hard work that they continue to be such a success.

The funds raised will be used to enhance the educational experiences we can offer our children, supporting a wide range of initiatives, resources, and activities. We are so grateful for the FSA's ongoing support and the energy they bring to everything they do.

A big thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, and everyone who supported these events. Your efforts make a lasting difference, and we look forward to the continued partnership in making Fleckney an even better place for our students to learn and grow.



Collective Worship

This term, our Collective Worship has continued to be a highlight of the school week, with the children enjoying top-class worship sessions each day. On Mondays, the whole school comes together for an uplifting and reflective time, and throughout the week, we gather in phase groups for more focused worship from Tuesday to Friday. Our focus for this term has been the Christian value of Respect. The children have embraced this value with enthusiasm, demonstrating a deep understanding of its meaning both in the classroom and on the playground. We are thrilled to announce that 26 children have earned our new red Christian Values Stars for embodying the value of respect in their actions and attitudes. Well done to all the winners! We've also had three assemblies on the value of Compassion, and we look forward to awarding more Christian Values Stars in recognition of acts of compassion early next term. The children's ability to link these values to their daily lives is inspiring, and we are excited to continue exploring

and celebrating these important Christian teachings.

One of the most exciting aspects of our collective worship this term has been the children's growing knowledge of biblical parables and their meanings. Their insights and reflections on these stories—such as the Parable of the Good Samaritan and the Parable of the Lost Sheep—are truly sensational. It's wonderful to see how these teachings are helping our students develop not just intellectually, but also morally and spiritually.



Community



Compassion



Respect



Responsibility



Fairness



Aspiration

Diary Dates and Term Dates

School closes for Christmas:

Friday 20th Dec (Early 1:30 finish)

Spring term starts:

Monday 6th Jan

Spring half-term:

Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb

School closes for Easter:

Friday 11th April

Summer term starts:

Monday 28th April

May day bank holiday:

Monday 5th May

Summer half-term:

Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May

School closes for summer:

Tuesday 8th July (early 1:30 finish)

School opens for spring term: *Monday 6th January*

Start of KS2 Science Club': *Wednesday 7th January - 3:15-4:15pm*

FSA Samosa Sale: *Friday 17th January*

FCS Clubs start: *W/C 20th January*

Parents' Evening: *Tuesday 21st January*

Parents' Evening: *Wednesday 22nd January*

STEM Conference Robert Smyth Academy: *Saturday 1st February*

Yr4 Edale Residential: *Wednesday 5th February - Friday 7th February*

National Child Measurement Programme Yr6 & FS: *Monday 10th February*

February Half-Term: *Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February*

Yr 5 Bikeability: *Monday 17th March - Friday 28th March*

Easter church services: *Tuesday 8th April*

Yr5 Alymerton Residential: *Wednesday 9th April - Friday 11th April*

School closes for Easter Holidays: *Friday 11th April*

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