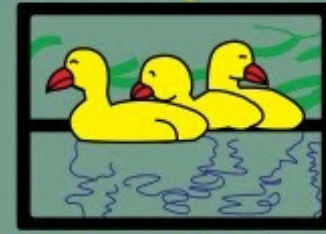


# Fleckney CE Newsletter



## *Headteacher Update*

As we reach the end of our first half-term, it's been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life after the summer holidays. They have shown superb learning behaviors and a real enthusiasm for getting back into their learning.

A special mention must go to our new Foundation Stage children, who have settled in beautifully. They are now fully into their routines and have become an important part of our wonderful school community.

Attendance continues to be a key focus for us at all times of the year, and I'm delighted to say that Fleckney's attendance remains above the national average. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain such high standards - you'll find a full attendance update later in this newsletter.

Our Harvest Services last week were a particular highlight of the term. It was fantastic to welcome so many parents to the church for the foundation stage service. Thank you to everyone who helped walk the children down and for your generous food donations. These were delivered to The Well in Kibworth, who told us it was the biggest donation they have ever received from a primary school - a wonderful achievement!

It's been great to see so many extra-curricular clubs up and running already this term, with something for everyone - from Outdoor Explorers and football to drawing, chess and film club. There's truly something happening after school every day!

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 football team, who progressed to the next round of the Rice Bowl competition after a 4-0 victory against St Mary's Hinckley. We look forward to the next match at home against Braunstone Frith after half-term.

As we look ahead to the next half term and the build-up to Christmas, I want to thank you all for your continued support of the school. It makes such a difference and helps ensure our children be the best that they can be and 'Let Their Light Shine'

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Mr Richards



**Autumn Term Edition**



# Foundation Stage



This term has all been about the new children in our school settling into routines, making independent choices in their play, making new friends, practicing lining up, starting PE and going into collective worship every day.

We have all had our new book bags and taken reading books home. Our Phonics learning has begun and we have all been excited to learn a new sound every day!

We have painted our self-portraits, which are on display in the school hall. Our cutting skills and pencil grip has also been a focus this term as we use new tools in our play.

We are also becoming experts at choosing our lunch and eating with a knife and fork!



# Dojo Termly Winners

Wow, what a positive start to the academic year! We have seen a record number of Dojo points awarded across the school, with all children demonstrating fantastic behaviour and truly living our school values. This year, we have once again recognised the top six Dojo earners in each year group across the school. These children have received a special Golden Ticket—an invitation to enjoy a Dojo treat with Mr. Richards.

In addition, we're excited to introduce a new incentive this year! The highest scorer in FS/KS1 and the highest scorer in KS2 will each be awarded a mini trophy, celebrating their dedication and effort as our Ultimate Dojo Champions!

Congratulations to all of our children, who constantly work their socks off and make us incredibly proud every day.



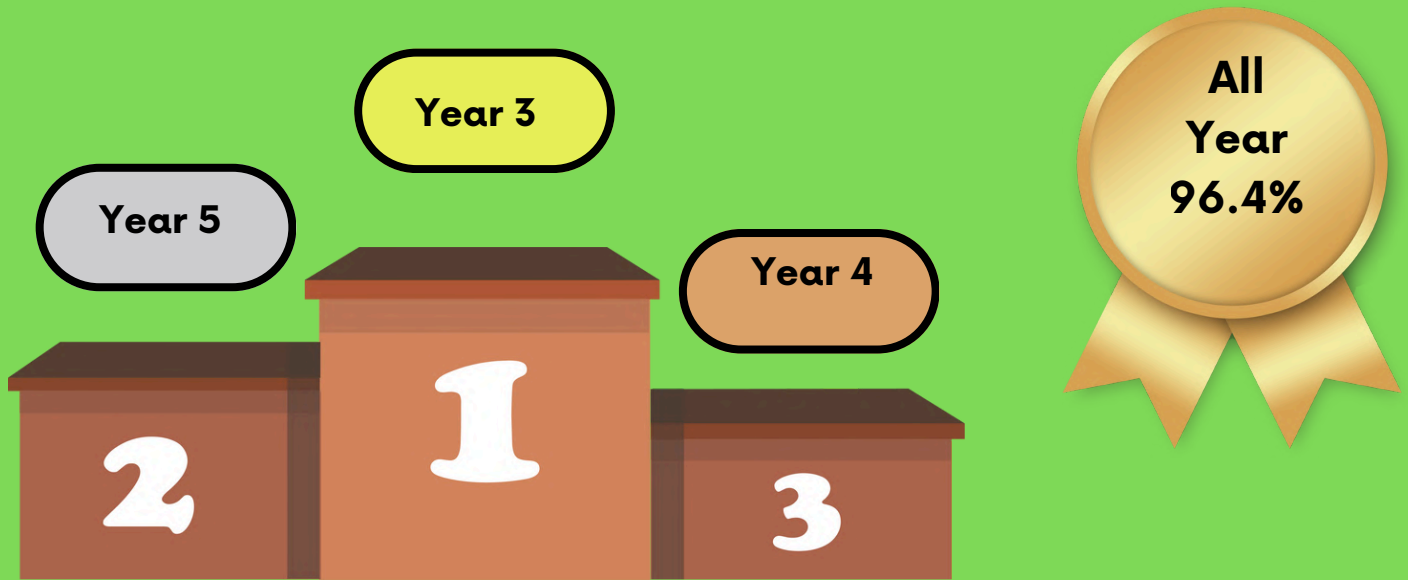
## Kindness cup winner - Millie Mabel Butlin

Here's what her teacher has to say about why she's a worthy winner:

Millie Mabel is a kind, considerate and generous member of our class. She is always thinking of others, ensuring everyone in Year 2 feels included and welcome. She is often the first to encourage a child who is finding things hard and quick to praise someone for their achievements. Millie always has a big smile on her face and although she has many friends in the class she enthusiastically plays and works with everyone. She is a shining example of thoughtfulness and empathy and is a very deserving winner of the cup. Her kindness has also been spotted by other members of staff and parents who have witnessed Millie spreading joy in her own special way.



# Celebrating Excellent Attendance



## Attendance League Tables

### Overall

1st	Year 3 - 97.7%
2nd	Year 5 - 96.8%
3rd	Year 4 - 96.7%
4th	Year 6 - 96.4%
5th	Year 2 - 96.1%
6th	Year R - 95.7%
7th	Year 1 - 95.5%

### Persistent Absence

1st	Year 3 - 3%
2nd	Year 5 - 6%
3rd	Year 4 - 8.2%
4th	Year 2 - 8.9%
5th	Year R - 9.8%
6th	Year 6 - 11.4%
7th	Year 1 - 16.7%

*(% of children less than 90% attendance, national is 15.2%)*

# Sport at Fleckney



## Football

### Rice Bowl Match

**From Mr Pullen** - The school football team played the first match of the year at home. It was a Rice Bowl match against St Mary's Hinckley. Our team played really well and soon demonstrated their confidence by keeping possession of the ball. Some skilful passing meant that we were soon a goal up. We then scored a super penalty and went on to score another two goals. The final score was 4 - 0 to Fleckney. The children showed great teamwork throughout the game. They really supported and encouraged each other, showing great maturity. It was good to see so many family members coming to support the children at the match. Well done to all involved. The next match will be against Braunstone Frith Primary School. Thank you to Jack and Mr Richards for coaching the team.

### **From Mr Richards** -

Fleckney Primary made a fantastic start to their Rice Bowl campaign with a superb 4-0 victory against St Mary's Hinckley. The team began strongly, taking an early lead through Iven T-P, before Parker K doubled the advantage just before half time. Going into the break 2-0 up, Fleckney continued to dominate in the second half. Hugo W was outstanding down the right-hand side, winning a penalty which Braith C converted confidently to make it 3-0. Braith then added a fourth to seal a well deserved 4-0 win. The match was played in excellent spirit, with great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. The team were a real credit to the school. We now advance to the second round, where they will face Braunstone Frith at home after half term.

### 7th October Match

Two teams of footballers traveled to Market Harborough Football club on Tuesday 7th October to play in a tournament against other local primary schools. The year six team played three matches against teams from Market Harborough CofE, Little Bowden and Meadowdale Primary schools. Although the results didn't go our way, the team supported each other, stayed positive and didn't give up. All of the children played with determination, demonstrating great passing and tackling skills. They showed a real sense of team spirit and sportsmanship throughout. The year five team also played well. They lost their first game against Market Harborough CofE but managed a one all draw against Little Bowden. The final match was against Meadowdale Primary school ended in a 4 - 1 win for Fleckney. The team communicated effectively with each other at all times and were able to pass and shoot accurately. Like the year six team, they also supported each other well and showed great teamwork. Thank you to Jack and Mrs French for accompanying the children to this event.

## Cross County Running

The first Cross County event of the year will take place after school on Thursday 16th October. As usual, the races will be held on the playing fields behind Market Harborough Leisure Centre. All children in years 3 to 6 are welcome to take part. Please inform the school office in advance, so that staff know which children to expect on the day.



# Year 1



The children have all settled in amazingly to year 1. We have had a lovely half term getting to know the children through lots of fun and interactive learning. Our Math's lessons have been all about the place value of numbers to 10. We have been learning to compare, order, write and read the digits and words. In English, we have explored word types and putting these into simple sentences. Children have become noun and verb detectives, whilst working hard with their letter formation. The children have loved exploring our books based continuous provision topics such as 'Funny bones', 'Barry the Fish with Fingers' and 'The colour monster', to name a few!

During our computing lessons, children have been learning how to use purple mash and all about their own internet safety.

The children have been recalling and relating our Christian values to different bible stories in R.E.

In P.E children have been getting active and working on a variety of skills. We have also had time to use the parachute for games and songs.

We have explored seasons in Science and how nature changes during these different times. We have also started looking at the human body and learning names to different body parts.

In Art we have been focusing on portraits and learning how to draw detailed drawings of our faces.

We are all so proud of how the children have settled in and are looking forward to the next half term with them.

Mrs Pullen, Miss Pearson, Mrs Headley, Miss Ganda & Mrs Hipkin

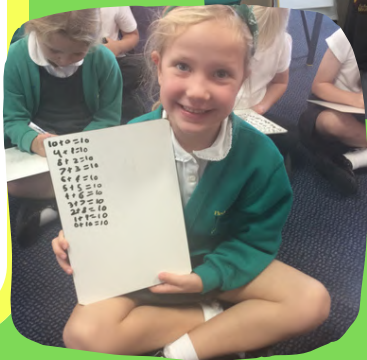


# Year 2



The Year 2 children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and made a cracking start to the year. We have been working very hard in all our lessons. In Phonics we have been revising all of the Phase 5 sounds covered in Year 1 and building our fluency, expression and comprehension in our three weekly reads. The progress the children have made already with their reading has really impressed the staff and we are confident it will continue as we move onto more complex chapter books as the year progresses. In Maths we have focused on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, practising our number bonds and starting to learn our times tables. Times Tables Rock Stars has also been a big hit! In English we have studied 'The Proudest Blue' by Ibtihaj Muhammad and 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright. In addition we have started the year with lessons based on grammar. Please ask the children about subjects, verbs, pronouns and leftovers! I am sure they will amaze you with their knowledge! In Art the children are learning about Portraits and have been working over many weeks to produce a brilliant self portrait. When these are finished we will upload photos onto Seesaw. During our Geography lessons we have been learning about Kampong Ayer which is in Brunei. The children have compared life in Fleckney with life in Kampong Ayer. Finally, in Science we have explored Animals including Humans. The children can classify animal types, consider which animals look like their offspring and which don't, as well as investigating different lifecycles of animals such as frogs and sheep.

Mrs Webb and Miss Baum



# Year 3



As we wrap up the first half term, it's safe to say Year 3 has hit the ground running! From the very first week, the children have settled in beautifully—embracing new routines, rising to fresh challenges, and showing a real spark of independence.

It's been a busy, productive, and above all, fun few weeks. Our classroom has been buzzing with energy and curiosity as pupils explored exciting topics across the curriculum. Whether diving into stories, tackling tricky maths problems, or getting hands on in science, their enthusiasm has been infectious. One of the most impressive developments this term has been the growing sense of independence. The children are taking more responsibility for their learning, showing initiative, and supporting one another with kindness and confidence. It's a joy to watch them flourish.

This half term, Year 3 children have journeyed deep into the past with our History topic on the Stone Age and It's been a truly immersive experience across the curriculum!

In art, the children have explored the world of prehistoric creativity. Inspired by ancient cave paintings, they've sketched Stone Age creatures and experimented with a variety of mediums to bring their artwork to life. In English, we've delved into Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura—a captivating story that blends time travel with historical discovery. Using this as a springboard, the children have been sentence stacking to build their own compositions, developing rich vocabulary and storytelling skills along the way.

We're incredibly proud of how far our children have come and we can't wait to see what the next half term brings!

Mrs Galpin and Mrs Styles

# Year 4



We have had a positive start to the year.

In English, we are studying *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. The children have been demonstrating their creative writing skills. They have added description to scenes and used grammar skills that we had learned earlier this term.

In maths we have finished working on place value and are now focusing upon addition and subtraction. The children's skills are building up well and it is great to see their confidence growing. They have been solving subtraction questions with multiple exchanges and learning to use estimation and the inverse operation to check their answers.

Our topic in Science has been Living things and the environment. The children enjoyed using a sorting key to classify different animals by their features. They also discovered more about the way animals have adapted to their habitats and took part in a local habitat survey in the school grounds.

We have now finished our e-safety topic in computing. The children were able to identify many of the potential pitfalls and explain how to avoid them. We have moved on to changing the presentation of a document so that it is fit for purpose, e.g. headlines in a large, bold type face.

In PE the children have really enjoyed their Bollywood style dancing. They were introduced to traditional Bollywood poses as well as feet movement that we used to create a whole dance routine to a piece of Bollywood music. They have been very energetic and demonstrated great enthusiasm toward this unit.

Miss Lane and Mr Pullen





# Year 5



The Year 5 children have made a fantastic start to the new school year and have settled in brilliantly to their new classes. They've shown great enthusiasm and dedication throughout this half term, and it's been wonderful to see them enjoying the new building and forming new friendships.

In English, we've launched our new whole school scheme with an exciting narrative writing project. The children worked hard to create vivid and imaginative battle scenes inspired by The Lion King, focusing on the dramatic conflict between Scar and Simba.

Our History lessons have taken us back in time to explore the fascinating Mayan civilisation. We've been learning about their daily lives, inventions, festivals, and how their way of life compares to our own today.

In Science, our topic has been forces. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a variety of hands on experiments to explore how forces work in the world around us.

Art has been another highlight this term. We've been studying Surrealism, with a particular focus on the work of Frida Kahlo. The children have produced some thoughtful and creative pieces inspired by her unique style.

It's been a busy and rewarding half term, and we're incredibly proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm Year 5 have shown.

Many Thanks from,  
Mrs. Wright and the Year 5 Team



# Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils have made a fantastic start to the new school year. They've settled in well and are already demonstrating a positive attitude towards their learning. As the oldest children in the school and now based on the top floor of our new building, they've embraced their added responsibilities with great maturity.

In English, we started the term with an exciting unit on spy stories. The children thoroughly enjoyed crafting imaginative and action-packed narratives, and their enthusiasm shone through on our Spy Day, where their creative outfits added to the fun!

In Maths, we've focused on place value and key calculation strategies to strengthen our arithmetic skills. Regular practice—especially times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars—will be essential to build confidence and fluency.

Our afternoons have been equally busy and enriching. In Science, we've been constructing electric circuits; in History, exploring the fascinating world of Ancient Greece; and in Art, developing our drawing techniques.

A highlight of the term was our visit to Warning Zone in Leicester on 13th October. The children learned valuable lessons about staying safe as they approach adolescence. Their behavior throughout the day was exemplary—well done, Year 6!



## Year 6 Spy Day





# Primary Maths Challenge

I took a group of eight year 6 girls to the Primary Maths Challenge at Leicester High School for Girls on Wednesday 8th October. It was a full day of Maths challenges, logic puzzles, reasoning and problem solving questions. The girls were absolutely brilliant from start to finish. They were hard working, resilient, team players who did themselves and Fleckney School proud throughout.

A huge well done to the team of Bella M, Lily-Rose W, Lois M and Lois W who competed with a smile on their faces all day and performed fantastically well. Also, to the team of Emily E, Neda T,

Millie B and Jess M who won the whole event by a single point. This was the first year that Leicester High School for Girls have held this event and these girls have set the bar high by winning it at the first attempt. There were 12 different teams from a range of different schools present (including two teams from the host school) who had all sent their top Mathematicians - an incredible achievement. Well done to all of the girls involved.

Mr. O'Connell



## Times Table Rockstars



We are encouraging all children in Key Stage Two to spend 30 minutes each week on times table rock stars as part of their home learning. This will have a hugely positive impact on their learning in all areas of Maths. The school has just purchased rock star status badges for the 36 highest achieving children in terms of their Times Table Rock Stars status. These will be arriving in school shortly. A special mention to Lucas in 5DB, Louis in 6SC and Parker in 5MW who are the only three 'Rock Heroes' in school. This means that they answer their times table questions at an average of less than one second per question. Incredible stuff!

If any parents wish to support us by purchasing more badges for the school to give out, they can be found at the following link:

<https://shop.mathscircle.com/products/ttrs-status-badge>

# Clubs

We have a fantastic range of new clubs this Autumn term! Our students have enjoyed a variety of after-school activities, and we're excited to offer even more options this time around. Here's what we have in store:

## **Monday**

- Chess Club for KS2 **3.15 to 4.15pm**
- Girls football for Years 5&6 **3.15 - 4pm**
- Outdoor Explorers for KS1 and KS2 **3.15 - 4.15pm**

## **Tuesday**

- French Club Years 1-6 **12.25 - 12.55**
- Multi Sports KS1 and Year 3 **3.15pm to 4.15pm**
- Football club Years 5 & 6 **3.15pm to 4.15pm**

## **Wednesday**

- Drawing with Rob KS1 and Year 3 **3.15pm to 4.15pm**

## **Friday**

- Film Club Years 1 & 5 **3.15pm to 4.15pm**



# School Office Team

## ***Lost Property -***

We are finding a very large amount of lost property from Uniform, to coats to water bottles. Please can we ask for all items to be labelled. Any items that are not labelled are placed outside the school office near the main entrance. Please feel free to look through these boxes for any missing items.

## ***Contact Details -***

Please can you update the school office if any of your contact information changes from addresses to telephone numbers and email addresses.

Thank you

# Well being team 2025/2026

At the beginning of September, the children in year six were asked to apply for the roles of well-being ambassadors. We were inundated with so many incredible letters that it was impossible to say no to any of the applicants. We therefore now have a Well-being team of eighteen, which includes six ambassadors. We would like to thank all the applicants for their outstanding letters. They all demonstrated their clear understanding of our school's Christian values and how they can use those values in supporting the well being of the pupils in our school.

Some quotes from the letters include:

'I feel one of my strengths is comforting people who need it.'

'Those who are feeling sad can come to me and I will help them get through their sadness.'

'I want to make our school a better place.'

'I would love to give up my time to help the little children.'

'I will let my light shine and really try to make an impact on our school.'

'I would like to make a positive impact within the Fleckney school community.'

'If someone hasn't got anyone to play with, I will help them find someone to play with.'

We are sure you would agree that to have a team was the only option we had.

On a personal note, I am very excited to be working alongside the team. They have already made a big impact by supporting FS and both KS1 & 2 at lunchtimes. It is also very impressive how many ideas they have, some of which we will be sharing with you soon. I am really looking forward to seeing all the support, positivity and kindness they will bring to our school over this academic year.

Mrs Dodwell



Our School Council continues to be a vibrant and essential part of our school community. Made up of dedicated student representatives from each year group, the council meets regularly to discuss ideas, raise concerns, and help shape the future of our school. We're proud of the leadership and teamwork our students demonstrate, and we encourage everyone to share their thoughts with their council reps to keep the conversation going.

We are delighted to announce that our new School Council for this academic year has been elected! Each class across the school has voted for their representative, who will bring forward ideas and suggestions during our regular meetings. We've already held our first official gathering, and it was wonderful to see how enthusiastic and proud the children were to take part. Their thoughtful contributions and eagerness to make a difference truly reflect the spirit of our school values.

Here are the members for each year group:

Y1 - Maisie, Oakley and George

Y2 - James and Millie-Mabel

Y3 - Brij and Elsie

Y4 - Darius and Bella

Y5 - Millen and Freddie

Y6 - Lois, Gracie and Sophie

Miss. Pearson and Mrs. Wright - School council leaders

## School Council Update



# Collective Worship

## Harvest Festival Celebration

The whole school enjoyed a wonderful visit to St Nicholas's Church to celebrate the Harvest Festival. The children were full of excitement as they carried their generous food donations to the service. During the celebration, we reflected on the importance of giving thanks for the food we have and for all those who help to grow and provide it. The children shared a beautiful harvest-themed Bible reading and joined together in a thoughtful prayer of gratitude. Each class then had the opportunity to present their donations at the Harvest table, before the church was filled with music and joy as we sang our favourite Harvest songs, including Harvest Samba and Dingle Dangle Scarecrow.

It was a heart-warming occasion that reminded us all of the importance of thankfulness, sharing, and community. A big thank you to everyone for your generous contributions, which were donated to The Well in Kibworth after the four church services. The team at The Well expressed their sincere gratitude for the amazing kindness and support shown by our school community.

Mrs Headley



Community



Compassion



Respect



Responsibility



Fairness



Aspiration

## Diary Dates and Term Dates

### **October Half Term 2025:**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

### **School opens -**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October

### **Christmas closure:**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - **School closes early at 1.30pm**

19<sup>th</sup> December till 5<sup>th</sup> January

### **School opens for 26-27:**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

### **Spring Term 2026**

### **Mid Term break**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

### **Easter Half Term:**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

**3<sup>rd</sup> November -7<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 6 PGL Residential

**10<sup>th</sup> November** - Odd socks day (Anti bullying week)

**14<sup>th</sup> November** - Child in Need non uniform day (£1 donation via parentmail)

**5<sup>th</sup> December** - FS - Year 6 Flu vaccinations

**10<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 2 Christmas performance

**12<sup>th</sup> December** - Years 2-6 Vue Christmas cinema trip

**16<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas church services

**17<sup>th</sup> December** - FS and Year 1 Curve theater - 'Aliens love Panta Claus'

**19<sup>th</sup> December** - School closes at 1.30pm

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