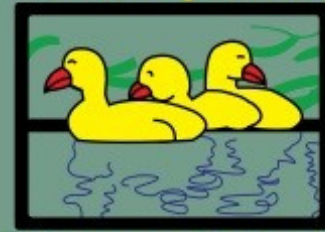


Fleckney CE Newsletter



Headteacher Update

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half-term, it's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the many fantastic experiences our children have enjoyed here at Fleckney Primary School.

A huge congratulations must go to our Year 6 pupils, who completed their SATs this week with maturity, resilience, and positivity. We were incredibly proud of the children throughout the week, and they represented the school brilliantly. Thank you to all the staff involved in supporting and preparing the children so successfully. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the FSA for generously funding the SATs breakfasts at the start and end of the week. SATs results will be shared with schools on Tuesday 7th July — the children's final day with us at Fleckney Primary School.

The FSA Colour Run on Saturday 16th May was certainly a highlight of the term. With over 150 children taking part, the event raised thousands of pounds for the school and created a fantastic atmosphere for families and the wider community. Thank you to everyone involved in organising and supporting such a memorable event.

We are also extremely proud of our Year 3/4 girls' football team, who won all six of their tournament matches. The girls showed excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout — a fantastic achievement.

This term, Year 3 invited parents and carers into school for their World Earth Day assembly, and what a sensational performance it was. The children spoke and sang with confidence and enthusiasm, doing themselves and the school proud.

Last year, we introduced a new tradition to celebrate our leaving Year 6 pupils by creating a Guard of Honour on their final day. We look forward to continuing this on Tuesday 7th July and kindly ask parents and carers from Foundation Stage to Year 5 to collect children slightly earlier at 1:25pm before helping us form the Guard of Honour shortly after 1:30pm.

Looking ahead, we have another exciting half-term ahead, including Sports Days, transition days, leavers' services, Area Sports, and many more opportunities as we finish another successful school year together.

Mr Richards



Summer 1 Edition

Fleckney Primary Sports News

The year 3 / 4 girls had an incredible time at the Girls Football Festival on Tuesday 12th May. The day began with some exciting football training sessions led by the Robert Smyth sports leaders. The girls then took part in a mini tournament against other schools. They showed fantastic teamwork and determination throughout, going on to win all six of their games. Their effort and attitude were outstanding, and they should be extremely proud of their achievement. To make the day even more special, we even met a special guest - Filbert Fox!



On Wednesday 22nd April, teams of children from years four and five travelled to Kibworth Mead Academy to take part in an afternoon of sporting event. The session were led by GCSE PE students from the academy. They played basketball, football, dodgeball and netball in a series of competitive games against children from local primary schools. They played really well and won a number of matches. They were praised by both the Kibworth Mead and Fleckney staff for their good manners, teamwork and sportsmanship. The children said that they really enjoyed the event and it was fun being led by the year tens. Well done to all who took part and thank you to Mrs French, Miss Barnes and Mr Freeman for accompanying the children to the event.





Dojo Winners



We would like to congratulate all of our pupils on a truly successful half term. Across the school, we have seen high numbers of Dojo points earned, reflecting the hard work and determination shown by our children every day. It has been particularly wonderful to see the kindness our pupils show towards one another, both in the classroom and around the school, with many looking out for others and demonstrating our shared values through the small, everyday acts that make such a difference. This half term, our focus has been on aspiration, and this has been clearly evident in pupils' positive attitudes towards their learning and their willingness to challenge themselves.

Our Dojo Cup winners this term were -
Scarlett-Jade H 5DB and Mia D 1PP.

We are incredibly proud of all of our children, regardless of whether they have received a golden ticket or not, as every child has played their part in making our school a supportive, hardworking and caring community.



Kindness Cup Winner



Austin F consistently demonstrates kindness in every aspect of his school life. He goes out of his way to make others feel valued, always greeting people with a smile, asking how they are, and showing excellent manners. His thoughtful gestures, such as holding doors open for others, never go unnoticed and help create a warm and welcoming school community.

In the classroom, Austin is a dedicated and hardworking pupil. He listens attentively and approaches his learning with focus and determination. Alongside his strong work ethic, he brings creativity and positivity into everything he does, often brightening the day of those around him with his cheerful nature.

What is especially remarkable is Austin's respect for others, and his growing understanding of their needs. He shows empathy and is able to recognise why and when others may need support. This is an impressive quality of Austin's that reflects a maturity beyond his years. In doing so, he embodies our Christian values of compassion, respect, and community.

Austin, your kindness makes a real difference. Keep being the amazing person you are and spreading the kindness around our school!



Celebrating Excellent Attendance



Attendance League Tables

Overall

1st	97.3% - Year 1
2nd	96.7% - Year 2
3rd	96.1% - Year 3
4th	95.6% - Year 4
5th	94.6% - FS & Year 6
6th	94.3% - Year 5

(national is 94.8%)

Persistent Absence

1st	Year 2 - 7.3%
2nd	Year 1 - 7.7%
3rd	Year 3 & 4 - 14.5%
4th	Year 6 - 15.9%
5th	Year 5 - 16.7%
6th	FS - 17%

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

Foundation Stage



We have been having a busy and exciting term. We have been studying Mini Beasts under a magnifier, making mini beast homes, baking and making an Easter Nest.

All the children have improved their cutting skills and are carefully making different creations each week, cutting ladybird spirals and making frog crowns!

Our artistic flair has been fostered this term as we have had a "still life" of tulips to draw, using pastels and chalks. The children spent time studying the shape of the petals and the colours they needed. We enjoyed smudging the pastel colours together.

STOP PRESS.....We wait with anticipation to see how many baby chicks hatch in our incubator!! We have been counting down the days to hatching day with great excitement.

In our maths mastery we have been looking at equal amounts, finding ways to make 5, and doubling numbers. The children have recorded their doubling calculations on our ladybirds.

Our farm trip to West Lodge was a super fun day. We had a barrel ride, fed the lambs, climbed in the play barn, and watched the pigs racing.



Year 1

On Wednesday 6th May, our Year 1 children enjoyed an exciting trip to the Children's Country House at Sudbury, home to the Toy Museum. The children had a wonderful day exploring toys from the past and comparing them with the toys they enjoy today. They took part in engaging activities and had the opportunity to learn about how childhood has changed over time. A particular favourite of the day was climbing up the chimney and down into the fireplace and even some of the teachers did it too! The visit supported our history topic: 'Toys from the 1960's' and gave the children a hands-on experience that they will remember. Their behaviour was excellent throughout the day, and they represented the school brilliantly.

During our DT unit, the children invented and made some fantastic rafts for the Gingerbread Man to use to cross the river. We used our knowledge of floating and sinking from our science lessons to help us work out what the best material would be. We then worked in teams to create a raft or boat that the Gingerbread Man could sit in.

This half term we have been busy in our science lessons growing marigold seeds. Each week we have been caring for them by placing them in a sunny windowsill and giving them a little water. We have used our science skills of observation to watch how they have grown and changed each week. We are very excited to bring them home and hopefully see them flower!



Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderfully busy and engaging term, showing enthusiasm and determination both inside and outside the classroom. In English, the children thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Disgusting Sandwich*, which inspired them to plan and write their own creative set of instructions for making the most revolting sandwich imaginable, filled with the worst ingredients they could think of. Their imagination and sense of humour really shone through in their writing.

In Maths, the class have been developing their understanding of basic fractions, learning to recognise and work with halves and quarters of both shapes and numbers, and applying this knowledge with growing confidence.

In Design and Technology, the children learned important food preparation skills, carefully practising the claw and bridge techniques to cut healthy ingredients safely. With support from Mrs Martin, they then designed and made their own delicious wraps, which they eagerly enjoyed together during a special cloakroom picnic. In Science, as part of their Living Things and Their Habitats topic, the children took their learning outdoors to explore microhabitats around the school grounds.

They investigated areas such as under logs, within leaf litter, and between tree roots, discovering a variety of fascinating creatures including snails, woodlice, ants and worms. Throughout all of these activities, the children have demonstrated a fantastic attitude to learning, always trying their very best and embracing opportunities to learn both in and beyond the classroom. We are very much looking forward to our residential trip to Beaudesert after half term.



Year 3

What a fantastic and busy half term it has been in Year 3!

In English, the children have been developing their word choices and extending their vocabulary. We explored Pie Corbett's poem "The Cave of Curiosity", which inspired the children to experiment with figurative language. They created their own imaginative stanzas, full of creativity and rich description. We also focused on writing setting descriptions, using The Lighthouse as inspiration, before moving on to an independent choice for their final pieces.

In Maths, our learning centred around measures, where the children developed their understanding of volume, capacity, and mass. They enjoyed engaging in reading scales and problem solving to deepen their understanding of these important concepts.

Our Geography topic focused on the local area, which included an enjoyable walk around the village. The children investigated how the area has changed over time, and this sparked lots of thoughtful discussion and curiosity about the past.

In Art, we studied the work of Andy Warhol, learning about his fascination with consumer culture and the media. The children explored his distinctive style and produced some vibrant and creative pieces inspired by his artwork.

We are now looking forward to our final half term in Year 3, which promises to be just as exciting. Highlights will include History Week and a trip to the Botanical Garden—we can't wait!



Year 4

Year four have been busy in English writing letters of complaint, inspired by 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. They have enjoyed taking the point of view of either a mistreated glue stick or classroom chair. They have included fronted adverbials, rhetorical questions and subordinating conjunctions to create some very persuasive and engaging letters.

In maths, we have been solving money problems by adding three items together and finding the change from ten pounds. Recently, we moved on to time, converting between analogue and digital and twelve and twenty four hour clock. They have also solved questions which include a time interval, such as finding forty five minutes after 10.55 am. Both money and time give families the opportunity to extend learning outside of the classroom through practical, real world experiences. The children have also been working hard on their multiplication tables, in preparation for the Year Four Multiplication Check, which takes place in June.

In Art, we are studying cityscapes. The children produced cartoon style Cityscapes, demonstrating imagination, flair and creativity. It was great to see how they all followed the same theme but produced such different outcomes. As part of our music unit this half term, the children have been learning about the different elements of music and how we can use the elements of music to describe pieces of music we listen to. The children have been working towards composing their own short motif to represent an animal. They have chosen instruments to use in their compositions such as keyboards, glockenspiels, tambourines and drums.

In computing we have been learning to search the web more effectively, using a small number of keywords and choosing the relevant filters.

In science, the children have really enjoyed finding out about the parts of the digestive system and the role they perform in turning the solid food we eat into nutrients which our body can absorb.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy and rewarding half term, taking part in a wide variety of activities that have supported their learning and encouraged creativity. They have embraced new challenges across all subjects. Some of our Year 5 children have also proudly represented our school at sporting competitions and STEM events.

In English, pupils have strengthened their writing skills by working across a range of genres, including persuasive leaflets and letters of complaint. They have refined their understanding of formality to suit different purposes and have broadened their use of more sophisticated punctuation.

In maths, Year 5 have enthusiastically explored topics in statistics and geometry. They have been developing their knowledge of shape and properties, and had great fun accurately measuring and drawing angles using a protractor.

This term, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their science topic, Living Things and Their Habitats. They have taken part in a range of practical investigations, worked collaboratively with their peers, and developed their use of scientific vocabulary.

A highlight for all the children was our DT week on Bridges. The children developed their skills in measuring, cutting, designing and constructing. We have some excellent future civil engineers amongst us!

Best wishes for the half-term break.

The Year 5 Team



Year 6

It has been another incredibly busy and productive period for Year 6 as we built up to SATs week, with pupils rising to every challenge and showing enthusiasm, resilience and creativity across the curriculum.

In Mathematics, we have been focusing on geometry. The children have strengthened their understanding of the properties of shapes, including identifying and describing angles, as well as exploring position and direction on co-ordinate grids. They have shown growing confidence when plotting coordinates and describing movements and translations with accuracy.

In English, we have been inspired by the animated short film Alma to write our own tense and atmospheric narratives. The children produced gripping prequels and sequels, carefully crafting suspense and using rich descriptive language to hook the reader. Their imagination and attention to detail have been a real highlight.

Our Science learning has centred on living things and their habitats. Pupils have learnt how to classify organisms using classification keys and have deepened their understanding of the characteristics of living things, including MRS GREN. They also explored the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates. A hands-on exploration of the school grounds allowed children to identify and classify living things in their natural habitats, bringing our learning to life.

In Art, we have begun an exciting new unit inspired by the work of Banksy. The children have explored graffiti as an art form and have started designing and creating their own artwork on t-shirts. These will be proudly showcased in our end-of-term fashion show, which we are all very much looking forward to.

In Music, we have begun learning the songs for our upcoming end-of-Year 6 performance. The children have approached this with great enthusiasm and are already showing fantastic teamwork and confidence as they rehearse. Alongside all of this, revision was in full swing in preparation for SATs, with pupils showing determination, focus and a positive attitude throughout.

Finally, a huge well done to Year 6 for their outstanding effort during SATs week. The children were an absolute credit to the school - calm, sensible and hardworking. We are all incredibly proud of them and all that they have achieved. We are very grateful that we get to work with enthusiastic Year 6's towards their projects and transition activities after the break.

Congratulations all,
Mr. Crane, Mr. O'Connell and Mrs. Korla



Market Harborough Rotary Club's Young Scientists of the Year Competition

Oscar B, Albert C and Elodie P went to Robert Smyth Academy to represent us at the Market Harborough Rotary Club's Young Scientist of the Year competition and they were amazing! They worked together to complete a number of practical challenges and answer some very tricky quiz questions. Mrs Koria received several compliments from other adults about their behaviour and team work. After being in the lead for the practical work, they were just pipped at the post on the quiz questions and came a very close second overall. Well done to all three!



Fleckney Primary School Art Competition 2026-A Roaring Success

We are delighted to share the wonderful results of our 2026 Art Competition. This year, 139 talented pupils from across the school entered, showcasing an impressive range of imagination, enthusiasm and creativity. The theme, "Animals", inspired a vibrant collection of artwork that beautifully celebrated the variety and character of our animal world. Our judge artist, Lizzy Beesley, was incredibly impressed by the quality and originality of every piece, and commented on how challenging it was to select the winning entries. After much careful consideration, we are proud to announce the winner and runner up for each year group:

Winners (£30 Prize Voucher) Runners up (£10 Prize Voucher)

Hallie G RTH Isobel T RTH
Marley T IPP April M IPP
Samuel A 2HB Hazel S 2HB
Rose B 3JS Fearne W 3JS
Obi G 4MP Albie W 4KL
Maya G 5DB Erin W 5DB
Eden K 6SC Millie B 6SK

A huge congratulations to all our winners and a big well done to every pupil who took part-your creativity and effort made this year's competition a true celebration of artistic expression. We can't wait to see what you create next year!

Mrs Styles
(Art Co-ordinator)





Wellbeing Team



With SATs looming, secondary school transition becoming reality and a busy timetable, the team have not stepped off the pedal and have carried on being amazing in all that they do. During SATs week, it was truly appreciated by all that the team continued to remain dedicated and carried out their duties without hesitation. A huge thank you goes to them all.

The field and playgrounds have been a hive of activity with everyone now really enjoying the warmer weather. The new playground equipment is being put to great use with the giant Connect 4 board being a particular hit! We are all looking forward to the new and final half term ahead.



A message from the Team

We were really excited to receive all the new play equipment and to get it all out ready for everyone to use. In FS we have taken playground chalks so the children could spend a lunch time drawing. We have been setting up the giant Connect 4 and have lots of children waiting to have their turn. The skipping ropes and hoops have been very popular. After the half term break, we are looking forward to getting some games going with our new giant playing cards and having lots of fun.

Neda T and Savannah T



Clubs

We have organised a new set of after school clubs, which will begin in April 2026. Please see the parentmail letter sent out before half term.

Monday

Rounders - KS2

Outdoor Explorers - All years

Tuesday

French Club - Years 1-6

Mini Athletics - Years 1-3

Wednesday

Pickleball Club - Years 3,4 and 6

Thursday

Cricket Club - KS2

Friday

Film Club - All year groups



Diary Dates and Term Dates

Summer Term 2026

Mid Term Break:

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Last Day of Summer Term

Tuesday 7th July Early close at 1.30pm

Autumn Term 2026

School opens:

Monday 24th August

August Bank Holiday:

Monday 31st August

Mid Term break:

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October

Last day of Autumn term 2026

Friday 18th December - Early close at 1.30pm

2nd June - 3rd June - Year 2 Beaudesert Residential
5th June - FSA School Disco
8th June - Year 5 Duxford trip
17th June - Key Stage 1 Sports Day
18th June - Fs sports day and Key Stage 2 Sports Day
27th June - FSA Summer Fayre
1st July - FS Awards Assembly
7th July - Year 6 SATS Results Sent Home
24th August - School Opens

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