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December Newsletter 2025



Dear parents and carers,
What an incredible term we have had at Lawns Park to finish off 2025 with. There has been so much going on, as you will see below! Recently, we have been absolutely wowed by some brilliant end of term productions. Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2 have produced some fabulous shows and I would like to thank the children and staff for all their hard work rehearsing, as well as the parents for helping us out with learning lines, songs and costumes! Performing arts have also been busy out and about with singing events at Farnley Cricket Club, the Greggs Factory and of course at school – well done to everyone involved. All the children have worked so hard and now it is time for a break, probably the most exciting break of the year! So, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas from everyone at Lawns Park and a healthy and happy new year. We will see you all again in 2026!



OFFICE REMINDER FOR PAYMENTS

Please can all parents make sure that they have downloaded the app for 'School Gateway'. This is our online payment system which parents will use to make all payments. Please also ensure the following apps have been downloaded, Schoop, Sims Parent. Thanks, kind regards, the Office Team.



EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY – ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Parents have a legal duty to ensure your child attends school regularly. This means that your child must attend every day, unless:

- Your child is too ill to attend that day.
- You have been given permission by school due to exceptional circumstances.
- Your child cannot attend because of a religious observance.

These are the only circumstances where school can permit your child to be absent. If you are having difficulties with your child's attendance and you would like to speak to a member of staff then please phone school and ask to speak to Mrs Miles, Mrs Dean or Mr Chapman





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Year 6

This term, Year 6 have had a busy and exciting time. The highlight for all of us was our residential visit to Herd Farm, where we challenged ourselves, worked as a team and made memories we will never forget. In maths, we have been developing our understanding of fractions and building confidence with reasoning and problem-solving. Our geography lessons have focused on the UK, where we explored its countries, counties and key physical and human features. In art, we have been inspired by the work of Frida Kahlo, creating thoughtful and expressive pieces linked to her unique style. Finally, we were budding electricians in Science as we constructed, drew and problem solved different circuits. We are very proud of the enthusiasm and resilience the children have shown across all areas of learning this term. Next term we continue working hard towards SATs in May, as well as learning about Rainforests, The Mayans and Light in Science. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and spend it doing the things you enjoy. The Y6 team 😊

MERRY
Christmas





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Year 5

This term in Year 5, we have been exploring the exciting topic of Space across our learning. In English, we have written imaginative letters and diary entries, describing what it would be like to be trapped in space and encountering extra-terrestrial beings. We have really enjoyed this unit and created some fantastic final pieces that we are very proud of. In Maths, we have been loving our work on fractions and are beginning to understand them more confidently. We also enjoyed our art unit inspired by David Hockney, where we produced some great recreations of his work. We are all looking forward to next term, when we will be developing our writing further by creating non-chronological reports





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Year 4



Wow! Year 4 have had a fantastic half-term full of exciting learning. In English, the children wrote brilliant atmospheric stories inspired by the story, *The Wolves in the Walls*. They worked hard to use tricky grammar skills and create spooky, engaging narratives. In Geography, we explored mountains, learning about their features, discovering which mountains are found in the UK and taking a closer look at the Himalayan mountain range. In Art, the children created some wonderful paintings inspired by the work of Claude Monet. They used a range of brushes and techniques to explore different aspects of the 7 Elements of Art. In Science, the children carried out an experiment to investigate how quickly ice melts in different water temperatures. They impressed us with their ability to make predictions and carefully collect data. Some children even went on a trip to Leeds Trinity University's new campus to learn about finance. They represented the school wonderfully. What a brilliant half-term it has been for Year 4! Have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half-term.

Next half-term we will be delving into what life was like for Romans in history, learning all about sound in science, writing a diary entry as a Roman Gladiator in our writing sessions, coding in ICT and making our own thaumatropes in art.





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Year 3

Year 3 have had a very busy and exciting term! Much of our learning has been inspired by our Iron Man topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the story and produced some fantastic narrative writing based on Iron Man's adventures.

In Science, we have been learning about rocks. Last week, we completed a local rock study where the children investigated and identified different types of rocks they could find, which they really enjoyed.

In Art, our focus has been on Vincent van Gogh and Starry Night. The children created their own versions of this famous painting and the results were beautiful, full of vibrant colours and creativity.

In Maths, we have been concentrating on the 3 and 4 times-tables. If your child would like to get ahead over the Christmas holidays, we will be moving on to the 8 times tables after Christmas, so they could start to practice! TTRockstars will remain available throughout the Christmas period.

Next term, our topic will turn to the Bronze and Iron Age, where we will explore how people adapted their lives and lived during these periods. In English, we will be writing a newspaper report linked to an alternative version of The Three Little Pigs.

Miss Ball has thoroughly enjoyed such a busy and productive term. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone back in January. The Year 3 Team





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Year 2



This half term, Year 2 have enjoyed reading *The Snowflake* by Benji Davies. As part of this, we wrote a detailed setting description exploring the use of expanded noun phrases and similes to add interesting details. Following this, we created our own snowflake-based adventures. Some children had their snowflake explore volcanic landscapes whereas others chose to focus on a more Christmassy story. In art, we learned about abstract artist Frank Bowling who built his own see-saw on which to balance his canvases in order to create fluid artwork. The children enjoyed exploring creating different textures by mixing acrylic paint with a range of different materials such as sand and glue. As part of Geography, the children learned about the countries and capitals of the UK where they drew their own creative map showing landmarks personal to them. This half term culminated in the Christmas Performance. Thank you to everyone for learning lines, songs and providing costumes. We really appreciate your support with this. I'm sure we can all agree, the children were spectacular!

Next half term, we will be focusing upon the significant historical event of the sinking of the Titanic. We have lots of exciting primary sources and books lined up ready to explore and enjoy. Have a wonderful Christmas and get lots of rest for an action-packed Spring term!





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Year 1



This term we have done some absolutely amazing learning and have been super busy in Year 1! In writing, we have been reading *Hansel and Gretel* and even created our own exciting twists on the tale. In maths, we have been learning addition and subtraction and wowed Miss Fell with our fantastic skills. In history, we have been exploring toys and were lucky enough to have a visit from the lovely Mrs Brooks, who showed us her old toys – we even got to play with some! We also explored an artefact box filled with toys from a museum. In science, we carried out lots of fun experiments, with our favourite being float or sink and in art we learned about Kandinsky and created our own abstract art pieces. Our favourite parts of the term were the nativity and our Christmas party. Enjoy Christmas Year 1 – you have worked super hard! We are so proud of you all!





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Foundation Stage



And so we find ourselves at the end of the 1st term as Foundation Stage and what a fabulous term it has been! Our 'Drawing Club' journey is in full swing. Through the words of Julia Donaldson, we have immersed ourselves in the world of rhyming texts. This has led us to some outstanding illustrations of our own and a depth of understanding about the characters thoughts and feelings. What an empathic bunch we are! As artists, we have honed our musical and acting skills which culminated in our very own performance of 'The Nativity.' We wowed the audience with our confident speaking skills, super singing, and musical talents. Finally, the children of Foundation Stage visited The Carriageworks Theatre for a performance of 'Christopher's Christmas' where we worked as the fabulous team that we are to help Santa find his way to Dandeville.

Next half term we will be welcoming more friends into Foundation 1, exploring poetry through our theme 'Once upon a poem...' and much, much more. From all the staff and children in Foundation Stage, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

