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★ EYFS · Reception

A wonderful first term in Reception

What a wonderful first term we have had in Reception! We are so incredibly proud of all our children and how brilliantly they have settled into school life. They have made lots of new friends, grown in confidence and enjoyed exploring our early years unit.

Our first topic, 'Marvellous Me', has been a real treat! We have loved hearing all about the children's families and learning about the special people in their lives. We have also been learning about Harvest and the children did a fantastic job taking part in our Harvest Assembly — they were so brave! We have enjoyed some delicious bread tasting and had fun retelling the story of 'The Little Red Hen'.

Alongside our topic work, we have been learning about oral health, including how to look after our teeth and why brushing them is so important. We have also been learning about road safety and how to stay safe when walking near roads, including how to cross safely.

We can't wait to see what adventures next term will bring!

★ Pilot programme this term

Autistic and OK: Primary Schools

We are pleased to let you know that our school is taking part in the Autistic and OK: Primary Schools pilot programme. It is designed to support autistic pupils' wellbeing and help schools build more understanding, inclusive and supportive environments, with resources for pupils, school staff and parents/carers.

As part of this, we are sharing a parent/carer guidebook with guidance on supporting autistic children's wellbeing, friendships, stress, worry and transition. Feedback from schools, pupils and families during the pilot will help strengthen the resources before they are made available more widely.

Questions? Please contact Sita Patel, who is leading on the programme:

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★ KS1 · Years 1 & 2

Superstars settling in

It has been fantastic to see the children settling in so well to their new Year 1 and 2 classes. They have been superstars at quickly grasping their classroom rules and routines, and they have been working incredibly hard in class.

Poetry slam

We began this term with our whole-school poetry slam. Year 1 had fun meeting 'Mr Long who gets everything wrong' and Year 2 used the poem 'My Treasures' to inspire their own poetry writing. It was a pleasure to celebrate the children's completed work during one of our weekly phase assemblies.

Percy the Park Keeper

This term, we have enjoyed immersing ourselves in the world of 'Percy the Park Keeper' as part of this term's topic. This has included exploring the various animal characters, prior to writing interesting character descriptions. We are looking forward to creating our own brochures over the next few weeks with the aim of persuading people to visit Percy's park.

Harvest

Thank you very much for all of your generous Harvest donations. Well done to **Mrs Feeny's class** for collecting the most items! The children attended a whole-school Harvest Festival last week and it was great to hear the KS1 children singing 'The farmer plants a seed' and sharing their appreciation for school dinners.

Coming up in KS1

- **Computing:** more work with the Bee-Bots
- **Geography:** the weather in the UK
- **Art:** exploring tone and texture
- **Materials:** finding the most suitable material for a coat for Percy



Share your achievements!

Children are welcome to bring in any special out-of-school achievements to share during our weekly phase assembly on **Tuesday afternoons**. This may include certificates, medals, badges or trophies for activities such as swimming, football, Rainbows and more.

★ Years 3 & 4

Changing Childhoods

Years 3 and 4 have had a wonderful start to the new school year and have been thoroughly enjoying our new topic, 'Changing Childhoods'. The children have been exploring what life was like for children in the past, with a particular focus on the Victorian era.

They have discovered what school and everyday life were like for Victorian children, learned about some of the jobs children were expected to do, and explored the important impact of Lord Shaftesbury and his work to improve the lives of children.



Coming soon: our Victorian dress-up day later this term!

Ready, set, slingshot!

The children have been having lots of fun in DT, using construction kits to build their own cars. The highlight has been testing their slingshot cars! There has been plenty of excitement as they raced their cars, tested how far they could travel and thought carefully about how to improve their designs. It has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm, creativity and teamwork.

★ Years 5 & 6

Greeks, poetry and Romans

Year 5 and 6 have had a busy and exciting start to the new school year. Children have been learning all about the Ancient Greeks in their History lessons, and we held our annual Lethbridge poetry slam, where each year group studied a poem from the book 'A Dinosaur at the Bus Stop'. It was wonderful to see the children performing these poems to their classes, as well as hearing their very own versions of these poems.

Year 5 · Residential

Ufton Court

Year 5 had a wonderful time on their long-awaited residential to Ufton Court. They fully immersed themselves in all things Roman, taking part in Roman games, bow making, military manoeuvres and Roman skills, and looking at Roman artefacts to see what could be found out about Roman life.

Year 6 · End of term

Braeside

Year 6 are very much looking forward to their residential to Braeside, where they will take part in lots of different activities, including:

Canoeing

Archery

Fire lighting

Orienteering

Climbing

★ Pupil Leadership · Eco

Our Eco Warriors

Our school pupil leadership have now all met and are enthusiastic about their new year projects. A huge well done to all the children who put themselves forward to be class reps!

Our Eco Warriors are full of enthusiasm for their new roles (such as litter picking and energy monitoring) and have shared some super ideas. Following our environmental review, we think we've settled on three focus areas:

- 1 **Transport**
- 2 **School grounds**
- 3 **Waste**, working with other Blue Kite schools

The children are particularly excited about the idea of an inter-school **Scrapheap Challenge!** We can't wait to get organising!

★ OPAL · Outdoor Play

Muddy, messy and adventurous

Our staff have recently completed Risk-Benefit training with an OPAL consultant, helping us to support children in enjoying adventurous play.

The mud kitchen has been super popular, and as we develop more messy play, children may come home a little messier than usual! We also have new handwashing facilities for children to use.



As the season changes we want children to keep playing outside as much as possible.

Please make sure your child has a coat in school every day, and suitable shoes.



Safeguarding

Start-of-year keeping safe reminders

The office is a safe harbour

If a child mislays a parent on the playground, has an issue about getting home or a query about a club, the school office is here to help. Please come in and see our friendly front-of-house staff!

Mobile phones & smart watches

The June 2026 DfE guidance set an expectation that schools ensure pupils don't have access to their mobile phones during the school day. At Lethbridge, children are not allowed mobile phones or internet-enabled devices such as smart watches in school without permission. Any permitted device must be turned off on school premises and handed in to their teacher.

Year 6: if your child needs a mobile phone, please request a permission letter.

Smart watches: please discuss with the class teacher, and make sure settings block internet access and taking photos.

Please help us keep our school safe by following these guidelines. Thank you.