

# MUSKHAM

## Newsletter



### A Warm Welcome Back!

It is a real pleasure to welcome you back to Muskham Primary School as we begin a new 2026 together. This is my first week in school and I must say, I have been so impressed with the children's attitudes to learning and their caring ways. I have learned so much already...and of course the children have rightly corrected me if I have done something that's not quite right. This newsletter offers a lovely snapshot of the wonderful things that have happened in school during the week. I hope you enjoy reading about our learning, achievements and special moments, and that it gives you a real sense of the enthusiasm, hard work and joy that fill our classrooms.

*Mr Pearson*



### What's Coming Up Before Half Term...

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January - School Pantomime
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Internet Safety Day
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup>/Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evenings
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Break Up for Half Term

## It's all happening in the classroom...



### Mr Charlesworth's Class

This week, the Foundation children have begun their exciting new topic, Amazing Animals. Through engaging activities, including our vets role-play area, the children have been demonstrating care and empathy by looking after animals, discussing their needs, and developing their understanding of how to treat living things with kindness and respect.

### Mrs Maxey's Class

Year 1 have had a busy and positive week of learning in the classroom. In maths, the children have been developing their understanding of numbers by finding one more and one less. In English, they have been practising using capital letters and full stops correctly in their writing. We have also spent time learning about how to keep ourselves safe and calm, exploring helpful strategies for managing our feelings. In PE, the children took part in a brilliant session with Miss Nairn, where they showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and effort.



### Mrs Keane's Class

Class 3 have thoroughly enjoyed getting started on their tie-dye projects this week. The children loved exploring different folding and tying techniques and were very excited to see how their designs are taking shape. They are eagerly looking forward to dipping their creations next week and revealing the colourful results!



## It's all happening in the classroom...



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### Mrs Palmer's Class

This week in class, the children have been busy with a wide range of exciting learning. In maths, they have been developing their understanding of fractions and decimals, building confidence in using them in different contexts. Our topic work has taken us into space, where the children have been learning about space travel and researching fascinating facts about the planets. In English, they have been using their imagination to create their own Portal Stories, focusing on descriptive language and creative ideas. In PE, the children have enjoyed energetic dance and fitness sessions, showing great enthusiasm and perseverance throughout.

### Mrs Hough's Class

Class 2 have thoroughly enjoyed starting 2026 with an engaging multiplication and division maths game. Using a fun snakes and ladders activity, the children practised recalling key number facts while working collaboratively and developing their confidence with multiplication and division in an enjoyable, hands-on way. In addition, the children took part in a resilience workshop where they explored what resilience means, discussed strategies for coping with challenges, and learned how to keep trying even when things feel tricky. The session encouraged positive thinking, perseverance and self-belief, helping the children to develop important life skills alongside their classroom learning.



It's all happening in the classroom...

### Miss Baker's Class

Year 5 and 6 have been enjoying an exciting week of learning across the curriculum. In computing, the children have been developing their skills in PowerPoint, learning how to create engaging presentations with text, images, and effects. In maths, they have been exploring algebra, solving problems and beginning to understand how to use letters to represent numbers. In English, the focus has been on writing suspense texts, with the children working hard to create tension and keep readers on the edge of their seats. Topic work has taken them into the heart of the rainforest, where they are starting to deepen their knowledge of the plants, animals, and ecosystems that make these habitats so amazing.

Well Done Superstars!





Well done to all our Superstars this week. You are all fantastic ENABLERS and we are very proud of you!

## Girl's Cricket



This week, we were delighted to welcome a coach from Newark Ransome & Marles Cricket Club, who delivered an engaging cricket session for our Year 5 and 6 girls. The session introduced the pupils to the fundamental skills of cricket, including batting, bowling and fielding, in a fun and supportive environment. The aim was to inspire confidence and enthusiasm for the sport, encouraging the girls to continue developing their skills and hopefully take part in cricket again during the summer season.



This week, our school has been buzzing with well-being workshops for all year groups. The children have been exploring important topics like resilience, learning how to keep going even when things feel tricky, and managing their emotions in a positive way. They've also been thinking about the adults around them who can offer support at school and at home, so they know where to turn if they need help. The sessions have been full of discussion, activities, and lots of practical tips for staying calm, confident, and resilient every day.

