



**Poetry Week**

Our children have had a great week exploring and performing a range of poetry (our Early Years learnt rhymes).



Staff chose from a range of poems including, The Morning Rush, Daddy Fell in the Pond, On the Ning Nang Nong, The Door and Gran can you Rap?

**Opal Update**

As many of you are aware, we have started our Opal journey. Opal stands for Outdoor Play and Learning. Mrs. Parmley has delivered two assemblies introducing our plans for lunchtimes.



We have started collecting a range of resources including toys, books, pushchairs and tents but we have a way to go before we can start to introduce all of the resources with new storage being a main priority.

We would welcome any donations of household items that could build part of our outdoor kitchen. Also, if your child has grown out of wellingtons, we would happily make use of them.

Soon we will be asking children to bring in wellies to wear during lunchtimes to keep their shoes clean.

<https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

**Last Week's Attendance**

RecD, Y1B, Y2S, Y6P	100%	Expected Attendance
Y3K/C, Y4F	99%	Expected Attendance
Y3Kn	98%	Expected Attendance
Y2B/F	96%	Expected Attendance
RecP, Y5C, Y5K/S, Y6D	95%	Concern of under achievement
Y1D	94%	Concern of under achievement
Y4G	93%	Risk of under achievement

**Athletics Afternoons**

Our Year 3 children have spent time this week taking part in athletics festivals (Tuesday Mrs. Coyles children went to Springwell Community College and yesterday Mr. Knightley's children went to Tupton Hall). During both afternoons, our children showed great resilience and perseverance with all of the activities and supported the other children on their teams. They were all really good team players.



**Important Dates**



- **19.01.26 – Y5 Dukes Barn Meeting (3:15pm)**
- **22.01.26 – Y6 Dukes Barn Meeting (3:15pm)**
- **03/04/05.02.26 – Y6 Residential Dukes Barn**
- **05/06/02.26 – Y5 Residential Dukes Barn**
- **10.02.26 – Safer Internet Day**
- **11.02.26 – Y3 trip to Magna**
- **14.02.26 – Start of February half term**
- **23.02.26 – Start of school term**

**Headteacher Awards**

<b>Nursery</b>		<b>Rec D</b>	<b>Rec P</b>	<b>Y1B</b>	<b>Y1D</b>	<b>Y2B/F</b>	<b>Y2S</b>
Marley		Hunter	Jasmine	Bethany	Thea	James	Zachary
Benjamin		Arthur	Oakley	Teddy	Grayson	Harper	Lucas
<b>Y3K/C</b>	<b>Y3Kn</b>	<b>Y4G</b>	<b>Y4F</b>	<b>Y5C</b>	<b>Y5K/S</b>	<b>Y6D</b>	<b>Y6P</b>
Everlyn	Ellis	Ruby	Jude	Oliver	Theo A	Marcel	Teddy
Albertha	Isabel	Riley	Lexa	Alfie	Serena	Robyn	Destiny