

20.03.2026

Dear Parents and Families,

After 20 years of dedicated service, we are sad to share that Camilla will be leaving our school.

Camilla has been an integral part of our school community, working across every phase from Nursery through to Year 6. Over the years, she has taken on a variety of roles with commitment and professionalism. She began as a Teaching Assistant and later became a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, teaching groups and covering classes across the school.

More recently, Camilla has worked as an Admin Officer, where she played a key role in improving attendance and building strong relationships with families. She has been a familiar and approachable face for many of our parents and will be a real loss to families who have relied on her support. She is also well known as our resident technology expert, always willing to help staff solve problems.

Camilla has been a hugely valued colleague to all staff, and she will be greatly missed. Her knowledge of the school, her reliability, and her willingness to support others have made a lasting difference to both staff and pupils.

Camilla's contribution over the past two decades has been significant, and she will be greatly missed by staff, pupils, and parents alike. We thank her for her years of service and wish her well for the future.

Sending our warmest wishes to all our students and parents celebrating Eid - Eid Mubarak.

Warm regards,

Katija Ali
Head of School



Coffee Morning

Tuesday 24th March

iTips Coffee Morning



Important Dates

**Tuesday 24th & Wednesday
25th March**

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 25th March

2YO Park Trip

Thursday 26th March

Reception Trip - 10.45
Eid Celebration - 3:30pm

Non-uniform day

Friday 27th March

Last day of term

1:30pm finish

Friday 27th March

3YO nursery closed

Monday 30th March –

Friday 10th April

Spring Holiday

Monday 13th April

INSET day

School Closed

Tuesday 14th April

Children return to school

2YO Nursery closed



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson 75%	Isaac Newton 87%
Eric Carle 74%	Michael Faraday 91%
Judith Kerr 76%	Maya Angelou 85%
Tony Ross 73%	William Shakespeare 88%
Greta Thunberg 83%	Benjamin Zephaniah 83%
Harriet Tubman 87%	Emmeline Pankhurst 88%
Florence Nightingale 84%	Martin Luther King 87%
Marie Curie 84%	Marcus Rashford 89%
	Nelson Mandela 85%

The whole school's attendance for this week is **93.1%**

Attendance and Punctuality

Our target for individual and whole school attendance is 95%.

Click [here](#) to see the attendance prizes we will be awarding for this year.

The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn.

School starts at 8:50am. It is important that your child arrives on time to ensure they have a positive start to the day.

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school office on 02072725620.

The school office is open from 8am – 4:30pm.



Attendance Matters





Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2YO: Tarek

You have been really trying hard this term. You are starting to be more independent and using more words to communicate your needs. Well done, Tarek.

Michael Faraday Year 3: Chloe- May

For demonstrating perseverance in both her learning and behaviour. She has consistently been ready, respectful, and safe while putting great effort into her work and engaging well in her learning. Well done!

Eric Carle 3YO: De'Mari

For being a great friend and always making sure others feel involved!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Leon

For his enthusiasm in English. He came up with some great ideas for his letter to the earth. Well done!

Tony Ross Reception: Hafsa

For your hard work and enthusiasm for learning. Your sentence writing has made great progress you star.

Maya Angelou Year 4: Kizzy

She has really enjoyed our topics in Science and Geography this term and has shown great enthusiasm through her creative contributions to class discussions. It has been lovely to see her confidence grow. Keep up this great attitude to learning Kizzy!

Judith Kerr Reception: Mehrunisa

For setting a great example through making positive choices and being ready for and enthusiastic about learning.

Benjamin Zephaniah Year 5: Mascuud

For such an impressive attitude towards his learning. He was determined to work on his cursive handwriting and worked so hard in school and home to learn all the joins. His handwriting is fantastic now! Well done!

Greta Thunberg Year 1: Rakiyah

For showing enthusiasm and ambition in phonics this week. You have tried so hard to learn the sounds! Keep it up!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Cleo

For such an impressive attitude towards her learning. She was determined to work on her cursive handwriting and worked so hard in school and home to learn all the joins. Her handwriting is fantastic now! Well done!

Harriet Tubman Year 1: Mahamed

For working incredibly hard this week. You have put lots of effort into all your learning and I am always so impressed with your positive respectful attitude.

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Flick

For such an impressive attitude towards her learning. She was determined to work on her cursive handwriting and worked so hard in school and home to learn all the joins. Her handwriting is fantastic now! Well done!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Omer

For amazing work in Maths. He was using a ruler to measure with accuracy and precision. Well done.

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Kyra

For a fantastic attitude to learning in all lessons. Kyra always shows super listening and works hard to develop her own ideas. Keep it up Kyra!

Marie Curie Year 2: Layla-Mai

For working hard to set a good example and your perseverance in lessons. You have shown independence and perseverance this week. Keep up the hard work!

Marcus Rashford Year 6: Mawa

You have had a brilliant week this week. You have been ambitious in your writing and you have been a role model for others in your booster this week, setting a great example for everyone else. Keep it up, Mawa!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Maria

For her enthusiasm in maths. She showed great focus and worked hard during our session, using brilliant ideas to solve problems. Well done!

Reminder: Breakfast Before School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to kindly remind you of the importance of ensuring that your child has a healthy breakfast each morning before coming to school. Breakfast plays a vital role in helping children start their day with energy and focus. A nutritious morning meal (as simple as cereal, toast, fruit or yogurt) supports concentration, improves behaviour, and helps children engage more effectively in their learning. Children who eat breakfast are more likely to feel alert, participate actively in class, and maintain better overall wellbeing throughout the day.

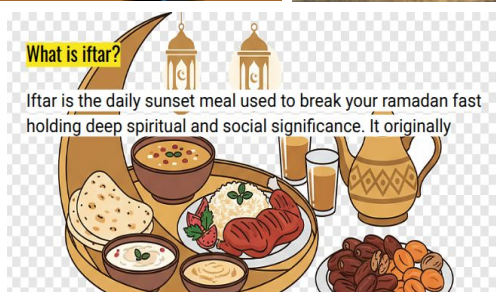
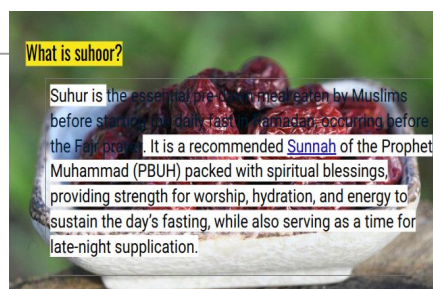
We understand that mornings can be busy, and we appreciate your efforts in supporting your child's routine. By helping them start the day with a good breakfast, you are giving them the best possible foundation for success at school.

Thank you for your support.

Fantastic Work and Learning at Duncombe

On Monday, during our values assembly, we had the pleasure welcoming Imam Ibrahim, who presides over the local mosque in Hornsey. He delivered an assembly alongside some Year 6 pupils (Imran, Isa, Ismail and Mohamed from Marcus Rashford), where he explained the importance of Ramadan and its cultural significance. As the period of Ramadan comes to an end, we would like to wish all our families who have been observing Ramadan a joyful and peaceful Eid. May this special time bring happiness, reflection, and celebration to you and your loved ones. Eid Mubarak to all who are celebrating!

Here are some images from the presentation shared:



Duncombe Eid Celebration

Thursday 26th March 2026

3.30pm - 4.45pm

Music

Arts and Crafts

Face Painting

Sports

Please bring a dish to share.

* Please do not use nuts, due to allergies

We look forward to celebrating with you.

If you would like to help organise the celebration, please get in touch with Sabrina.



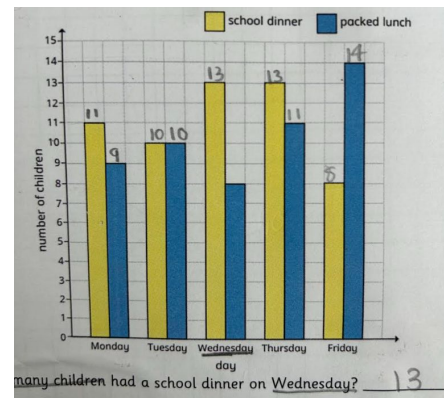
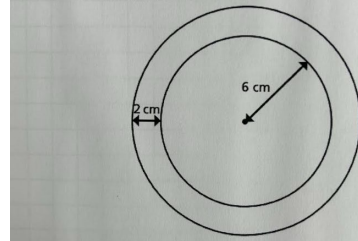
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Year 6: Year 6 have worked incredibly hard in maths this week. They learnt about measure, geometry and statistics and tackled a range of questions.

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- Use the diameter of the circles to find the radius.
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- The two circles have the same centre.



Year 5: In Year 5, pupils are creating persuasive adverts to encourage visitors to the London Eye. They are developing their use of ambitious vocabulary to enhance the impact of their writing and successfully persuade the reader.

Date: Tuesday 17th March 2020
 L.O. I can write a persuasive advert.
 Success Criteria:
 • Use a range of punctuation accurately that stops, capital letters and punctuation for emphasis.
 • Use powerful adjectives.
 • Use modal verbs.
 • Use rhetorical questions.
 • Use impressive verbs.
 • Include exaggeration.

VIP experience

Did you think that the London Eye is not just about pictures and views? You could upgrade to a better experience by booking VIP. Have you ever wanted to feel like a VIP for a day? Book your own private party at which you can enjoy all the best of the city and relaxing. Relax, adults, you live in your dream. After you enjoy your private party you can drink incredible champagne and eat exclusive chocolates. The VIP experience, which will change your life for ever, is something you need to try. Afternoon tea is a must at the London Eye. Enjoy the expensive taste and the views will definitely not disappoint. You can spot various landmarks to make your experience unforgettable. Sometimes you can socialise with them and go to their private club and have dinner with them.

London Eye facts

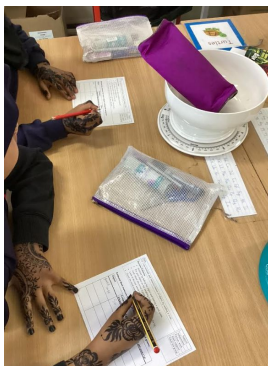
- The London Eye has 32 capsules.
- Each capsule can hold about 25.
- The London Eye is also known as the Millennium wheel.
- It is located on the South Bank of the River Thames.
- It stands tall at 135 meters.
- The London Eye opened to the public in the 2000s.

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Have you ever wanted to visit the most popular tourist attraction? If you have, the London Eye is perfect for you. Book now and create memories with your friends! You should visit the London Eye because you can enjoy the majestic views and landmarks. Create such memories with your family that will never be forgotten.

The London Eye which has 32 glass capsules, was made in December 31st 1999. The London Eye is also perfectly located, allowing you to see the breath-taking views such as the Shard, Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. Once you step inside, you will be amazed by how high up you are. Picture your self seeing the sunsets with your family! Enjoy your self with the fun activities at the London Eye. At night you might see the marvellous lights on the London Eye, beaming below you. Take exquisite photos with your friends and family at the London Eye.

Year 4: Some Year 4 children have been exploring measurement by using scales to weigh items around the classroom. They began by estimating the mass of each object and then applied their knowledge of scales to figure out the actual measurements accurately.



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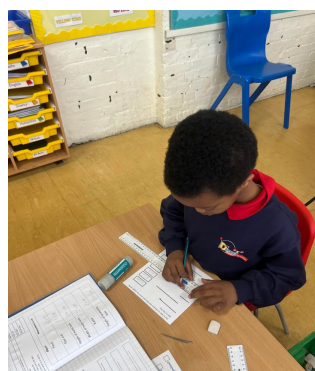
Year 3:

In Year 3, in Science, the children have been learning about forces. They carried out a balloon rocket experiment to explore how air can push objects. The children measured how far the balloon travelled and recorded their results. They also explored how friction affects movement. We discussed how this links to Newton's ideas, learning that when air pushes out of the balloon (the action), it makes the balloon move forward (the reaction). This helped the children understand how forces work in a real-life example.

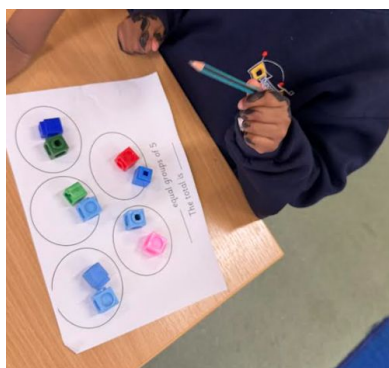


Year 2:

The children have been learning about measurement. We started the week with measuring using non standard units of measuring which was with cubes. We then moved onto using standard units of measure. The children used a ruler to measure different items in the classroom.



Year 1: This week, Year 1 have been counting up in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have made equal groups of these amounts and are using our counting up skills to find the total amounts.



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Reception:

Reception enjoyed their learning about local heroes and have had a great time role playing various emergency service jobs. They have been putting out 'fires' with water and enjoying dress up. They are able to add new vocabulary into their role play having learnt more about the equipment and uniforms of these jobs.



3YO Nursery:

Nursery has had a great week - our focus for this week has been shapes! We have been trying to spot different shapes in and around our classroom. Our maths table was very busy these past few days and the children have been amazing at sorting shapes. We have also been doing more lessons outside to make the most of the sun rays, we had our reading time and snack time outside these past couple of days, which the children loved.



2YO Nursery:

Another busy week. The children have been embracing spring. They have been loving the weather and being able to play more outside. Helping our garden grow. Some of the children have been loving our book of the week 'Don't let the pigeon drive the bus!'. They have started retelling the story in their own words. You are all amazing.

Just wanted to say Thank you to all the parents for attending our meeting this week.

If you were unable to attend please come and see us.

