

January Newsletter



Mr Storey's Monthly Round-Up



"Pupils say they love being in school and that other pupils are friendly, kind, understanding and helpful" (Ofsted 2022)



"The school feels busy, vibrant and welcoming and the pupils are polite and respectful of one another" (Ofsted 2017)

Achieve, Believe, Create, Dream Together, developing a love of learning.



We have had a great start to 2025 and the children have settled back into school exceptionally well after the Christmas and New Year festivities. OPAL continues to develop around the school site and we are very grateful for the donations that we have received - please keep them coming!

Below are some of the highlights that have occurred in January.

What have we been up to?

Trips, Events and Clubs

In January, our children have taken part in...school show rehearsals for 'Gladis Baker Gladiator' (KS2), Children's Mental Health Week activities, a trip to the Discovery Museum (Y5), School Lunch Fun Day 'The Australian Outback', coding club (Y2&Y4), Chinese New Year celebrations (Rec&Y1), a trip to Links Park (Nursery) and much more!

Sports

A huge WELL DONE to these gymnasts who go through to the Tyne&Wear Finals in June. Connie (5FA), Ruby (5FA), Sophie (6WP), Elsa (6WP), Mya (6AJ) and Lyra (4AF) Thanks to all parents for supporting PE and School Sport with such enthusiasm. This is a terrific achievement.

In January, our children have taken part in...gymnastics club (KS2), football club (Y3-Y6), girls' tennis club (Y4-6), hockey club (Y6), swimming (Y6), cycling (Y4) and much more!



OPAL - Outdoor Play and Learning

Thank you to families for the ongoing donations and your continued support, we have made fantastic progress in creating engaging outdoor play spaces.

For the winter months, it is advised that all children have a pair of wellies at school, as well as appropriate rain coats and trousers, hat, scarves and gloves.

Click [here](#) to complete a parent survey to share your thoughts on our playtimes. Your feedback is invaluable and will help us shape the future of play at our school.

Upcoming in February...



Parents Evenings

We are hosting our parent/teacher consultations on...

Tuesday 18th February

Wednesday 19th February

Thursday 20th February (Nursery only)

Appointments can be made [here](#)

On these nights, we will be asking parents to complete a survey. Our governors will be on site to help hand out the parental surveys so we can help to evaluate from your perspective what we do well and what we can develop further.

Mrs Armstrong is available for drop ins at the end of KS2 corridor if parents have any SEND or counselling concerns.

Cake Sale

We will be having a Lego Robotics cake sale after school on

Friday 14th February.

Please drop any donations off before school on this day in the North Hall.

Join us after school to buy lots of delicious treats!



Internet Safety Day

We will be celebrating Internet Safety Day this week. This is an important opportunity to focus on helping our children understand how to stay safe online, especially as they engage more with digital technology.

This year, the UK's theme is **"Too Good to Be True: Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online"**

Throughout the week, we will be completing activities designed to help children recognise warning signs of online scams. They will also learn the importance of questioning things that seem "too good to be true" and how to protect their personal information when interacting online.

We have an 'Online Safety' page on our new website [here](#) which includes lots of internet safety information.

Updates!



New Website

Our school website has been redesigned and parents can view this [here](#). We hope that the information on our website may be helpful to you.

Should you require a paper copy of the information or forms on our website, just let the office know.



Crossing Patrol Officers

We are pleased to see Derek Ramshaw has been replaced at the crossing on the Broadway opposite the Methodist Church to enable our children and those attending St Marys and Marden High School a safe place to cross.

Please can I remind you to take extra care when using the zebra crossing outside of school on Marden Avenue. We are hopeful Mr Lerner will be returning soon.

Lego Robotics

Meet the Y6 First Lego League Team
'The Scooba Doobas'

We're excited to announce that the website is now live! You can visit the website [here](#). You'll find updates on their progress, behind-the-scenes insights and a showcase of the hard work and dedication the team have put into every task.

Watch the team learn, grow, and make waves in the world of robotics and STEM.

Litter Picking

Last week, the Scooba Doobas helped our community by tidying up some local planters and litter picking on the beach. Great work!



Reminders!



Lost Property

The lost property box now lives in the school office entrance. You are more than welcome to pop in to look for anything that may have been lost.

Please remember to name ALL items that come in to school. This way we can return items to the child straight away.

Out of School Club

Can parents please ensure that they book their child onto breakfast and after school club sessions via the Schoolgateway. We are aware that there has been a number of occasions in which children have just turned up. It is very important that we know the numbers in advance so that we have the correct adult and child supervision ratio in the club.



Dogs

I would like to remind parents to not bring pets, particularly dogs, onto the school grounds or tie them to the school gates (as we recently viewed on CCTV). Whilst we are a pet-loving school, not all of our children are comfortable around animals and therefore to reduce their anxiety, we respectfully ask you to keep your pet supervised and outside of the school grounds.

Cars

I have had a couple of complaints regarding parking and cars driving at speed on Beverley Gardens. I would like to remind parents that you can park at Beaconsfield car park on school days until 9:30am or between 3:00-3:45pm, and you will be able to park during those times without receiving a penalty charge notice. By using this car park, this reduces congestion in and around school providing a safer walking route for our pupils and parents. This also allows for a short walk to get some steps in for our children and parents in the fresh air.



Have a great half term when it gets here!