

Week Beginning- 13th July 2026

RECEPTION

Reception learnt a lot of facts about South Africa this week as it was our chosen country for International Week. We read the book 'My Ouma Comes from South Africa' and discussed all the South African landmarks, food and other interesting facts. The boys each made their own South African flag and wrote some facts. Both the children and teachers learnt a great deal. We also talked about Year One and all the things the boys are looking forward to. The boys loved going to the park this week. They enjoyed looking for mini beasts and had fun climbing and swinging on the play equipment!

YEAR 1

This week, we wrote instructions about how to stay safe in the sun, using time connectives, imperative (bossy) verbs and conjunctions to extend our sentences. We then applied these same writing skills to create fictional holiday stories full of amusing mishaps, including thieving seagulls and slippery cow pats! In Maths, we have been learning and using positional language such as *above*, *under*, *beside*, *left* and *right*. As part of our special week, we thoroughly enjoyed learning about India. We explored where India is on a map, discovered its capital city, and learned about some of its national symbols, including the lotus, Bengal tiger, banyan tree and the Taj Mahal. In Phonics, we focused on the trigraph tch, where the t is silent, and practised reading and spelling words such as *witch*, *itch* and *catch*.

YEAR 2

This week, the boys have had a fantastic opportunity to learn about different countries and cultures. As part of our International Week, Year 2 focused on the USA and took part in a range of exciting activities. They explored American food, learned about the country's culture, and discovered famous landmarks, developing their understanding of life in another part of the world. The children also began their new Geography topic of 'Contrasting places'. They have started comparing the UK and Kenya, identifying similarities and differences between the two countries while developing their geographical knowledge and understanding. Well done to all of the boys for another fantastic week of learning!

YEAR 3

During International Week, we have been learning all about New Zealand! We created fascinating fact files about the country and located key geographical features on maps using atlases. We crafted beautiful bookmarks and geckos inspired by indigenous Māori patterns, and we put on our acting hats to perform a play script telling the story of the Māori brothers. The boys had a brilliant time learning the Haka! We also solved a Maths mystery, enjoyed our PE lessons, took part in the M@P end-of-year activity, and had a blast at the Year 6 Fair!

YEAR 4

This week, we had a wonderful time learning all about Italy and discovering where it is on the map of Europe. We explored different aspects of Italian life, including delicious food, school life and popular sports and enjoyed comparing them with our own experiences. The boys also learned a few simple Italian phrases and had great fun practising them with each other.

YEAR 5

It has been a wonderfully fun and creative week in Year 5 as we explored Mexico! The children fully immersed themselves in the culture—learning Spanish, crafting colorful maracas, and painting vibrant portraits inspired by Frida Kahlo. The sensory adventure continued as we whipped up fresh, delicious guacamole and enjoyed traditional hot chocolates. Alongside our cultural travels, we also put our engineering hats on to begin designing and building our new D&T CAMs project. It has been a fantastic week of hands-on learning and teamwork!

YEAR 6

One of the week's highlights was the Tour de Pades bike ride, expertly led by Rabbi Sager. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience, embracing the challenge with enthusiasm and demonstrating great determination and teamwork throughout the ride. Another standout event was the Year 6 Fair, which was a tremendous success. Every Year 6 boy played an active role, and the excitement was evident from start to finish. The whole school had the opportunity to visit the fair, where the boys proudly showcased their creativity, teamwork and impressive business skills. It was fantastic to see them putting their ideas into practice with such confidence and enthusiasm, making the event an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. As we look ahead to the final days of the school year, we are grateful for all that has been accomplished.