



Grange Lane Infant Academy

Newsletter March 2023

We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in our school community for their support during our recent Ofsted inspection. To those parents who completed the Ofsted questionnaire and spoke with the inspectors, thank you! This really does make a difference when the inspectors are forming an impression of our school.

We are advised that the report will be released most likely during the Easter break so we shall share via My Child at School and then have paper copies available on the first day back.

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Results of Parent/Carer Questionnaire



Thank you to all the parents/carers who completed the parent questionnaire on the open days. To know that you all agree or strongly agree that your child is safe and happy at our school is so important to us. We did have one concern about swearing in the playground especially when there are little ears about so if we could all be a little more aware.

Please find below the results!

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1. My child is happy at this school.	80% 49/61	20% 12/61			
2. My child is safe at this school.	82% 50/61	18% 11/61			
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	62% 38/61	33% 20/61			5% 3/61
4. The school deals with bullying quickly and effectively.	52% 32/61	23% 14/61			25% 15/61
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	64% 34/61	34% 13/61			2% 1/61
6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly - or	71% 34/48	27% 13/48	2% 1/48		
6a I have not raised any concerns.	77% 10/13	23% 3/13			
7. Does your child have special educational needs and / or disabilities (SEND)?	YES 16% 10/61			NO 84% 51/61	
If yes how strongly do you agree with this statement? My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	90% 9/10	10% 1/10			
8. The school has high expectations for my child.	57% 35/61	33% 20/61			10% 6/61
9. My child does well at this school.	74% 45/61	25% 15/61			1% 1/61
10. The school lets me know how my child is doing.	69% 42/61	30% 18/61	1% 1/61		
11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	67% 41/61	28% 17/61			5% 3/61
12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	72% 44/61	27% 16/61		1% 1/61	
13. The school supports my child's wider personal development.	65% 40/61	27% 16/61		1% 1/61	7% 4/61
14. I would recommend this school to another parent.	YES 100% 61/61			NO	

Comments:

This is my 3rd child going through Grange Lane and my 4th will be starting soon. Would not choose another school, brilliant staff, brilliant school.

We love Grange Lane, amazing school, and great staff!

A lot of don't knows as it's my first parents evening which will move the don't knows presumably afterwards.

Very pleased with my son's progress and the support he gets here.

Fantastic school, amazing staff, always 1million% recommend!

Teachers have been great throughout reception and year 1 in helping my daughter

I believe this school gives each child the help and support needed but also families, offering affordable breakfast/after school club that help a working family. I look forward to my youngest daughter starting in September.

This school and teachers are brilliant with our grandchild and support her in anyway possible in her short life so far. Thank you.

World Book Day & Dress the Potato



Thank you to all the parents / carers who helped their child dress as their favourite book character for World Book Day. We couldn't believe the multitude of characters from Cruella Devill, Comic Book Heroes, Roald Dahl characters, to princesses and animals.

We also challenged families to dress a potato (or fruit or veg) as a character from a book too and were amazed at the fabulous figurines created from a brussel sprout, potato, apple or pear! The winner from each class were awarded a book from Mrs Murrell.







Spring Ducklings



We have thoroughly enjoyed having the ducklings this past week; from watching them hatch, to listening to them cheep and laughing at them splashing about.





The Case of the Stolen Dog



Year 1 & 2 enjoyed a day with a Forensic Scientist to help her solve the case of the stolen dog. They needed to investigate lots of clues including shoe tread, hair, finger prints of the thief and could the pet accessories belong to the missing pooch!





Gruffalo Crumble

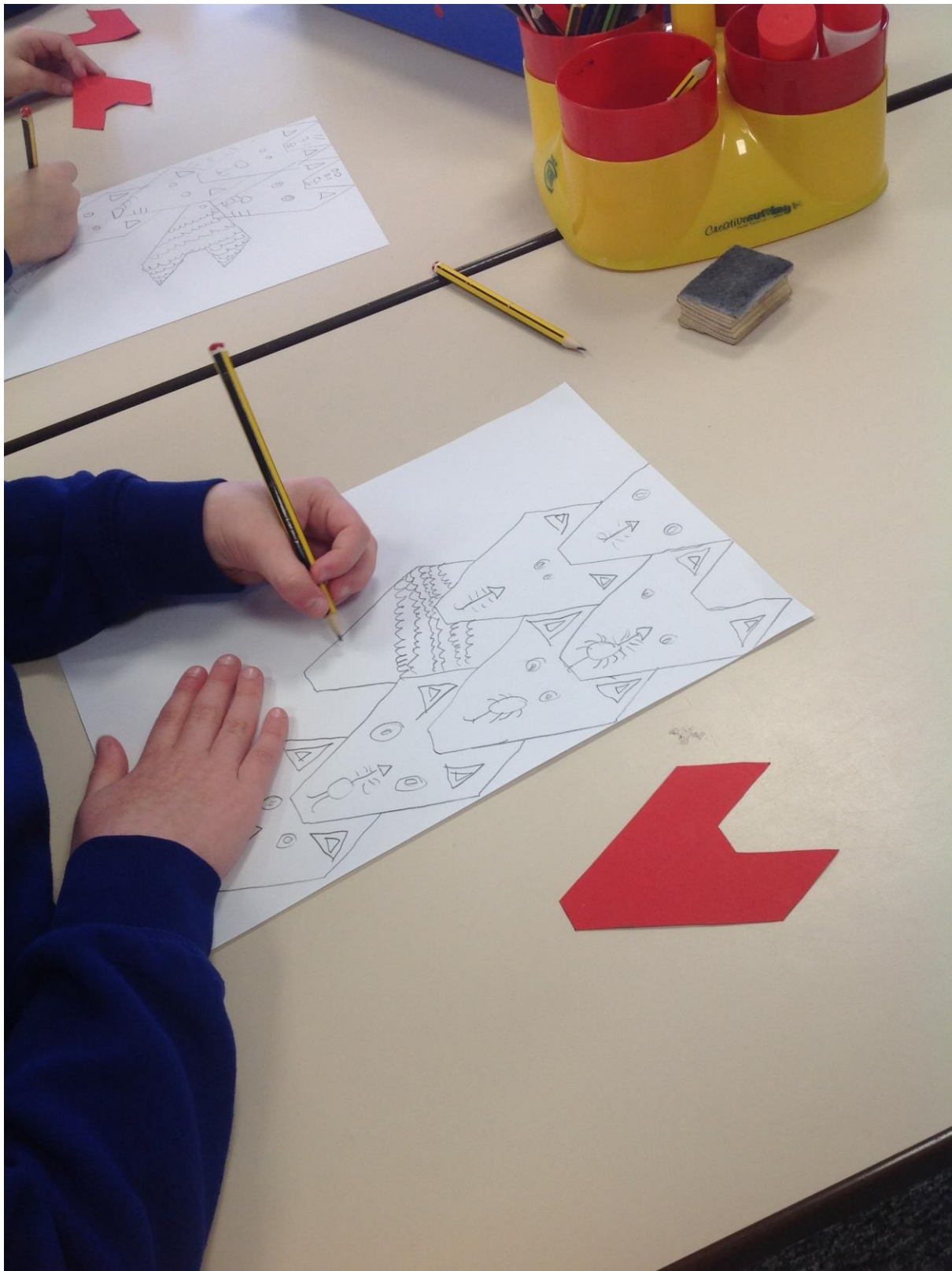


With the help of Classroom Kitchen the children have made their own Gruffalo crumble. They have chopped and weighed their own ingredients and created a very good portrait of the Gruffalo through the crumble topping. They even got to try some at the end of the day, yum!

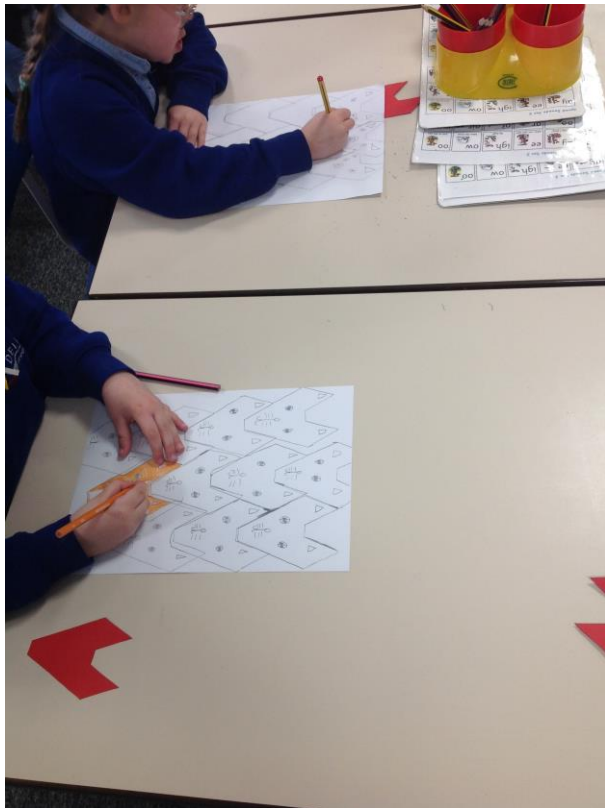
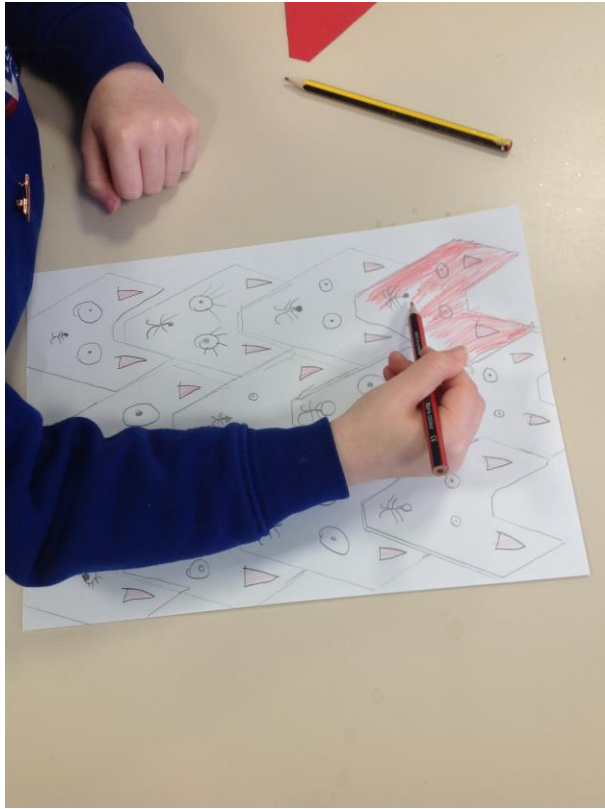


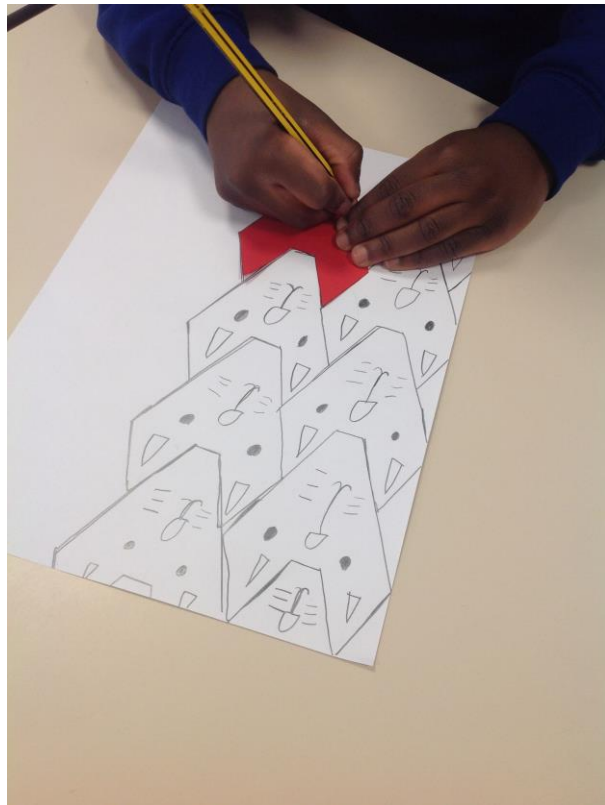
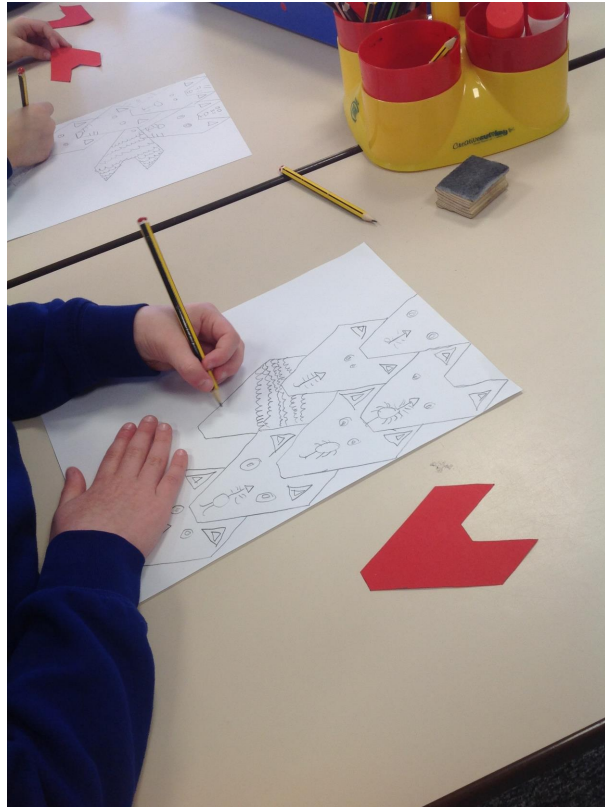


Math Tessellation



For International Math Day, Year 1 created a tessellation picture using a stencil. They then enjoyed turning their shape into animals. They linked this to their story *The Gruffalo* and drew the mouse and the fox.





Queens Canopy



You may have noticed some saplings recently planted in our Forest School area by Doncaster Sustainability team who we are working with as part of the Queens Canopy Project. Please take care around this area until the plants become established.

Live Music from Band of Jays



What a brilliant day we had working with Jade, Chris and Samuel from the Band of Jays <https://www.livemusicnow.org.uk/musicians/band-of-jays/>. We joined in with songs about peas in a pot and broccoli on a plate, learned how to make quiet and loud sounds with a rhythm and play

various instruments, plus we had a great dance! Live music definitely brought joy to all the children, from Grangers to year 2!





Tiny Teeth Care



The school nursing team came to nursery to talk to the children about how to care for their teeth, through brushing (with supervised help from a grown up) to what happens to our teeth if we eat too many sugary foods. They even got to practise brushing, taking care to get to those very back teeth!



Thank you and all the best to Miss Shepherd



At the end of this term we say goodbye and good luck to Miss Shepherd who works in our office. Miss Shepherd joined as a Doncaster College apprentice and has since become a valuable member of the small office team. She will certainly be missed by the staff and the children and is often described as the person who makes people laugh the most.

When we return after the Easter break we welcome Kerry Foster who has years of admin experience but knowing every child on the breakfast club door is probably going to be her biggest first task!!! Please welcome her to the school.

We also welcome Mrs Reeves to the lunchtime supervisor team and Mr Kitchingman to the site team.

Key events to note!



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1 - Don't forget we have the Easter Concerts this week - Monday at 9am and Thursday at 10:15. This is a FREE TICKET event so we can control numbers in the hall due to fire regulations. Call by the office to see if there are spares if you have not returned your reply slip.



2 - We invite children with help from their parent/carer to make a Easter Egg or Easter hat for the judging panel on Friday 31st April. Small prize for the winners.



3 - We have raffle tickets on sale for our Easter Hamper - all money raised will go back into school funds to help support all the extra enrichments in school. £1 per strip of 5 tickets. You can either call to the office or send money in a named packet with your child to hand to the teacher. Raffle will also be drawn on Friday 31st March.



4 - On Friday 5th May we shall be celebrating the Kings Coronation and working with Big Foot to create the perfect party for King Charles; from deciding a theme based on his many talents and hobbies, to creating a magnificent menu and bringing the whole coronation extravaganza to life! This is a whole day event working with main school children.

In addition to this we would like to invite 1 parent/carer per child to join them for a big picnic lunch. This will be during the lunch hour of 12-1pm. (We shall confirm logistical details closer to the time) We would like to thank Rossington Parish Council who have contributed £250 towards to cost of providing the adults picnic.

In order to help prepare for the day - please could you complete the form (link below) advising if you can or cannot attend and if you have any dietary allergies.

We apologise to the nursery parents if their child stays for lunch but due to the short lunch period and sessions starting in the afternoon we are going to offer an alternative for the Kings Coronation for the nursery and Grangers children.

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Please see below diary dates. Make a note of those relevant to you.

Diary Dates



Monday 27th March 2023 - Easter Concert - 9am - letter already been sent out

Week commencing 27th March - This is our Enterprise week. Classes are given the challenge of creating something eco related that they can sell to create profit for their class. Teachers will be sharing details.

Thursday 30th March - Nursery stay and play sessions - further details to come

Thursday 30th March 2023 - Easter Concert 10:15am - letter regarding tickets coming soon

Friday 31st March 2023 - Wear Yellow for Children's Liver Disease

Friday 31st March 2023 - Bring your Easter Egg creations or Easter Hat designs for judging! Also Easter Raffle drawn (see details above)

Monday 3rd April until Friday 14th April is Easter break so school will be closed

Wednesday 3rd May - Big Talk in school to talk to the children about relationships and growing up safely.

Friday 5th May - Party at the Palace workshop and parent invite for the big picnic Kings Coronation lunch. (See above for details and complete the link!)

Monday 8th May - school closed for the King's Coronation

Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th May - Mini First Aiders in school.

Week commencing 22nd May - Careers week

Monday 22nd May - Sam's Safari visits Nursery and Grangers

Thursday 25th May - Worry Wizard - World Mental Health

May Half term is Monday 29th May until Friday 2nd June - however Monday 5th June is staff training day so school reopens to children on Tuesday 6th June

Wednesday 14th June - Class photographs with Tempest Photography

Week commencing 19th June is Arts week

Friday 30th June - Year 1 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (letters to follow after Easter)

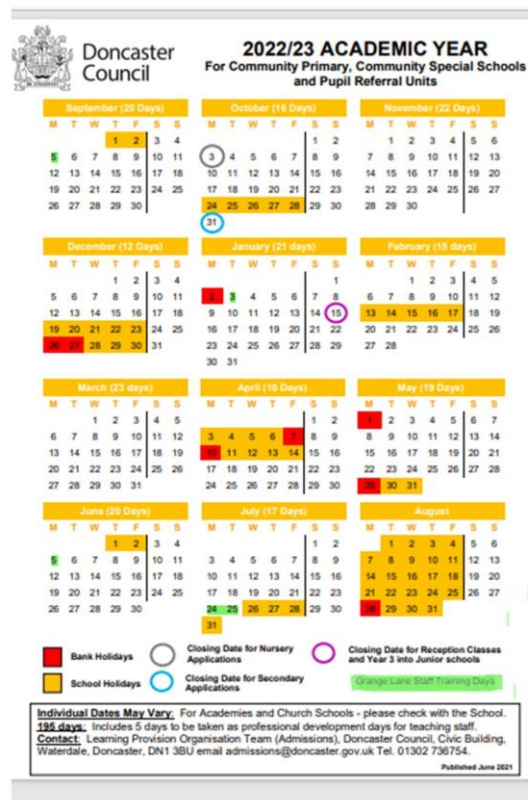
Week commencing 10th July is healthy living week

Monday 10th July is the last session of Taekwondo for the summer - we hope you have enjoyed the club

Tuesday 18th July - Ian's Farm Visit

Friday 21st July is the last day of the summer term - wrap around care will be on offer but only until 4pm.

Academic Calendar 2022-2023



Staff training days are:

Monday 5th September 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

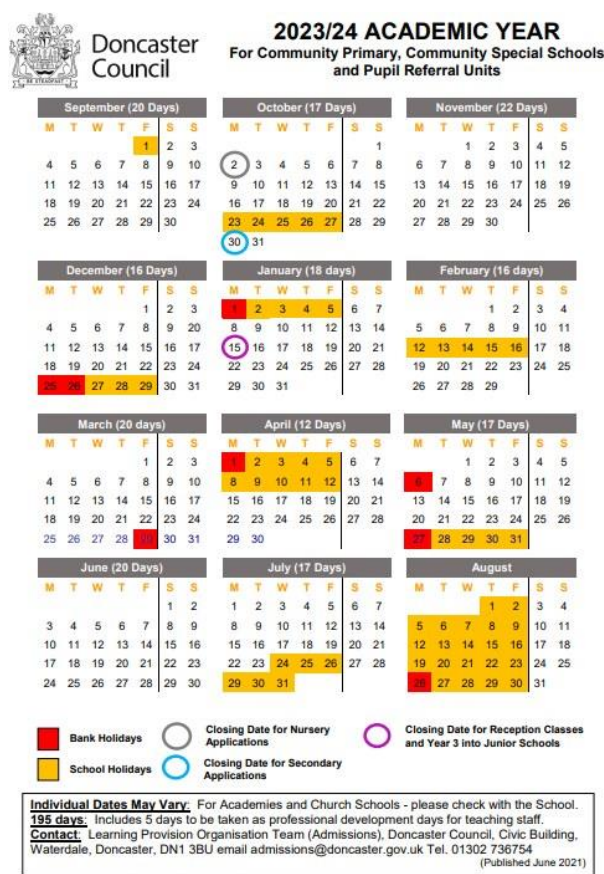
Monday 5th June 2023

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023

Monday 8th May now added for Kings Coronation

Academic Calendar for 2023-2024



Staff training days are yet to be added - 5 days in total.

Contact us

If you need to contact us, you can do this via the details below or for your child's teacher through your child's class do-jo or tapestry account. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or you need help with a situation.

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