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Dear Parents

We have had a busy second week of term, with lots of hard work and fun as our afterschool clubs returned for the new year. Robotics and Netball have proved to be especially popular which you may have seen highlighted on our new social media channels!

Year 6 enjoyed their virtual workshop with The National Army Museum on Monday and are looking forward to their trip to the Natural History Museum next week.

Well done to our footballers who defeated St David's School by 4 goals to nil in a five-a-side match on Tuesday and take on St Aidan's in the cup next week.

I have spent time in many classrooms this week joining in with students' learning. It has been lovely to see the resilience, independence and enthusiasm of our pupils and I will be visiting more classrooms next week too.

We are looking forward to our first School Mass of the 2025 next Friday at 9.30am at The John Fisher Chapel celebrated by Father Murphy. Years 1-6 will be attending, but we extend an invitation to all Laleham Lea families to join us. Next Friday is also the launch day for the Jubilee Year, which you will be hearing lots more about throughout 2025. Our Mini Vinnies will be taking the lead on this but Year 6 students have already written their own prayers in anticipation of launch day and shared these in assembly today.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher

House Points Scores

Wulstan	Mayne	Alban	Edmund
This week: 215	This week: 165	This week: 204	This week: 194
Total—1329	Total—990	Total—1133	Total—926

A reminder that our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Khan and our Deputy DSLs are Mrs Reece & Mrs Saville, they can be contacted with any concerns or queries on—safeguarding@lalehamlea.co.uk



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Our Celebration of the Word assembly on Monday focused on The Baptism of The Lord.

John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3:16



Mass at John The Baptist—Year 1 enjoyed their visit to John The Baptist on Tuesday for Mass. This half term's rota is as follows: Year 5 Tues 21st Jan, Year 3 Tues 28th Jan, Year 4 Tues 4th Feb and Year 2 Tues 11th Feb.

Our first school Mass of 2025 will take place at The John Fisher Chapel on Friday January 24th at 9.30am. Year 1-6 will attend and parents of children in all year groups are invited to join us too.

Our Mini Vinnies held their first meeting of 2025 this week and reflected on The Baptism of the Lord from this week's Gospel reading. They discussed ideas for our next fundraising event which will be linked to the year of the Jubilee and displayed posters around the school.



The Holy Father has proclaimed 2025 as a Jubilee Year, a sacred time of renewal, reflection, and grace celebrated every 25 years. With the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," this Jubilee invites all Catholics to embark on a journey of faith and transformation, our Mini Vinnies are taking the lead in promoting this throughout our school.

In assembly today three of our Year 6 students read out prayers they have written for the Jubilee Year ahead of the official launch of celebrations next Friday.

Dear God

Help me to have more hope and not to give up this year.

Also to remember to pray every day and get closer to you then I ever have.

Help me to be the best version of myself in the new year.

Amen

Father in Heaven,

May you give faith and hope to your people in this New Year.

May your grace and love be found and turn us into the people you have called us to be.

Help us to come together by repairing and renewal of our minds.

Guide us on our journey as your people of hope and faith.

Jesus our light and guide help us to shine your light through our lives by the actions and words we speak.

Amen

Dear Lord,

Please give me guidance so that I may be as good as I can be to others and in every aspect of my life.

Help me to show my Christian faith and to be a Pilgrim of Hope in 2025's Jubilee Year.

I will serve you through my kindness and hard work in my everyday life.

Amen

Nursery



This week Nursery continued to explore winter and have had a very busy week, from listening to the story 'Sneezy the Snowman' to receiving a letter from Olaf and attempting some fun winter-themed maths' challenges.

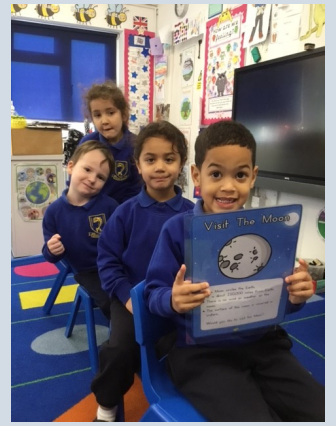
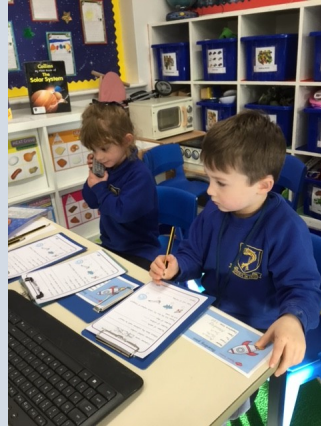
Children also enjoyed the story 'Jack Frost' and answered questions afterwards to reinforce their understanding.

The highlight of the week was a fun ice melting experiment and learning lots of new words to discuss what happens when ice melts.

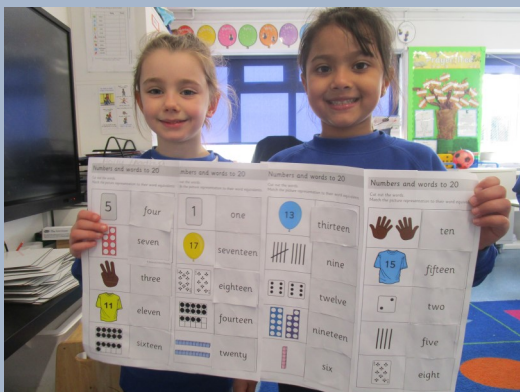
Finally, children used a variety of mark making tools to design their own winter clothes and completed a repeated pattern of cosy winter scarves.

Reception

We've had a wonderful week in Reception class, starting with an exciting assembly all about Superheroes! The children learned important tips on how to keep warm during winter and had fun labelling all the items we need to stay cosy! We also enjoyed reading the story Whatever Next and explored its features, including the characters, setting, and the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Our role-play Space Travel Agents is now officially open, and the children have been having a great time booking trips for their friends to different planets! The Moon, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus will all be visible in the sky this evening - don't forget to look up!



Year 1



Year 1 have been working very hard in their Maths lessons. They started their week competing in teams to match pictorial representations to their correct number with practice in counting 1-20 and understanding tens and ones specifically to underpin place value.

They used this knowledge to then count one more and one less using bricks, blocks, sticks and eventually number lines by the end of the week. A great effort by all!

Superheroes Assembly



Mrs Bagnall's first ever Laleham Lea assembly took place on Tuesday with the theme 'superheroes', highlighting how we are all unique and special and linking to our Catholic Social Teaching principals of Participation and Human Dignity.

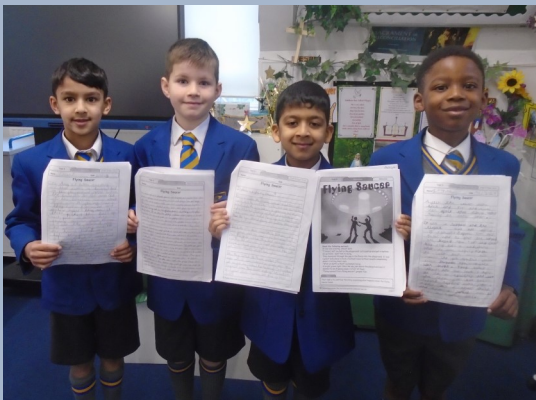
Every student had been tasked to submit a picture of their own superhero and a written account of why their hero is the best. Each class selected a winner who shared their hero with the whole school.

Year 2



Year 2 painted some beautiful safari sunset pictures in their Art lesson this week mixing colours for the background before adding trees and animals. What beautiful colours, well done Year 2!

Year 3



Year 3 have been writing their own imaginative stories based on their current Literacy topic of Science Fiction and Fantasy.

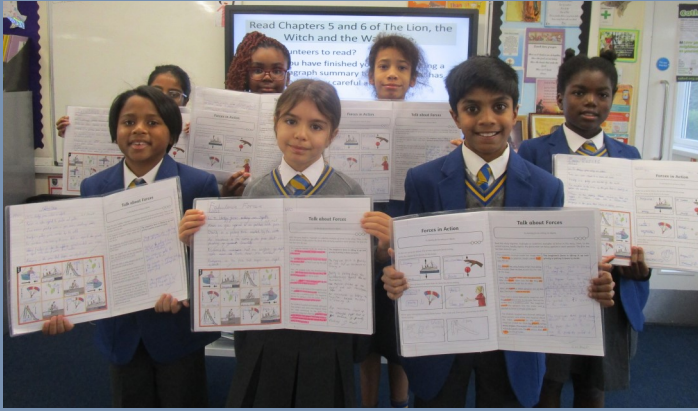
Year 4



This week was a double treat for Year 4; they had a special visitor to end their Geography topic on India—Mrs Sharma! With a mini language lesson and rapid fire quiz on physical and human features as well as indulging in special treats all the way from India!

The class also delved into their History topic on Ancient Aztecs and discussed the journey of chocolate into Europe. They then enjoyed Montezuma's finest chocolates, trying a variety of different flavours and putting their tasting skills to work using a star profile!

Year 5



Year 5 have started their new Science topic 'Forces' and conducted a series of experiments looking at the impact of the forces of 'push' and 'pull'.

Year 6



Year 6 were excited to take part in a remote workshop with The National Army Museum this week focused on propaganda posters from the First World War.

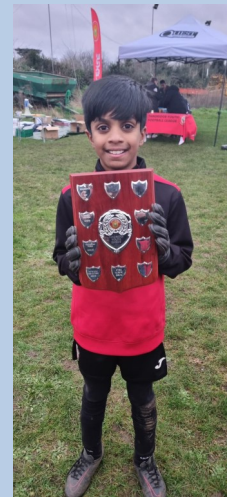
The students analysed the posters carefully, asked fantastic questions and showed their extensive knowledge of the period.

Football



Well done to our footballers who beat St David's' School by 4 goals to nil in a 5-a-side match on Tuesday.

Football Champ



Well done to our Year 5 Football star shown here with the Gold Medal cup for Forestdale Football club, who were unbeaten all season and won the final in the Tandridge League.



Facebook & X

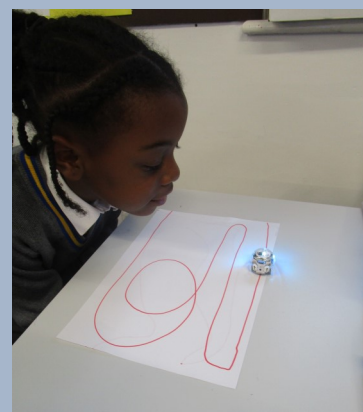


Along with our new-look website we have launched our Facebook and X profiles where we will be sharing lots of exciting school news and updates—do give us a follow/like and share our news; links to both profiles can be found on our website homepage (top right) or just click the logos above.

Please note—any child whose parents have requested that their image is not used for marketing purposes will have their faces covered/blurred in any class/team images that we use on social media. If you wish to update your image permissions, please email secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk

Clubs

Our afterschool and lunchtime clubs returned this week and we have some exciting new additions, including Robotics and Netball! Chess and VR have been opened up to wider age groups and there is still space remaining in some clubs including Art, Netball and Tennis. Please contact the school office to book your child's space



Stars of the week

