



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 20th March 2026



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Tuesday
24th March
Parent Drop-ins
CANCELLED

~~Tuesday 24th March
Y1-6 Parent Drop-ins~~

Wednesday
1st April
Year R
Hearing & Vision

Thursday 2nd April
End of Term 4

Monday 20th April
Term 5 Begins

Monday 11th May -
Thursday 14th May
KS2 SATs (Y6)

Friday 22nd May
End of Term 5

Monday 1st June
Term 6 Begins

Monday 1st June -
Friday 12th June
Y4 MTC

Monday 8th June -
Friday 12th June
Y1 Phonics
Screening

Thursday 11th June
School Photographer
Class Photos

EASTER FUN
AT ISTEAD RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**CAN EACH KS2 CHILD PLEASE BRING IN
2 NAMED & DECORATED HARD BOILED EGGS
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES.**

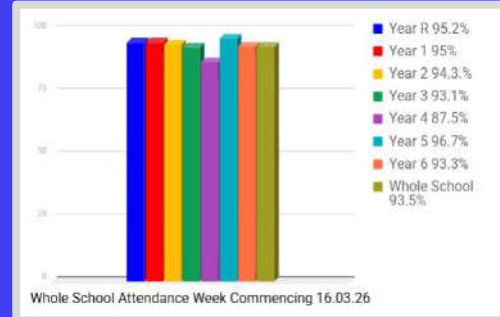
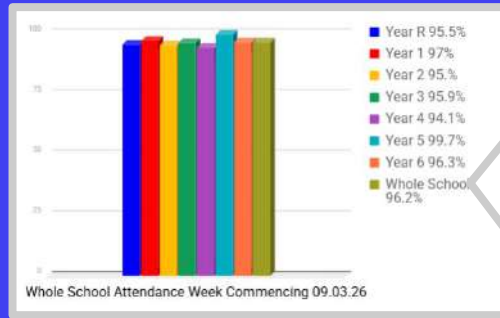
**TUESDAY 31ST MARCH
DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

**PLEASE ONLY BRING EGGS IN ON THE DAY.
KS1 WILL BE DOING A DIFFERENT ACTIVITY**

EVERY CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN EASTER TREAT
THAT HAS KINDLY BEEN FUNDED BY
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A big congratulations to Harper of Year 2 who was a mascot this week at the Tottenham v Atlético Madrid Champions League match. Harper's family are incredibly proud of him as are we.

A big well done Harper from all of us at Istead Rise Primary!

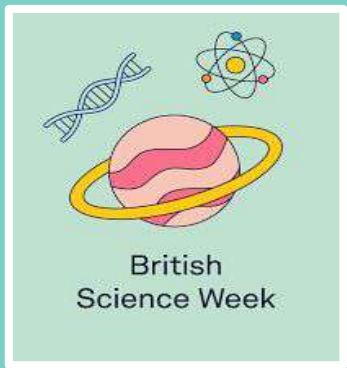
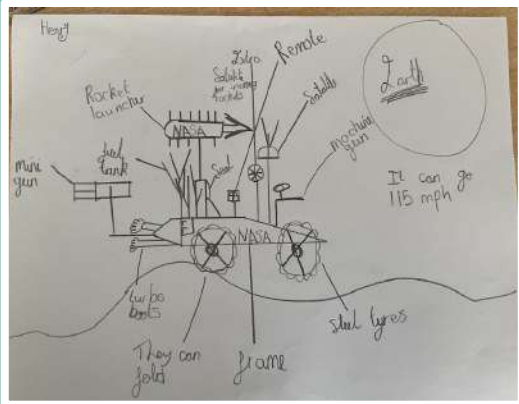


**Attendance
Class Awards**

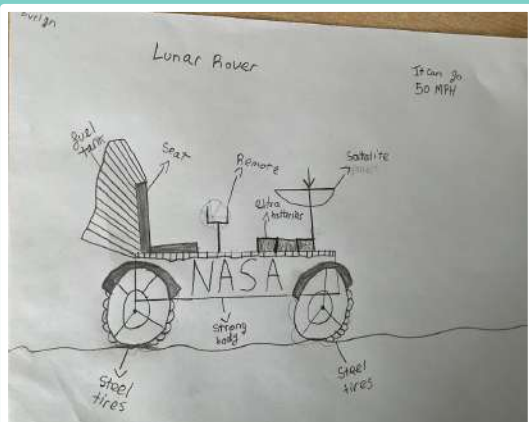
W/C 09.03.26
KS1 - Year 1
KS2 - Year 5

W/C 16.03.26
KS1 - Year R
KS2 - Year 5

Science Week



Year 3 embraced the theme of curiosity during science week. They had great fun exploring the Wonderdome as well as exploring what's the best design for a paper aeroplane? We had a few aeroplane races to establish which one went the furthest. Well done Arlo! Who won this category. We also designed a rocket to see which one would go to the highest. Well done Ellie! who won this category.



In class Year 5 were asked the question, 'What sort of vehicle would be best on the moon?', the task was to design a rover suitable to explore the moon, they came up with some fantastic, well thought out designs after learning a bit more about what we already know about the moon.



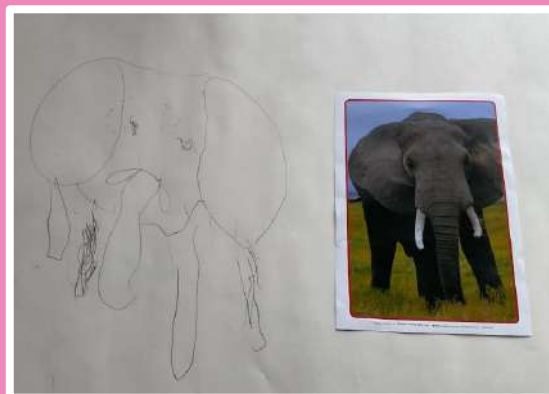
Science Week



During Science Week Year 5 took part in a range of activities. On Monday they took a trip through space in the Wonder Dome, learning more about the planets, missions to space, future missions and the Mars Rovers.

Teamwork was the next challenge, thinking about the question, 'What does good teamwork look like?', where they had to draw a picture as a team but with no talking and everyone in the group had to have hold of the pencil.

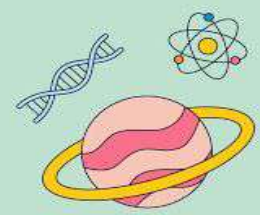
Our final Science Week task was to design the best paper aeroplane that would travel the farthest, this activity was a great hit and they all enjoyed trying to adapt their plane to make it the winner.



Science Week

Year R had so much fun being real scientists this week, conducting our own experiments..

First we created a time capsule identifying our hand size, our height, our favourite things and our writing. These will be opened in Year 1, where we can see how much we grew in a year. Then we created our own filtering systems, looking at how we can make dirty water clean. The children were great scientists and managed to clean the water!



British
Science Week



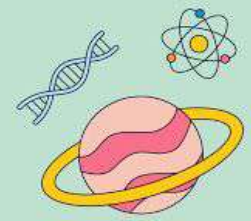
As part of Science Week, Year 4 learnt about chromatography and investigated who had written an unkind note about Dave the Llama by testing the ink used in different pens. It turned out to be Sonic!



This week we were lucky enough to have the Wonderdome in school. Reception class had a space experience where we got to sit under the stars, learn about the moon and the first astronauts on the moon. We also learnt all about upcoming space events that are due to happen. The wonderdome sparked some interesting questions, allowing Reception to consider real scientific ideas!



Science Week



British
Science Week



Year 1 were curious about how birds build their nests, how all the materials stay together and how the baby birds stay dry and safe. We spent the afternoon pretending we had a beak by using a peg to pick up the materials and put them together. Some children found this quite tricky. The activity raised lots of questions and curiosity.



Year 2 turned into "Science Detectives" this week to uncover the secret life of germs! To make the invisible visible, we coated our hands in sparkly glitter. After just two minutes of playing on the playground, we were amazed to see how the "germs" jumped from person to person and onto all the equipment. We quickly learned that the best way to stop the spread is a thorough scrub with soap and warm water. It was a messy, sparkling, and eye-opening lesson for everyone!



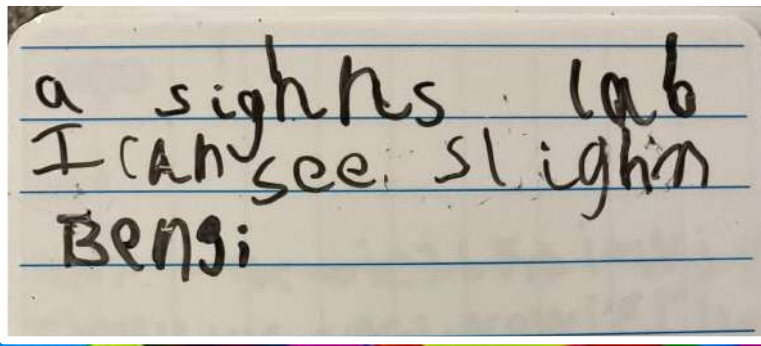
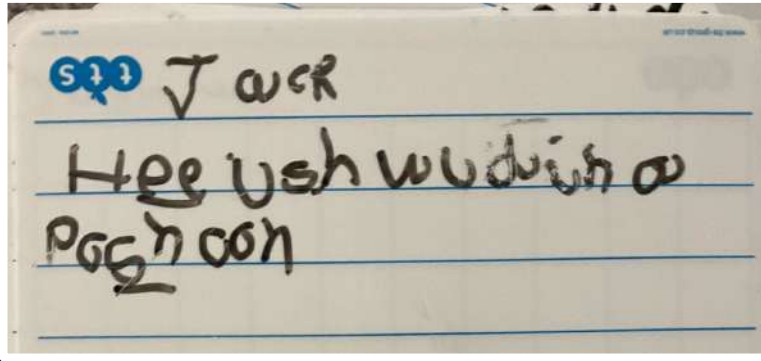
Year R



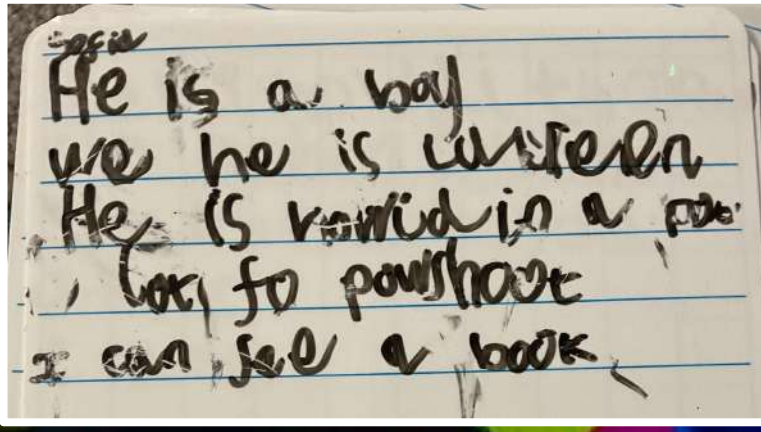
We continued our science week by exploring about the role of a vet. We looked at what makes them scientists and the ways in which they help us, in the community



We have been continuing to practice our writing skills, looking at different images and creating our own sentences. The children are working so hard, using their phonics to spell out words! Well done Reception!



We are scientists every day! Look at all the scientific exploring we have been doing in provision!



Year R



We were very excited to have the firefighters come into school to talk about fire safety, the equipment they use and the role they play in the community. Sadly it was cut short due to the firefighters being called to an emergency, but we got to see first hand how they get ready for an emergency and the sirens in action!



In continuous provision we have continued to explore role playing firefighters and retelling the story of Firefighter Frank.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic time learning about the game of hockey. They have learnt how to dribble and keep control of the ball, they have learnt to pass the ball safely to their teammates.



Art has been lots of fun this term the children have been learning their primary and secondary colours through mixing



Year 2



Year 2 had an amazing time on our recent trip to Port Lympe Safari Park! It was a day filled with excitement as we explored the vast grounds and spotted some of the world's most incredible creatures.

From the towering giraffes to the majestic lions, the children were thrilled to see these animals up close. We learned so much about wildlife conservation while making wonderful memories together. It was truly an unforgettable adventure that brought our science lessons to life!

Year 4

What a busy time it has been (once again!) in Year 4. In English we are now writing a guide to dragons, to improve on the book Hiccup has in *How to Train Your Dragon*, focusing on conjunctions and using a concise, formal style. In Maths we have continued with our work on fractions, learning about equivalent fractions and also adding fractions with a common denominator. In Science last week we learnt about the digestive system, following through the steps of digestion. It was pretty disgusting!

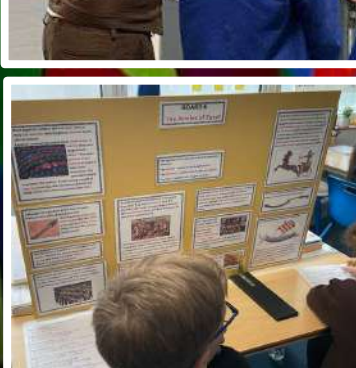


As part of Science Week, we also learnt about chromatography and investigated who had written an unkind note about Dave the Llama by testing the ink used in different pens. It turned out to be Sonic! In RE we learnt about the different pilgrimage sites in Buddhism, while in Geography we have looked at the origins of place names to find out if they were originally settled by the Romans, Anglo-Saxons or Vikings and this week we looked at land use by comparing three different places in the UK and then applied this to the local area of the school.





Year 5 have had another busy couple of weeks. We had an absolutely fantastic day, when Portals to the Past came for our Ancient Egyptian workshop. We had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including Hounds and Jackals, Hieroglyphs and Cubits, we took part in a quiz using the quiz board and learned so much about life back in Ancient Egypt and we retold the story of Cleopatra. During our afternoon session we were lucky enough to meet Pharaoh Alfieankhamum and mummify his body after his tragic death (Alf you were a great pharaoh), we then finished the day with a hunting game, learning about the animals that were hunted and testing our aim.



Year 5



Year 3



In PE Coach Robbie has been teaching us the types of throws to use during handball and how to use these accurately. In cricket we have been learning how to bowl and to bat, trying to master these skills before we put them into a game situation.

Year 3 have continued to work hard. They finished writing about the chocolate factory from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This week we started a new sequence of learning, writing a character description. In maths we are learning about mass and capacity and have been exploring grams (g) and kilograms (kg). Science we investigated the properties of mirrors and reflections. We understood that images and actions in mirrors are reversed and that a reflection can reflect on itself back and forth. History we learned about important buildings in Rome.

Year 6



Year 6 have been very busy recently! We had a great time making and testing paper aeroplanes for Science week last week! We used different sizes of paper and tested how different designs and sizes impacted the speed when launched!

In Maths we have been focusing on our arithmetic revision. We have also learnt how to classify different angles and use a protractor to measure angles.

Next, we are going to learn how to convert different units of measurement.

In English, we have started a new sequence of learning. We are writing a short story based on a mysterious door that our characters find at the end of a garden! So far, we have sourced high level descriptive vocabulary and looked at the features that we need to include in our stories.

Next, we will be writing dialogue for our characters.





W/E 13.03

Winning Class

- 1st Year 4
- 2nd Year 3
- 3rd Year 5

W/E 13.03

Most Valuable Player

- 1st Khenyang - Y4
- 2nd Frank - Y3
- 3rd Devan - Y4

W/E 20.03

Winning Class

- 1st Year 4
- 2nd Year 5
- 3rd Year 3

W/E 20.03

Most Valuable Player

- 1st Devan - Y4
- 2nd Tyler G - Y4
- 3rd Bradley - Y5

Mathletics



Mathletics

Gold Mathletics

W/E 13.03

Samuel L of Year 6, Henry of Year 4, Max of Year 1, Evelyn, Nevaeh, Samuel, Amaia & Elliott of Year 5

W/E 20.03

Samuel & Elliott of Year 5, Max of Year 1

Platinum Mathletics

W/E 13.03

Adrik, Leyla & Sophia of Year 1, Raelie, Leo H & Aria of Year 4, Lyla, Harry & Henry of Year 5

W/E 20.03

Lyla & Henry of Year 5, Raelie of Year 4, Elodie & Jonas of Year R, Adrik & Sophia of Year 1

Emerald Mathletics

W/E 13.03

Matilda of Year 6, Albert, William, Kayla, Clark & Tris of Year 1, Niamh of Year R, Khenyang & Sophie of Year 4, Jack L, Saskia & Sienna of Year 5, Olivia of Year 3

W/E 20.03

Jack L, Saskia & Sienna of Year 5, Khenyang & Sophie of Year 4, Niamh of Year R, William, Kayla, Clark, Leyla & Tris of Year 1, Matilda of Year 6

Diamond Mathletics

W/E 13.03

Harry of Year 1, Tyler of Year 4, & George of Year 5

W/E 20.03

George of Year 5, Tyler of Year 4 & Harry of Year 1



Bronze Peg Up Points

W/E 20.03

Kai of Year 6

Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 20.03

Ronnie, George, Austin, Leiana, Ava, Finley, Isabella, Liberty, Niamh, Josh, Emilia, Patrick, Jack, Kevin, Inara, Isla, Ivy, Charlie, Olivia, Max & Jonas

Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 20.03

Louie, Ava, JJ & Neda of Year 3



Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners



Week Ending 13.03

Year R

Finley & Jack for Independence,
Elodie for Respect

Year 1

Albert & George B for Respect,
Noah for Perseverance

Year 2

Aria for Independence, James
for Self Reflection
& Melissa for Perseverance

Year 3

Eliza & Aubany for Respect

Year 4

Pixie Belle & Ollie for Respect,
Iyla for Perseverance

Year 5

Sujaan & Amaia for Perseverance,
Saskia for Self Reflection

Year 6

Louie for Self Reflection, Abril
for Independence
& Elvie Rose for Perseverance

Week Ending 20.03

Year R

Jonas for Perseverance, Maeve
for Self Reflection
& Kevin for Independence

Year 1

Finley & Leyla for Perseverance,
Kayla for Respect

Year 2

Willow E for Respect, Willow H
for Perseverance
& Rosie for Independence

Year 3

Adriana & Lennon for Independence,
Benjamin for Self Reflection

Year 4

Samantha for Perseverance,
Darcy & Annabelle for Independence

Year 5

Ella & Stanley for Respect,
Alf for Self Reflection

Year 6

Otis, Louie & Lucas for Respect



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WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

3 Nov
24 Nov
15 Dec
19 Jan
9 Feb
9 March
30 March

Chicken Pie 1
Pesto & Pea Pasta 1,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Crushed Potato
Cauliflower,
Carrots

Strawberry Mousse 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V
Bean Biryani VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rainbow Pasta 1
Seasonal Vegetables

Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Roast Turkey & Gravy
Broccoli Tots 1,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice
Cabbage,
Peas

Fruit Jelly VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake 1,7
Loaded Bean Chilli Wedges VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Green Beans
Grated Carrots

Parsnip Brownie 1 VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Chicken Sausages 1,3,6
Vegetable Sausage VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,
Sweetcorn, Baked Beans
Cucumber Sticks

Oaty Cookie 1,15 VG
Yoghurt 3,7
Fruit Pots VG

WEEK TWO

10 Nov
1 Dec
5 Jan
26 Jan
23 Feb
16 March

Caribbean Brown Chicken
Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice,
Carrots,
Peas

Chocolate Ice Cream 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake 1,7 V
Buffalo Cauliflower Wings
& Wedges VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Seasonal Vegetables

Plum Pudding 1VG & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Roast Chicken & Gravy
Ratatouille Puff 1,3 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice
Broccoli,
Carrots

Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Beef Stew & Dumpling 1
Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Cauliflower,
Green Beans

Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Salmon Bites 1,8
Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,
Peas,
Coleslaw 9

Marble Cookie 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7
Fruit Pots VG

WEEK THREE

17 Nov
8 Dec
12 Jan
2 Feb
2 March
23 March
27 Oct

Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V
Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice,
Green Beans,
Mixed Salad

Peach Crumble 1 VG & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Chicken Noodles 1
BBQ Vegetable Burrito 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Sweetcorn,
Peppers

Chocolate Rice Pudding 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Savoury Minced Beef & Yorkshire
Puddings 1,7,9
Vegan Sausage Roll 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes,
Green Beans,
Carrots

Fruit Jelly VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Beef Cottage Pie
Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Seasonal Vegetables

Beetroot Cake 1 VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Fish Fingers 1,8
Cheese, Carrot & Tomato Swirl 1,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,
Peas, Baked Beans,
Grated Carrot

Caramel Flapjack 1,7,15 V
Yoghurt 3,7,
Fruit Pots VG

Primary 1-10

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

**AVAILABLE
DAILY**

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

