



### A note from Mrs Beardsley

Our children shared their respect when learning about VE day on Thursday. The children attended an assembly where they learned about what VE day was and even learned a new VE day song! The children's understanding of others and questions they raised were very thoughtful and considerate.



### Visit from Juliet Campbell – Broxtowe MP

This week we have welcomed a visit from our local MP, Juliet Campbell who has shared in all the fun of our Breakfast club. The children were thrilled to tell her all about their new morning routine and how they enjoyed starting the day in this way. If you would like your child to come along, please book on via the SchoolMoney App or talk to a member of the team.

### Walk Notts Festival

Don't forget May is National Walking Month. Bingo cards are attached at the end of this newsletter, we would love to see how many you can complete or to find out further information about organised events please visit <https://walknotts.org.uk/walk-notts-festival/>

### PE kits

As well as making sure that your child has their PE kits in school, please ensure that long hair is tied back on PE days. We also politely request that earrings are removed before PE lessons, preferably at home. If you are unable to remove the earrings (for example because the ears have only recently been pierced), please provide plasters that can be affixed over the top. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to remove earrings and to ensure the safety of your child, we are required to ensure that earrings are removed or covered. Thank you for your support.



### Come Dine with us

Don't forget you can book and come and have lunch with your child. Whether it's your day off a birthday celebration or if



Grandparents would like to join in the fun, you're invited to join us for one of our amazing school lunches for £3.79 any day book your space via the office team.

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, Middle Street Resource Centre, Beeston

From African Drumming workshops to singing sessions for the whole family to take part in and music to enjoy in the garden, there is something for everyone. We'll also have a cake stall and games/activities in and around the venue. Have a go at West African drumming with Milla Hanna on djembe drums. Join Rachel & Owen in the Family Sing workshop, where all ages are welcome, from 5 – 105! There will also be a special nursery rhyme time for under 5s. See when the workshops are and book here: <https://www.music-for-everyone.org/event/family-festival/> No preparation is needed for any of the workshops, we will send all details out by email before the day – all you need is your best singing voice and/or a strong drumming beat!



### READING

<https://www.readbrihtly.com/home-reading-activities> This website has lots of cool ideas including...

Yoga has many benefits for kids, from improving flexibility and strength to promoting **mindfulness**. It's also a unique tool for getting kids to think about using their bodies to connect to a book's content. You can incorporate yoga poses for kids as you read aloud a simple book or use yoga after the story as a reflection tool. You don't need a yoga background to do this. A quick search can help you learn poses relevant to many animal characters. Or, you and your students could learn a few basic poses together that align to common character traits, such as "warrior" and "hero," and then decide which pose matches the text. Making up your own yoga poses is also a great exercise; a question like "What could a 'jealous friend pose' look like?" gives readers a new way to think!

### Attendance Matters

Why be on time?

- Children who arrive late at school can feel embarrassed, uncomfortable and confused walking into a classroom late.
- They can miss out on introductions, important learning and social time.
- Lateness disrupts the learning and routines for everyone.
- Punctuality is an important life skill.
- Being on time is important for children to start the day off calmly; being late can lead children to being unsettled and can affect their behaviour and concentration.
- Being on time maximises the amount of learning time.
- If you need any support and advice about punctuality or attendance issues, please speak to a member of staff.



Don't forget theme nights next week Monday 12th May for KS1 and Tuesday 13th May for Nursery and Reception 15.15-18.00. Bookings can be made via the school money app or contact the school office.





Calendar  
2024-2025

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Every Thursday – start date for Summer Term to be announced shortly	Reading morning	8.35-8.55am	Whole school
Anyday	Come Dine with me	Lunch time	Whole school
Monday 12th May	Den building & picnic Theme Night	15.15-18.00	Years 1 & 2
Tuesday 13th May	Den building & picnic Theme Night	15.15-18.00	Nursery & Reception
Thursday 15th May	Manor Farm	All Day	Ladybirds & Butterflies
Wednesday 11th June	Ark Farm	10.00-14.00	Nursery
Thursday 10th July- Friday 11th July	Woodlands Residential	All day	Year 2
14th-18th July	Sports week		Whole school

**Bank Holiday Monday 5th May**

**Half Term Monday 26th May -Friday 30th May**

## Year Group News

### Nursery

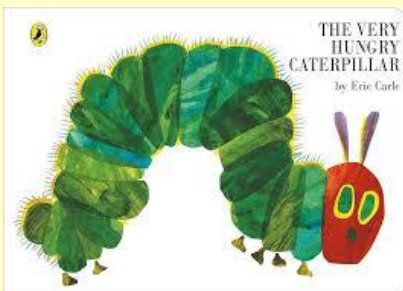


We have had a lovely week learning the story 'The Enormous Turnip'. The children have been acting out the story, trying to pull up the turnip.

We have been observing our caterpillars, and they are now very big. We can see how much food they have eaten.



Next week, we will start to learn our new 'Talk for Writing' story, which will be an abridged version of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We will be sending home a copy of our story and the story map next week.



Look out for a letter about our visit from 'Ark Farm' on 11<sup>th</sup> June. The children will have the opportunity to meet lots of different farm animals.

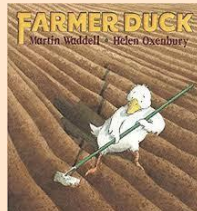
### Reception



The children have had an amazing time babysitting the 5 ducks which hatched last week. Each morning they came to check in on them and they have been so passionate about how they are growing and the different colours they are. We were very sad to see them go back to the farm but the children have got so much learning from them being in an egg to growing into lively, noisy ducks!



The children have really enjoyed our new 'Talk for Writing' text 'Farmer Duck'. They have retold the story through their story mountains using lots of story vocabulary such as 'There one was a', 'next', 'then' and 'finally'. We have also started our class story map about the story of Farmer Duck.



Next week we will be focusing on our trip to the farm as well as continuing to create our class story map for the story Farmer Duck! We will then innovate our story map by changing one character to a different animal. In Maths next week we will be focusing on adding and subtracting to find the total.

We are all really looking forward to our farm trip (Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> May) and meeting all the animals. Here is a checklist for Thursday

- Sensible shoes eg. Trainers
- Waterproof jacket
- Trousers/leggings
- School jumper/cardigan
- Packed lunch
- Water bottle

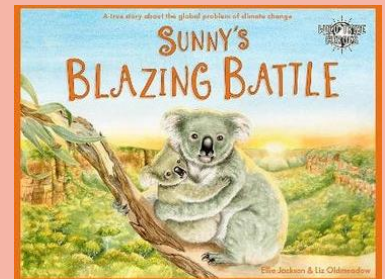


### Key Stage One



The children have been creating some brilliant innovated stories this week in their English lessons. They have changed the rainforest animal in their story and have been using adjectives to describe their character and the setting.

Next week we will be writing our own losing and finding stories. We will be deciding where to set the stories, from the rainforest to the Australian bush. We will be including adjectives and conjunctions in our writing. We will also be editing our finished work to fix our corrections and to add further key features to our stories.



In Maths next week we will be concentrating on subtraction. Year 1 will be using numbers up to 20 and focusing on recording their calculations as number sentences. In Year 2 the children will be recapping the methods taught so far to solve two digit subtract one digit and also two digit subtract two digit also.

In our topic lessons next week there will be an art focus. We will be learning about mixing paints to create tones and tints so that we can create life-like representations of the rainforest.

Next week some SATS will begin for Year 2 to support Teacher assessment in their reading. They will read unseen texts and answer questions independently. The children will complete these in small groups throughout the next few weeks. Reading and Maths papers will be used.

# Mini Explorers

## Den Building & Picnic Theme Night

Nursery &  
Reception

Tuesday 13  
May  
3.15 - 6.00pm

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Early Years Bingo

**walk notts festival** 01-31 May  
 How many of these can you do in May?

<b>Find a stick</b> What is it? A magic wand, a broomstick, a walking stick...?	<b>Animal Spotting</b> What animals can you spot?	<b>What can you hear?</b> Listen to the birds, cars, trees	<b>Puddle Splashing</b> Go out in the rain and splash in the puddles
<b>Walk or wheel to Nursery/School</b> What do you see, smell or hear along the way?	<b>Musical</b> Can you make up a song or tune to sing whilst you are playing?	<b>Obstacle Course</b> Have fun by hopping over leaves and sticks and weaving round trees	<b>Colours</b> What three colours can you see?
<b>Picnic</b> Walk or wheel to a nearby park or green area and enjoy a snack together	<b>Buggy Walk</b> Go on a Buggy walk with family, friends or neighbours	<b>Teddy Toddle</b> Take your favourite toy for a walk or wheel	<b>Superhero</b> Pretend to be a superhero on an adventure, walking or wheeling and saving the world

*it's all about wheeling as well as walking, and inclusive to all*

Wheeling is an alternative to walking, with people using wheeled aids to help them move eg rollators, wheelchairs, buggies, push scooters

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Primary Bingo

**walk notts festival** 01-31 May  
 How many of these can you do in May?

<b>Scavenger Hunt</b> Collect leaves, twigs, or small stones – what can you make with them?	<b>#WalkNotts Stone</b> Paint a #WalkNotts stone and leave it for someone to find	<b>Photos</b> Go on a walk or wheel and take photos of things you find interesting	<b>Litter Picking</b> Use gloves or a litter picker to pick up and recycle 5 pieces of litter
<b>Mindfulness</b> What do you see, hear or feel while you walk or wheel?	<b>Storytelling</b> Make up a story based on what you see around you.	<b>Heads or Tails</b> Flip a coin and let it choose your next move. Heads you go right... Tails you go left...	<b>Flower Power</b> Go outside and smell some beautiful flowers. Remember not to pick them
<b>Picnic</b> Go to a nearby park or green area and enjoy a snack together	<b>Walk or Wheel</b> With you family, friends or neighbours.	<b>Dancing Feet</b> Put on your favourite song and dance from room to room	<b>Step Counting</b> Count your steps in 2's, 5's or 10's

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