



A note from Mrs Beardsley



A huge thank you to all the children who have supported Children In Need appeal this week. It has been great for the children to show how understanding they are of others, sharing their kindness and consideration of others. We have supported by raising money and raising awareness in their spotty clothes or in their pyjamas. I am sure many of you will be finding out more by watching the BBC appeal today.



Are you looking for a **School place** or **Nursery place** for September 2026 or do you know another family who are?

We are holding two open days on Tuesday 18th November & Wednesday 26th November

Please call the office to book a space
If you are unable to make the open day, personal tours are available.

Gymnastics

Great news...

William Lilley achieved 1st place



in the gymnastics competition at George Spencer Academy.

All the children who attended, performed Beautifully with huge smiles on their faces. They represented our school very well and we are extremely proud of them.

School Photos

School photos will be conducted on:

Wednesday 3rd December

At this session, they will be photographing individuals.

If you wish to have a sibling photo, this can be done before school from 8.15. Please ensure full uniform is worn. Parents will receive free proofs of every image and the option to make a purchase online for Christmas delivery




READING



IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOME RECOMMENDED READS FOR THE COSY SEASON, HEAD TO THE WORLD BOOK DAY WEBSITE

WWW.WORLDBOOKDAY.COM FOR IDEAS OF BOOKS, LIKE THIS ONE...

WINTER SLEEP: A HIBERNATION STORY



Spare Clothes

If anyone has any spare/outgrown school uniform we are in need of underwear, trousers etc all donations would be greatly received. Thank you!

In this cosy bedtime story, follow a child and his grandma through a winter landscape to explore how the Earth goes to sleep for winter. Spot the sleeping animals as the tale unfolds, then learn about their hibernation habits from the information pages.

Christmas tree festival

Our children will be decorating a Christmas tree for the Christmas tree festival at Stapleford Methodist church. Children will be visiting on Friday 28th November in the morning. If you would like to join us or are able to support with this, please contact your child's class teacher. Thank you.




Thank you for your support in making sure that your child attends every day and is in school ready for teaching by 8.45am. If your child is unable to attend due to an unplanned absence, please contact the Office by 9.15am. We understand that it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell. Please click on the link below for up-to-date guidance and support from the NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



We have had a great week in wrap around club playing lots of games, making tissue paper poppies and we even created our own Pudsey Bear!

Why not join in the fun? Bookings can be made via the schoolmoney app.



Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Tuesday 18th November	Nursery & Reception Open Day	Sessions throughout the day	Presepective Parents September 2026
Wednesday 26th November	Nursery & Reception Open Day	Sessions throughout the day	Presepective Parents September 2026
Friday 28th November	Christmas Tree Festival	Throughout the morning	Whole school
Wednesday 3rd December	Individual School Photos	Throughout the day	Whole school
Wednesday 10th December	Miracle in town Nativity	10.00 & 14.00	Nursery and Reception
Thursday 11th December	KS1 Carols	17.00	Kingfishers Flamingos Puffins
Friday 12th December	Rock Steady Concert	14.30	
Wednesday 17th December	School Christmas Dinner		Whole School

Inset day Friday 5th December

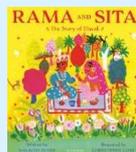
Last day of term Friday 19th December

Year Group News

Early Years Foundation Stage (2 Year olds, F1 and F2)



We have had such a lovely week learning about the Hindu and Sikh celebration of Diwali through our story of Rama and Sita. The children enjoyed creating their own story mountain about the story using the words 'Once upon a time', 'suddenly' and 'finally'. They enjoyed making diva lamps, rangoli patterns with paint and chalk, mehndi patterns on hands and also enjoyed learning a Diwali dance. They loved our 'bonfire' themed PE session using the parachutes and continued to do well with their changing skills. We have been teaching them how to turn a piece of clothing the right way round if it is inside out, something they could continue to practise at home.



Next week our work continues to look at different cultures/celebrations and we will focus on the traditions and culture of India. This will include learning about clothing, food, their flag, games and dancing. We will also be continuing with the story of 'Rama and Sita' as our Talk for Writing focus and we will be creating a class story map which



we will send home next week. In maths we will continue to consolidate numbers 0 to 5 by finding different ways of making these numbers, ordering them, writing them and working out more or less by comparing different quantities.

Christmas Tree Festival

On Friday 28th November we will be going to the local Methodist church to visit the Christmas Tree Festival, if you are able to help out with this trip please let one of the Reception team know. The Brilliant Butterflies and Busy Bees Blue will be going at 9.00am and the Lovely Ladybirds and Busy Bees Yellow will be going at 10.00am.



Busy Bees

We have had a brilliant week learning about Diwali and how it is celebrated. We have used lentils and pasta to create Rangoli patterns, used playdough to create Diva lamps and practised pencil control tracing over Mehndi patterns. This week we have read the story of Rama and Sita.

As the weather has started to turn, we have been wearing our wellies outside. The children are doing well with putting on their own wellies and putting their shoes back on, but this could also be practised at home to support us in making this process faster. Next week we will be focusing on how to do up the zip on our coats independently.

Creative Caterpillars

It has been another fun filled week in the two- year-olds room. We have been focusing on the rotation schema this week. We have been singing 'Wind the bobbin' up and 'the wheels on the bus.'

Outside, we have used ribbons on sticks to draw shapes in the air and have been rolling the balls on the parachute. We will continue to practise our three keywords- it is fantastic to see the progress the children are making with these. Next week we will be focusing on the transforming schema and singing 'pat a cake.'

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



We have had a super week in Key Stage 1! The children enjoyed taking part in our Toys: Past and Present Day activities. The children explored how toys have changed over time and demonstrated great enthusiasm. At the end of the day, the visitor mentioned how careful and respectful our children were when playing with all the old fashioned toys - especially the fragile ones!

We are looking ahead to the Christmas Tree Festival on Friday 28th November. We kindly request the support of parent helpers to accompany the children as we walk to the Methodist Church between 11:00am and 12:00pm. If you are able to join us. Please let your child's teacher know.

In English next week, the children will be innovating their own versions of *Toy Story* and writing their meeting stories, with a focus on incorporating adjectives and conjunctions to enhance their writing.

In Mathematics,

- Year 1 will be exploring partitioning numbers in different ways using concrete and pictorial representations.
- Year 2 will continue their work on multiplication, focusing on groups and counting in multiples.

In Science, the children will be investigating reversible and irreversible changes in materials and identifying the differences between natural and human-made materials.

BEAVERS

**COME TO THE BEAVERS!
WE ARE
LOOKING FOR
NEW
MEMBERS
AGED 5 3/4 TO
8 YEARS OLD**

We currently have spaces in our 2 colonies meeting on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening at the Scout HQ, Pinfold Lane, Stapleford. Get in touch for further information :)

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Broxtowe Borough COUNCIL

**Stapleford Christmas Lights
Switch On Event** 2025

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER
1.00pm - 7.00pm
Walter Parker VC Memorial Square NG9 7AR
& Derby Road Central Car Park NG9 7AS

1.00pm - 7.00pm Christmas Market & Festive Fairground
1.00pm - 4.30pm Santa's Grotto at The Conservative Club
1.00pm - 2.00pm pre-booked accessible session; 2.00pm - 4.30pm general admission
4.30pm - 7.00pm Live Entertainment at Derby Road Central Car Park

5.30PM - LIGHTS SWITCH ON
Walter Parker VC Memorial Square

7.00pm - Fireworks!
Walter Parker VC Memorial Square

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