



A note from Mrs Beardsley

It has been fantastic to see so many parents involved in activities and events at school, particularly the parents who are coming along and reading with their child on a Thursday morning. This is a great opportunity to join in and promote a love of reading. Please remember that we encourage children to read regularly at home and record this in their reading diaries. Children get a chance to win a book from the prize draw if they read four or more times each week. This reading may be in the form of their reading book, books from home or library, online reading from the Oxford Owl website, reading magazines or other reading activities that may be suggested in the weekly homework.



School Website

You should have all received an email this week inviting you to set up an account for our new website and app. You will need to have set this account up to access booking for our forthcoming parents evening.



Nottinghamshire County Council Transition Events

Nottinghamshire County Council inclusion team are holding online appointment for those who have children starting school in September 2025 with special educational needs. To book an appointment please click on the link below

[Nottinghamshire Parent/Carer Transition Events](#)

Further details and dates can be found on the attached flyer

Parents Evening

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming parents evening

Nursery Red **Tuesday 11th Feb**

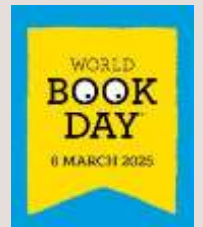
Nursery Blue **Thursday 12th Feb**

Nursery Yellow, Brilliant Butterflies, Lovely Ladybirds, Curious Kingfishers, Fabulous Flamingos and Persevering Puffins **Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th February**

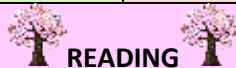
Those signed up to the new website/school app should have all received invites today to book their slots

World Book Day Thursday 6th March

We will be celebrating the love of books. Please come along to school dressed as a book character OR wearing your pyjama's to 'snuggle up with a good book.' You are invited to bring your favourite book to share at reading morning.



A huge thank to Claire Vardy Toton Tesco Community Champion for donating some uniform to William Lilley!



READING



Scholastic Book Fair is visiting school again. The book fair will be open from Tuesday 11th February to Friday 14th February each day after school. There is an option to pay via the app, on card or by cash for the books and knick knacks on offer. Each book that is sold earns credit for the school to top up our library book selection so we would really appreciate your support. See you there!

Attendance Matters



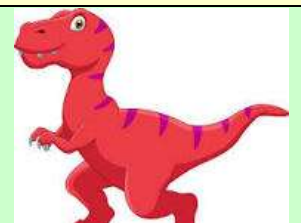
Thank you for your support in making sure your children are Attendance Heroes!

Whilst some absence is unavoidable, it is important that children are in school every day they can be for their learning, wellbeing and development. For some children, attending school every day will be harder than for others. We are committed to working together to reduce barriers to your child's attendance and to put the right support in place. We recognise that these barriers could be wide and complex, both within and beyond the schools gates, and are often specific to individual pupils and families. If you have any concerns, please speak to a member of staff so that we can begin exploring together how they can be resolved.



We are looking forwards to a ROAAAARSOME week next week where we will bringing dinosaurs alive. We will be making dinosaur masks pen holders to name just a few activities.

Don't forget our Valentine craft evenings Monday 10th February for Years 1 & 2 and Tuesday 11th February for Nursery and Reception book via the schoolmoney app





**Calendar
2024-2025**

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Every Thursday	Reading morning	8.35-8.55am	Whole school
Wednesday 5th 12th Feb	Ice skating	12.30-15.15	Year 1
Wednesday 5th 12th Feb	Martial Arts	Afternoon sessions	Year 2
Friday 7th February	Family Friday	12.30	Ladybirds & Butterflies
Monday 10th February	Valentine craft Theme night	15.15-18.00	Years 1 & 2
Tuesday 11th February	Valentine craft Theme night	15.15-18.00	Nursery & Reception
Wednesday 12-14th February	Book Fair		Whole school
Wednesday 12th February	Parents Evening	15.30-19.00	
Thursday 13th February	Parents Evening	15.30-17.00	
Wednesday 5th March	Class photos	All day	Whole school
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day	All day	Whole school
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day	All Day	Whole school
Thursday 10th July-Friday 11th July	Woodlands Residential	All day	Year 2

HALF-TERM : Monday 17th February -Friday 21st February
Inset Day: Monday 24th February
SCHOOL REOPENS: Tuesday 25th February

Year Group News

Nursery



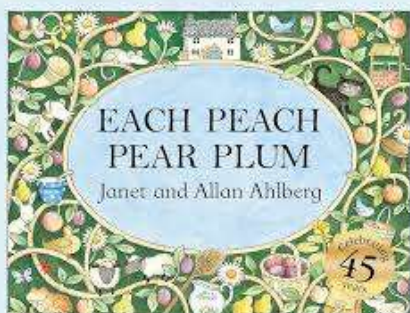
We have been recapping Betty's Rules over the last few weeks. The children have remembered these well. They are enjoying moving their bee onto the beehive when they achieve Betty's Rules.

The children have been creating their own version of Incy Wincy this week, we have had lots of Incy Wincy Caterpillars. We have focused on tea time rhymes, and we have read 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'.

We have enjoyed having tea with lots of different animals in the home corner, pouring tea in the messy tray, creating pizza out of playdough, and buying cakes in the maths area.



Next week, we will be focusing on medical rhymes. The children will be reciting rhymes such as Miss Polly Had a Dolly, Five Little Monkeys, Doctor Foster, Humpty Dumpty, and Jack and Jill. Our story will be 'Each Peach Pear Plum'.



Reception



This week the children have loved learning about the 'Chinese New Year' and particularly enjoyed the story 'The Great Race' where they learned how the order of the animals came about for each year. They have created dragons and snakes using paper and play dough and enjoyed learning a Chinese dragon dance during our PE lesson.



Next week we will be learning all about hospitals and doctors and nurses. We will be having a visit from a nurse to tell us all



about her job.

In maths we will be learning about the number '7', its value and how it is represented. We will also continue with doubles to 7 and add 2 numbers together to find the total.

Homework

Just a reminder that we will send homework home on a Friday, when your child has completed it let us know by photo or by writing on the sheet and we can celebrate by awarding them a 'WOW' certificate.



Key Stage One



We have had an incredible week in Key Stage 1! Our Year 1 children have truly impressed us with their determination and resilience during their ice-skating sessions. Watching them grow in confidence and skill has been fantastic. Year 2 have been sharpening their martial arts techniques and showing great focus as they have been learning new skills. The teachers are so proud of all their hard work and effort!

Looking ahead to next week, in English children will be innovating their fact files about the weather in hot and cold places and comparing these climates to Stapleford. We can't wait to see which countries the children choose to explore and how they compare to our local weather!



In maths, Year 1 will be diving into doubles and halving numbers, using practical activities to strengthen their understanding.

Year 2 will continue working on division by 2s, 5s, and 10s. They'll be making groups and practising skip counting to help them build confidence in solving division problems.

WILLIAM LILLEY

FAMILY FRIDAYS

You're invited to enjoy a school meal with your child!

17 January	Kingfishers
24 January	Puffins
31 January	Flamingos
7 February	Ladybirds & Butterflies

All welcome!

12:30 - 1:00PM

Only £3.54

Book now through your SchoolMoney app.

Contact the office if you have any allergies.

Speech, Language & Communication Early Years Parents & Carers Drop-In

Come along to one of our early years drop-in sessions for **children under 4 years old** if you'd like to talk with us about your child's **talking and communication**.

No need to book! Just pick a date and come along with your child at any time during the session.

We'll be there to chat, play, answer questions and give ideas!

Nottinghamshire Families Only

Where and When?

January 2025

Friday 10th January 9am-11am – **Ladybrook Family Hub**, 116 Somersall St, Mansfield, NG19 6EW

Monday 13th January 9am-11am – **Hucknall Family Hub**, Broomhill Rd, Hucknall, NG15 6AJ

Monday 20th January 9am-11am – **Chilwell Family Hub**, Great Hoggett Dr, Chilwell, NG9 4HQ

Tuesday 28th January 9am-10.45am – **Ollerton Family Hub**, Dukeries Academy, Whinney Ln, New Ollerton, NG22 9TD

February 2025

Thursday 6th February 9am-10.45am - **West Bridgford Young People's Centre**, Bridgford Rd, West Bridgford, NG2 6AT

Tuesday 11th February 9am-10.30am - **Arnbrook Family Hub**, Bestwood Lodge Dr, Arnold, NG5 8NE

Tuesday 18th February 9am-10.30am – **Mansfield Woodhouse Family Hub**, Swan Ln, Mansfield Woodhouse, NG19 8BT.

Monday 24th February 9am-11am - **Newark Family Hub**, 168 Bowbridge Rd, Newark NG24 4EG

March 2025

Tuesday 4th March 9am-10.45am - **Kirkby Family Hub**, Pavillion Road, Kirkby in Ashfield, NG17 7LL

Monday 17th March 9am-11am – **Killisick Community Centre**, Killisick Rd, Arnold, NG5 8DB

April 2025

Thursday 3rd April 9am-11am **Beeston North Family Hub**, Alderman Cl, Beeston, NG9 2RH

Monday 7th April 9am-11am **Sutton in Ashfield Family Hub**, Clare Rd, Sutton-in-Ashfield NG17 5BB

For any queries, please call 0300 123 3387

NOROVIRUS? NORRACHANCE!

Norovirus (the winter vomiting bug) causes **vomiting and diarrhoea**.
It can be very unpleasant, but usually goes away in about two days.



Stay at home for
48 hours after
symptoms have
stopped to prevent
the spread of
infection



Wash your
hands frequently
with soap
and water

Find out how to help yourself if you have **diarrhoea and vomiting** at
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/norovirus or call **NHS 111**



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***Valentine's*
CRAFT
THEME NIGHT**

***Nursery & Reception
Tuesday 11 February
3:15 - 6:00pm***

**MUSIC PARTY CARD
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DECORATING FLOWER
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