



Message from our Headteacher:

Mobile Phones, Digital Safety and Online Wellbeing

You may have seen recent news coverage about children's access to devices, social media and smartphones, alongside growing national discussion about the impact this can have on wellbeing, safety and learning. The Department for Education has published guidance for schools on mobile phone use, encouraging a mobile phone-free school day to support children's focus, safety and wellbeing.

As outlined in our Behaviour Policy, mobile phones and smart devices are not permitted in school. In limited circumstances, where families request a device to support older children travelling to and from school independently, devices must be handed in at the school office on arrival and collected at the end of the day. Devices are only permitted during the school day where there is a medical need, agreed in advance with school.

We believe technology plays an important role in transforming learning and widening opportunity. Through our digital curriculum, we aim for children to be safe, responsible and empowered digital citizens, with the knowledge and skills to keep themselves safe online.

This works best when school and families act in partnership to help keep children safe online. We provide guidance for families through our [online safety e-book](#) on the school website, and we are always keen to support parents and carers wherever possible. If you have any questions or concerns about online safety, devices or apps, please do speak to our Digital Lead or a member of the Safeguarding Team, who will be happy to help.

Many parents have also asked about the growing Smartphone-Free Childhood movement, which highlights concerns around screen time, online content, social media and children's wellbeing.

Families who wish to explore this further can find more information at:

 <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

Thank you for your continued support in helping children develop healthy, age-appropriate relationships with technology.

Mr Lowe, Headteacher

Merit Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who all received a certificate this week and were part of our assembly today:

Foundation 2: Zuri & Caleb

Year 1: Hassan & Kimarra

Year 2: Aqsa & Lorna

Year 3: Khadijah & Amara

Year 4: Hanyu & Euny

Year 5: Aleeza & Hiyab

Year 6: Arsalan & Nevaeh



Writers of the Week

Year 1: Elisa

Year 2: Oscar

Year 3: Elijah

Year 4: Ahmad

Year 5: Kara

Year 6: Louis



Weekly Attendance

Target - 96.8%

Foundation 2: 98%

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 96%

Year 4: 96%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 94%

Well done to this week's classes with the highest attendance:

Year 1

F1 Stars of the Week



Aman, Enora & Charlotte

In other news...



Enrichment Opportunities

Our children have had an amazing week filled with a range of exciting enrichment opportunities:

- Y2 had their Teddy Bear Hospital session, a fun and engaging session, teaching children about healthcare.
- Y2 visited the Dales Library for a Reading for Pleasure session.
- Y1 visited Sultania Mosque as part of their topic learning about the local area.



Reading Celebration Assembly

Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for our recent Reading Celebration Assembly. We were delighted to celebrate the children's love of reading and to recognise their reading achievements. Regular reading plays a crucial role in children's future success. We strongly recommend that all children read at least four times each week with an adult or older sibling to help build fluency and enjoyment. Thank you for continuing to support reading at home — it truly makes a difference.



Planned Building Works

We have exciting building works planned this year. Our external fascias will be replaced. Our EYFS Unit will be internally refurbished over summer holidays. The building will be refreshed with new flooring and ceilings, new fitted units, a re-designed cloakroom and toilets, and an upgraded kitchen area. We will also have a new intervention and small group space. These improvements will make a real difference to the learning environment and the support we can offer our youngest children. The work is being supported by Transform Trust, both in funding and delivery, and we are very grateful for their support.



Staff Celebration

A huge congratulations to Miss Hoffman, who has achieved her Level 3 TAs qualification with distinction. We are enormously proud of her achievements and are grateful for all she does for our school community.

Diary Dates

Tue 27 Jan	Y1 visit to Dales Library
Wed 28 Jan	Drama Workshops Y1-Y2
Tue 4 Feb	Uni of Nottingham visiting Y2
Thu 5 Feb	Y5/6 Winter Olympics Ice Arena
Wed 11 Feb	EYFS Family Event
Fri 13 Feb	INSET DAY & End of Term
Mon 16 Feb – Sun 22 Feb	Half Term – School Closed

Spotlight

Join Our Team

We are currently recruiting for the following roles at Sneinton St Stephen's:

Midday Supervisor

Sneinton C of E Primary School
Nottingham, Nottinghamshire



Salary: £2997.05

3 days ago

Breakfast and After School Club Assistant

Sneinton C of E Primary School
Nottingham, Nottinghamshire



Salary: £9,647.75 actual salary per annum

7 days ago

Click each image above to see more or visit [e-teach](https://www.e-teach.org.uk/).

These roles play an important part in supporting children and helping our school day run smoothly. Please do share with anyone who may be interested

What have we been learning?

EYFS

This week in Foundation 2, we have been learning about healthy eating. We need to eat lots of different fruit and vegetables so that we have energy and stay healthy. We tried tasting some different fruits and talked about what they tasted like. We tried grapefruit, mango, kiwi and pineapple.



Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about the brilliant artist, Mark Rothko and his use of colour to create mood. We have been learning how to mix shades and tints, and we have been so impressed with the children's understanding of how to make different colours.



Year 4

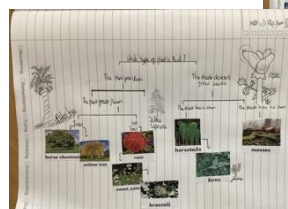
In RE, we compared the traditions different religions have, to celebrate weddings. Year 4 did an excellent job of role-playing different scenes to represent some of these!



Year 6

In class this week, during science, Year 6 have been learning about classifications of animals and plants.

The children have worked hard on identifying characteristics of various plants, in order to sort and group them.



FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

WEEK 1

Autumn Winter 2025/26

01/09/25, 22/09/25, 13/10/25,
03/11/25, 24/11/25, 15/12/25,
05/01/26, 26/01/26, 16/02/26,
09/03/26, 30/03/26

LUNCHTIME

PRIMARY
WORLD



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Cheese and Tomato
Pizza Slice
with Wedges



Sweet Chilli
Chicken Noodles



Roast Chicken,
Stuffing, Skin on
Roasties
and Gravy



Moroccan Meatball
Tagine and Rice



Golden Fish Fingers
or
Salmon Fingers
and Chips



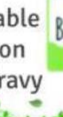
Baked Sweetcorn
Fritters
with Wedges



Hoisin Sticky
Vegetable Noodles



Roasted Vegetable
Strudel, Skin on
Roasties and Gravy



Sweet Potato Tagine
and Rice



Cheesy Bean Wrap
with Chips



Vegetable Sticks

Green Beans

Carrots and Cabbage

Mixed Greens

Peas

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo



Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo



Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo



Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo



Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo



Butterfly Pastry
Biscuits



Strawberry and
Pineapple Jelly



Banana Bread
and Custard



Apple
Cinnamon Buns



Lemon
Drizzle Cake



AVAILABLE DAILY

DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED
BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT

PASTA
TWIRLER
AVAILABLE
EVERY DAY

TOPPED PASTA
HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH
HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE
& CHEESE



What impact has your meal
had on planet Earth today?



School Dates 2025-26

AUGUST 2025							SEPTEMBER 2025							OCTOBER 2025						
M		4	11	18	25		M	1	8	15	22	29		M		6	13	20	27	
T		5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23	30		T		7	14	21	28	
W		6	13	20	27		W	3	10	17	24			W	1	8	15	22	29	
T		7	14	21	28		T	4	11	18	25			T	2	9	16	23	30	
F	1	8	15	22	29		F	5	12	19	26			F	3	10	17	24	31	
S	2	9	16	23	30		S	6	13	20	27			S	4	11	18	25		
S	3	10	17	24	31		S	7	14	21	28			S	5	12	19	26		

NOVEMBER 2025							DECEMBER 2025							JANUARY 2026						
M		3	10	17	24		M	1	8	15	22	29		M		5	12	19	26	
T		4	11	18	25		T	2	9	16	23	30		T		6	13	20	27	
W		5	12	19	26		W	3	10	17	24	31		W		7	14	21	28	
T		6	13	20	27		T	4	11	18	25			T	1	8	15	22	29	
F		7	14	21	28		F	5	12	19	26			F	2	9	16	23	30	
S	1	8	15	22	29		S	6	13	20	27			S	3	10	17	24	31	
S	2	9	16	23	30		S	7	14	21	28			S	4	11	18	25		

FEBRUARY 2026							MARCH 2026							APRIL 2026						
M		2	9	16	23		M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	
T		3	10	17	24		T		3	10	17	24	31	T		7	14	21	28	
W		4	11	18	25		W		4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29	
T		5	12	19	26		T		5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23	30	
F		6	13	20	27		F		6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		
S		7	14	21	28		S		7	14	21	28		S	4	11	18	25		
S	1	8	15	22			S	1	8	15	22	29		S	5	12	19	26		

MAY 2026							JUNE 2026							JULY 2026						
M		4	11	18	25		M	1	8	15	22	29		M		6	13	20	27	
T		5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23	30		T		7	14	21	28	
W		6	13	20	27		W	3	10	17	24			W	1	8	15	22	29	
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S	2	9	16	23	30		S	6	13	20	27			S	4	11	18	25		
S	3	10	17	24	31		S	7	14	21	28			S	5	12	19	26		

Key	
	In school
	School holiday
	Public holiday
	In Service Training Day

AUGUST 2026						
M		3	10	17	24	31
T		4	11	18	25	
W		5	12	19	26	
T		6	13	20	27	
F		7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29	
S	2	9	16	23	30	

Regular Community Events at School (open to all)



Family Breakfast 'Books and Breakfast'

Every Monday morning
School Hall 8:15 am – 8:45 am



Parent/Carer Tea and Coffee Drop-In

Every Friday morning (*Starting 20 Sep*)
Community Room 8:35 am – 9:30 am



Church at School, Led by St. Stephen's Church

Once a Month
School Hall 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm



Parent/Carer Prayer Group

2nd and 4th Monday of each month
Community Room 8:45 am – 9:15 am



For more information about these events or other ways to get involved at school, please speak to our Learning Mentor, Mrs Pruszek or our Headteacher, Mr Lowe.



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WEEKEND PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES.

From musical theatre, to comedy, drama and filmmaking – PQA's project-based approach encourages learning by doing. In our classes, young people get hands on, creating their own content and learning industry skills, while having a blast!

WHAT TO EXPECT.

Classes for ages 6-18 are 3 hours long, with industry-expert teachers leading sessions in musical theatre, film and TV, comedy, and drama. We also offer 90-minute long classes for ages 4-6. **Best of all, we offer everyone a free session!**

BE YOURSELF BE AMAZING.

At PQA, we build self-belief by encouraging young people to step out of their comfort zones, develop new skills, and be their amazing selves, in a supportive environment. Through experiencing all that the performing arts has to offer, young people can grow in to grounded, confident adults.

Looking for professional football sessions for ages 2-12 that are fun, no-pressure and led by experienced coaches?

New Saturday sessions starting
this month in **Carlton:**

9.30am: 4-7s

10.30am: 8-12s

League teams and beginner
training running throughout the
week in **Arnold, Forest
Fields, Hucknall** and
Bestwood

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experienced,
fully-trained and
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Softball Cricket Camp for Boys & Girls Reception - Year 6

Our camp:

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SOWING SNEINTON & FOSAC PRESENT...

Four special science sessions at Lindum Grove
Community Garden !!

Behind Tow'j Supermarket, Sneinton, NG2 3DG

Monday 9th Feb 2026
10.30am - 1pm

The fascinating world of soil - suitable for 0-99 years



Thursday 12th Feb
10am - 12.30pm

The fascinating world of soil - suitable for 0-5 years
plus parents/carers



Monday 16th Feb
10.30am - 1pm

Monitoring & helping local wildlife- suitable for 0-99
years



Thursday 19th Feb
10am - 12.30pm

Monitoring & helping local wildlife - suitable for 0-5
years plus parents/carers

Sessions are free - no booking required -
include hot drinks and free vegetarian lunch
suggested lunch donation is £2

www.sowingsneinton.org

