



Message from our Assistant Headteacher:

To mark the launch of **Go All In: Year of Reading 2026**, we would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the vital importance of **Reading for Pleasure**.

Reading is the heartbeat of our school. Not only are we proud of the high-quality teaching we deliver every day, but we are deeply passionate about developing children as lifelong readers who read for pleasure. All of our staff regularly read children's texts so that they are able to recommend books they know individual children will enjoy, and they engage in ongoing professional development through the Open University to continually strengthen children's reading journeys.

We are incredibly proud to be one of only a small number of primary schools nationally to hold the **Reading for Pleasure Platinum Award**, recognising our commitment to this work.

Reading for pleasure plays a crucial role in a child's future success, supporting vocabulary development, writing, academic achievement, wellbeing and a lifelong love of learning.

As part of the Go All In campaign, we warmly invite families to join us by reading with your child at least **four times a week**.

Next Wednesday, we will be celebrating children who regularly read and read for pleasure at home in a special reading assembly, with trophies, prizes and certificates, and we look forward to welcoming many of you to celebrate with us.

If you would like any advice on how to support your child with reading at home, please speak to your child's teacher or myself.



Thank you for your support,
Mrs Doyle, Assistant Headteacher for Aspiration

Merit Assembly

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

Foundation 2 Hammad & Iyanna

Year 1: Avery & Harrison

Year 2: Roman & Amer

Year 3: Zion & Ismail

Year 4: Esther Imaan

Year 5: Dolly & Frith

Year 6: Elliott & Amelia



Writers of the Week

Year 1: Noel

Year 2: Aria

Year 3: Aivah-Leigh

Year 4: Giovanni

Year 5: Rome

Year 6: River



Weekly Attendance

Target - 96.8%

Foundation 2: 98%

Year 1: 99%

Year 2: 98%

Year 3: 98%

Year 4: 96%

Year 5: 90%

Year 6: 93%

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

Year 1

F1 Stars of the Week



Selea, Caden & Azan

In other news...



Enrichment opportunities:

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to **Bestwood Country Park**, braving the weather as they explored sustainability and ways we can protect our planet. The children took part in a range of hands-on activities, including building their own wind turbine.

Our Pupil Parliamentarians proudly represented our school at **Nottingham University**, meeting with pupils from across the Trust to share and develop their work on introducing pupil 'surgeries'. These sessions aim to ensure that pupil voice is gathered meaningfully and that we respond thoughtfully and effectively to the views of our children.

Severe weather

Due to the current spell of cold weather please can you ensure you dress your child appropriately with a warm coat, gloves, hat and scarf if possible and all named accordingly.

Club update

Your child should have come home with a letter today about the clubs they can sign up for. If your child has forgotten this, please see the letter and clubs available on Class Dojo. Or scan this QR code.



Diary Dates

Tue 20 Jan	Y1 Visit to Sultania Mosque
Tue 20 Jan	Y2 visiting Dales Library
Tue 27 Jan	Y1 Visiting Dales Library
Wed 28 Jan	F2, Y1 & Y2 Drama Workshops
Wed 4 Feb	Y2 Teddy bear hospital
Thu 5 Feb	Y5 & Y6 Winter Olympics at the Ice Arena
Thu 12 Feb	End of term
Fri 13 Feb	INSET day – school closed to children

Spotlight

We would like to remind families that there is a **free online Home Fire Safety Check**, developed by the **National Fire Chief Council** in partnership with **Fire Kills**. The quick, easy check takes around 15 minutes and helps you spot potential fire risks in your home, offering personalised advice to help keep your family safe.

Alternatively, we can make a referral for families to request a **free home fire safety visit** from the **Fire Service**, where they will check your home for fire safety and fit smoke alarms if needed. Please contact us if you would like us to arrange this for you.

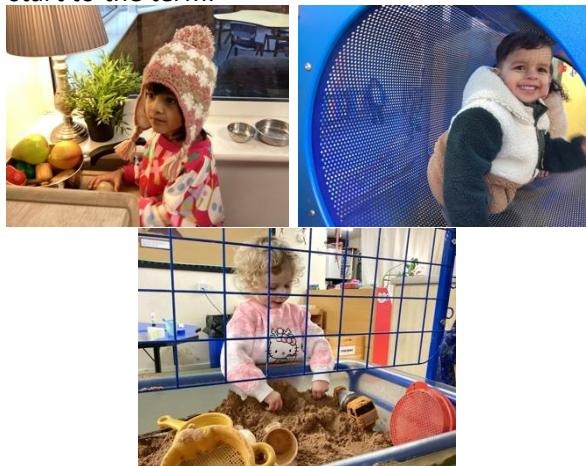


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What have we been learning?

EYFS

In F1 we have been busy welcoming a new group of children to school. They have settled in beautifully and have already been busy exploring both the indoor and outdoor learning areas with enthusiasm and curiosity. We are incredibly proud of how our older children have supported them, showing kindness, patience, and responsibility as fantastic role models. It has been a joy to see such a caring and positive start to the term.



Year 1

Year One have been learning about the Windmill and George Green this week. They have role-played making bread and acting as George Green. We then made real bread on Tuesday, which turned out much better than expected! This has been a very exciting and hands on week!



Year 3

We have been developing our painting skills in class 3. We have been inspired by Frida Kahlo and her story. We love how interesting her backgrounds are. We looked at colour wheels and how to make different colours, effects we can make using different brush strokes and how to form compositions. The children have been working on self portraits and how to draw the features in the right places!



Year 5

This week Year 5 have been learning about Jamaica and writing descriptions for a holiday advertisement. We have been learning about inspirational leaders in our RE lessons, including Martin Luther King Jr and Malala Yousafzai. The photo is of some mini books we made, thinking about why we are grateful for education.

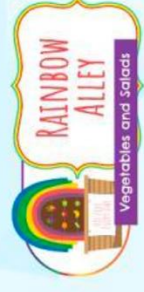


LUNCHTIME

WEEK 3

Autumn Winter 2025/26

15/09/25, 06/10/25, 27/10/25,
17/11/25, 08/12/25, 29/12/25,
19/01/26, 09/02/26, 02/03/26,
23/03/26



What impact has your meal
had on planet Earth today?



MONDAY

Cheese and Tomato
Pizza Slice
with Wedges



TUESDAY

Mild Chicken Tikka
Masala and Rice



WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork,
Skin on Roasties
and Gravy



THURSDAY

Chicken pasta



FRIDAY

Golden Fish
Fingers
& Chips



Macaroni Cheese



Tarka Dhal



Carrot & Stuffing
Puff Pastry Plait,
Skin on Roasties
with Gravy



Sweet Potato Coconut
Bean Stew
with Rice



Vegetable Fingers
with Chips



Vegetable Sticks

Carrots and
Green Beans

Roasted Roots

Sweetcorn

Baked Beans

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



Sweet Potato
Chocolate Brownie



Jelly



Eve's Apple
Pudding & Custard



Muesli Bars



Vanilla Cookies



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

PASTA TOPPED PASTA
HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH
HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE
& CHEESE

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

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	
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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		
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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	
T		7	14	21	28		T	4	11	18	25			T	2	9	16	23	30	
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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	
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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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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!**

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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.

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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
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Fields, Hucknall** and
Bestwood

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experienced,
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3 Days

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Sneinton

2026

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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