



Message from our Assistant Headteacher:

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and enjoyed spending time with family and loved ones. It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school this week, and we have been especially excited to welcome a number of new families into our community as children joined our F1 class in the Foundation Unit.

The children have settled in brilliantly already, and we hope they enjoy their time learning and growing with us. Across the school, it has been a really positive start to the term. Children have settled quickly back into routines and have returned full of enthusiasm and readiness to learn.

Over the coming weeks, your child will be bringing home their **curriculum information letters**, which offer a glimpse into the exciting projects and topics they will be exploring this term. We encourage you to take a moment to look through these together and share in your child's excitement for what lies ahead

A real highlight of our first week back has been the **Year 4 Curriculum Showcase**, celebrating the incredible learning from last term.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to recognise and celebrate the children's hard work and achievements. The showcase included **stunning Beowulf-inspired writing**, full of rich vocabulary and creativity, as well as **Viking purses** designed and sewn by the children, showcasing their attention to detail and growing historical knowledge. The children also applied their sketching and painting skills to recreate different sections of the **Bayeux Tapestry**, inspired by Henry Moore – a fantastic collaborative project.



It was wonderful to see children proudly sharing their learning. We look forward to another fantastic term and thank you for your continued support.

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 David A and Ollie

Year 1: Absi & Aiylah

Year 2: Lara & Prince

Year 3: Noah & Cataleya

Year 4: Eesa & Sidar

Year 5: Kara & Rahman

Year 6: Kardell & Safah



Writers of the Week

Year 1: Jacob

Year 2: Ella

Year 3: Kalin

Year 4: Maria

Year 5: Nia

Year 6: Motunrayo



Weekly Attendance

Target - 96.8%

Foundation 2: 92%

Year 1: 95%

Year 2: 98%

Year 3: 94%

Year 4: 96%

Year 5: 94%

Year 6: 94%

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

Year 2

F1 Stars of the Week



Masuul, Afnan & Charlotte

In other news...



Staffing Updates.



We are delighted to welcome **Mrs Tibbitts** as our Year 5 teacher. Mrs Tibbitts is an experienced teacher, and we are very excited to have her join our school community.

After 20 years of dedicated service to the school, **Mrs Massey** will be leaving us on **16th January** to begin a new career. We are sure you will join us in thanking her for her hard work, commitment, and contribution to our school community over the years. We wish her every success and happiness as she embarks on this new chapter.

Team News



Congratulations to **Mr Lowe, Anna and Astrid** on the arrival of their beautiful baby girl. We send our love and warmest congratulations to the whole family.

Mr Lowe is currently on paternity leave. In the meantime, **Miss Curtis and Mrs Doyle** are continuing to provide cover and are available as usual.

Severe weather

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

Enrichment

- F2 & Yr1 had a visit from dentist as part of the National Dental Survey
- Area band started again this week
- Miss Swift Dance club are busy preparing for their upcoming performance

Diary Dates

Mon 5 Jan	Start of Term
Tue 13 Jan	Y6 visit to Bestwood Country Park
	Y4 visiting Dales Library
Wed 14 Jan	Pupil parliamentarians visiting Notts University
Thu 15 Jan	SHINE drama starts back
Thu 15 Jan	Area Band
Tue 20 Jan	Y1 Visit to Sultania Mosque
Tue 20 Jan	Y2 visiting Dales Library
Wed 28 Jan	F2 and Y1 Drama Workshops

Spotlight

We are pleased to announce that sales of school photographs from **Braiswick Photography** have raised **£26.50 for Cancer Research UK**.

Thank you to everyone who purchased their child's photographs. Not only do these provide a lovely keepsake, but they have also helped contribute to such a worthwhile cause. Your support is very much appreciated.



**CANCER
RESEARCH
UK**

What have we been learning?

EYFS

It's been an exciting week in Early Years as we welcomed some amazing new children to our Foundation 1 class. It's been lovely getting to know them and their families. We also enjoyed having fun in the winter weather. We made patterns in the snow, collected and played with it and slid down the hill on the sledge!



Year 2

This week, Year 2 have started our new topic: Hot and Cold. We have been learning that deserts can be hot or cold, and we've started learning about how animals are adapted to living in these tough conditions. Over the Christmas holidays, Year 2 have created some amazing creative homework projects!



Year 4

Thank you to everyone who came to see the **Year 4 Curriculum Showcase**, celebrating the incredible learning from last term. We are so proud of all the children and the hard work they put in to it. We really appreciated all the comments that were received. Parent and pupil voice is really important to us, so thank you.



Year 6

Year 6 have made a strong start to our new topic, 'Seven Worlds, One Planet'. We watched an episode of David Attenborough's Planet Earth to explore some of the incredible species that we share our planet with. We then created projects to share some of the reasons that our planet is so special and why we want to take care of it.



WEEK 2

Autumn Winter 2025/26

08/09/25, 29/09/25, 20/10/25,
10/11/25, 01/12/25, 22/12/25,
12/01/26, 02/02/26, 23/02/26,
16/03/26



What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?



MONDAY

Vegetable Lasagne



Green Veg & Butter Bean Pie with Wedges



Sweetcorn

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo



Flapjack



TUESDAY

Chicken Jambalaya



Veggie Enchiladas with Rice



Broccoli

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo



Orange and Peach Jelly



WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties and Gravy



Cheddar and Broccoli Crustless Quiche



Carrots and Peas

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo



Apple Tea Cake and Custard



THURSDAY

Spanish Chicken Stew, Potatoes & Tomato Sauce



Spanish Spinach & Chickpeas with Potatoes & Tomato Sauce



Mixed Greens

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo



Iced Vanilla Sponge Cake



FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers and Chips



BBQ Veggie Wrap with Chips



Baked Beans

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo



Carrot Cake



AVAILABLE DAILY

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

PASTA TWIRLER

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE



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



AS PART OF... **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FESTIVAL
OF SCIENCE & CURIOSITY**
2026

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



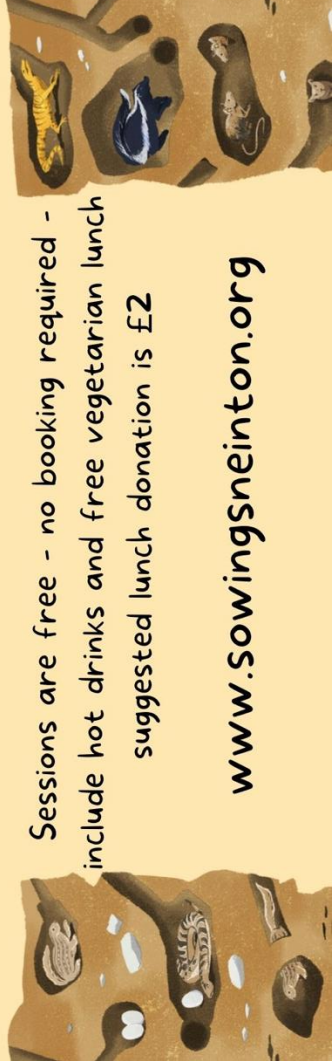
Thursday 19th Feb

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



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

All coaches are
experienced,
fully-trained and
DBS certified



Membership starts at £5.50/session or pay-as-you-play
With 200+ happy members, we're the best around!

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