



Message from our Sports Coach:

Autumn Term Enrichment Opportunities

This term is full of opportunities for our children to flourish beyond the classroom, and we are delighted to be offering a wide range of free after-school enrichment activities. These clubs and partnerships not only nurture children's talents but also build confidence, teamwork, and a real love for sports and the arts.

Every week, children in Year 2 and 3 take part in singing tuition led by the Children's Choir Lead at St Mary's Church, while those in Years 4–6 enjoy choir sessions with Rachel Bussell and Marcia Hoffman. Music continues to be a strength of our school, and our long-standing partnership with the Nottingham Music Hub gives our Year 4, 5 and 6 children the chance to learn instruments such as the flute or guitar. A group of Year 5 children also has the opportunity to take part in Area Band, further developing their musical skills and representing our school.

We are equally proud of our partnership with the Nottingham Playhouse. Throughout the year, a group of children will work with professional drama teachers

after school, building their performance skills and creativity. This will culminate in a special end-of-year performance on stage – an unforgettable experience for both children and families.

Alongside these specialist opportunities, our Learning Support Assistants run a variety of free clubs each term. These cover a wide range of interests and give children the chance to try new things, discover hidden talents, and have fun with their friends. We are very grateful to the team for the time and effort they put into making these clubs possible.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who applied for places this week. Slips have gone out today to confirm where children have secured a place, and anyone on the waiting list will be given priority next term. Clubs will run from:

Monday 22nd September to Friday 28th November.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mr Duffield, Sports Coach

Merit Assembly

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

Foundation 2: Whole Class

Year 1: Ailyah & Jacob

Year 2: Ella & Farhan

Year 3: Catelaya & Johan

Year 4: Salih & Esther

Year 5: Jennifer & Thea

Year 6: Joshua & Safah



Writers of the Week

Year 1: Ethan

Year 2: Lorna

Year 3: Elijah

Year 4: Kai

Year 5: Isa

Year 6: Amelia



Attendance

Foundation 2: 99%

Year 1: 98%

Year 2: 98%

Year 3: 96%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 95%

Year 6: 91%

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

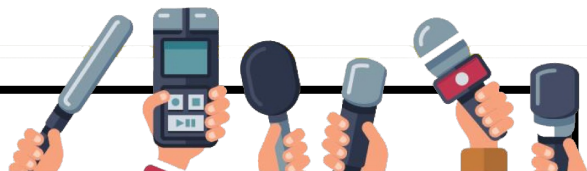
Year 4 And F2

F1 Stars of the Week



Anyrie, Everly & Isabela

In other news...



Reading Workshops for KS1 Parents/Carers

Thank you to all who joined us for the Year 1 Reading Meeting on Monday. We explored how phonics and reading are taught in Year 1 and the changes from EYFS, as well as how to support reading at home.

Next week (Monday at 2.40 pm), we look forward to welcoming Year 2 parents/carers to a reading meeting. Together we'll explore: how children will learn to read this year, how you can help at home and have a chance to explore some fantastic books!



Year 6 Secondary Applications

A big thank you to all who attended the **Year 6 Secondary School Application Meeting**. We were delighted to welcome **Mrs Stapleton, Headteacher of Emmanuel School**, who shared useful information about the application process and insight into admission criteria.

If you have any queries about the process, please get in touch with **Miss Kiggins** or **Mrs Walsh (School Operations Manager)**. Many parents who went through the process last year would also be happy to share their experiences.



Church at the Table – Invite for Parents/Carers

The team at St. Stephen's Church would like to invite parents/carers to their Church at the Table sessions.

Location: St. Stephen's Church **Time:** 11am **Dates:** 28th Sept 26th Oct 23rd Nov 28th Dec

It is a time to worship God, but also experience Church in a different way than might be expected. There are points of conversation, reflection and worship.



Diary Dates

Tue 22 Sep	After school clubs start
Thu 2 Oct	Date Change! EYFS Welcome Service 2.15pm St. Stephen's Church
Fri 26 Sep	Sneinton Languages Day
Tue 30 Sep	Y3 Stone Age Day
Fri 3 Oct	Inset Day
Tue 7 Oct	Y5 Visit to Papplewick
Tue 14 Oct	Y1 Visit to Wollaton Hall
Wed 15 Oct	Y6 Visit to Newark Air Museum
Mon 20 Oct – Sun 2 Nov	Half Term
Wed 5 Nov	Individual School Photos

Update



Changes to Household Support Fund

Nottingham City Council has confirmed that, due to a reduction in Government funding, Free School Meal **holiday vouchers** will no longer be provided to families, who are entitled to income-based Free School Meals.

Support is still available through the Holiday Activity Fund (Free Fun and Food), which offers free activities and a healthy meal for children during holidays until March 2029.

Details are shared before each holiday on the [Ask Lion website](#).

Families may also be eligible for a £75 supermarket voucher and 2 x £49 energy vouchers (subject to availability).

More information is available on the [Household Support Fund webpage](#).

Please see the full letter from the council at the end of this newsletter.

What have we been learning?

EYFS

This week in F2, we have been talking about our families.

The children brought in photos of their family to share and we learnt the Makaton signs for different family members.

It's so good to learn about different types of families.

All families are different and they are all special!



Year 1

This week we have been exploring palaeontologists, and how they are responsible for finding dinosaur bones and fossils.

We have also had the opportunity to roleplay and dig for fossils like real palaeontologists.

Next week, we are going to be learning about a famous palaeontologist Mary Anning, who we will be “meeting” on our Wollaton trip.



Year 3

This week, we have been studying cave paintings and trying to interpret their meaning. Some cave paintings date back as early as 30,000 years ago. They show us images of animals, fire and drawings of people. We used charcoal as they may have used burnt sticks. They also would've made paint colours from blood and juicy berries but we didn't fancy that option!



Year 5

Year 5 had their first session with Mini Police on Tuesday, where they learn about the law, criminal justice system and building relationships with a PCSO from the local community.

The class loved asking questions and playing bingo with Conor, and we are looking forward to continuing the sessions over the next few months!



LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 2

Spring Summer
2025

28/04/25, 19/05/25,
09/06/25, 30/06/25,
21/07/25, 11/08/25,
01/09/25, 22/09/25,
13/10/25

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Beef
Bolognese
Pasta

BBQ Chicken
Wraps and
Paprika Wedges

Roast Gammon,
Skin on Roasties
and Gravy

Sausage and Mash
with Gravy

Battered Fish
and Chips



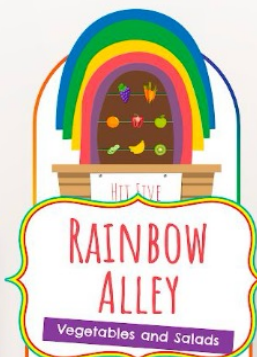
Veggie
Bolognese
Pasta

BBQ Veggie
Wrap and
Paprika Wedges

Maple Roasted
Sweet Potato Filo
Pie with Skin on
Roasties

Veggie Sausage
and Mash

Cheese and Onion
Burger
with Chips



Sweetcorn
and Peas

Green Beans

Mixed Greens

Carrots and
Green Beans

Baked
Beans



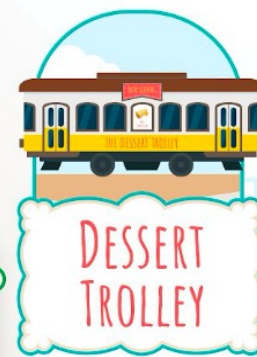
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Jam Sponge
and Custard

Watermelon
Wedge

Oaty
Cornflake
Crunch Bar

Apple Sponge
Pudding

Vanilla
Cookie





STAR STRIKE
FOOTBALL COACHING

HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOL

Titchfield Park, Hucknall, NG15 7LU

Mon 20th - Weds 22nd October

Ages 6-8: 9.30am-12.30pm

Ages 9-12: 1.00pm-4.00pm

From £7/day, incl. medal & certificate

Limited places, register at

<https://pbbl.uk/StarStrikeFootball> or contact

07775 687682 for more information

All coaches are DBSed, qualified and experienced



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HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB



Every Day, 9am- 3pm

Week 1: Monday 20th October - Friday 24th October
Week 2: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Activities Include: Football, Dodgeball, Basketball,
Craft & so much more!

£15 per day

Book 5 Days for **£60**, using code: **NOTTSOCT5FOR60**

Book 10 Days for **£110** using code **NOTTSOCT10FOR110**

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HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Day	Week 1 w/c 20 th October	Week 2 w/c 27 th October
Monday	Around the World!	Out of this World: SPACE DAY!
Tuesday	Super Hero's	Football Fun-day
Wednesday	Football Fun-Day	Mini Olympics
Thursday	Sports Day	Football Fun-day
Friday	Football Fun-day	Halloween Day: Come dressed up as your favourite spooky character

Each day will consist of a mixture of Sports, Games
and Craft activities.

£15 per day

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LOTTERY FUNDED

Family Event

**Free
Entry**

with Noor Project

**Saturday, September 20th
12pm - 4pm**

**Bakersfield Community Centre
312 Sneinton Dale, NG3 7DN**

**Food, Fun, Stalls,
& much more!**



Contact: 07888702436



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September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We're getting in touch to let you about some changes being made to the way we distribute the Government's Household Support Fund (HSF).

A reduction of 12% in the total amount Nottingham receives in Household Support Fund in 2025/26 means we have had to make the difficult decision to end provision of Free School Meal vouchers during school holiday periods.

Continuing this support would use approximately 58% of the available funding and significantly reduce the amount of crisis and proactive support we can provide in other vital areas such as paying utility bills, meeting other essential living costs or housing costs or buying food.

We understand that this change may have a considerable impact on households who have previously relied on this support, especially during times when children are not in school and access to meals may be more limited.

As a FSM parent your child is entitled to support during school holidays through the Governments Holiday Activity Fund, known as Free Fun and Food in Nottingham. This programme has been extended until March 2029 and provides fun and engaging activities as well as a healthy meal for children during holiday periods. Further information can be found on Ask Lion on the Free Fun and Food webpage which is updated before each holiday period. This page shows you what's available and how to book a place for your child when activities go live - [HAF - Free Fun and Food in Nottingham](#)

Further support is available and if you haven't yet done so, you can apply for a £75 supermarket voucher and 2 x £49 energy vouchers through our website as part of our HSF support programme, subject to availability. We would be grateful if you could help us to encourage families to check with advice agencies, local community organisations and food support services about the help they may be able to offer.

Additionally there is further information regarding support available and other benefits families may be entitled to on our webpage - [Household Support Vouchers - Nottingham City Council](#) with further detailed information available on [ASKLiON | Ask Lion - Nottingham City Directory](#).

Kind Regards

Nottingham City Council

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	
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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	
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NOVEMBER 2025							DECEMBER 2025							JANUARY 2026						
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FEBRUARY 2026							MARCH 2026							APRIL 2026						
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Key						
	In school					
	School holiday					
	Public holiday					
	In Service Training Day					

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.