



Message from our Headteacher:

It has been a real joy to welcome our children and families back to school this week. We are so impressed with how well all children have settled in their new classes. We are especially delighted to extend a warm welcome to the new families who have recently joined our school community.

As always, our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) team is here should you need any advice, support, or just someone to talk to. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or if your family would benefit from additional welfare support—we are here to help.



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Alongside our work with local services, we offer a range of practical help in school. Please speak to a member of our DSL team if we can help with:

- **Food Support** – Foodbank collection in school and distribution of foodbank vouchers.
- **Washing Facilities** – Access to washing machine and dryer facilities for families in emergency housing.
- **Hygiene Products** – Availability of essential items to support families in need.
- **Uniform Giveaways** – Spare uniform items available to ensure every child feels confident and ready for school.

We also encourage families to get involved in the life of the school. There are regular opportunities to come together:



Family Breakfast 'Books and Breakfast'

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



Parent/Carer Tea and Coffee Drop-In

Every Friday morning
Community Room 8:35am – 9:30am



Afterschool Church, Led by St. Stephen's Church

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

Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

Mr Lowe, Headteacher

Amazing Attendance!

Welcome to a new school year!
I am Mr Buckmaster, the school's Attendance Officer, and this year I will be based at school every Tuesday morning.



Every school day is a chance to learn something new — and we love to reward great attendance!

With Junior Attendance Officers helping to share the message and celebrate success, we are proud of how our children take the lead in encouraging one another.

Rewards this term include Funstation tokens, a special breakfast for the class with the best attendance, and even exciting trips such as a visit to Wagamama! There are plenty of reasons to be in school, on time, every day.

We are also incredibly proud of our school's strong attendance overall, which is well above national averages. This is a real achievement, made possible through the close partnership we share with families in supporting children to attend every day.

Last Year's Attendance

Our School:	96.5%
Nottingham Average:	94.1%
National Average:	94.8%

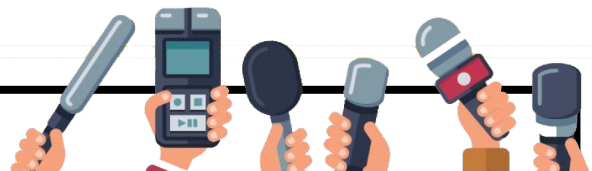
This Week's Attendance

Our Target:	96.8%
Foundation 2:	94.9%
Year 1:	94.2%
Year 2:	95.2%
Year 3:	97.7%
Year 4:	96.7%
Year 5:	96.7%
Year 6:	96.4%

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

Year 3

In other news...



School Communication and Payment App

All Transform Trust schools have now moved their information systems to Arbor. This means we will be moving away from the Weduc Parent App and instead asking families to use the Arbor App, which will allow in-app messaging and allows parents to make payments to school directly.

Thank you for your patience and support as we make this transition — we will share further guidance to help families get set up on Arbor over the coming weeks.



Road Safety

Nottingham City Council has asked all schools to raise awareness about road safety, after three children in the city were sadly injured outside schools last year. Councillor Linda Woodings, Executive Member for Road Safety, is asking parents and carers to help keep children safe by:

- **Parking away from school** and walking up where possible.
- **Avoiding zig-zags, pavements and driveways.**
- **Turning off engines** when waiting to reduce pollution.
- **Driving carefully and patiently** when leaving school.

Together, we can make the roads outside our school calmer and safer for everyone.



Safeguarding – Local Community Incident

You may have seen in the news that earlier this week, armed police were deployed to Green's Windmill Park following a knife-related incident. Police made arrests, and investigations continue.

While there is no ongoing threat, we encourage families to remain vigilant, supervise children closely when visiting local parks, and report any concerns to Nottinghamshire Police on 101 (non-emergencies), or call 999 in an emergency.



Diary Dates

Mon 8 Sep	Upper Key Stage 2 Music Camp
Tue 9 Sep	Year 3 and Year 6 Weekly Swimming Commences
Thu 11 Sep	Year 6 Visit to Safety Zone
Fri 12 Sep	Year 6 Secondary School Application Meeting
Tue 30 Sep	Y3 Stone Age Day
Fri 3 Oct	Inset Day
Wed 15 Oct	Y6 Visit to Newark Air Museum
Mon 20 Oct – Sun 2 Nov	Half Term

Please continue to check the school calendar on our Reach More Parents app.

This will show you upcoming events related to your child.

Safety Reminders



We are a nut-free school – please ensure that children do not have products containing nuts for their lunches.



Vaping and smoking are not allowed on site.



No unauthorised dogs are permitted on site.



Please encourage children to walk with their bikes and scooters whilst on school grounds.

What have we been learning?

EYFS

It's been a fantastic week in F2.

We have really enjoyed welcoming our new children and families and we have all been making friends and having fun together.

This week, we have been looking at ourselves in the mirror and playing hairdressers.

We have been talking about different hair types and hairstyles. We tried out some different hairstyles at the hairdresser's!



Year 1

We are so proud of how our Year 1 children have settled into their new class.

This week, we have been learning about dinosaurs.

We have really enjoyed dressing up and roleplaying.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant start to this year!

In science, we've been working as geologists, investigating rocks which we've discovered are all around us. We even learnt that we can write with some of them!

Our exciting new topic is the Stone Age, and so we are beginning to think about how different types of rock can tell us their history, as well as being useful for different tasks.

Watch this space as we become expert geologists this half term!



Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic first week!

We have been doing lots of investigating - exploring Victorian artefacts in History and properties of materials in Science.

We can't wait to find out more about what life was like during the Victorian era!



LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 1

Spring Summer
2025

21/04/25, 12/05/25,
02/06/25, 23/06/25,
14/07/25, 04/08/25,
25/08/25, 15/09/25,
06/10/25

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



All Day Breakfast

Picnic Style
Sausage Roll
Lunch

Roast Pork,
New Potatoes
and Gravy

Tomato and Basil
Chicken
Pasta Bake

Golden Fish
Fingers or
Salmon Fingers
and Chips



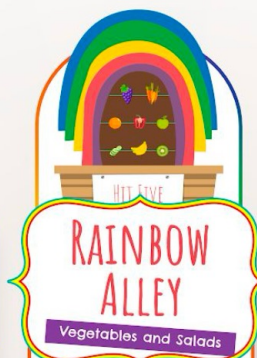
Margherita Pizza
Slice and Wedges

Picnic Style
Veggie Sausage
Roll Lunch

Vegetable and
Stuffing Loaf with
New Potatoes

Veggie Noodle
Stir Fry

Cheesy Bean Wrap
with Chips



Baked Beans

Crudites

Carrots and
Cabbage

Green Salad

Peas



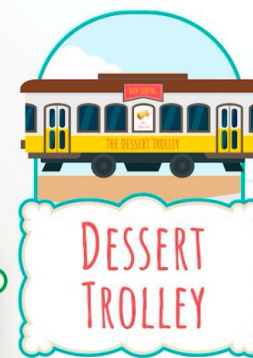
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Toffee
Biscuit Bars

Classic
Trifle

Bananas
and Custard

Strawberry and
Pineapple Jelly

Coconut Crisp
Bar



Safeguarding DSL Team at Sneinton St. Stephen's

At Sneinton St. Stephen's C of E Primary School, we are committed to safeguarding children.

Safeguarding is **everyone's** responsibility!

If you are concerned about a child, you must share your concerns immediately with our team.



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TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE

Be kind to one another and build each other up. 1 Thess 5:11

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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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	
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MAY 2026							JUNE 2026							JULY 2026						
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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	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
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W		5	12	19	26	
T		6	13	20	27	
F		7	14	21	28	
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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.