



Message from our School Operations Manager:

Foundation 2 Places – September 2026

All families have now received their Foundation 2 school place allocation for September 2026. We know that this will have been welcome news for some families, and disappointing for others.

This year, we received 73 applications for 30 places in our Foundation 2 class. Not all children currently in our F1 classes have been allocated a place at Sneinton St. Stephen's for September. We understand how upsetting this may feel, particularly for families who are already part of our school community.

If your child has not been offered a place with us, it is very important that you accept the school place that has been allocated, even if this was not your preferred choice. You can then contact the Nottingham Admissions Team at Nottingham City Council (0115 8415568) to ask for your child's name to be added to our waiting list should a place become available.

Please be aware that if a place is not accepted, your child may be left without a school place in September.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new children into Foundation 2 and beginning the next stage of their learning journey with us.

To support families with school readiness, we have already written to families and have prepared practical guidance packs focusing on key areas such as:

- toilet training
- teeth brushing
- developing independence and routines for full-time school

These packs will be sent to families next week, and we hope they will be helpful in supporting children as they prepare for September. Small steps taken now can make a big difference to how settled and confident children feel when they start school.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and continued support. If you have concerns or would like advice, please do speak to a member of the team.

Mrs Walsh
School Operations Manager

Merit Assembly

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

Foundation 2: Ray & Rico
Year 1: Krish & Iffath-Haya
Year 2: Whole class & Ella
Year 3: Torres & Ava
Year 4: Miss Hoffman & Holly
Year 5: Harley & Dolly
Year 6: Alfie & Oscar



Weekly Attendance

Attendance Target: 96.6%

Attendance so far: 95.8%

Foundation 2: 97%

Year 1: 100% 🏆

Year 2: 99%

Year 3: 96%

Year 4: 97%

Year 5: 95%

Year 6: 98%

🎉 Well Done to Year 1! 🎉

Writers of the Week

Year 1: Lina
Year 2: Elliot
Year 3: Amaan
Year 4: Esther
Year 5: Hiyab
Year 6: Toure



F1 Stars of the Week



Austin, Musfirah & Precious

In other news...



Enrichment Opportunities

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

- Y2 have continued their swimming lessons at Victoria Leisure Centre.
- Y5 visited Dales Library for a Reading for Pleasure session.



Free Nursery Places – September 2026

We are currently promoting our September Nursery places and would love your support.

We know that not all families are aware of the funded nursery places available to them:

- 15 Free hours (available for all families)
- 30 Free hours (for working parents)

If you are part of a faith community, local club or organisation that could display a poster or share information, please let us know. We have printed leaflets and posters available, as well as a digital version for online sharing. If you're able to help, please collect a pack from the school office.



Reading Assembly Winners – Spring Term

We are so pleased to see so many children reading at home at least four times a week. Building strong reading habits early is key, and we really appreciate your continued support. Remember, all reading counts: books from school, Reading for Pleasure texts, comics or books from home.

Year 2 took the top spot this term with an amazing 25 children reading regularly, closely followed by Year 6 and then Year 3... a fantastic effort all round!

- **Book token winners:** Kimarra, Andrew and Elliott
- **Parent/Carer Thank You Award:** Zion's family
- **Reading Dog Award:** Mahesha

A big thank you to all parents and carers who joined us to celebrate. Your support makes such a difference.



Diary Dates

Tue 28 Apr	Y4 French Breakfast
	Y3 Attendance Breakfast
	Y5 Dales Library Visit
	NCC Primary Parliament
	Church at School 3:15 – 4:00 School Hall - All Welcome!
Mon 4 May	Bank Hol – School Closed
Tue 5 May	Y5 visit to National Space Centre
	Y4 Dales Library Visit
Tue 12 May	Y3 Dales Library Visit
Thu 14 May	EYFS Parent Event
Mon 18 May	Y2 visit to Lindum Grove Allotments



Safeguarding



Staying safe in the community

As the evenings become lighter and the weather improves, many of our children will be spending more time outdoors—walking to parks, visiting friends, and being active in the community.

We've included a poster in this newsletter with helpful guidance on road safety.

We would encourage families to revisit road safety with their children. Simple reminders about crossing safely, being aware of traffic, and staying alert can make a real difference.

We have also noticed more children travelling to and from school on bikes and scooters without helmets. While it's great to see children being active, wearing a helmet is an important part of keeping safe regardless of how far they are travelling, where or how fast they are going.



What have we been learning?



EYFS

This week in Foundation 2, we went on a trip to Paris! We went through security, got our tickets and passports checked and flew to Paris!

Once we got to Paris, we went to a boulangerie, and we tried some French baguettes!

The children were brilliant and learnt all about the process of getting on a plane!



Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have started our new topic, Sierra Leone. We have been remembering key learning about the continents and how to use a map to find out more about Sierra Leone's location.

We have also been remembering our key learning about Sneinton from Year 1 to help us compare how different the two locations are.



Year 4

Year 4 started their Water painting topic.

We listened to the sounds of the sea and painted along to create a collaborative artwork



Year 6

We had such a great start to our History topic, 'The Ancient Maya' this week!

We looked at historical sources that can give us clues about the favourite sport of the Maya, Pok-a-tok. Then, of course, we had to give it a go ourselves. It may not replace football or cricket at playtime but it was still a lot of fun!



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	
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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	
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FEBRUARY 2026							MARCH 2026							APRIL 2026						
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MAY 2026							JUNE 2026							JULY 2026						
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Key	
	In school
	School holiday
	Public holiday
	In Service Training Day

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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 – 9:15am



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.

FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

WEEK 3

Spring/Summer 2026

27/04/26, 18/05/26, 08/06/26,
29/06/26, 20/07/26, 10/08/26,
31/08/26, 21/09/26, 12/10/26



THE
MAIN
EVENT



MEAT-FREE
MAGIC

Veggie Dish



RAINBOW
ALLEY

Vegetables and Salads



BIG
TOPPING

Filled Jackets



DESSERT
TROLLEY

MONDAY

Cheese and Tomato
Pizza Slice
with Wedges B

Macaroni Cheese C

Vegetable Sticks

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo B

Sweet Potato
Chocolate Brownie C

TUESDAY

Creamy Chicken
Meatballs
and Rice C

Vegetable
Ratatouille
with Rice B

Sweetcorn and Cabbage

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo B

Raspberry Jelly A

WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork,
Skin on Roasties
and Gravy C

Med Veg Wellington,
Skin on Roasties
with Gravy B

Carrots and
Green Beans

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo B

Treacle, Pear &
Ginger Cake
with Custard B

THURSDAY

Minced Beef
& Onion Pie
with Mash D

Root Vegetable
and Bean Stew
with Mash A

Mixed Greens

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo B

Date and Sunflower
Seed Muesli Bars B

FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers
and Chips B

Vegetable Fingers
with Chips A

Baked Beans and Peas

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo B

Vanilla Cookies B

PRIMARY
TRADITIONAL



What impact has your meal
had on planet Earth today?



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 C



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

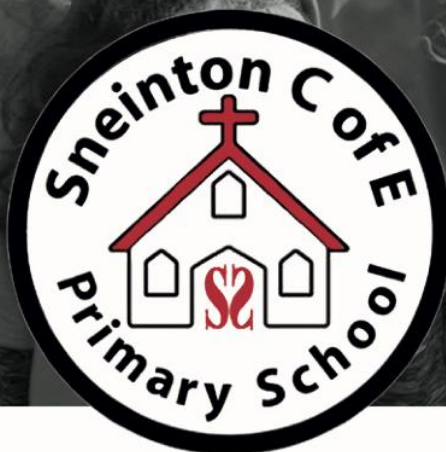
THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Team
Sneinton



Team
Sneinton



FREE NURSERY PLACES FOR 3-4 YEAR OLDS

FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

WE OFFER :

- ▶ **15 hours FREE childcare for every 3 & 4-year-old*** (*universal entitlement*)
- ▶ **Up to 30 hours FREE for working parents*** (*subject to eligibility*)
- ▶ Qualified teachers leading learning for all children.
- ▶ Creative learning areas: indoor, outdoor and nature spaces.
- ▶ A community where everyone belongs and where every voice is valued.
- ▶ Excellence in reading for pleasure and digital literacy approaches.



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Friday Egg Lottery!



To enter the egg lottery for every week of the rest of the school year
please give £5

OR

sign up to the hen rota (for looking after the hens one day per month)

at the school office

Every friday we will put all entrants names in a hat
the families who win will be given a share of the eggs that week
from our lovely school hens!



All funds raised
will go towards
chicken bedding and
food

1 - 31 May 2026

Big Nottingham **TRAVEL** Challenge

The Big Nottingham Travel Challenge is a great way to get active this May!

Join in with the friendly city-wide competition and walk, wheel, and take public transport for more of your local journeys.

Everyone living or working in Nottingham City can take part. Many PRIZES are available!



Nottingham
City Council



Walk Wheel
Cycle Trust

Nottingham.getmeactive.org.uk

The week with the Renewal Trust

Here is what is happening week commencing 20 April



Monday

Mini Movers Active Play



9:30am to 11am
Brendon Lawrence
Sports Centre

Mini Movers Boogie Beat



10:15am to 11am
The Dales Centre Library

Adult Learn To Ride

10am to 11am
Walk, Bike, Run Hub

RT Walk and Talk

11am to 12pm
Walk, Bike, Run
Hub

Mini Movers Boogie Beat



Clifton Leisure
Centre

1:30pm to 2:15pm
Learn to Ride

Adults and Children
4pm to 5pm
Walk Bike Run Hub

Tuesday

Mini Movers on Wheels



9:15am to 10am
Walk Bike Run Hub

Tuesday Social Chatty Cake Cafe

(Go for a walk together)
9:30am to 11:30am
Cherry Lodge



Dr Bike

9:30am to 11:30am
Cherry Lodge

Mini Movers Roll and Stroll

10am to 11am
Cherry Lodge



Adult Learn to Ride

10am to 11am
Walk, Bike, Run Hub

Women's Learn to Ride

11am to 12pm
Walk, Bike, Run
Hub

Tuesday

Couch to 5k

12pm
Cherry Lodge

Feel Good Family Fun

4pm to 5pm
Brendon Lawrence
Sports Centre



Wednesday

Mini Movers Outdoor Play



9:30am to 11am
Cherry Lodge

Feel Good Gold

11:30am to 1:30pm
Cherry Lodge



Learn to Ride

4pm to 5pm
Walk, Bike, Run Hub

Supper Social

4pm to 7pm
(monthly)
Cherry Lodge

Thursday

Drop in day

9:30am to 4:30pm
Cherry Lodge

Learn to Ride

4:30pm to 5:30pm
Walk, Bike, Run Hub

Friday

Mini Movers Boogie Beat



10am to 10:45am
St Ann's Library

Feel Good Live Well

10am to 12pm
Cherry Lodge



To find out more

Call: 0115 911 2226

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Book your place: bookwhen.com/renewaltrust