



Message from our Headteacher:

Festive Week of Creativity and Talent

What a wonderful week it has been as we celebrated the creativity and talent of our children during their Christmas performances!

On Tuesday, our EYFS children took us on a magical journey with their *Christmas Around the World* play.

Their confidence, enthusiasm, and sheer joy shone through every moment of their performance.

On Thursday, the Lower Phase (Years 1-3) delivered an incredible performance of *The Detective Nativity*.

Their ability to weave together humour, storytelling, and heartwarming moments truly left everyone in awe.

A huge well done to all the children for their hard work and dedication—it has been a privilege to see their creativity and individuality shine so brightly. Watching their development over the years is always a source of pride and joy for us all.

We also want to say a heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff for their hard work in preparing the children so beautifully.

Their creativity in selecting songs, parts, and opportunities ensured that every child's light had the chance to shine brightly on stage.

A big thank you to all the families who were able to join us and support the children. Your presence and encouragement mean the world to them. Here are just a few of the lovely comments we've received:

- What an incredible show! Everyone worked so hard, and the children's talent and enthusiasm shone through.
- Amazing performance—the best one I've seen!
- Fantastic! Honestly, everyone involved did such an incredible job. It was so inclusive and amazing to see a wide range of children taking part.
- Utterly outstanding! So creative and inclusive of each child's gifts.

Thank you again for making this festive season so special. We look forward to continuing to celebrate the wonderful talents of our children as we head towards the end of term.

Merit Assembly

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

Foundation 2: Hannah & Isla

Year 1: Lorna & Whole Class

Year 2: Ava & Whole Class

Year 3: Whole class & Ellabem

Year 4: George & Rahman

Year 5: Henry & Chloe

Year 6: Iyla & Samuel



Writers of the Week

Foundation 2: Kimarra

Year 1: Elliott

Year 2: Faya

Year 3: Kourosh

Year 4: Thea

Year 5: Perfection

Year 6: Hamza



Attendance

Foundation 2: 92.6%

Year 1: 97.1%

Year 2: 94.0%

Year 3: 90.0%

Year 4: 96.0%

Year 5: 95.4%

Year 6: 100%

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

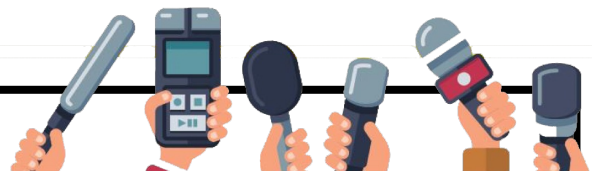
Year 6

F1 Star of the Week



Ollie & Arfa

In other news...



Celebrating Talent

We are so proud of **Samuel in Year 6** for his incredible solo performance at the **St. Christopher's Christmas Fayre**. He treated the school today to a beautiful rendition of "When I Think Upon Christmas", and it was truly moving. Well done, Samuel! 🎤✨



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Supporters

This Christmas, we have been incredibly blessed by the generosity and kindness of our community. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the **Salvation Army, Heart Church**, and the many local businesses and individuals who have reached out to support our children and families.

Thanks to their incredible generosity, we have received **donations of gifts, teddy bears, and selection boxes**, which will bring joy to so many of our families during this special time.

Your support makes a real difference, and we are so grateful to be part of such a caring and compassionate community. Thank you for helping us share the spirit of Christmas. 🌲✨



Safeguarding Message

Over the Christmas break, if you have any safeguarding worries or concerns during the break that you need to share with the school, please use our **confidential online form**, which is only seen by our **Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)**: 📧 <https://bit.ly/SNEHELP>

For **urgent safeguarding concerns** or **emergency situations**, you can contact:

☎️ **Claire McKendrick at Transform Trust**: 0115 982 5090

☎️ **Nottingham City's Children's Services (City MASH)**: 0115 876 4800

🚒 If someone is at **immediate risk of harm**, please call the **police on 999**.



Diary Dates

Tue 17 Dec	Church at School 3:15–School Hall–All Welcome
Wed 18 Dec	Christmas Pilgrimage
Thu 19 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Thu 19 Dec	KS2 Christmas Carol Service 2-3pm – St. Stephen's Church
Fri 20 Dec	End of Term
Mon 6 Jan	Return to School

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

This will show you upcoming events related to your child.



Reminders

Church at School:

📅 **Tuesday 17th December**

📍 School Hall, 3:15 - 4:15

✨ Open to all—come and join us!

School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day:

📅 **Thursday 19th December**

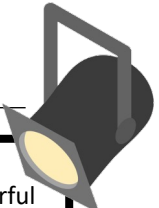
😊 Non-uniform day—wear your favourite festive jumper!

Outstanding Payments:

📅 Please ensure all payments for **wraparound care** and **school dinners** are made by **Wednesday 18th December**.

💰 Payments can be made in **cash at the school office** or via the **school app**.

What have we been learning?



EYFS

Well done to all the children in EYFS for their amazing Christmas Performance! We were so proud of their confidence and effort singing and dancing. It was amazing to see them performing on the stage in front of such a big audience.

Thank you to all the parents, carers, family and friends who came along to support us and enjoy the show.



Year 2

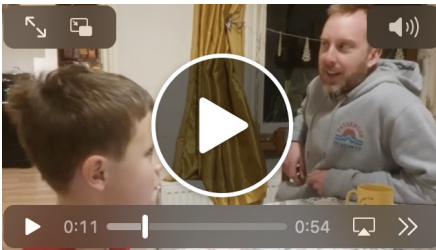
Year 2 have had a very busy few weeks of wonderful enrichment opportunities led by parents to enhance our Victorians topic. Elaine, Joshua's mum, delivered a wonderful time detectives session focused on local history through the use of maps during the Victorian period. Anna, Astrid's mum, led a brilliant clay workshop to support us in making our art project, which are clay coil pots in the style of Grayson Perry. Finally, Kathryn, Ava's mum, led a great session at the allotment, where we developed our understanding of life cycles and the changes seen in the allotment during different seasons.



Year 4

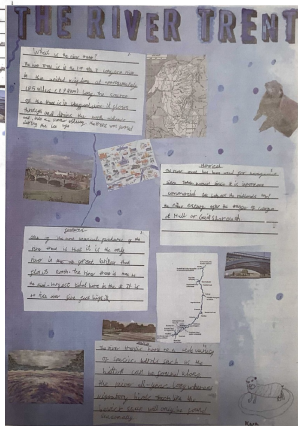
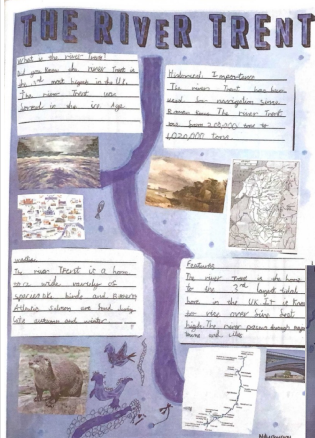
This week, the children of Year Four have been reporters. They have interviewed people they know about their jobs. They have been sharing what they have learned in class and practising active listening.

We have learned some top tips for budgeting our money and the different types of jobs people have.



Year 6

In Geography, we carried out research about the River Trent to create an information poster - our favourite facts were that it's the only river in the UK that flows North and eels can also be found here!

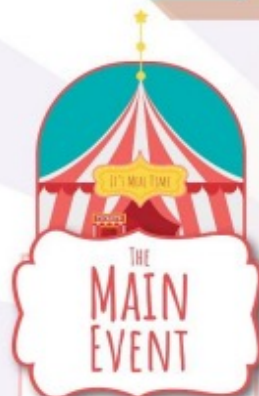


LUNCHTIME

WORLD

Week 1

Autumn Winter
2024-25:
2/9, 23/9, 14/10,
4/11, 25/11,
16/12, 6/1, 27/1



Margherita Pizza
Slice and Wedges

Chicken Tikka
Curry

Roast Gammon,
Roast Potatoes
and Gravy

Sticky Chinese
Chicken Noodles

Golden Fish
Fingers or
Salmon Frites
and Chips



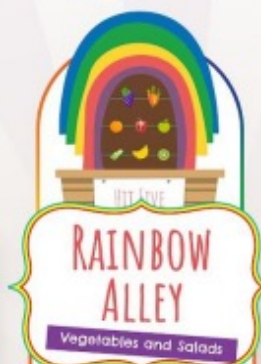
Veggie Pepper and
Sweetcorn Pizza
Slice with Wedges

Veg Samosa
Style Pie

Quorn Sausage,
Roast Potatoes
and Gravy

Spanish Omelette
and Herby Diced
Potatoes

Veggie Burger and
Chips



Sweetcorn

Kachumber
Salad and
Wholegrain
Rice

Peas and Carrots

Green Beans

Baked
Beans



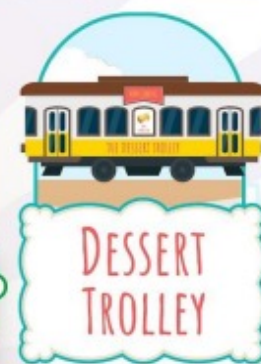
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Toffee Frozen
Yoghurt

Sweet Potato
Brownie

Forest Fruits
Jelly Pots

Cookie Dough
Apple
Crumble

Jammy
Thumbprint
Biscuits



School Dates 2024-25

Aug-24							Sep-24							Oct-24						
M		5	12	19	26		M		2	9	16	23	30	M		7	14	21	28	
T		6	13	20	27		T		3	10	17	24		T	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28		W		4	11	18	25		W	2	9	16	23	30	
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Nov-24							Dec-24							Jan-25						
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Feb-25							Mar-25							Apr-25						
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May-25							Jun-25							Jul-25						
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-  Inset Days
-  Bank Holiday
-  School Holiday

- Half term 1 - 7 weeks 2 days
- Half term 2 - 7 weeks
- Half term 3 - 6 weeks
- Half term 4 - 6 weeks
- Half term 5 - 4 weeks 3 days
- Half term 6 - 8 weeks

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.

Autumn Term Faith Events



Church at School

Tue 24 Sep | Tue 26 Nov | Tue 17 Dec

School Hall, 3:15 – 4:15 pm

Open to all year groups and their families.

Hosted by St. Stephen's Church Leaders

Drink and Snack | Craft | Games | Worship and Bible Stories



Foundation 2 Welcome Service

Wed 2 Oct

St. Stephen's Church, 2pm – 3pm.

Open to all families with a special invite to the families of Foundation 2 children.

Our F2 class will be presented with a Story Book Bible funded by Nottingham City Mission.



Harvest Festival Prayer Workshops

Tue 15 Oct | Wed 16 Oct

School Hall

We will invite families to donate long-life food and drink to be donated to our local Food Banks.

We have partnered with Urban Abbey to work with our pupil leaders to create harvest-themed prayer workshops. We hope for some element of these to be shared with our families.



Remembrance Collective Worship

Mon 11 Nov

School Hall, 10:30 – 11:00 am

Our Humanities Leaders will be hosting a short Collective Worship for Remembrance. Children in Y1-Y6 will attend this. Families are welcome to join us.



Christmas Fayre

Wed 4 Dec

School Hall and Playground, 3:15 – 5:00 pm

An opportunity for all in our community to celebrate together.

Food and Drink | Christmas Craft | Christmas Stories | Stalls



EYFS Nativity

Tue 10 Dec

School Hall, Morning Performance 9:30 am, Afternoon Performance 1:30 pm

All families of children in EYFS are invited to attend these performances. Our Learning Mentor will be providing tea and coffee in the Community Room before each performance begins.



Lower Phase Nativity (Y1, Y2 and Y3)

Thu 12 Dec

School Hall, Morning Performance 9:30 am, Afternoon Performance 1:30 pm

All families of children in EYFS are invited to attend these performances. Our Learning Mentor will be providing tea and coffee in the Community Room before each performance begins.



Christmas Pilgrimage

Wed 18 Dec

Children across the school (Y1 – Y6) travel out of school and into Sneinton to visit characters relating to the events of Jesus' birth. They interview the characters and complete activities relating to their event in their classrooms. We ask for adult volunteers to join classes to support walking to the locations. We celebrate the learning in a Collective Worship at 2:30 pm. Families are invited to the afternoon Collective Worship.



Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Service

Thu 19 Dec

St. Stephen's Church 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Children in Key Stage 2 invite their families to join them in a carol concert at St. Stephen's.



Crib Service



Activities

Songs

Nativity Photobooth



Nativity Story - Bring your children dressed as a wise men, angels, donkey.

Small gift!



4:00pm : 24th December
Everyone is welcome!

For unto us a
child is born!

Christmas

AT ST. STEPHENS SNEINTON



17TH DEC | 8:00PM

Beer & Carols

@ the King Billy pub

22ND DEC | 6:00PM

Christmas Reflection

A quiet and reflective
carol service

24TH DECEMBER

4:00pm | Crib Service

11:15pm | Midnight Mass

25TH DECEMBER | 10:00am

Christmas Day

Service

