



Message from our Headteacher:

School Development Priorities 2024-25

We are excited to share our key development priorities for this school year. These areas are central to ensuring all of our children thrive, and we are already underway with staff training, research, and implementing new strategies to support these goals. We are also looking forward to working with both local and national agencies to develop these areas further.

1. Enhancing Language and Communication

We aim to deepen the integration of **oracy** (spoken communication) and **English as an Additional Language (EAL)** support across all subjects. This will help all children, including those for whom English is not the first language, to articulate their ideas clearly and confidently.



2. Improving Writing Skills

Strengthening how we teach writing, particularly focusing on **transcription** (spelling, handwriting, and punctuation), will be a key part of our efforts to boost writing outcomes across the school.



3. Mastering Maths

We are committed to promoting a deeper understanding of **mathematics** for all children, ensuring they are challenged with reasoning and problem-solving opportunities to develop mastery of the subject.



4. Evidence-Based Learning Strategies

Our final priority is to continue developing staff expertise in **learning theory**, focusing on evidence-based strategies that support how children learn best. This will help us apply research-backed approaches in every classroom, ensuring all children can achieve their full potential.



In future newsletters, we will be providing tips and ideas for how parents and carers can support these priorities at home, helping to ensure the best outcomes for every child.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Lowe

Merit Assembly

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

Foundation 2: Mikolaj & Aleesa
Year 1: Hania & Prince
Year 2: Elijah & Khadijah
Year 3: Imaan & Ahmad
Year 4: Nia & Mohammad Isa
Year 5: Joshua & Nevaeh
Year 6: Rozaya & Trinity



Writers of the Week

Year 1: Theodora
Year 2: Bathsheba
Year 3: Eesa
Year 4: Harmony
Year 5: Henry
Year 6: Ife S



Attendance

Foundation 2: 95.58%
Year 1: 98.71%
Year 2: 96.0%
Year 3: 98.71%
Year 4: 96.0%
Year 5: 93.33%
Year 6: 99.67%

Well done to this week's class with the highest attendance:
Year 6

F1 Star of the Week



Ollie & Cephas

In other news...



Enrichment Opportunities

Our children have enjoyed a range of enrichment opportunities this week.

- **Y3** visited Dales Library for a Reading for Pleasure session, where they explored a variety of engaging texts and activities designed to foster a love of reading.
- A group of **KS2 footballers** competed in an exciting match against other schools at King Edwards Park, showcasing great teamwork and sportsmanship.
- **Y5** visited Papplewick Pumping Station to deepen their understanding of Victorian Britain.
- Many families joined us for Church at School . Thank you to St. Stephen's team who led this.



Foundation 2 Welcome Service

We are excited to be hosting our Foundation 2 Welcome Service at St. Stephen's Church next week (2-3pm, Wed 2 Oct). All classes from F2 to Year 6 will be joining this special service, celebrating our Foundation 2 children and their families.

All Foundation 2 families are warmly invited to join us for this service. If any parents/carers in other year groups are available to support by joining the service and walking with the classes to the church, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact class teachers if you are available.



Staff News

We are thrilled to share the wonderful news that Mrs. Walker has welcomed her baby girl, Zoe! Both mum and baby are doing well. We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Walker, her husband Dan, and their son Zach on the newest addition to their family.



Diary Dates

Wed 2 Oct	F2 Welcome Service St. Stephen's Church, 2-3 pm
Thu 3 Oct	Y1 Visit – Wollaton Park
Fri 4 Oct	INSET DAY (School Closed)
Tue 8 Oct	Y1 Visit – Dales Library
Thu 10 Oct	Y3 Visit - Brackenhurst
Mon 14 Oct	Y4 Visit – Perlethorpe
Tue 5 Nov	F2 Visit – St. Ann's Orchard
Wed 6 Nov	Individual Photos
Fri 11 Oct	Y2 Visit – Central Library
Tue 15 Oct – Wed 16 Oct	Harvest Festival Prayer Workshops with Urban Abbey

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

This will show you upcoming events related to your child.

Reminders

INSET Day

A reminder that **school will be closed to pupils on Fri 4 Oct.**



School Payments

When making payments via the **Weduc/Reach More Parents App**, please ensure you select the correct category (e.g. dinners, breakfast/afterschool wraparound, uniform, trips, etc.).



Your attention to this detail is greatly appreciated, as correcting errors in the system is very difficult to process.

Flu Vaccination

The vaccinations for any children with completed permission forms will take place at school on the **9 Oct.**



What have we been learning?

EYFS

F1 have been learning about circles this week. We have been using Squiggle While You Wiggle drawing circles with scarves, finding circles around our environment and drawing them using different materials.

We have had lots of fun getting creative and learning how to draw a circle.



Year 2

In Year 2, we have been learning about the River Thames and how it was used during the Great Fire of London.

In DT, we have also been exploring moving parts and how pop-up books work. We can't wait to start designing our own moving part books and sharing them with our parents and carers.



Year 4

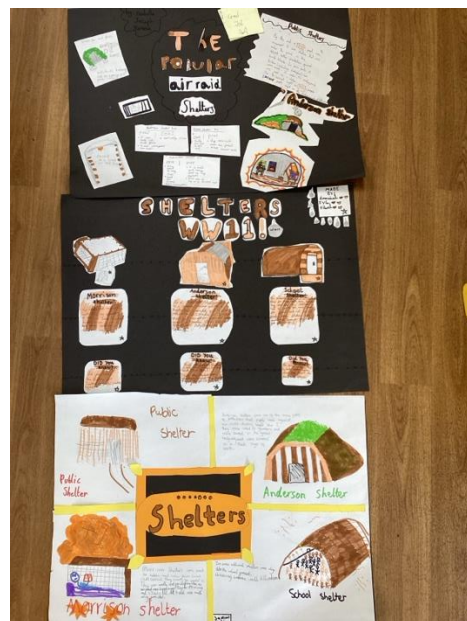
Year 4 took a very sunny walk to the Dales Library. Their reading for-pleasure choices are so varied: from Beast Quest to poetry books to non-fiction Science books. They all had a love and joy for choosing books in common!



Year 6

In History, we have been learning all about the different types of air raid shelters that were used in World War Two.

We worked in groups to present information on posters. The finished posters were so well-designed and informative!



HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION

for Sneinton Food
Bank

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

TINNED MEAT AND FISH

TINNED VEG INCLUDING
POTATOES/INSTANT MASH

TOILETRIES

TINNED FRUIT / CUSTARD / PUDDINGS

CARTON FRUIT JUICE / SQUASH

CEREAL

BISCUITS

UHT MILK

TINNED SOUP

Please bring food items
to your child's class
teacher.

Collection ends
Wednesday 16th (the
day of our school
Harvest Festival)

Any questions, please
ask Mrs Peek.

Future Makers Robotics and emerging technology

Featuring: Next generation robotics, scientist led workshops, Robots from UK TV show Robot Wars and much more!

**Wednesday
23 October
11am–3pm**

Nottingham Central Library
1 Carrington Street, Nottingham, NG1 7FH

Free admission event. Suitable for all ages 7+.

Find out more: nott.ac/futuremakers



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Nottingham
Institute for Policy and Engagement


Stemcity

NOTTINGHAM
CITY
LIBRARIES

LUNCHTIME

Autumn Winter
2024-25:
9/9, 30/9, 21/10,
11/1, 2/12,
23/12, 13/1, 3/2

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



**THE
MAIN
EVENT**

Cheesy Tomato
Pizza Muffins

Chicken
Chimichangas

Roast Pork,
Roast Potatoes
and Gravy

Butter Chicken
Wholegrain Pilaf
Rice

Battered Fish
and Chips



**MEAT-FREE
MAGIC**
Veggie Dish

BBQ and
Sweetcorn
Pizza Slice

Veggie
Enchiladas

Cauliflower Cheese,
Crispy Onion Topping
& Roast Potatoes
(You don't have to have
the onions!)

Aloo Gobi
Cauliflower Potato
Curry

Cheese and
Tomato Toasted
Wrap with Chips



**RAINBOW
ALLEY**
Vegetables and Salads

Wholegrain
Pasta Salad and
Green Salad

Rice and
Sweetcorn

Mixed Greens

Peas

Baked
Beans



**BIG
TOPPING**
Filled Jackets

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

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**DESSERT
TROLLEY**

Toffee Apple
Sponge and
Custard

Chocolate
Sprinkle Iced
Cake

Raspberry
Coconut Jelly

Fresh Fruit
Salad

Anzac
Biscuits



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



DAILY SANDWICHES
AVAILABLE



**PASTA
TWIRLER**
AVAILABLE
EVERY DAY
Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta
topped with
Homemade
Tomato Sauce &
Cheese

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	
T	1	8	15	22	29		T		5	12	19	26		T	3	10	17	24	31	
F	2	9	16	23	30		F		6	13	20	27		F	4	11	18	25		
S	3	10	17	24	31		S		7	14	21	28		S	5	12	19	26		
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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 Pruszk 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.