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NEWSLETTER 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

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Upcoming Dates:

Week beginning 3rd March 2025

- 4th March: Year 4 water safety workshop
- 5th & 6th March: Year 4 start swimming lessons
- 6th March: World Book Day
- 6th March: Tag Rugby competition

This half term

- 25th March: Yr 2 visit Newark Air Museum
- 26th & 27th March: Parents Evenings for Reception, Year 5 & 6 parents
- 28th March: Rock Steady Concert
- w/c 31st March: Year 6 Hagg Farm residentials
- 2nd & 3rd April: Parents Evenings for Year 1 - 4 parents
- 7th April – 21st April: School closed for Easter Holidays
- 22nd April: School re-opens to all pupils

Staffing News

In reception class we have welcomed Mrs Smith back after her maternity leave. It is lovely to have her back and she has enjoyed getting to know her new class. Miss O'Reilly is continuing to work with the class on a Friday.

In other exciting news we wish to say congratulation to Mr Sellers, our venerable Year 6 teacher, and his wife Hannah on the birth of their beautiful baby boy Grayson Michael earlier this week. Mr Sellers is currently on paternity leave and we look forward to hearing all his baby news when he returns. And to quote Tim Peake, 'There is life before children and life after children. Every parent knows this.'

World Book Day

We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day again this year. We'd like children to come in pyjamas as a nice easy way to celebrate without the need to go out and buy a special costume. However, if children would like to wear a book character costume on the day, that will also help us to celebrate all things books. It looks set to be an enjoyable day

World Book Day at Beardall Fields

Only a month to World Book Day!

This year, we are going to have a pyjama day for our World Book Day – come to school in your pyjamas and snuggle down to lots of reading activities!

Bring in a favourite book from home – be prepared to talk about it!

Chance to listen to different teachers read some fantastic stories.

Dear – Drop Everything And Read – time

Story Treasure Hunt – find clues to classic children's books

And much more...



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Parents Evening

The link to book was posted on individual class dojos pages this week. Please book your appointments online. If you need any further information or help please speak to class teacher or contact the office.

School meals

Firstly, thank you for your support with changing Parent Pay over to our new booking system. We are aware that there have been a few problems but hopefully after this week it will be glitch free. Please note that if your child is entitled to Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals there is no charge to you for booking your child's meal. If you are unable to use the system please contact the office who will be able to help.

We would like to inform you of the price increase of school meals which will come into effect from 1st April 2025. The new price for school meals will be **£3.16 per day** or £15.80 for the week which we hope you will still see as great value for money.

Swimming Gala

'A huge well done to our KS2 swimming team who competed in the Hucknall Swimming Gala yesterday. The children represented the school so well and cheered each other on throughout the whole gala. It was an absolute pleasure to take them and watch some very talented swimmers we have!

They finished the competition in 5th place out of 12 schools. What a fantastic achievement, we are all so proud! 🌟🌟'

Miss Dornan (PE Lead)



Ramadan

With Ramadan beginning this evening our Friday assembly reflected this with a link to the corresponding British Values. We have a number of children who may be observing this over the following month and there will be a room available to them during break and lunchtimes should they wish to use it. Please see some slides from the assembly below.



We have five British Values. What are they and what do they mean?

- Tolerance
- Individual Liberty
- Democracy
- Rule of Law
- Mutual Respect

This year, over 1 billion Muslims all around the world will observe Ramadan. They fast everyday from sunrise to sunset.

This means they do not eat or drink during the hours of sunshine to sunset.





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Ramadan is not about starving.
Ramadan is about learning to control the body and mind.
The hunger pains that are felt while fasting will only last until sunset.
For some people, the hunger pains are part of life.
Ramadan teaches empathy.
Muslims say a prayer to thank God for the food at the iftar table.
They must give charity this month to feed the poor and hungry.

Residentials

With Year 5 having done theirs at the start of the school year we have other year groups coming up, please see dates below –

- Year 6 = 31st March – 4th April to Hagg Farm (2 nights each per class)
- Year 4 = 21st May – 22 May to The Deep
- Year 3 = 5th – 6th June to Drumhill Scout Camp
- Year 2 = 23rd – 25th June to Sherwood Forest (1 night each per class, **more information to follow**)

All payments for the Year 3, 4 & 6 residentials can be made through Parent Pay.

Commando Joe

Commando Joe rotates between year groups to ensure he works with all throughout the school year.

This half term he has had an amazing start with Years 3 & 5.



Parental Survey on the Mixing of Classes

Last academic year we took the decision to mix classes in each year group.

Our aims were to:

- Build a wider circle of friends
- Create opportunities for children to learn and play with a variety of peers
- Enable greater social interaction between children as they move through school



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- Ensure that each of the classes remains balanced in response to pupil numbers and pupil development
- Promote a greater sense of community within year groups and across school

We understood that this was a large change for us as a school and would take some time to become our normal practice. Throughout the year, as part of our Character Education curriculum, we have consistently promoted the positives that we sought to bring. Playtimes and lunchtimes are calm with children playing across classes as a habit. Changed rotas mean we do not have children feeling a sense of 'territory' over what their class can or cannot do. Classes are more balanced which has brought a multitude of benefits, directly improving the day-to-day education of all our wonderful pupils.

Our parent governors have recently conducted pupil voice which has reflected the findings of staff through the year, viz, that the vast majority of pupils have welcomed this change and can articulate their reasons for it. We will publish the pupil responses alongside the responses to the parent survey.

This year parents will be involved in the decision process. Although no requests can be guaranteed and the decision of the school is final, we want our families to be able to have the opportunity to discuss with their child their friendship groups and who they consider a good learning friend to be in the class with. Our current plan is to send home an activity around the preferences of classmates for children and parents. These completed sheets will help inform teachers of pupil views when compiling class lists for the academic year 2025-2026. Like last year, we will guarantee pupils will have a minimum number of their 'closest friends' in their new class with them. We will also increase the opportunities for all pupils as part of transition so that relationships, new or old, can be immediately strengthened. A clear timetable will be shared with parents so they know what is happening and when.

As part of our process and to ensure you have opportunity to share your views, we would appreciate your time in completing the following survey around the mixing of classes:

<https://forms.office.com/e/nPfD2vPVpn>

The survey is open until Sunday 2nd March and we will publish results, and any subsequent actions, following this. Thank you.

Attendance

School Attendance Target	97%
Attendance this week	95%
Class(es) with the highest attendance	1P & 4H – 98%



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INSET Days for 2024-2025

Please note our remaining INSET days for the academic year are as follows:

- Monday 2nd June 2025
- Monday 28th July 2025
- Tuesday 29th July 2025

School will be closed to all pupils on these days.

Supporting Learning At Home

There are several ways you can help your child with learning at home. Log onto any of the following sites we have subscribed to or pick up a book from The Reading Olympiad. If you have any questions about log in details or wish for work to be set for your child, please contact your class teacher.

Mathematics

Reading



Science

Music



Whole

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