



Newsletter – 13 February 2026

Welcome

In this edition of our newsletter, we wanted to focus more on the different things that have been taking place in classes across the school. You'll hopefully enjoy hearing about some of the wonderful learning opportunities and experiences that children have had as part of their current enquiries.

- Mr A Butterworth-Drury
Headteacher



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Notices and reminders



Did you know that research shows that if you read with your child every day (including discussing the book and asking questions), it can help them make an additional 12 months' worth of progress by age 8-9?



If you have not yet returned your permissions slip for any of our planned visits, please speak with your child's class teacher, or the office for another copy.



Please remember not to park on the yellow zig-zag lines at the front of school, across the car park gate, or driveways. Thank you for helping to keep our children and community safe.

As well as being a no smoking site, we are also a no vaping site. For the comfort of all members of our community, please refrain from smoking or vaping on school site.

World Book Day

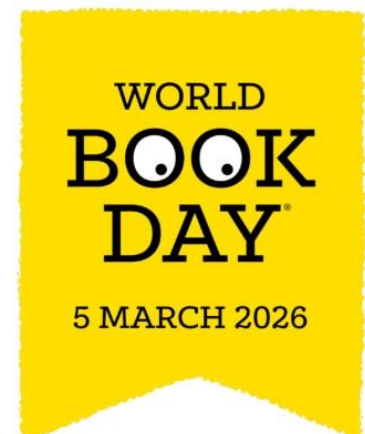


We are excited to celebrate **World Book Day** in school on **Thursday 5th March** as we share and enjoy our love of reading!

Children are invited to:

✦ Come to school dressed in their **pyjamas** or their favourite **book character costume** (remember to wrap up warm still!)

✦ Bring along their **favourite book**



It's a wonderful opportunity for everyone to cosy up, enjoy stories together, and celebrate the magic of books.

Parents' Evening

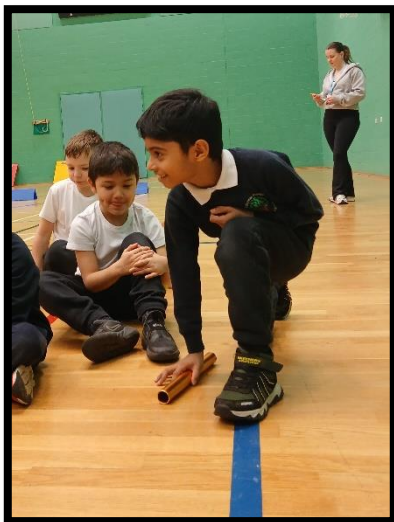


This term's parents' evening will be held on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March. Appointments will run from 3:30pm to 6:00pm on both days and will be available in 10-minute slots with your child's class teacher. Further information on how to book an appointment will be shared a couple of weeks beforehand.

Trust Sports event



Twelve of our Year 2 children had a fantastic morning representing the school at the Flying High Partnership annual sports event, held at the David Ross Sports Village at the University of Nottingham. They took part in a range of field events including long jump, javelin, speed bounce, high stepper and bean bag throw, before finishing the morning with exciting track events such as a running relay and a hurdles relay.



The children worked brilliantly as a team, encouraging one another throughout and showing exemplary behaviour at all times.

We are incredibly proud to share that they placed an amazing **3rd overall**, performing with enthusiasm, determination and teamwork from start to finish. They truly made Miss Barker, and all of us, extremely proud!

Minibeasts in Nursery



The children in the Potting Shed have been learning all about our local area and the minibeasts that live here. We've learnt a lot about snails, including where they live and how they move, and we enjoyed going on an exciting bug hunt to see what creatures we could find. We have been inspired by the book 'Snail Trail' by Jo Saxton and have had a go at creating artwork inspired by snail trails. Some of us even had a go at mixing two primary colours to create a new secondary colour! We've loved learning about our enquiry 'Look up, look down - what is all around?' and we cannot wait to get stuck in with our new enquiry 'What will I find on an adventure?' after half term.



Reception visit to Highfields



Our trips to Highfields Park were a huge success and a fantastic way to bring our enquiry question - "What is in the world around me?" to life! The children were brilliant at applying their geography learning as we explored! We crossed the famous stepping stones (without getting wet 🐾!) and even had chance to go inside the University of Nottingham, where we warmed up over lunch in the wonderful snug room! We



- Making a difference as we grow together -

also visited the Lakeside Arts and had an absolute blast playing on the mega park. As part of our learning about transport, the children travelled on the NET Nottingham Tram and discussed different ways people moved around the city. We also compared what we saw with old photos of Nottingham's transport – including early trams, buses and even horses and carts as part of our history curriculum.

The children represented our school beautifully. It was a lovely day full of learning, exploration and fun!



Year 1 Meteorologists

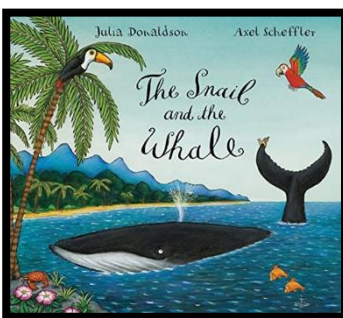


In Year 1, we became real-life weather explorers in our enquiry lessons!

In DT the children designed and made their very own windsocks to see which way the wind was blowing, and carefully created rain gauges to measure how much rain had fallen (which was a lot).

There were lots of “wow” moments as we used the different weather symbols to record the current weather like true meteorologists, although it did become quite predictable!





Alongside this, in English, Year 1 have been diving into the beautiful story of *The Snail and the Whale*, confidently retelling the narrative with wonderful expression, remembering key events, and using exciting vocabulary to bring the adventure to life in their own writing. What a brilliant term of discovery and storytelling

Year 2 letters to Tanzania



Our Year 2 children are very excited to be writing 'pen pal' letters to some children in Tanzania. We have arranged to write some letters to some classes of children at a school in Mwanza Tanzania and we were very excited to find out from their teacher that their school is very close to the Serengeti National Park!

We have been learning about different types of sentences including statements to introduce ourselves, our school, our families and hobbies to our new friends in Tanzania and questions to find out more about their lives!

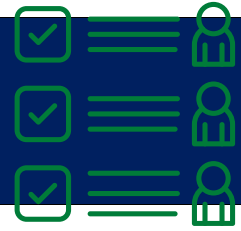


The children have loved thinking about the similarities and differences between our lives and those of their new friends. We can't wait to receive their replies!

What a fantastic opportunity for our children to develop their writing skills while building new friendships and an understanding of a difference culture!



Attendance matters



Good attendance makes a huge difference to children's confidence, progress and enjoyment of school. We are really pleased to be able to say that attendance since Christmas has improved significantly as of the effort families continue to make to get children in every day and on time. As a reminder, term-time holidays cannot be authorised, as even a few days away can cause children to miss important learning and routines. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child make the most of every school day.



Support and safeguarding



Our school safeguarding team can be contacted for non-emergencies, including during school holidays on safeguarding@aldermanpounder.notts.sch.uk.

If you have urgent concerns for a child or suspect that a child has been abused in any way, please call the MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) team on 0300 500 80 80.

If you require an urgent response outside of working hours (08:30-17:00), contact the MASH Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0300 4564546. In an emergency call 999.

To report a crime, call 101.

Key dates

Updates and additions since the last edition of our newsletter are shown in [blue](#).

A downloadable calendar of our term dates can be found [on our website](#).

Friday 13th February 2026 – Break up for half term

Monday 23rd February 2026 – INSET day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 24th February 2026 – Children return to school

Thursday 5th March 2026 – World Book day

Monday 16th March 2026 – Local Governing Board meeting

Tuesday 17th March 2026 3:30–6:00pm – Parents Consultation Evening

Wednesday 18th March 2026 3:30–6:00pm – Parents Consultation Evening

Friday 20th March 2026 – Reception visit to Twycross Zoo

Friday 20th March 2026 – Comic Relief – where something red (KS1 only)

Monday 23rd March 2026 2:45–3:15pm – Share a Story (Reception to Y2 only)

Friday 27th March 2026 – Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 13th April 2026 – Children return to school

Tuesday 21st April 2026 – KS1 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Monday 4th May 2026 – Bank holiday

Friday 15th May 2026 – LCH Charity Colour Dash (Charity fundraising event)

Thursday 21st May 2026 – Break up for half term

Friday 22nd May 2026 – INSET day (school closed to children)

Monday 1st June 2026 – Children return to school

Monday 8th to Friday 12th June 2026 – Y1 Phonics Screening Check week

Tuesday 9th June 2026 – KS1 visit to Southwell Minster

Wednesday 10th June 2026 – Nursery visit to White Post Farm

Monday 6th July 2026 – Local Governing Board meeting

Friday 17th July 2026 – End of year reports sent home to families

Monday 20th July 2026 2:45–3:45pm – Whole School Art Gallery

Monday 27th July 2026 – Break up for summer holidays (children in school)

Tuesday 28th July 2026 – First day of the summer holidays

2026 to 2027 term dates

Tuesday 1st September 2026 – Admin day (school closed to children)
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – INSET day (school closed to children)
Thursday 3rd September 2026 – Children return to school
Thursday 15th October 2026 – Break up for half term
Friday 16th October 2026 – INSET day (school closed to children)
Monday 2nd November 2026 – Children return to school
Friday 18th December 2026 – Break up for Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January 2027 – Children return to school
Friday 12th February 2027 – Break up for half term
Monday 22nd February 2027 – INSET day (school closed to children) **DATE TBC**
Tuesday 23rd February 2027 – Children return to school
Thursday 25th March 2027 – Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 12th April 2027 – Children return to school
Monday 3rd May 2027 – Bank holiday
Thursday 27th May 2027 – Break up for half term
Friday 28th May 2027 – INSET day (school closed to children)
Monday 7th June 2027 – Children return to school
Wednesday 28th July 2027 – Break up for summer holidays
Thursday 29th July 2027 – First day of the summer holidays



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