



Newsletter – 16 June 2026

Welcome

In this edition of our newsletter, we are shining a spotlight on some of the enhancements and experiences that enrich our curriculum. We hope you enjoy hearing about some of these wonderful learning opportunities that children have had as part of our enquiries.

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Headteacher



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Notices and reminders



Please help to keep our children safe and avoid parking on the yellow zig-zag lines.



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?



With the warmer weather, please send your child in wearing sunscreen and a water bottle.

Volunteers wanted – If you are in the armed forces and are able to help make our CAMO day (Friday 26th June) special by speaking with children in school, running some 'training' or another activity, please let your child's class teacher know.

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.

Parent and carer survey



We're always looking for ways to celebrate what we do well and continue improving for our children and families. We would really value your thoughts and feedback.

Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey using the link below. Your responses will help shape our next steps and ensure we continue to support our whole school community.

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Survey closes Friday 26th June at 5:30pm



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Trust Sports event



Earlier this year, 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!

LCH Colour Dash



Our children fundraised an impressive £2,674 (including Gift Aid) for LCH Charity! LCH provides invaluable support to children and families who might otherwise go without. Through our partnership, our own school community benefits directly from the care and assistance they offer. Their work brings comfort, hope and

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practical help when it is needed most, while also supporting thousands of families across the wider community.

This is a fantastic achievement and a real testament to the generosity, enthusiasm and commitment of our children, families, staff and wider community. Thank you all so much for your support. We truly couldn't have done it without you.

The Colour Dash itself was a brilliant afternoon, filled with fun, laughter and plenty of colour! The children had an amazing time, and most importantly, they've helped to make a real and lasting difference.



Real Life Heroes



Nursery's learning about real-life superheroes was enhanced when the children welcomed a retired firefighter, a paramedic, a police officer and a member of the army. They listened carefully and showed great curiosity as they learned how these individuals help others every day.



Year 2 letters to Tanzania



Our Year 2 children were very excited to write 'pen pal' letters to some children in a school in Mwanza, Tanzania. They were also amazed to find out that the school is very close to the Serengeti National Park!

The children learned about different types of sentences including statements to introduce themselves, our school, their families and hobbies to their new friends in Tanzania and questions to find out more about their lives!



The children loved thinking about the similarities and differences between their own lives and those of their new friends. It was a fantastic opportunity for our children to develop their writing skills while building new friendships and an understanding of a different culture!

Reception visit to Highfields



The Reception trips to Highfields Park were a huge success and were a fantastic way to bring their enquiry question – "What is in the world around me?" to life! The children were brilliant at applying their geography learning as they explored!

The children crossed the famous stepping stones (without getting wet 🐾!) and even had chance to go inside the University of Nottingham, where they warmed up over lunch! As part of their learning about transport, the children travelled on the NET Nottingham Tram and discussed different ways people move around the city. They also compared what they 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!



Meteorologists at AP



In Year 1 and 2, children had the opportunity to become real-life weather explorers in their enquiry lessons!

In DT they 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 at that time).

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



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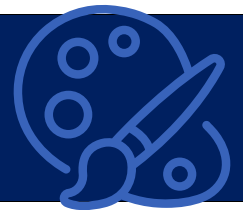
Minibeasts in Nursery



The children in the Potting Shed have learned all about our local area and the minibeasts that live here. This included a lot about snails, like where they live and how they move. One of their favourite activities was an exciting bug hunt to see what creatures they could find. Inspired by the book 'Snail Trail' by Jo Saxton they had a go at creating artwork inspired by snail trails. Some of the children even had a go at mixing two primary colours to create a new secondary colour!



Professional Artist Workshop



KS1's enquiry question, "Where can art take you?", began in the most exciting and inspiring way as the children welcomed a real-life artist into school. The day started with a whole-school assembly, where they watched as she created a stunning piece of artwork right before their eyes. The children were able to see her techniques in action, understand the creative process as it unfolded, and ask questions about what it means to be an artist.



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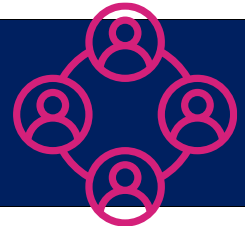
Throughout the day, each class took part in a hands-on workshop, creating their own paintings inspired by Monet, one of the artists they are studying in their enquiry. They learned how to blend colours to create seamless, atmospheric backgrounds before adding delicate, detailed brushstrokes on top.

The experience was not only incredibly engaging but also truly memorable, as every child proudly took home their own



finished canvas. This immersive and experiential start sparked curiosity, creativity and excitement, setting the perfect tone for their artistic journey ahead.

Reception visit to Hope House



Reception walked to St Barnabas Church for a meaningful visit to the Food Bank, where they learned about the real-life superheroes in our community who help and support others every day. The visit helped the children to understand the importance of kindness, generosity and looking after those in need.



Many of the children brought along thoughtful donations of food items, including tins, pasta, rice and other essential goods, which were gratefully received by the food bank. The children felt proud to contribute and be part of something that helps others.

Yorkshire Wildlife Park and Twycross Zoo

Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Twycross Zoo, where they explored a wide range of animals and linked their experiences to their enquiry about the world around them. The children were full of excitement and curiosity, eagerly spotting different animals. It was fantastic to see them making real-life connections to their learning, and they represented the school beautifully throughout the day.



Similarly, our Key Stage 1 pupils had a fantastic visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. This trip offered a rich learning experience, allowing children to observe animals such as lions, giraffes and polar bears up close. They showed great enthusiasm, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their knowledge about animals and their habitats.

Both visits were a huge success, providing memorable, hands-on experiences that brought learning to life. The children's behaviour was excellent, and they were a real credit to the school.



The Great Nursery Bake Off



To support their learning, children in Nursery read *The Little Red Hen* and learning all about how bread was made in the past. They explored traditional methods, discovering how people used to make bread by hand in bakeries, and compared this with how bread is produced today using machines in large factories.

They looked at pictures of both old and modern bakeries and watched videos to deepen their understanding of how bread-making has changed over time. They were also very lucky to have a special visit from Miss Davison, who showed them how bread is made today. The highlight was tasting some delicious bread that they had made themselves!





Support and safeguarding



Supporting your child through change:

As we approach transition time, children will soon be visiting their new classrooms and meeting new teachers. While this is an exciting step, it can also bring mixed feelings for children including happiness, curiosity, and sometimes worry or uncertainty.

Families play a vital role in helping children feel safe and confident during this period. Talking openly about change can make a big difference. Simple conversations at home can help your child to understand what is happening, feel reassured, and know that their feelings matter.

You can help us to support your child by:

Encouraging them to talk about how they are feeling—both the things they are looking forward to and anything they are worried about

- Listening carefully and calmly, showing that all feelings are okay
- Reassuring them that change is a normal part of growing up and that there will always be adults there to support them
- Keeping routines at home consistent where possible, to provide a sense of security

It's also important for children to know that they can share any worries, no matter how small, with a trusted adult, whether that's at home or at school.

At school, we are working hard to make transitions positive and supportive for all children. We talk about change, provide opportunities for children to ask questions, and help them build confidence about their new environment.

Supporting children through change works best when school and home work together. If you have any concerns about your child, please speak with us. We are here to help.

Together, we can ensure that every child feels safe, happy, and ready for their next step.

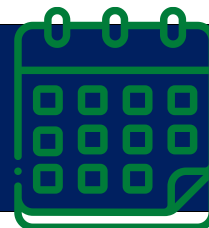
How to report a safeguarding concern:

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


A downloadable calendar of our term dates, including for 2026/2027, can be found [on our website](#).

Monday 1st June – Children return to school

Friday 5th June – Sports Day

Monday 8th to Friday 12th June – Phonics Screening week

Monday 15th June 4:30–5:15pm – New to reception (Sept 26) parents meeting

Thursday 18th June 5:30–7:30pm – Flying High Children's Awards (invite only)

Monday 22nd June 3:45–4:30pm – New to reception stay & play

Tuesday 23rd June – Extraordinary Governor meeting

Friday 26th June – CAMO day

Tuesday 30th June 2:45pm – Share a story

Wednesday 1st July – Transition (new reception in, Y2 to Eskdale

Thursday 2nd July – Year 2 parents meeting @ Eskdale

Friday 3rd July – Non uniform day – donations for THRIVE

Friday 10th July – Year 2 Stay 'til 8

Wednesday 15th July – Local Governing Body Meeting

Thursday 16th July 5:00–7:00pm – THRIVE (Summer Fayre)

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

Monday 20th July 2:45–3:45pm – Whole school art gallery

Wednesday 22nd July – Year 2 cinema trip

Thursday 23rd July 2pm and 5pm – Year 2 Leavers' performance

Monday 27th July – End of year class party afternoon

Monday 27th July – Break up for summer holidays

Tuesday 28th July – Start of summer holidays

Tuesday 1st September – Admin day – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 2nd September – INSET day – school closed to pupils

Thursday 3rd September – School reopens to children for Autumn term



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