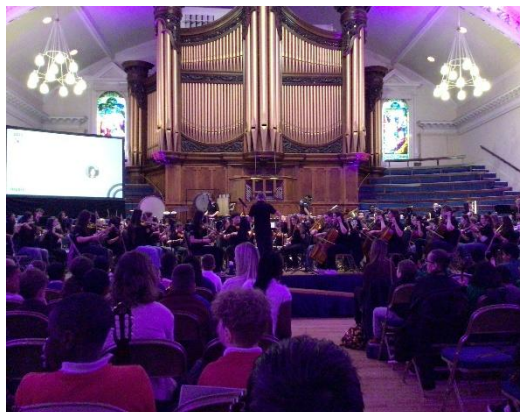


Welcome back to school and we hope all the children had an enjoyable Easter break. It is hard to believe we are already in the summer term! Last half term was extremely busy and we would like to share a few of the highlights. As a school we value the additional opportunities which enhance the children's learning experiences and enrich our curriculum offer. We try to ensure that the children have a wide range of experiences throughout their time in our school and we actively search for opportunities in the local area which help reduce costs and continue to allow us to take the children out of school.



Year 4 children took part in 'The Great Orchestra Experiment' and played guitars along with the Nottingham Music Hub Orchestra and many other city schools.

Year 5 and 6 pupils who continue to play guitars and are in Area Band took part in a concert at the Nottingham Contemporary for family and friends to enjoy. It was a fabulous event and Mrs Francis and Mrs Trout were extremely proud of them all.

The end of term Rock Steady Concert celebrated the talents of our many gifted musicians and singers. Parents and children enjoyed the performance. If you would like your child to join 'Rock Steady' please enquire at the school office. We also offer private group guitar lessons.



As part of their 'Secret World' topic, the Year 2 children visited the woods to explore the local environment.





Year 6 children completed the 10 week DAaRT programme and graduated with flying colours. The programme is designed to teach children how to make good choices when they may be faced with difficult decisions. Weekly lessons provide clear information so children can make informed choices and they learn how to say 'no' and to resist peer pressure. Parents were invited to watch the graduation ceremony and listen to what the children had learnt.



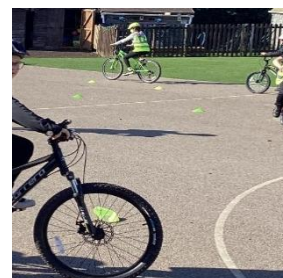
The Y5 children were invited to take part in the 'Mini Police' programme. This was run by Nottingham Police and the sessions were delivered by PSCO Libby Flint who is a local community support officer. The sessions covered a wide range of topics including hate crime, anti-social behaviour, road safety, sharing images and how the criminal justice system works. The children delivered a very engaging court room trial as part of their graduation ceremony. The reason we participate in these types of activities is to help safeguard all our children and help them become active and contributing citizens in the future.



Year 3 children spent an educational day visiting Chatsworth Park and farm in the Peak District. They were learning about contrasting town/country localities. They walked from the small village of Baslow through the beautiful grounds to the hall. Unfortunately, the weather was not kind for the whole of the trip and they experienced sun, wind, snow and rain.



Bikability is one of the activities we offer in school to ensure that our children are safe when they are out and about on their bicycles. The Year 5 children all listened well and all passed the Level 1 and 2 award. As part of this training, the children are taken out of school and they learn how to keep safe when riding on the surrounding roads.



F1 children took part in an Easter Bonnet Parade. This was their first school performance and the children sang beautifully and retold the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. The range of Easter bonnets were spectacular. Thank you to everyone who helped to make one for their child and who came into school to cheer them on. It was a lovely event. Well done to the winners below.



The children enjoyed learning how to make bread.



Children in F1 and F2 look forward to weekly sessions with Rachel, our creative arts practitioner. She engages the children in a wide range of art and craft opportunities.



Lola and Pretzel have both made appearances in school this half term. Children learn how to be safe and not scared around dogs. Y6 children love taking Pretzel for a walk.

## World Book Day and Book Week

Once again, we celebrated 'World Book Day' and the children enjoyed dressing up and taking part in a wide range of reading activities aimed to promote a love of reading. It was great to have so many visitors stay and read with children at different times throughout the week. Approximately 145 parents/carers joined their children in school to enjoy a book. Julie Robinson from Barclays Bank spent the morning in Y1 teaching them about money in a fun and active way using a lovely story. She also read with many children across the school. She commented, 'I



had the best day and made to feel so welcome, thank you all.'



A group of Y1 children were invited to visit Bulwell Academy and spend time in their community hub. The children had a wonderful time and loved all the activities and stories which were shared. They were then able to choose a free book to take home with them.



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A huge thankyou to Hempsill Hall Primary School for coming to visit 'Gangsta Granny Anna' and 'The Hungry Caterpillar Carla' in the Community Hub today with 12 of their children to take part in Day 2 of our World Book Day celebrations. Thankyou to our school Librarian Mr Hunt too who read a few pages from one of the World Book Day books. We provided activities, a story and a free book for each of them to take in return for their Book Day token. Your children were a credit to you Hempsill, they were little superstars 🌟 We hope to see again soon!  
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There were some fabulous entries for the 'creating a character or scene from a book' competition and it was difficult to choose between the entries. Here are the winners from each class. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Thank you also to Ava's Auntie for donating the lovely 'Book Worm'. The children loved it.

## National Science Week

The whole school enjoyed a series of practical work shops led by scientists. F1 and F2 were exploring colour and chromatography.



The children in the Hub also had an opportunity to explore how colours made with felt tips change when they get wet.



## Mother's Day Event

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items and brought in £1 so that the children could choose a gift for their mum or special carer. This event is a highlight for many children and they love picking something they think their mum might like! Thank you to Miss Hobster and her team for organising this event and helping children wrap their gifts. If you ever have any unwanted gifts, we are always happy to receive donations at any point throughout the year. These items are saved and used for this event.

Thank you also to everyone who bought Easter raffle tickets and supported Red Nose Day.

Mother's Day - £225 (to purchase outdoor equipment/scooters)  
Easter Raffle - £111.79 (to purchase outdoor equipment/scooters)  
Red Nose Day - £147.96 (to be given to charity)



## Parents' Evening

A huge thank you to all parents who made appointments with their children's teachers to talk about their progress and look at their work. The parent feedback forms were overwhelmingly positive which was encouraging as all staff in school work so hard to ensure all children are happy, safe and making

good academic progress. We value all comments and always consider points raised by parents and try to find ways to respond appropriately in school.

### **Parent voice**

| <b>Feedback surveys collected after parent meetings 102 responses</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Does your child generally enjoy coming to school?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 100%       | 0%        |
| Do you feel that they are making good academic progress?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 100%       | 0%        |
| Do you feel they have friends, and any fall outs/disagreements are sorted out within school (if staff are made aware)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 98.5%      | 1.5%      |
| Does your child enjoy reading the books they pick at home and school?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 97%        | 3%        |
| Does your child generally enjoy their school lunch?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 95.5%      | 4.5%      |
| As a parent do you feel welcomed by the school and find the teachers and staff approachable?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 100%       | 0%        |
| Are you clear about what you need to do if your child is absent from school and how school tackles attendance issues?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 99%        | 1%        |
| Do you feel your child is safe and well cared for when they are in school?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 100%       | 0%        |
| If school offered more events for parents, e.g how we teach phonics, reading, maths etc would this be something you would attend?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 94%        | 6%        |
| If we offered events around internet safety and parental controls is this something you would value and attend?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 85%        | 15%       |
| <b>General comments</b><br>- More variety in after school clubs – happy to pay for outside providers<br>- Very happy with everything<br>- Due to technology, fall outs sometimes continue out of school<br>- Thank you for making school so welcoming and an enjoyable place<br>- Thank you for all your support, it's appreciated<br>- Would welcome parent events but depends on the time of day as we both work |            |           |

### **Pupil voice**

We also try and ensure that we listen to our pupils and act upon issues which they raise.

#### **Pupil Voice Survey Results March 2026 – 245 responses (pupils can be anonymous)**

|                                                                       | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| I enjoy school                                                        | 95.7%      | 4.3%      |
| Teachers help me to do my best                                        | 98.6%      | 1.4%      |
| My teachers give me work which challenges me                          | 93.6%      | 6.4%      |
| I enjoy learning at our school                                        | 99.5%      | 0.5%      |
| Teachers listen to what I have to say in lessons                      | 98.6%      | 1.4%      |
| There is an adult at school I can talk to if something is worrying me | 97.2%      | 2.8%      |
| The behaviour of other pupils in my lessons is good                   | 93.9%      | 6.1%      |
| The behaviour of other pupils around school is good                   | 97.5%      | 2.5%      |
| My behaviour is good at school                                        | 99%        | 1%        |
| Is bullying a problem at school?                                      | 5.7%       | 94.3%     |
| I feel safe when I am at school                                       | 99%        | 1%        |
| My school teaches me about how to stay safe when I am online.         | 100%       | 0%        |

|                                                                                                                  |       |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| My school encourages me to look after myself including my emotional and mental health (feelings and wellbeing)   | 99.5% | 0.5%  |
| I take part in school activities outside of lessons, like clubs (can be lunchtime), sports, music and art        | 86.3% | 13.7% |
| My school encourages me to be independent and to take on responsibilities (classroom jobs, ambassador, gardener) | 96.8% | 3.2%  |
| My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally                   | 99.5% | 0.5%  |

## Scooters and bikes

It is lovely to see so many children coming to school and going home on scooters and bikes. Please remind them to wear helmets and dismount before they are in the school gates. Please ensure younger siblings also push bikes when on site. Please note that the school gates will be closed at 3.45pm and the site must be clear. This is so children who attend after school clubs or wrap around care can be outside safely. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

If your children or any children of family and friends have outgrown scooters, we would be very grateful for any donations. We use them throughout the school day and at after school club.

## Attendance

Thank you to all parents who are working with us to try and raise our school attendance. Please continue to help us by sending children to school whenever they are well enough to attend. If your child is unwell, please contact the school office as soon as possible and no later than 9.30am. If we do not hear from you, the office will call and if we are unable to reach you, we may conduct a welfare check. As part of our safeguarding practice, we must know where children are if they are not in school. If your child is struggling to attend for any reason, please let us know and we will always try and support in whatever way we are able. As the warmer weather approaches, we are happy to administer antihistamine for children who suffer from severe allergies and hay fever. Please bring the medicine to the school office and complete a medicine form. Holidays are not permitted in term time and fines will continue to be requested. If you have an exceptional circumstance these will always be considered but prior notice and information must be provided.



# Attendance Matters!

## Newsletter March 2026

Welcome to our attendance newsletter. Each half term we will be updating you on school attendance and which year groups and classes are working hard to help school achieve their target. We will also share tips and information with you around illness and punctuality.



In Spring 2, 104 children were late on one or more occasion.

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time as learning starts straight away.

The gate will be closed at 9.05am and children will need to be signed in at the office after this time. If your child arrives after 9.30am, this will be recorded as unauthorized.

Well done to our stars for attendance for Spring 2 - Year 3 were the year group with the highest attendance and Class Beeby was the stand out class.

In total, six classes had attendance over 95%! Well done!



Our aim is for all children to achieve 95%+ attendance. Keep trying to come to school on time every day!

| F1 | 93.08% |
|----|--------|
| F2 | 93.07% |
| Y1 | 95.24% |
| Y2 | 93.96% |
| Y3 | 95.71% |
| Y4 | 93.25% |
| Y5 | 94.83% |
| Y6 | 94.58% |

**Spring 2 Attendance**

Attendance Officer: Mrs Tideswell

| Class | Hobster | Belton | Post/Hai | Uppal  | Beeby  | Rushton | Cunliffe | Slan/Yaz | Gow/Bond | Gibbs  | Kendall | Chamb/Bras | Romeo | Brown/Wr | Class |
|-------|---------|--------|----------|--------|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|--------|---------|------------|-------|----------|-------|
| %     | 93.08%  | 90.36% | 95.83%   | 93.61% | 97.31% | 92.75%  | 95.6%    | 95.83%   | 92.07%   | 94.48% | 92.66%  | 96.84%     | 94%   | 95.21%   | %     |

## **Relationships and Sex Education**

Our philosophy is 'Happiness, Harmony and Success' and we believe that 'every child matters'. We structure our curriculum to give every child many opportunities to achieve the best possible outcomes, which will enable them to be self-confident, positive thinking and independent learners. Our PSHE curriculum is multi stranded and weekly lessons are delivered through the 'Jigsaw' programme. Jigsaw is designed to encourage children from all backgrounds to make a positive contribution to society and build positive, healthy, and safe relationships, allowing them to thrive in modern Britain.

The final unit of work taught after half term is 'Changing me'. We will be using the same materials as last year to deliver our RSE lessons. There is only one taught lesson in Year 4, 5 and 6 which is classed as 'Sex Education' and parents have the right to remove their child from that lesson. We really hope this does not happen as we have found the content to be pitched appropriately, and it ensures all children leave primary school without misconceptions linked with 'playground talk'. The rest of the content is compulsory. Please see the website to read the RSE Policy and see the Jigsaw Overviews and Parent leaflet. If you do wish to remove your child, please speak to your child's class teachers and complete the form which can also be found on the school website. This must be sent to the Headteacher.

We will inform you before these sessions are taught and if anyone would like to see the materials in more detail, please let your child's class teacher know and this can be arranged (we are hoping to be able to send a direct link to the Jigsaw materials).

## **Wrap around after school care**

Please remember that we now offer after school wrap around care until 5.50pm each school day. If you are interested in finding out more about this, please contact the school office. We now also offer a shorter session 3.30-4.30pm for £4.50 and this includes activities, a drink and a piece of fruit. Each half term we aim to offer a themed night which is open to everyone. Here are a few pictures from the Easter after school event.



The children enjoyed hunting for hidden carrots in the school garden, making chocolate nests and a range of craft activities.

## Summer 1 after school clubs

There are still a few spaces left in some clubs.



### Clubs running this half term -Summer 1 (April – May 26)

| Club                                 | Year Group | Teachers                      | Night     |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Lego                                 | Y1         | Miss Gormley                  | Thursday  |
| Colour and Chat                      | Y2         | Mrs Belton                    | Wednesday |
| Multi Sports                         | Y3         | Mr Strong                     | Tuesday   |
| Country and Maypole dance club       | Y4         | Miss Bennett                  | Thursday  |
| Shakespeare Playmaking Festival Club | Y4         | Mrs Trout (Invitation only)   | Tuesday   |
| Science Club                         | Y5         | Mrs Dakin                     | Monday    |
| Area Band                            | Y5/6       | Mrs Francis<br>Mrs Trout      | Wednesday |
| Year 6 Production                    | Y6         | Mrs Chamberlain<br>Mr Kendall | Monday    |



## Nursery and school places available

If you have friends or family who have not yet chosen a school, please encourage them to get in touch and arrange a visit. We have spaces in F1 – Y3




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## Diary Dates

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - School Reopens

13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> April Shakespeare Week

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April - F1 and F2 'Stay and Read' session

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Y3 Class assembly

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May - F2 Class assembly 9.10am

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Y3 Nottingham Cathedral visit

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – **YEAR 6 SATS ALL CHILDREN TO ATTEND**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 Stay for tea at school 3.30-4.15pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 Basil Russel Park

- Y1 and 2 visit to Spring Lakes

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 Galleries of Justice Visit

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – MHST (Mental Health Support Team) Y6 transition workshops

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Maths in the Real World

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half term

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – School Reopens

Year 6 leaver photos and class photos

Year 4 Bulwell Forest Gardens visit

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Multiplication check

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June – F2 White Post Farm visit

-Y6 Walesby Residential Parents' Meeting - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 5,15pm

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June - KS1 Phonics screening

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – F2/KS1 Sport's Day 2 -3.30pm (if raining 16<sup>th</sup> June back up date)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Sport's Day: Y3/4 -1.30-2.30pm and Y5/6 - 2.30-3.30pm (if raining 17<sup>th</sup> June back up date)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June Hub Sport's Day 2.30pm (if raining 18<sup>th</sup> June back up date)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day event

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Yr 6 residential at Walesby

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 5 visit to Skegness including the Seal Sanctuary

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July– City school transition visits for most Y6 pupils

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Children visit new classes in school

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – **INSET Day School Closed for staff training**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Reports out

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Y4 Camping on the school field

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production 6pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Spanish Café and after school cafe for parents

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Rock Steady Concert 2.45pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Y2 Sleepover at school

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Summer Fair 2-4pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 9.10am – Y6 Leaver's assembly (parents invited)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July Last Day of School

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – **INSET day**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Children return to school**

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