



Week commencing 22nd September 2025

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Our new group of children are having fun in Forest School and we are making positive changes to our RSHE curriculum and our Year 6' daily duties!

Don't forget to check out the dates for your diary for details of all of our upcoming events.

## Forest School

At Forest School, our children learn to develop new skills alongside other children whom they may not usually work with. It provides hands-on, experiential learning in a natural environment, promoting confidence, resilience, and independence through supported risk-taking and problem-solving.

Our new group of children have been learning how to use the tools correctly and safely and have enjoyed harvesting last year's tomatoes. They were scrummy!



# Enhancing the RSHE Curriculum at Leas Park

We are pleased to announce that the Achievement & Equality Consultant from Nottinghamshire County Council will be joining 6C to work with Miss Cope, RSHE Subject Leader and Head of Curriculum at Leas Park, deliver a series of six important lessons aimed at strengthening our RSHE (Relationships, Sex, and Health Education) curriculum.

These lessons are designed not only to educate but to unite our students, fostering an environment where they feel confident exploring diversity, equality and race.

Through practical, discussion-based activities, students will engage in meaningful conversations about diversity, equality, identity, and inclusion. The goal is to empower them to become upstanders—individuals who actively promote fairness and challenge prejudice in their communities.

After six weeks of learning, parents of 6C will be invited into school to see the impactful work the class has done, as well as hear the valuable lessons they've learned. Next term the curriculum will then be rolled out across the rest of the school.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for updates and pictures of 6C's journey as they explore these essential themes!

## Year 6 Monitors are Back!

We're excited to announce that our Year 6 Monitor Jobs are back in action!

These roles provide students with the opportunity to take on responsibilities that help foster leadership and build pride in their work. The monitor jobs not only raise the profile of Year 6 across the school but also give our oldest pupils the chance to be role models for the younger year groups.

By embodying our school values in these positions, our Year 6 students are able to demonstrate qualities such as responsibility, respect, and teamwork. It's a great way to support their transition to secondary school, boosting their confidence and encouraging a sense of ownership over their school community.

We're incredibly lucky to have such an enthusiastic and dedicated group of pupils taking on these important roles. The monitor jobs also help strengthen relationships across the school, allowing students to interact with adults they may not normally have the opportunity to engage with, creating a more connected school environment.

We look forward to seeing our Year 6 students thrive in their roles and make a positive impact on the school community! Keep your eyes on the Newsletter for pictures of our monitors in action!

## School communications update

In light of MarvellousME still not having resolved their update issue, we have decided to move to Class Dojo!

Look out for your new log-in details coming soon. We'll get this set up as soon as we can so you'll be able to see the fabulous work that takes place in your child's classroom!



## New School Governor

We are pleased to announce the appointment of our new Parent Governor, Mrs Cox.

Parent governors share the same responsibilities as other school governors, providing the strategic leadership for a school by focusing on its long-term vision, curriculum, and financial management, while also ensuring the needs and perspectives of parents are considered by the governing body.

They are not part of the daily operations but play a crucial role in holding the school leadership accountable, attending school to take part in monitoring and making important decisions for the school community.

We are looking forward to working with Mrs Cox and welcome her to the Governing Body.

## School Snacks

We discussed with the children last week the importance of eating their food at lunchtimes. It seems that some of them have been so eager to get outside to play that they have rushed their lunch and not eaten as much as they should!

Dinner time is a very sociable time for the children and they do tend to prioritise their friends over their food!

We are endeavouring to ensure that children are monitored in the dining hall and that anyone bringing sandwiches are taking any leftovers home, so that you are able to see what they are and are not eating.

We have talked to the children about if they are worried that they don't have enough time to eat their lunch. They can talk to an adult if this is worrying them and we will always make provision for them.

The last thing we want is for parents to be worried so please do get in touch with the class teacher if you have any concerns regarding lunchtimes.

# Project Linus

We have had some blankets generously donated to school from Project Linus. These will be distributed for use between the classrooms. Look out for future photographs of us using the blankets in school.

Please see their leaflet, below, for background on this wonderful organisation.



*"A Quilt is a Hug  
you can keep"*

Can you help us provide comfort and security for babies, children and teenagers who are sick, disabled, distressed or disadvantaged?

## How it all began:

On Christmas Eve 1995, in the USA, an article appeared in Parade Magazine entitled 'Joy to the World' by Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist, Eddie Adams. Part of the article featured a petite, downy haired child. She had been going through intensive chemotherapy and it stated that her security blanket had helped her get through the treatments. Karen Loucks, who had just learnt to crochet, decided to provide home-made security blankets to Denver's Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Centre.

## Project Linus is born!

Project Linus was named after the security blanket toting character from the Peanuts comic strip. The late Charles Schultz, its creator, was pleased to have Linus inspire blanket makers to help sick and traumatised children.

Project Linus UK was started in March 2000. It was registered as a UK Community Interest Company in February 2013.

## How you can help?



- Make a quilt or knitted blanket and donate it to Project Linus UK.
- Donate supplies such as cotton fabric, man-made yarns, office supplies, or postage stamps, which will help to keep us running smoothly.
- Offer to help your local Area Co-ordinator.

Donated fabric and wool can be passed on to volunteers who perhaps have no materials of their own that they can use.

Project Linus UK is 100% volunteer based and non-profit making so we rely on such donations.

## What kind of Quilt or Blanket?

Suggested sizes are:

- Knitted blankets: approx 24" square or larger.
- Baby quilts: approx 24" – 30" inches square or 24" x 30".
- Children's quilts: approx 36"-42" square or 36" x 42"
- Teenagers quilts: approx 42" square or 42" x 48"
- Check with the Area Coordinator for the specific sizes for your area.



Please **do not** add embellishments such as ribbons and buttons which could come off and be swallowed.

All quilts and blankets must be machine washable.

## What happens next?

Once we receive your quilt / blanket, it is checked and then prepared for delivery. A Project Linus label is sewn onto every quilt and blanket.

Made with Tender Loving Care  
for Project Linus UK  
Keep away from fire  
Wash at 40 deg. Do not iron.

The quilt or blanket is then given to a baby, child or teenager 'in need of a big hug' for them to keep.

Deliveries are made according to how many we have received and where they are needed. Occasionally we have requests for quilts for individual children who may be seriously ill and being cared for at home.

Originally targeting paediatric cancer patients, Project Linus UK has broadened its focus towards seriously ill, abused, bereaved or traumatised children, from premature birth to 19 years old.

## Your Area Co-ordinator is:

**DIANE MITCHELL**

Email:

[diane.atprojectlinusukmansfield@gmail.com](mailto:diane.atprojectlinusukmansfield@gmail.com)

Facebook:

Project Linus UK – Mansfield Notts

Your Assistant Area Co-ordinator is:

**CAROLYN BRANKIN**

Email:

[carolynbrankin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolynbrankin@yahoo.co.uk)

For further information or if you might be interested in becoming a volunteer Co-ordinator, visit our website

[www.projectlinusuk.org.uk](http://www.projectlinusuk.org.uk)



# Reminders, messages and additional news – please read!!

## Waterproof coats

Please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat to school everyday, to keep them protected from the elements during our inclement English weather! All items of clothing should be labelled.

## Late collection

If you are aware that you are going to be late to collect your child at the end of the school day, please let us know in plenty of time and **before** the end of school at 3:15pm. When calls are received after the end of school, it is difficult for Reception Staff to get to the classrooms before the children have left.

## Changing dinners

Please note that the school office will need **one weeks' notice**, if you wish to change your child from school meals to sandwiches, or vice versa. Thank you.

## Pupil Information

Please ensure school have all of your current contact information up to date. If you change your name, telephone number or address, please let school know as soon as possible and ensure that we always have **at least two separate emergency contacts** for your child.

## Pupil Lateness and Absence

School starts at **08:45am**. Please ensure your child arrives on time and with all the uniform, equipment, lunch and snacks that they require for their day. If you are going to be late arriving to school, or if your child is not in full school uniform, please contact us on 01623 477629 to let us know why. If you know in advance that your child will not be in or will be late in the following day, the message system regarding pupil absence can be accessed at any time outside of office hours via our telephone number.

If your child needs to be out of school for any reason, please complete a 'Withdrawal from Learning Form' and submit to the school office asap, for authorisation at the discretion of the head teacher. These forms can be accessed via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/v7wFmYp9J7> or paper copies are available from the leaflet stand in reception.

## Illness & Medications

If you do need to keep your child off school on a school day, please contact the school office on 01623 477629 **before 09:00am on the day they are due to be off**.

If you wish for your child to be given medication whilst at school, please complete and submit the form via this link:

[Leas Park Junior School - Permission for School to Administer Medication](#)

**All medication needs to be both handed into school and collected, by an adult.**

## Staff Car Park

Please note the staff car park is for use **by staff only**. We have very limited space and quite often staff need to leave site and return at short notice. Extra vehicles can make manoeuvring dangerous and can also mean that spaces aren't available for staff who need to be here. Thank you for your understanding.

## Nut free school

In line with NCC policy regarding nut allergies, we do not allow any type of nuts including peanuts in school - either in packed lunches or in snacks. This also includes any nut based products including Nutella, other sandwich spreads containing nuts and any cereal bars that may contain nuts.

Thank you for your support.

## Snacks

Children are allowed to bring a healthy snack in with them to have during break time, for example fruit or vegetables. Please do not send in grab bags/multi packs of crisps, biscuits or sweets. Please ensure any food sent in to school is nut free. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Jewellery

Children should not be wearing jewellery to school, with the exception of a watch (not a smartwatch) and small stud earrings, which will need to be removed or covered during PE lessons. This is due to Health and Safety and the possibility of loss or damage.

# Leas Park Awards

## Eco Class



Winner of the Week:

6A

## Leas Park Shining Stars



Class	Name
3B	Aurora H
3P	Ollie S
4C	Phoebe R
4G	Lottie-Mae M
5H	Mia B
5J	Joseph C
6A	Dorcas O
6C	Sophie S
6P	Coen D



**Well  
done  
everyone!**

## Zones of Regulation Champion



Class	Name
3B	Jeremyl B
3P	Amelia H
4C	Reeva S
4G	Yana P
5H	Ethan S
5J	Ollie S
6A	Fletcher S
6C	Jacob L
6P	Benjamin G

## Star Writers



Class	Name
3B	Evie B
	Charlie D
3P	Marley C
	Billy M
4C	Charlotte T
	Oliver W
4G	Eden B
	Carter B
5H	Esmae R
	Charlie M
5J	Sadie H
	Missy B
6A	Joey W
	Ava-Mae L
6C	Bree M
	Pippa B
6P	Pagan B
	Lydia H

## Book Vending Machine



Lower School Winner

Class	Name
4C	Amelia S

Upper School Winner

Class	Name
6P	Maisie P



Golden Tickets			
Class	Amount collected this week	Running total so far this half term:	
3B	2	3	
3P	3	7	
4C	1	2	
4G	1	0	
5H	2	3	
5J	0	0	
6A	1	1	
6C	1	1	
6P	1	1	
Winner of the Week:		Overall winner this half term so far:	
3P		3P	



Dinner Winners	
Class	Name
3B	Teddie W
3P	Lena P
4C	Aria C
4G	Leo R
5H	Francheska B
5J	Sadie H
6A	Ava D
6P	Millie S



Pen Licences	
Class	Name
5H	Charlotte D
5H	Priya W
5H	Grace B
5H	Winter L
5J	Pattie J
5J	Scarlett S



Reading Certificates		
Class	Name	No. of reads & award given
5J	Fearne Murphy	25 reads = Bronze



Shout Outs		
Class	Name	Reason & From
5H		For their amazing writing in yesterday's lesson - we've been working hard on creating a good working environment and our English lesson yesterday was brilliant!! Let's keep it up :) Miss Harley
5H	Charlie M	For impressing Mrs Bills at lunchtime and showing how sensible and thoughtful he is. Thumbs up from me Charlie x3.
4G	Bobby S	For showing great kindness at lunch time to the year 3 and sharing equipment. Thumbs up from me Bobby x3.



## Attendance Award

The Attendance Awards for **w/c 15/09/2025** goes to **Class 3B** with **99.7%**!

Our current Attendance Policy can be found on our school website.

The whole school attendance this academic year to date is **95.7%** - the national target is **96%**!

**Please help support us in raising our attendance.**

# Healthy Family Team Newsletter for Primary Schools



**NHS**  
Nottinghamshire Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

autumn

AHOJ TERE HALLO  
IHOLA TERE OLA HEJ  
**HELLO** HALLO  
MERHABA KUMUSTA  
BONJOUR

We just wanted to say a big hello and remind you about the services on offer locally to support families.

## Parentline

**Text 07520 619919**

This is a text messaging service delivered by the Healthy Family Team for parents and carers.

Monday to Friday,  
from 9am to 4.30pm



## Advice Line

**Telephone  
0300 123 5436**



This is for parents, carers and practitioners who want to speak to the Healthy Family Team for advice or support.

Monday to Friday, from 9am to 4.30pm



**Healthy Family Team**



# SEND



The Healthy Family Team may be able to contribute to EHCP requests and Annual reviews when actively working with your child/young person or where they have been involved within the last 12 months. Please inform your EHCP case worker or school Senco if input is required.

# SUPPORT



[@NOTTSHELPHYOURSELF.ORG.UK](https://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk)  
is the local offer for Nottinghamshire.  
[www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk](https://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk)  
CALL; 0300 500 80 80

# autumn

Was this resource useful?  
All feedback is appreciated.

Please contact The Health Promotion Team:  
Call: 0115 8760136  
Email: [HealthPromotionTeam@nottshc.nhs.uk](mailto:HealthPromotionTeam@nottshc.nhs.uk)

# FAB!



# Speech and Language



Do you have any questions or concerns about your child's talking or communication?

We are happy to help, please call the advice line on:

0300 123 3387  
OPTION 1



# Wow!

# Health For Kids Website

This website offers a fun, engaging and interactive way for children to learn about health. It links parents and children to appropriate health and wellbeing services.



[www.healthforkids.co.uk](https://www.healthforkids.co.uk)



# Healthy Family Team



For family or friends who  
step up to raise a child.



**Nottinghamshire  
County Council**

# **Kinship Care Week 2025**

## **Nottinghamshire**



**Thursday 9 October**  
**10.30am - 2pm**

**Calverton Village Hall**

William Lee Memorial Park  
Park Road, Nottingham, NG14 6SA



**Come and celebrate  
Kinship Care Week with us!**

**Free event** for kinship carers  
in Nottinghamshire including  
parking, lunch and a prize draw.

**We'd love to see you there!**

Scan the QR code to register or visit

**[bit.ly/454v6yh](https://bit.ly/454v6yh)**

**For more information please contact**

[emma.bennett@kinship.org.uk](mailto:emma.bennett@kinship.org.uk) /  
[kinshipsupport@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:kinshipsupport@nottsc.gov.uk)

**07985 680 981**



Charity Registration: 1093975

# Emotion Coaching

## How to Support Your Child When Their Feelings Get Big

A workshop available to Nottinghamshire families of children who are adopted, in kinship care and/or were previously in care



**4<sup>th</sup> December 2025**



This session will cover how children and young people understand emotions and what can happen when their feelings overwhelm them. We will look at Emotion Coaching – a way for families to teach children about their emotions and respond “in the moment” when big feelings happen.



**10am - 2pm**



**Edwinstowe House, High Street  
Edwinstowe Nottinghamshire NG21  
9PR**

### BOOK NOW:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-for-families-of-children-who-were-previously-in-care-tickets-977904226867?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

For More Information, Contact Us:



0115 977 4747



[virtual.schoolenottssc.gov.uk](mailto:virtual.schoolenottssc.gov.uk)

# Dates for your Diary

Please see below our main 'diary dates' so far for the academic year. We hope this will help with your diary planning.

**\*\*Please note these dates are subject to change and if this should be the case we will give as much notice as possible\*\***

## **Inset Days (school closed to children):**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – Year 6 trip to the Holocaust Museum, Laxton

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Photographers in school – individual photographs

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Harvest Festival

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Parent Coffee Morning for Year 3 – 09:00am

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Parent's Evenings

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – Parent's Evenings

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – INSET day – school closed to children

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Year 6 Palace Theatre Harry Potter Workshop (in school)

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Armistice Day – 1 minutes silence

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need

**W/C 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Assessment Week

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Christmas Fair

**W/C 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Last week of Autumn term clubs

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Lower School Christmas Disco 6pm – 7:30pm

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Upper School Christmas Disco – 6pm – 8pm

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner day

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Lower School Christmas Performance 10am & 2pm

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Upper School Christmas Performance 10am & 2pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party day

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Activity Day – non uniform

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Photographers in school – group photographs

**W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Assessment Week

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Year 3 Swimming starts (to 21<sup>st</sup> July – 9 weeks per class)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day – theme to be announced



# Dates for your Diary continued ...

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Y3 Mother's Day Breakfast
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Y4 Mother's Day Breakfast
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Y5 Mother's Day Breakfast
- Tue 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Y6 Mother's Day Breakfast
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent's Evening
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent's Evening
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – INSET day – school closed to children
- W/C 20<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 6 Mock SATS week
- W/C 11<sup>th</sup> May**– Year 6 SATS week
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Year 5 Residential trip (one night per class)
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – INSET day – school closed to children
- W/C 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check week
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 photographs
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 assessment week
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Residential trip
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Father's Day Breakfast
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 Father's Day Breakfast
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Year 4 Father's Day Breakfast
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Year 3 Father's Day Breakfast
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Lower School Evening of Fun
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Fair
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 2 Meet the Teacher
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 2 Meet the Teacher
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports home
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 6 Presentation Evening
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Picnic day
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – Talent Show
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – Toy day
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> July** – INSET day – school closed to children

