

Week commencing 28th September 2026

Welcome to our Newsletter,

Last week Year 5 had a spectacular visit from The Space Dome where they learned various facts about our wonderful universe. See below for more information and pictures.

Years 3, 4 and 5 had their pictures taken this week, details on purchasing will be sent out in the coming weeks. The children behaved fabulously and everything was completed in record time.

This week our Year 3 children will go on their first outing to Clumber Park and our Year 6's will experience a WWII workshop in school.

Thursday sees the start of Black History Month and it will also be the launch of our Spelling Shed and our exciting "DRESS AS A WORD DAY" if you have not already got a word planned yet, you've still got time to get your thinking caps on, it can be as simple or elaborate as you want. Below are some ideas.



School Panto

On Friday you should have received communication through Arbor regarding the upcoming trip to Mansfield Palace Theatre to watch the Christmas Panto which is taking place on **Friday 4th December**.

If you have not already done so, you will need to give your consent using the links below, there will be a separate link per year group so please ensure you select the correct one for your child.

We do need consent for your child to be able to attend so please ensure this is completed before **Friday 16th October 2026**.

Please read the information carefully as it gives details about lunches for your children.

Year 3 – <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/fetMuPx0gw>

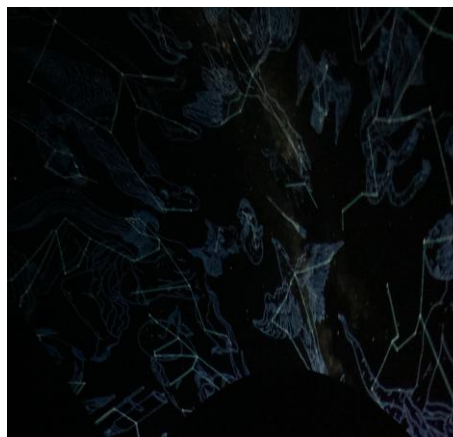
Year 4 – <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/bERR9YsLeW>

Year 5 – <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/WW1g6HjfkM>

Year 6 – <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/SUKM6Ysn03>

Year 5 visit from The Space Dome

The Space Dome came to Leas Park on Wednesday 23rd September, as part of year 5's Science unit about Space and Earth. Inside they travelled through space where they visited planets and other objects in our solar system. In the afternoon, they had a classroom-based session and discovered where light comes from, how it moves and why it is so important to us. Both classes really enjoyed learning about the movement of the moon and even made 'Moon Wheels' to take home. They had lots of fun throughout the day learning about space!



New field

As you may have seen, we have been working on the field, getting it ready for the children to be able to use. The seeding has now been done, and we are one step closer to getting a large, useable area for our children's lessons and activities. Below are some images of the progress so far.



Reminders, messages and additional news – please read!!

Weather preparation

Please ensure your child comes to school ready for the weather conditions of the day. In the cold months, coats, hats, gloves and sensible footwear, in the warmer months, light clothing, wearing suncream and ensuring they have plenty of water.

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 close to the end of school, it can be difficult for reception staff to get to the classrooms before the children leave.

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 your current contact information and that it is 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 **8:45am**. 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, for authorisation at the discretion of the head teacher. These forms can be accessed via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/6JJqkm1EqM> or paper copies are available from the leaflet stand in reception or in the office.

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 9:00am 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: <https://forms.office.com/e/afhPeAWWgU>

All medication needs to be handed in to 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. Parking in the carpark is not for the use of wraparound care drop off and collections.

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 into 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

Reach

for the

Stars

Attendance Award

The Attendance Award for w/c 21/09/2026 goes to Class 3K with 99.35%

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

The whole school attendance percentage this academic year to date is **96.79%** - the national target is **96%**

Please help support us in raising our attendance.

Thank you!

Eco Class



Winner of the Week:

3BP



Zones of Regulation Champion

Class	Name
3BP	Isla G
3K	Delilah S
4C	Charlie D
4G	Amelia H
5J	Ellis N
5O	Freyja A
6A	Harry B
6C	Riley-James B
6P	Sophie H

Shining Stars

Class	Name
3BP	Rosie B
3K	Evelyn L
4C	Emily B
4G	Matilda W
5J	Frances L
5O	Lily C
6A	Nyla B
6C	Missy B
6P	Tasmin M



Golden Tickets

Class	Amount collected this week	Running total so far this half term:
3BP	1	4
3K	1	6
4C	1	6
4G	3	7
5J	2	8
5O	2	6
6A	1	4
6C	2	4
6P	2	4
Winner of the Week:		Overall winner this half term so far:
4G		5J

Pen Licences

Class	Name
5O	Gracie H
5O	Esme W
5O	Ayda C
5O	Amelia M
5O	Amelia S
5O	Reeva S
5J	Eden B
5J	Erynn W
5J	Lorenzo D
5J	Frances L

Rapid Wristbands

Class	Name
3BP	Roman L
	Noah Y
3K	Maddy P
	Bobby K
4C	Isobel L
	Lunar-Rae B
4G	Ollie S
	Lily L
5J	Alfie W
	Bobby S
5O	Zavian A
	Elias W
6A	Athena-Rose D
	Charlie M
6C	Esmae R
	Ben S
6P	Francheska B
	Alex P

Dinner Winners

Class	Name
3BP	Riley C
3K	Reuben H
4C	Summer T
4G	James W
5J	Ellysia S
5O	Frank D
6A	Chloe W
6C	Kyla M



Book Vending Machine

Lower School Winner

Class	Name
3K	Chester W

Upper School Winner

Class	Name
5O	Phoebe R



Shout Outs

	Class	Name	Reason & From
Shout out! 	6A & 6P	Athena-Rose D & Tasmin M	For being mature, kind, helpful and patient with the younger children in Construction club - From Mrs Farr
	5J	Whole Class	For making our 'Space' visitors more than welcome and sharing with them some fantastic knowledge. - Mrs Jacques
	4G	Oliver L	For making Mrs Greaves the best banana bread she has ever had. Thank you!

Dojo

	Class	Name	Amount awarded
	5O	Amelia S	25
	5O	Esme W	25
	5O	Elias W	25
	5O	Gracie H	25
	5O	Phoebe-Grace S	25
	5O	Tafadzwa M	25
	5O	Ayda C	25
	5O	Reeva S	25
	3BP	Emmett B	25
	3BP	Lenny C	25
	3BP	Reuben F	25
	3K	Ava S	25
	3K	Jessie F	25
	3K	Honey B	25
	4C	Lunar-Rae B	25
	4C	Isobel L	25
	4C	Athena S	25
	4C	Summer T	25

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 20th November 2026

Thursday 25th March 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

Wednesday 28th July 2027

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Tuesday 29th September – Year 3 trip to Clumber Park

Wednesday 30th September – Year 6 WW2 Workshop

Thursday 1st October – Black history Month and World Poetry Day

Monday 5th October – African mask making workshops

Tuesday 6th October – African dance workshops

Thursday 8th October – Harvest Festival

Wednesday 14th October – Parent's Evening

Thursday 15th October – Parent's Evening

Tuesday 3rd November – Year 5O trip to Nottingham University

Wednesday 4th November – Year 5J trip to Nottingham University

Wednesday 4th November – Year 3 Volcanoes and Earthquakes workshop

W/C 16th November – Assessment week

Friday 20th November – INSET Day – school closed to children

Wednesday 2nd December – Christmas Fayre

Friday 4th December – Whole school Panto visit

Monday 7th December – Lower School Christmas Disco 6pm – 7.30pm

Tuesday 8th December – Upper School Christmas Disco 6pm – 8pm

Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner day

Thursday 17th December - Christmas Activity Day – non uniform

Friday 18th December – Christmas Party Day

Dates for your Diary continued ...

2027

Tuesday 23rd February – Group photographs

W/C 1st March – Assessment week

Tuesday 2nd March – Year 3 Swimming starts (to 20th July – 9 weeks per class)

Thursday 4th March – World Book Day

Thursday 4th March – Year 3 Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 5th March - Year 4 Mother's Day Breakfast

Monday 8th March – Year 5 Mother's Day Breakfast

Monday 8th March – New chicks to arrive at school

Tuesday 9th March - Year 6 Mother's Day Breakfast

Tuesday 23rd March - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 24th March - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 24th March – Easter's Decorate an Egg competition

Thursday 25th March - INSET Day – school closed to children

Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th April - Year 5 Residential trip to The Mill (one night per class)

W/C 10th May – SATs week

Tuesday 18th May – Year 6 photos

Friday 28th May - INSET Day – school closed to children

Monday 14th June – Years 3, 4 and 5 assessments

Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th June – Year 6 residential trip to PGL

Thursday 17th June – Year 6 Father's Day Breakfast

Thursday 17th June – Year 6 Manor Intake evening

Friday 18th June – Year 5 Father's Day Breakfast

Monday 21st June – Year 4 Father's Day Breakfast

Tuesday 22nd June – Year 3 Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 25th June – Lower school Evening of Fun

Wednesday – Friday 7th, 8th, 9th July – Year 6 Manor Transition days

Wednesday 14th July – Summer Fayre

Thursday 15th July – Year 6 Meet a member of the team at Manor

Tuesday 20th July – Year 6 presentation evening

Wednesday 21st July – Summer picnic

Monday 26th July – Talent show

Tuesday 27th July – Toy day

Wednesday 28th July - INSET Day – school closed to children

Free school meals are expanding

**From
September
2026**

What's changing?

Current eligibility

Most families receiving Universal Credit qualify for income-based free school meals (FSM) only if their annual earned income is £7,400 or less (excluding benefits).

From September 2026

All children in households receiving Universal Credit will become eligible for free school meals.

Free school meals categories

Targeted free school meals

- Available to families who:
- Receive Universal Credit and earn **£7,400 or less per year** (excluding benefits), or
 - Receive certain qualifying benefits, including:
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Expanded free school meals

- Available to:
- All other families receiving Universal Credit, regardless of earnings.

This means all children in Universal Credit households will be eligible for free school meals from September 2026.

Important dates



Applications open:
1 August 2026



Expanded eligibility starts:
1 September 2026

Please note: Applications can be submitted from 1 August 2026, but meals under the expanded scheme cannot begin before 1 September 2026.

What does this mean?

Targeted free school meals children:

- ✓ Free school meals at school in term time
- ✓ Funded Holiday Activities (HAF)
- ✓ Pupil Premium for child's school

Expanded free school meals

- ✓ Free school meals at school during term time
- ✗ Funded Holiday Activities (HAF)

Who will benefit?



More families receiving Universal Credit



More students accessing a healthy meal during the school day



Reduced pressure on household budgets

Find out more or apply: nottinghamshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



**Nottinghamshire
County Council**



Parent Carer Connecting Event

Are you a Parent Carer of a child with additional needs?
Are you looking for advice and support
within your caring role?

Carers Hub Service are hosting a Parent Carer Connecting event in Mansfield where carers can go to get information, advice and guidance all in one place.



Tuesday 6th October
10.00am to 1.00pm

Civic Corner
Mansfield Civic Centre
Chesterfield Road South
Mansfield
NG19 7BH

To book or get more information email
carershubinfo@carersfederation.co.uk or call
0808 802 1777