

Week commencing 5th October 2026

Welcome to our Newsletter,

Last week our Year 3 children had a lovely day out at Clumber Park, our Year 6 children had a visit from Mansfield Palace Theatre to host a World War II Workshop and the whole school looked amazing in their “dress as a word” costumes. Pictures of these events are below.

This week will see the start of celebrating Black history month and the children will participate in a 2-day African Dance Workshop in which the children will do some mask making and watch and join in with some traditional African dancing.

On Thursday we will be holding our Harvest Festival. Any donations of tinned or dried food and any toiletries (except aerosols) would be greatly appreciated. The hall will be open via reception, for donations from 08:30am.

Also, on Thursday we will be carrying out our annual Flu Vaccines. You should have all received a link directly from the Immunisation Team, this link will be sent from Intrahealth to provide your consent for your child to receive the vaccine. If you have not received a link please let the school office know as soon as possible so we can sort this. Please note, the vaccine will only be provided to your child if consent has been given through the link sent. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us or the immunisation team.

Parents Evenings

Parents evening booking will open on Arbor Monday 5th October at 6pm and will be closing on Sunday 11th October at 6pm. This will be listed as Guardian Consultations.

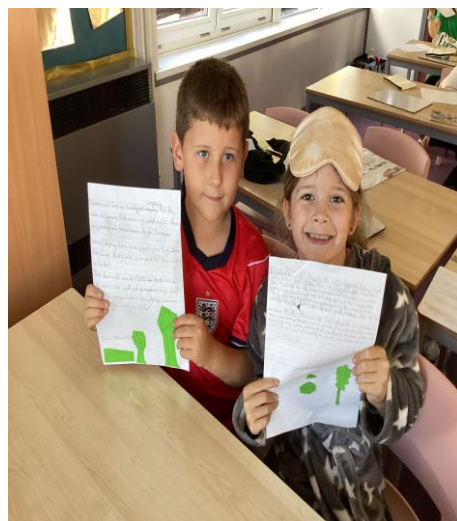
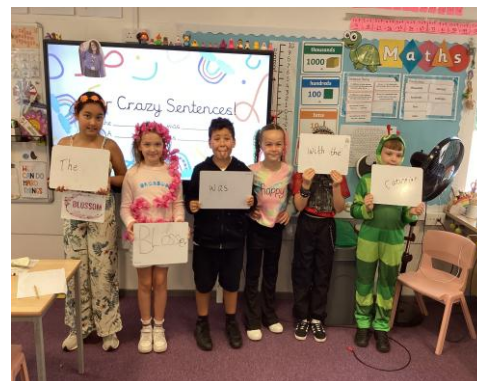
Due to parents evening, Film Club will not go ahead on Thursday 14th October and will resume after the half term break. Multisport Club will run as normal. If you have any questions, please speak with the office.

Dress as a word day – World Poetry Day

A huge thank you to all our children, staff and parents for the incredible creativity and imagination shown during our ‘Dress as a Word’ Day! As we launched our Spelling Shed scheme and celebrated National Poetry Day, there was such a wonderful buzz around school. Even at lunchtime, the conversations continued as children excitedly tried to guess each other’s words while admiring the fantastic and imaginative costumes! It was brilliant to see vocabulary brought to life in such a fun and memorable way — and I think we can safely say that everyone picked up a few new words today! Thank you all for making the day such a fantastic celebration of words, language, poetry and creativity.



Dress as a word day – World Poetry Day cont....



Year 6 WWII Workshop

We were delighted to welcome Mansfield Palace Theatre into school for an exciting World War II drama workshop. Our children stepped back in time to learn about life during the Blitz and the experiences of children who were evacuated during the war.

Through drama, storytelling and interactive activities, the children developed their understanding of this important period in history. They were enthusiastic, engaged and wonderfully respectful throughout the workshop – they were superb! A fantastic experience that really helped bring our history learning to life.



Year 3 Visit to Clumber Park

Year 3 had a fantastic day at Clumber Park! They spent time bug hunting and using excellent team building skills to make shelters. They were all lucky enough with the weather to have their lunch outside. They also went on a tree hunt and explored pollination and seed dispersal. The children were superstars and represented the school beautifully!

A message from the staff at Clumber Park - "I hope the group enjoyed their day at Clumber on Tuesday. Joy, who is one of my volunteers and helped with the tree hunt, has been today to ask if I send schools any feedback. I said I often do but hadn't had chance to send any out yet.

She said she wanted me to let the school know how wonderful she thought the children were and how well behaved, interested and engaged with the activities they were. I second her sentiments. We all had a great day with you all.

Can you please pass our compliments on to the children and staff involved."



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 28/09/2026 goes to Class 9P with 99.49%

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:

5J



Zones of Regulation Champion

Class	Name
3BP	Toby T
3K	Jude W
4C	Victoria K
4G	Mason R
5J	Maisie S
5O	Arla D
6A	Annie B
6C	Abigail W
6P	Tristan M

Shining Stars

Class	Name
3BP	Sofia S
3K	Albert E
4C	Athena S
4G	Effia W
5J	Joshua L
5O	Isabella D
6A	Benjamin B
6C	Faith R
6P	Adela R



Golden Tickets

Class	Amount collected this week:	Running total so far this half term:
3BP	4	8
3K	0	6
4C	2	8
4G	0	7
5J	1	9
5O	2	8
6A	0	4
6C	2	6
6P	2	6

Winner of the Week:

3BP

Overall winner this half term so far:

5J

Pen Licences

	Class	Name
	5O	Cody B
	5O	Sreerag R
	5O	Phoebe R
	5J	Vyga P
	5J	Harrison P

Maths Stars

	Class	Name
	3BP	Brooke M
		Lenny C
	3K	George C
		Alice D
	4C	Connor B
		Rio T
	4G	Frankie K
		Billy M
	5J	Erin L
		Yana P
	5O	Frank D
		Isabella O
	6A	Spencer K
		Miley T
	6C	Sadie H
		Myla B
	6P	Lucy B
		Alice R

Dinner Winners

	Class	Name
	3K	Fred S
	3BP	Dexter P
	4C	Heidi H
	4G	Emilia F
	5J	Vyga P
	5O	Esme W
	6A	Grace B
	6C	Kyla M
	6P	Cody B

Reading Certificates

	Class	Name	No. of reads	Award given
	4C	Emily B	25	Bronze
	4G	Oliver L	25	Bronze
	4G	Daisy G	25	Bronze
	5J	Emily T	25	Bronze
	5J	Scarlett B	25	Bronze
	5O	Arla D	25	Bronze
	5O	Grayson E	25	Bronze
	5O	Phoebe R	25	Bronze



Book Vending Machine

	Lower School Winner	
	Class	Name
	3BP	Jessica G
	Upper School Winner	
	Class	Name
	6A	Freddie R



Shout Outs

Shout out! 	Class	Name	Reason & From
		Year 3	For representing Leas Park really well at Clumber Park! From the Year 3 team.
	50	Arla D	For being such a good friend. Arla invited another child to play with her at lunchtime, it was the sweetest thing to witness and really warmed my heart! We could all be a little more like Arla.
		Whole School	For your fantastic efforts and creative costumes yesterday! Hearing you share your word choices with each was fabulous - I think we all developed our poetry skills and especially our vocabulary!

Dojo

	Class	Name	Amount awarded	Class	Name	Amount awarded
	3k	George C	25	4C	Edward C	25
	3k	Delilah S	25	4C	Charlie D	25
	3k	Elijah S	25	4C	Aurora H	25
	3k	Logan D	25	4C	Victoria K	25
	3k	Holly B	25	4C	Lincoln R	25
	3k	Zahlia A	25	4C	Pixie W	25
	5J	Alfie W	50	4C	Emily B	50
	5J	Bobby S	25	50	Amelia M	25
	5J	Callum-Jake H	25	50	Aubree W	25
	5J	Emily T	25	50	Ethan-James H	25
	5J	Erynn W	25	50	Isabella O	25
	5J	Heath R	25	50	Lily C	25
	5J	Maisie S	25	50	Zavian A	25
	5J	Norah K	25	3BP	Dexter P	25
	5J	Theo S	25	3BP	Isla G	25
	5J	Frances L	25	3BP	Klevis B	25
	4G	Dollie M	25	3BP	Soloman C	25
	4G	James W	25	3BP	Owen H	25
	4G	Lily L	25	3BP	Riley C	25
	4G	Matilda W	25	6C	Ella C	25
	4G	Taylor R	25	6C	Kyla M	25
	4G	Zac G	25	6C	Sadie H	25
	4C	Dexter C	25	6C	Abigail W	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

2026

Monday 5th October – African mask making workshops

Tuesday 6th October – African dance workshops

Wednesday 7th October – Year 4 trip – Tropical Butterfly House

Thursday 8th October – Harvest Festival

Thursday 8th October – Flu immunisations

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



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

Autumn Edition Newsletter



Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Nottingham Oral Health Improvement Newsletter.

As professionals working with children and families, you play an important role in promoting positive oral health behaviours. Whether through everyday conversations, creating tooth-friendly environments, supporting supervised toothbrushing, or signposting families to dental services, your influence can help children develop healthy habits for life.

This newsletter contains seasonal oral health messages, practical activities, resources and training opportunities to support your work during the autumn term.



Autumn oral health tips

October brings plenty of Trick-or-Treat sweets, making it easy for little ones to snack more often throughout the day.

Try to save sugary foods and drinks for mealtimes. This helps protect teeth from frequent acid attacks and keeps smiles bright!

Pop leftover sweets out of sight, and offer just one or two pieces as a dessert treat.

Encourage children to swap extra sweets for a fun small toy, a new book, or a special family activity together.

Alternative Treats to Hand Out

Fun non-food treats: Try spider rings, bouncy balls, temporary tattoos, bubbles, or glow sticks instead of sweets.

Mini savoury snacks: Tooth-friendly alternatives include cheese portions, breadsticks, or rice cakes.



Half-term dental check-up reminder

We understand it can be tricky to fit dental check-ups into busy school timetables. Regular visits help catch any problems early, prevent bigger issues down the line, and support children's healthy habits, confident smiles, and overall well-being. Encourage families to book appointments well ahead of the Half Term holidays for peace of mind!

Toothbrushing tips



Brush twice daily with fluoride toothpaste, including once before bed and on one other occasion. Encourage children to brush for a full two minutes. Remind children to spit out excess toothpaste after brushing and avoid rinsing with water. Children under 7 years old should be supervised while brushing their teeth.



Click to
find a
dentist
here!



AUTUMN ACTIVITIES

Community
Dental
Services

Share a Toothbrushing Chart and Leaflets

Create a colourful brushing chart for the Autumn holidays. Children can add a sticker each time they brush, aiming for a full chart by the end of each week. Offer small tooth-friendly rewards for consistency.



Recommend Brush Along Apps

Brush DJ or a guided brushing video on YouTube are great fun. Click the images below and try it yourself.



Storybook recommendations

Read children's books about visiting the dentist or taking care of teeth.

Click the picture to see some popular options



Try an Autumnal Oral Health Scavenger Hunt!

A scavenger hunt is a game where a player or teams try to find specific items, take certain photos, or complete the task on the list.

Pumpkin Smile Craft

Encourage children to create smiling pumpkin faces using craft supplies. Use this to talk about what makes a healthy smile and the importance of brushing.



Free Oral Health Training for Professionals

This autumn, take part in our free oral health webinars for professionals working with children. Learn about oral health advice for children and practical ways to support children's oral health. Our sessions are friendly, informative, and evidence-based. Sign up today and help keep young smiles healthy!



Supervised Toothbrushing Programme in Nottingham City

Help children shine with healthy smiles this Autumn! If you're an early years setting in Nottingham City, you can join our FREE Supervised Toothbrushing Programme—available for schools, nurseries, and childminders. Our friendly team delivers everything you need to make toothbrushing fun and easy, with fully funded resources and expert support. Teaching good brushing habits early means brighter smiles and healthier teeth for life. Want to get involved? Contact us to learn how your setting can take part and make a difference—one brush at a time!

