

Spring Newsletter 1

A very happy, yet belated, new year to everyone. It has been a fantastic first two weeks of 2025.

Year 3 Look out! There are aliens in the school! We had a splendid start to the new year with some fantastic creative writing from all the year 3 children. Some of us are still wondering what the little flashing green lights on the ceiling might have been. Our new topic, Crazy Cave Dwellers, is already proving a big hit; rocks, minerals and fossils are pouring in for 'show and tell'. We'll be testing the properties of different rocks this week in science. We've taken a virtual look at some amazing paintings inside ancient caves and we have begun work on our new story, 'Stone Age Boy'. In maths, we are building our knowledge of multiplication and division and in computing the children have been demonstrating some excellent coding skills with Scratch. We can't wait for our first big trip to Creswell Crags next week!

It's been an eventful start to 2025 in **Year 4**, to say the least. After two great writing days, we were introduced to our new topics: Traders and Raiders, and Animals including Humans. Amidst all that, we headed up to Perlethorpe for a very chilly, but hugely enjoyable day of river study, nature art and orienteering. Friday saw the beginning of our Pace Ball at Cottages, followed by Cornet-playing in music.

And all this with the distant rumble of the juggernaut that is a certain residential trip... And breathe.

Year 5 are completely engrossed in the 'May the Force be With You' space topic. This was helped along by the two brilliant writing days. They will be very well informed by the time we visit the National Space Centre in a couple of weeks. Linked to our space topic, the children are also looking at binary code and programming a Mars Rover. Lacrosse has also been a pleasant surprise - the children have taken to it remarkably well.

Year 6 have started the term with the launch of their Polar topic. The children came dressed as polar explorers – this was fitting with the cold weather we were having at the time! They learnt about the Arctic and Antarctic regions; produced art in the style of Ted Harrison; and did some tyre pulling training to be an Arctic explorer. We are all looking forward to our Polar Days coming up shortly, where we will have the chance to hear from a real life explorer!



Staff update

It has been lovely to welcome back Miss Beal after the holiday following her maternity leave. She will be with us until February as she has made the decision to work closer to home. We will miss her and wish her the very best. This means that Mrs Wood will continue to teach Class 6 full time.



Art Week

We are really excited about our upcoming Chinese New Year themed Art Week on Monday 27th January. We will be displaying all of the work at the Methodist Church on 8th and 9th February which everyone is welcome to attend.



INSET day

Just a reminder that school will be closed to the children on Friday 7th March for an INSET day.

Job Opportunity

Nottinghamshire County Council, Building Cleaning Service has a vacancy for a cleaner, at West Bridgford Juniors School, working 12.5 hours per a week, 6.00am to 8.30am or 3.30pm to 6.00pm Monday to Friday.

Full training and a uniform will be provided. Job share could be a possibility.

If you would like further details, please contact Paul Tinsley on the number below.

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Spring Term Dates

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| Tues 21 st Jan | Smartphone Information Evening- 6pm |
| 22 nd , 23 rd and 24 th Jan | Year 6 Polar explorer days |
| Thurs 23 rd Jan | Year 3 visit to Creswell Crags |
| Mon 27 th Jan | Art Week and year 5 visit to Space Centre |
| 28 th and 29 th Jan | Year 4 Viking days and Year 6 Shelter days |
| Fri 7 th Feb | Careers Day |
| Mon 10 th Feb/ Wed 12 th Feb | Year 4 Dukes Barn trip |
| WB 17 th Feb | Half term |
| Thurs 27 th Feb | Young Voices Concert |
| Fri 28 th Feb | Class 11 assembly |
| Fri 7 th March | INSET day |
| Fri 14 th March | STEM day and Class 8 assembly |
| Fri 21 st March | Class 5 assembly |
| Tues 25 th and 26 th March | Parents Evening (Online) |
| Fri 4 th April | Class 2 assembly |
| WB 7 th April | Easter Holidays |
| Tuesday 22 nd April | First day of Summer term |