



Collaboration Newsletter

October 2025

Dear parents/carers,

As we come towards the end of the first half term of a new academic year, we wanted to share some of the wonderful things that have been taking place in both schools.

A few weeks ago, we held our Identity day, with the theme of belonging. We started off with a Teams assembly attended by all the children in both schools where we discussed how belonging is important because it helps us feel safe, valued and connected to others. We talked to the children about the different places we belong and how we are all part of the West Bridgford Community. The children produced some wonderful work throughout the day and it was another great example of our schools collaborating successfully.

Next week, our Year 6 children are off to PGL for their residential and I have no doubt they will do a fantastic job of representing our school.

We will once again be starting our partner class work between schools – see more information later in the newsletter – which is a great opportunity for children to work together and build relationships. Some of the Year 6 children have also recently completed Sports Leader training at the Juniors and will be supporting our younger children at playtimes and lunchtimes in the near future.

As always, thank you for your support. I hope you have a relaxing half term break when it arrives.

Mr Willis

Reception

Reception have been reading the book Elmer and celebrating how we are all different and how each person is special and unique. The children have been looking at different skin colour, hair colour and eye colours. The children have been learning to write their names with magnetic letters. They have also been copying and repeating patterns.

Year 1

Year 1 have been continuing learning about pop art and have been creating their own art work to finish off their topic. The children have been learning about the different senses focusing on things you can see, hear and feel. They have been reading 'Supertato' and writing some brilliant sentences about the 'Evil Pea'. In maths, the children have been learning about 'greater than' and 'less than'.

Year 2

The Year 2's have written a character description and continued practising how to join their handwriting. They have been ordering the stages of animal life cycles and comparing different life cycles. In PSHE they have explored human rights and why these are so important. Using our 'Respectful Ranger' they have been discussing how to respect people's differences.

Year 3

Our Year 3 pupils are settling well and its almost as if they have been here for much longer than just six weeks. It is wonderful to see how many of them are engaging in after school activities as well as the full range of tasks during our exciting lessons. Just recently, we've had the microscopes out, we've made street maps, we've done Autumn leaf rubbing and we've put giant skeletons back together to find out about our bones. Lots of Dojos have been awarded; many of them for reading at home! In fact, 2 classes have now reached 1000 Dojo points and the third is on the brink of earning themselves a treat too!

Year 4

Year 4 continue to be busy. We're nearing the end of our Abominables writing, whilst Place Value has gone really well in Maths. We continue to investigate rivers, before our field trip to Perlethorpe next week. Our Netball skills and understanding is such that next week, we will have an 18-team tournament! We now know about evaporation, melting and freezing in Science. This week, we learnt about Mo Farah as part of Black History month and attempted to match his achievements in the 5000 metres by running for 20 minutes in the playground.

Year 5

Down at Cottages, Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed our French Day. Food tasting went down a treat, as did recreating some of Monet's most famous pieces. We continue to learn about the Victorian period and have recently explored some of the inventions that have helped shaped the world today, as well as learning about how children were used in the workforce. It has been great to hear the children become increasingly confident when giving a detailed and balanced response to the question- Dark Age or Golden Age?

INSET Day

A reminder that there is an INSET day on Monday 3rd November so children will be returning to school on Tuesday 4th November after the half term break.



Year 6

Year 6 have been immersing themselves in their World War 2 topic this half-term. We launched the topic by having a World War 2 day, where we learnt all about being an ARP warden: we used stirrup hoses that were the genuine articles from the war; learnt some basic first aid; and looked at real objects from that era. We have continued to explore this topic in more detail looking at rationing and key events such as The Battle of Britain. We are interested in how our pasties will turn out next half term, made only from rationed food! We are ending this half-term with a residential trip to PGL Caythorpe and are all looking forward to the many activities we will do there.

Y2 Trip to Stonehurst Farm

The year 2 children had the best time at the farm! They enjoyed a tractor ride, stroked guinea pigs in the cuddle corner, a nature walk and played in the hay bales. We are so proud of our year 2 children. They represented the school wonderfully. A massive thank you to all our parent helpers; trips would not go ahead without your continued support.



School Council

We were excited to announce our newly elected children who are going to do an amazing job at representing our schools and their classmates. Our school council at both schools will meet regularly with our school council leaders (Mrs Pavier at Infants and Mr Dudgeon at Juniors), to discuss things that can improve in schools. Our pupil parliament representatives from both schools will have termly trips to County Hall. They will sit in the council chambers with other schools and learn all about democracy.

Polite reminder

Please can we remind you not to drive on Avon Gardens or to the end of Exchange Road past the Junior School. We have had complaints from residents living in the local area that parents are driving on or blocking their drives. At both schools, we work incredibly hard to keep a good relationship with our neighbours. Further to this, the safety of our children is at risk with cars turning in tight spaces and occasionally mounting the kerb, especially during busy times such as drop off and pick up.

Class Assemblies

A huge well done to class 8 at the Infants for kick-starting our class assemblies. It was a wonderful performance. It was lovely to hear all about their school trip and hear the children singing 'Cauliflowers Fluffy'. Thank you to all the parents that were able to come along and support their child's class. Every class across both schools will have a class assembly during the year and we very much look forward to welcoming you along.

Partner Classes

As we continue our collaboration journey, there are lots of ways we are working together more closely. One of these, is the pairing of infant and junior classes infant to allow them to come together on occasions for shared learning experiences. We know the children love getting together, whether online or in person, and will benefit from this valuable interaction.

The classes will be paired as follows:

Infant Class 1 (Mrs Angus) and Junior Class 7 (Tom Jinks)

Infant Class 2 (Mrs Pavier/Miss Pickering) and Junior Class 8 (Mr Martin)

Infant Class 3 (Miss Gilbert) and Junior Class 9 (Mrs Minta/Mrs Lewis)

Infant Class 4 (Mrs Chappell) and Junior Class 1 (Mr Dudgeon)

Infant Class 5 (Miss Saunders) and Junior Class 2 (Mrs Moss)

Infant Class 6 (Mrs Walton/Miss Trippier) and Junior Class 3 (Mrs Cox)

Infant Class 7 (Mrs Penhale/Mrs Graham) and Junior Class 4 (Mr Simmonds)

Infant Class 8 (Mrs Dinsdale/Mrs Ward) and Junior Class 5 (Mrs Owen-Jones/Miss Aleksic)

Infant Class 9 (Mr Heeley) and Junior Class 6 (Mrs Wood)

Year 6 won't have partner classes in the same way as other year groups. However, each year 6 class will be paired with a year group at the infant school and we will look to arrange specific opportunities for those classes throughout the year.

West Bridgford Juniors Key dates for Autumn Term

Monday 13 th Oct- Fri 17 th Oct	Y6 to PGL
Wednesday 15 th Oct	Year 4 to Perlethorpe
WB Monday 20 th Oct	Half term for 2 weeks
Monday 3 rd Nov	INSET day
Friday 7 th Nov	Non-uniform day- Chocolate donations
Tuesday 11 th and Wed 12 th Nov	Parents evenings
Friday 14 th Nov	Class 10 assembly, Children in Need and non-uniform- bottle donations
Monday 17 th Nov	PGL meeting on Teams 6pm (y5 parents)
Friday 21 st Nov	Class 9 assembly
Wednesday 26 th Nov	Maths parent workshop 6pm
Friday 28 th Nov	Class 4 assembly
Friday 5 th Dec	Class 1 assembly
Saturday 6 th Dec	Christmas Fair
Monday 8 th Dec	Friends of WBJs concert
Tuesday 9 th and Wed 10 th Dec	Year 4 and 5 Production @ WB Baptist Ch
Wednesday 10 th Dec	Year 6 to Holocaust Centre
Friday 12 th Dec	Community Sing
Tuesday 16 th Dec	Year 3 and 6 Carol Concert @St Giles
Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day

West Bridgford Infants Key dates for Autumn Term

Friday 10 th Oct	Year 1 PTA Pyjama Party in the Hall
Tuesday 14 th Oct	Parents' Evening in school
Thursday 16 th Oct	Parents' Evening in school
WB Monday 20 th Oct	October Half Term
Monday 3 rd Nov	INSET day
Friday 7 th Nov	Non-uniform day- Chocolate donations
Friday 14 th Nov	PTA Bottle donation (Non- uniform)
Thursday 20 th Nov	Class 4 Assembly for parents/carers
Monday 24 th Nov	Great Fire of London Drama for Year 2
Thursday 27 th Nov	Class 6 Assembly for parents/carers
Saturday 29 th Nov 2.00	Christmas Fair
Thursday 4 th Dec 2:30pm	Class 5 assembly for parents/carers
Wednesday 10 th Dec 9:30am	Christmas performance at St Giles Years 1&2
Thursday 11 th Dec 9:30am	Christmas performance at St Giles Years 1&2
Monday 15 th Dec 2:30pm	Reception Classes Christmas Sing
Thursday 18 th Dec	Class Christmas parties