

Autumn Newsletter 5

We are racing through the term and the children continue to have lots of exciting learning opportunities.

In **Year 3**, we are learning about a little girl called Floella Benjamin who came to Britain on a big ship from Trinidad. We are using the story to help us improve our letter writing skills. We've also started looking at the bridges we can see along the Trent and learning some new words related to their features. This is the start of an exciting new bridge building DT project. Plants is our new topic in science and we have just set up two experiments.

Year 4 have had an exciting few weeks! We've been deepening our understanding of mountains, which was brought to life by an inspiring visit from Simon who shared his experiences as a mountain explorer. In English, the children have been honing their explanation skills as they prepare to write about the fascinating water cycle. In science, we've explored electricity and discovered what makes a complete circuit.

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed rounding off their Victorian topic by visiting the Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington. It's a great local resource - do visit. The children are also in the throes of the Christmas production and are doing brilliantly in rehearsals.

Year 6 have started this half-term strongly, continuing with our World War 2 topic. We have begun preparing for a formal debate on evacuation and are looking forward to developing our oracy skills. We have immersed ourselves wholeheartedly in our new topic of netball and are slowly getting used to not travelling with the ball! In Design and Technology, we are looking forward to seeing how our pasties (based on a World War 2 rationing recipe) turn out this week.



Robin Hood Mini Marathon

It was another very successful Robin Hood Mini Marathon for the children at WBJs. Our school placed 1st overall in the Schools Challenge and several of our year groups also did well.

We are very proud of all of the children who ran and represented our school so well. What a fantastic achievement.

Book Fair

Thank you to all those who were able to visit the book fair last week. It was really popular and lots of fantastic books were purchased. This has meant that we will be able to update our school and class libraries with a wide range of high-quality books.

A big thank you to Mrs Minta and our Y6 reading champions who helped arrange and run the book fair.

Maths Information Evening

A reminder that we are hosting a maths information evening in our Main School hall for all parents on Wednesday 26th November 6pm-7pm. The evening will be an opportunity for us to share our approaches to teaching maths as well as strategies for supporting your children at home. Just to note, this evening will be similar to last year's event. We would be very grateful if you could register your attendance using the form below which will allow us to plan accordingly.

<https://forms.office.com/e/q2JdFgaTLt>



Christmas events explained!

There is always a lot going on around the Christmas period at WBJs, so I wanted to briefly talk you through the different events which will be taking place; when and where they are and who they are for.

Monday 8th December at 2pm – Friends of WBJs Concert

This takes place in the hall at our Main School site and is aimed at the more senior members of our school community - Grandparents, neighbours, friends of the family. There will be singing and instrumental groups performing. Refreshments will be served immediately after the concert. Donations of home-made cakes nearer the time will be gratefully received!

Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December – Year 5 and Year 4 Christmas Performance

This takes place at West Bridgford Baptist Church at 6pm. Year 5 will take the speaking roles while Year 4 will provide the choir. Look out for future information about how to obtain tickets.

Friday 12th December – Community Sing at Main School at 3.30pm

We will speak to the infant school about collecting any siblings early on this day so you don't have to miss out. We have an informal Christmas sing-along in the hall at Main School for around 30 minutes. Please collect your child at the end of the day as normal and then return into school together to sing. Children cannot stay for this event unaccompanied.

Tuesday 16th December – Carol Concert at St Giles at 6pm

Our more traditional carol service will involve Year 3 and Year 6 pupils. Year 3 will take a lead on the nativity tableaux while Year 6 will be our readers. Both year groups will be involved with singing and the concert will also feature our school band and other instrumentalists.

Key dates for Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 26 th Nov	Maths parent workshop 6pm
Thursday 27 th Nov	Year 6 social 5-6.30pm
Friday 28 th Nov	Class 1 assembly 2.30pm
Friday 5 th Dec	Class 4 assembly 2.30pm
Saturday 6 th Dec	Christmas Fair 1-3pm
Monday 8 th Dec	Friends of WBJs concert 2pm
Wed 10 th Dec and Thurs 11 th Dec	Year 4 and 5 Production @ WB Baptist Church at 6pm
Wednesday 10 th Dec	Year 6 to Holocaust Centre
Friday 12 th Dec	Community Sing 3.30pm
Tuesday 16 th Dec	Year 3 and 6 Carol Concert @St Giles 6pm
Wednesday 17 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 17 th Dec	Rocksteady Concert 2pm