



Collaboration Newsletter December 2025

Dear parents/carers,

As we draw to the end of another busy term, I want to once again thank you for your continued support at both schools. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at various Christmas events and we are incredibly proud of all of our children. I am also very appreciative of the hard work put in by the staff when preparing the children for all the different performances over the past couple of weeks.

As always, the children have had many amazing learning opportunities during the last few weeks and you can read a bit about these in the rest of the newsletter.

Our partner classes started meeting during this half term. These sessions have included joint PE lessons, sharing amazing work and enjoying books together.

We have lots to look forward to after Christmas, including our joint writing project and our collaboration art week and exhibition.

Hopefully you saw the e-mail at the start of the week about the proposal to federate and I would encourage you to read the document that was sent out and contact the school office with any comments or questions.

I hope you all have a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 5th January.

Mr Willis

Reception

In Reception over the last couple of weeks, the children have been reading the story about the gingerbread man. The children have also done an experiment and created some wonderful bridges to see what happens when the gingerbread man crosses the river! In maths, the children have been learning about 2D shapes and the number 5.

Year 1

The Year 1 children have been carefully looking at structures in Design and Technology and have used their knowledge and skills to make windmills with turbines that move. The children have also made some wonderfully Christmassy snow globes and written some lovely letters to Santa. We have been so proud of all the amazing work they have produced this term.

Year 2

In Year 2, the children have been doing some amazing maths learning all about the properties of 3D shapes. They have also been carrying out some problem-solving involving addition and subtraction as well as looking at Christmas symmetry. They have created some wonderful diary writing – we have been very impressed! In PE, the children have been learning gymnastics and using the apparatus.

Year 3

Year 3 rounded off the year with lots of exciting preparations for the Carol Concert and what a fantastic job they did - it's absolutely beautiful when we all sing together! After reading Floella Benjamin's book, 'Coming to England', we have all written letters to the Baroness telling her about our own lives. Mr Dudgeon is about to post them all off and we are very hopeful of getting a reply. The last big project for 2025 is the completion of our truss bridges. It's taking patience, time and a lot of glue! It has been a brilliant term and we are so proud of all the wonderful work that Year 3 have produced.

Year 4

Over the past few weeks, Year 4 have been busy putting together and performing our dances, based around our Rivers and Mountains topic (see Dojo). Once we acquired knowledge of electrical circuits, we planned and created lanterns, testing them for effectiveness on bedside tables. We studied famous mountains and ranges, which fed into our English unit, Biographies of Edmund Hillary, Tenzing Norgay and Junko Tabei. Whilst all this was going on, we managed to find time to support the Year 5 children in their fabulous Christmas Production. Time now to rest up for a couple of weeks, before returning to hop aboard the Dukes Barn juggernaut...

Year 5

The Year 5 Production was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by the audiences on both nights. The children worked so hard in rehearsals and rose to the occasion come performance time – we were incredibly proud of all of them. There have been lots of other great things going on in Year 5 as we finish our Victorian topic and tackle a wide range of learning opportunities. The children have now thrown themselves in to learning a variety of stitches to help them create their pin cushions!

Year 6

Year 6 had a humbling visit to The National Holocaust Centre last week. They learnt about a Jewish boy, Leo, and through interactive displays went on his journey until his final destination which was England on the Kindertransport. They had the privilege of a zoom call with a 94 year-old Holocaust survivor. Listening to the account of his experiences was an honour. They ended the day with a moment of reflection, placing a stone to represent the children killed in the Holocaust. A day which will remain with them forever. This week, the children have had the opportunity to visit the WW2 shelter on Abbey Circus and hear about how it was used by our local community during the war.



Christmas at the Infants

The countdown has begun! We have had a magical time in school over the last couple of weeks. The children have been singing Christmas songs, making creative crafts, and listening to Christmas stories.

Year 1 and year 2 - wow! Your performances in the nativity were spectacular. We were blown away by the Year 2 children who projected their voices beautifully and acted wonderfully throughout their performance. The year 1 choir did not disappoint; the singing in the church was wonderful and you all dazzled in your shimmering crowns.

Our lovely FS2 children welcomed their parents to hear them singing in the playground earlier this week. We heard a mix of songs they have been learning this term alongside some lovely Christmas songs. Well done children - you all shone brightly in your Christmas headbands and hats. Thank you to Vicky from the PTA for keeping us all warm with mulled wine and other hot drinks.

The children and staff enjoyed a tasty Christmas dinner in their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday. It was lovely for everyone to sit together and enjoy their meal.

It was party time on Thursday! The children enjoyed their class Christmas parties and received a class present from Santa!

The children helped to create a beautiful tree at the St Giles Christmas tree festival. A big thank you to Mrs Walton who put a lot of work in to organising this.



Christmas at the Juniors

There were so many wonderful Christmas events at the Juniors and the children all did a fantastic job! A huge well done to Year 5 for their wonderful acting in their Christmas Production and special thanks to the Year 4 children for supporting them so brilliantly as the choir. Many thanks to the Baptist Church for hosting us again.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at the Carol Concert on Tuesday this week and the Year 3 and Year 6 children did a magnificent job of their readings, poems, singing and tableaux. As always, a big thank you to St Giles for letting us use their wonderful building.

There have been lots of other events going on in school as well, including the Community Sing, the Friends of WBJS performance and the guitar concerts. Well done to all the children who took part and performed – it is so great to see so many of our children taking the opportunity to show off their talents at this time of year!

The children in nurture helped to create a beautiful tree at the St Giles Christmas tree festival too!



West Bridgford Juniors Key dates for Spring Term

Monday 5 th January	Children return to school
Mon 5 th & Tues 6 th January	Whole school writing project
Thursday 15 th January	Federation parent consultation meeting 2:30pm at WBJS/ 6:30pm at WBIS
Wk beginning 26 th January	Art week
Fri 6 th – Sun 8 th Feb	Art gallery at WB Methodist Church
Friday 6 th February	Careers day
Wk beginning 9 th February	Year 4 residential to Dukes Barn
Wk beginning 9 th February	Children's mental health week
Thur 12 th & Fri 13 th Feb	Year 6 polar explorer days
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th Feb	Half term
Monday 23 rd February	INSET day
Tuesday 24 th February	Children return to school
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 13 th March 2.30pm	Class 8 assembly
Friday 20 th March 2.30pm	Class 5 assembly
Tues 24 th & Wed 25 th March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 27 th March	STEM day & last day of term

West Bridgford Infants Key dates for Spring Term

Monday 5 th January 2026	Return to school
Tuesday 6 th January	Whole School Writing Project
Tuesday 13 th January	Mental health team workshop with Reception
Thursday 15 th January	Federation parent consultation meeting 2:30pm at WBJS/ 6:30pm at WBIS
Monday 26 th January	Art Week
Friday 30 th January	PTA cake sale, 15:45 in the school hall
Wednesday 4 th February	Perform drama workshop Y1 / Reception
Friday 6 th Feb-Sunday 8 th Feb	Art Gallery at the Methodist Church
Monday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Thursday 12 th February	Mental Health Team Workshop Y1
Thursday 12 th February	Class 9 Class Assembly
Mon 16 th -Fri 20 th February	Half term
Monday 23 rd February	Inset Day
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Wed 25 th & Thurs 26 th March	Parents Evening
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term