

# Spring Newsletter 1

A warm welcome back after the Christmas break. It has been lovely to see all of the children and hear all about their holidays.

We are all set for a busy half term with exciting events planned including Year 3 visiting Creswell Crags, Year 4 going to Dukes Barn, Year 5 having the travelling Planetarium and Year 6 polar explorer days.

We started the half term with our annual whole school writing project where the children received a 'message in a bottle' from a Captain Tidewhisper. The children were transported to different worlds and they produced some fantastic writing!

## Year 3

We have entered the Stone Age in Year 3! It's a place of extreme cold and is filled with woolly mammoths and sabre-toothed tigers.

We are practising saying tricky words: Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic, in preparation for our trip to Creswell Crags. In maths it's the start of our new topic about multiplication and division, so if you don't know what an array is, then just ask your child!

## Year 4

What is quite possibly Year 4's busiest half term of the year is in full swing. We are delving into the pros and cons of the Anglo Saxons in our main topic, whilst investigating the make-up of our digestive systems in Science. Weather permitting, we have weeks of Paceyball to look forward to down at Cottages (change of shoes obligatory) and are creating bridge balances on and off apparatus in gymnastics. This week sees the start of our unit on brass instruments in which we all get the chance to learn the Cornet. All this is now; on the horizon, we can see the rather small matter of our Derbyshire residential peering into view...

## Year 5

Year 5 have launched straight into Space this term, with our fascinating new topic 'May the Force be With You!' Alongside the science work, we have begun to look at the features of non-chronological reports, in preparation for writing about our chosen planets. In PE we are learning the skills required to play lacrosse, whilst in computing we have been practising different filming techniques ready to create our own videos.

## Year 6

Year 6 have had a great start to 2026, with the launch of their Polar topic. Children had a day off timetable where they trained to be Arctic explorers by pulling tyres, did some Arctic art inspired by the artist Ted Harrison and used their geographical skills to understand the differences between the Arctic Circle and Antarctica. We are looking forward to another special day involving a visit from a real explorer later on in the term.



## Preloved uniform

Just a reminder that we have a range of second-hand uniform for sale via the website below.

<https://www.wearecress.com/schools/west-bridgford-junior-school>

We are always on the lookout for extra items for the site. If you have any preloved uniform, with the school logo, that your child no longer needs and is still in good condition, please send it into school.

Thank you for your support.

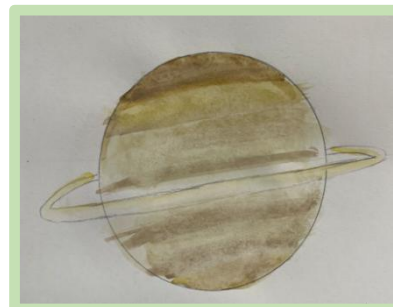
## Careers Day

Thank you for all those people who have already volunteered their time to come and speak to our children on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb for our 'Step into NHS' themed careers day. We still require a couple more volunteers. If you work for the NHS and are able to give a morning of your time on the date above, please get in touch with Mrs Arnold by emailing [beth.arnold@westbridgford-jun.nott.sch.uk](mailto:beth.arnold@westbridgford-jun.nott.sch.uk)

Many thanks

## INSET day

Please note that the first day back after the half term holiday will be an INSET Day. This is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026.



## Key dates for Spring Term 2026

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January  
Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> January  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3 trip to Creswell Crags  
Art week  
Year 6 Bake sale- after school  
Rocksteady concert 2pm  
Class 9 assembly  
SATS information evening 6pm on  
Teams  
Careers day  
Art Gallery open at Methodist Church  
Year 4 to Dukes Barn  
Year 6 polar explorer days

HALF TERM  
INSET DAY  
World Book Day  
HSA Discos  
Class 11 assembly  
Class 8 assembly  
Class 5 assembly  
Red Nose Day  
Year 5 to St Giles  
Parents Evenings

STEM day  
Rocksteady concert 2pm