

## Spring Newsletter 2

It's been a busy and exciting couple of weeks across the Junior School, with the children experiencing some wonderful learning, achievements, and experiences.

### Year 3 trip to Creswell Crags

The children had a fantastic time at Creswell Crags. They were able to reinforce, enhance and show off their learning about the Stone Age and rocks.

### Year 6 Bake sale

A huge thank you to all of those who baked some delicious treats for the Year 6 bake sale. It was a great success!

### Art week and art gallery

All classes have been busy producing their 'Earth Day' inspired recycled art work. The art gallery at the Methodist Church will be open for parents to view at the following times:

*Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.30-6pm, Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.30-12pm and Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2-4pm.*



### Attendance Matters

Regular school attendance is vital for children to make the most of their learning opportunities and to build strong routines that support their wellbeing. When pupils are in school consistently, they are able to take part in lessons, develop friendships, and feel confident in their progress. We kindly ask parents to support good attendance by ensuring children arrive on time and attend every day unless genuinely unwell. Together, we can help each child thrive.

### Uniform Reminder

Wearing the correct school uniform helps create a sense of belonging, pride, and readiness for learning. When all students are dressed consistently, it reinforces our shared values and supports a positive, focused school environment. We appreciate your help in ensuring that your child comes to school each day in the correct uniform, including appropriate footwear (plain black). Thank you for support with this.

### Champion Motto and Passports

We have been working hard at living out our new school motto:

***'Champion Ourselves, Champion Others, Champion our School and Community, Champion the Wider World.'***

The children have started to collect signatures in their Champion passports and are very proud of all of their champion achievements this half term.

### Free School Meals

Just a reminder that **Free School Meals and Financial Assistance** are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the qualifying benefits listed in the information using the link below. Children who receive Free School Meals are also eligible for free instrumental tuition as well as subsidies for trips and residentials and places at our after school clubs. You can easily check your eligibility on the Nottinghamshire County Council website:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

### Mobile Phones

Information regarding a change in our mobile phone policy was sent earlier this year. We have amended our policy to be in line with all other feeder schools to The West Bridgford School. If you are thinking of purchasing a mobile phone for your child, please read our new policy carefully. The new 'WBS Feeder Schools Phone Policy' will come into force in September 2026 and can be found on our school website using the following link.

[West Bridgford Junior School - Policies](#)

## Key dates for Spring Term 2026

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	SATS information evening 6pm on Teams
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Careers day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Art Gallery open at Methodist Church
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 to Dukes Barn
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 polar explorer days
Week beginning 16 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	INSET DAY
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
	HSA Discos
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 11 assembly
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 8 assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 5 assembly
	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 to St Giles
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evenings
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	STEM day
	Rocksteady concert 2pm

## SATs Info evening

We will be hosting a Year 6 SATs information evening on Monday **2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6pm**. The meeting will be **online** and can be accessed using the following link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/35876578390681?p=ruQkIWPPn5zAR2uoGV>

The meeting is an opportunity to hear from the Year 6 team about our approach to statutory assessments and what to expect from the week. We hope to see many of our Year 6 parents there.

## Celebrating academic success

We were thrilled to receive a letter this week from the Secretary of State for Education which praised the school for our approach to helping disadvantaged pupils thrive. In her letter she states that, *'Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.'* She goes on to remark that, *'this success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.'*

Although academic success is only one part of what is important to us here at WBJs, it is always great to be recognised for our hard work and commitment. We are always very proud of what we can achieve as a team.

The full letter can be read on our school website in the Performance Data Section:

[West Bridgford Junior School - Performance Data and Financial Benchmarking](#)