



Collaboration Newsletter

February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another half term, there is plenty to reflect on and celebrate. We are so proud of all of our children and the way they embrace new learning with such passion and enthusiasm.

There have been several collaboration projects and events this half term and more coming up in the near future. We started the year with our joint writing project and the children produced some wonderful writing, inspired by a mysterious message in a bottle!

We were delighted that so many of you came to enjoy our amazing art exhibition at the Methodist Church last weekend and I am sure you will agree that the children created some inspiring art work from recycled materials. A huge thank you to Mrs Walton and Mrs Cox in particular for their hard work in organising the event.

We are continuing our partner class work and the Year 3 children loved coming to meet with Year 1 earlier this week. They shared books together and discussed what they had been learning this half term in class.

A reminder that **Monday 23rd February is an INSET day**. Both staff teams are looking forward to taking part in a day of training alongside 14 other schools from the Rushcliffe area.

Thank you once again for your continued support and I wish you all a happy and relaxing half term break.

Mr Willis

Reception

The children had a visit from the police; they enjoyed learning about the uniform and they even got to try it on! We have also had two amazing parents come in - a Dentist and a Doctor. The children now know what foods they should be eating to look after their teeth and how to stay healthy. The children were blown away by the visit from a fire engine! They got to hear the siren and sit inside. It's been a busy 2 weeks for our reception children learning all about people who help us.

Year 1

The Year 1 children really enjoyed a visit from the drama group Perform. They provided a drama workshop for all the children about 'The Midnight Workshop' all based on using their imagination. In Maths they have been learning about subtraction and word problems, while the children have been continuing learning about sculptures in art. They have written some beautiful stories based on 'Katy in London' and we have loved reading them.

Year 2

The children have been creating their own clay sculptures inspired by The Iron Man. The children have enjoyed doing science experiments, investigating absorbent materials and seeing how materials change. In Maths, the children have been learning about money - they have been adding coins and making amounts in different ways. We have read and enjoyed some amazing Year 2 writing, retelling chapter 1 of the Iron Man.

Year 3

Year 3 produced some fabulous art work from recycled materials based around the theme of the rainforest. We made toadstools and flowers from egg boxes, parrots, tortoises and frogs from toilet rolls as well as 3D rainforest animals - again from egg boxes! We enjoyed visiting our partner classes in Year 1 at the infants and loved sharing a book with them. We've published some wonderful writing based on the book 'Stone Age Boy' and the children were proud of the great work they produced.

Year 4

Year 4 have been on their last day of a drizzly but wonderful Dukes Barn residential today. The children have enjoyed rock scrambling, abseiling off the Monsal Trail, canoeing above beautiful Chatsworth and scaling the climbing wall and ropes course on site. Meanwhile, back at base, we've been creating our clay dragons' eyes and exploring the world during Viking times. Half term has been very well earned...



Year 5

Year 5 have been deep in to science this half term, learning about space and forces. We have closely followed the developments in the Artemis II mission to the Moon and were gutted by the delay of the launch. Everybody's fingers are crossed for March or April. In addition to this, we have had a visit from the mobile planetarium to deepen our understanding. To build on the skills and knowledge started in Year 3 about forces, the children designed and tested parachutes and a plasticine model to explore the effects of air and water resistance.

Year 6

Year 6 have continued to immerse themselves in their polar region topic. We have enjoyed writing in both formal and informal styles, including writing reviews of a trip to Antarctica. We have explored different techniques in art by using acrylics to produce stunning polar landscapes. This week, we have had the pleasure of Simon, a polar explorer, visiting each class. These have been incredibly informative and inspiring sessions. We also took part in a live lesson with Steve Backshall! We know the children have got an enormous amount of learning from them.



Art Exhibition

Last weekend, our community art gallery at St Giles Church was a wonderful celebration of creativity and collaboration. Every child, from Foundation Stage through to Year 6, had a piece of artwork proudly displayed, with many pupils working together to create their imaginative designs. The gallery was open to the public, and it was heartwarming to see so many visitors exploring the exhibition, commenting on the amazing quality of the work, and leaving thoughtful, complimentary messages in the visitor book.

All of the artwork was inspired by the theme of 'Earth Day', and each piece was created using only recycled materials. From colourful collages to inventive sculptures, the children demonstrated not only their artistic talents but also their commitment to caring for our planet. The exhibition was a true testament to their creativity, teamwork, and environmental awareness.



Polite Reminder

- **Inset Day Monday 23rd Feb; children back in school Tuesday 24th Feb.**
- Please do not drive on Avon Gardens or to the end of Exchange Road during drop off and pick up times.
- Lots of unlabelled items in lost property - please label everything your child brings to school.
- Boys and girls with long hair, must wear their hair up at school to avoid the spread of nits and to join in safely with PE.
- **School meals must be ordered 48hrs in advance through Evolve for the Infant School and the Friday before the week you require them for The Junior School.**
- Any updates please add onto your Arbor account.

Jeanne Willis Author visit at WBIS

As part of our World Book Week celebrations at West Bridgford Infant School, we are delighted to be welcoming the author Jeanne Willis to share her love of books with the children. The children will take part in a workshop based on her much-loved book, *The Bog Baby*. All classes will be involved in this exciting experience. We kindly ask for a small contribution of **£1.50** towards the cost of the workshop, this can be paid on Arbor under 'trips'. Thank you very much for your ongoing support.



West Bridgford Juniors Key dates for Spring Term

Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th Feb	Half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	INSET day
Tues 24 th Feb	Children return to school
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
Fri 13 th March 2.30pm	Class 8 assembly
Fri 20 th March 2.30pm	Class 5 assembly
Tues 24 th & Wed 25 th March	Parents' Evenings
Fri 27 th March	Rocksteady Concert 2pm
Fri 27 th March	STEM day & last day of term

West Bridgford Infants Key dates for Spring Term

Mon 16 th - Fri 20 th Feb	Half term
Mon 23 rd February	INSET Day
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day- dress as a character from a book
Fri 6 th March	'Family Read-Along' 2:30-3:00pm in school
Mon 9 th March	Jeanne Willis Author visit
Wed 25 th / Thurs 26 th March	Parents Evenings
Mon 30 th March – 10 th April	Easter Holidays

