

Whole-School Dojo Highlights

Autumn 1 half term (Sept 3rd to Oct 20th)



Parent Picture News 15.09.25.pdf

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Dear parents/carers,

Every Tuesday, children will be taking part in an assembly based around a recent news story. They will be asked to reflect and engage in the key questions as well as linking this to the British Values and Protected Characteristics. Each week we will post a summary of the assembly, along with some questions you can discuss with your child at home.

Please see the document attached for this week's assembly resources.

Many thanks



Well, folks, you can all be very proud of this bunch. Turning up at the Rushcliffe 7-a-side with only 6, no subs, 5 matches over two hours. And yet they still managed to finish second in their group, winning three and drawing one. A great morning's work, chaps.



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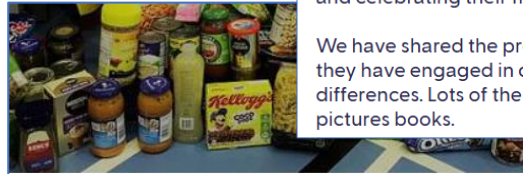
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World Afro Day – 15th September

This week in school we have been celebrating the beauty and uniqueness of Afro hair.

Those who don't have Afro hair have been learning all about it and celebrating their friends and family who do.

We have shared the presentation below with our children and they have engaged in discussions about celebrating our differences. Lots of the children have also enjoyed stories and pictures books.



Next Wednesday, 1st October, we will be having our Harvest Assemblies. As part of the Harvest Assemblies, we would like to have a collection for the food bank at The Friary. We would be very grateful if you could donate items of food such as pasta, rice, tinned food etc (just not anything perishable) from tomorrow (Thursday) until Wednesday 1st October. We know from previous collections we've organised, that all donations will be gratefully received by The Friary. Many thanks
Mr Dudgeon



Today we held our Identity Day in school with the theme of belonging 🧑🏻🧑🏻🧑🏻

We started off with an assembly across both schools, where I talked to the children about how belonging is important because it helps us feel safe, valued, and connected to others. We shared our thoughts about why it feels good to belong, the different places we belong to, and how we are all part of the West Bridgford community. 🧑🏻🧑🏻🧑🏻

In class, we explored stories about belonging and took part in activities inspired by those books. To finish the day, everyone created a person to represent their unique identity, which will go on our new "Proud to be Me" displays in both schools. We are excited to put these up so we can celebrate our identities and the things that make us special every day ✨



FRENCH DAY

Bonjour!

Friday 3rd October will be 'French Day' at WBJs. The children will engage in a range of activities celebrating the language and culture of France.

Food and drink

As per tradition, we will provide the following treats.

Morning - Croissants/ pain au chocolate, jam, lemon/ blackcurrant squash

Afternoon- Crackers, grapes, brie, squash

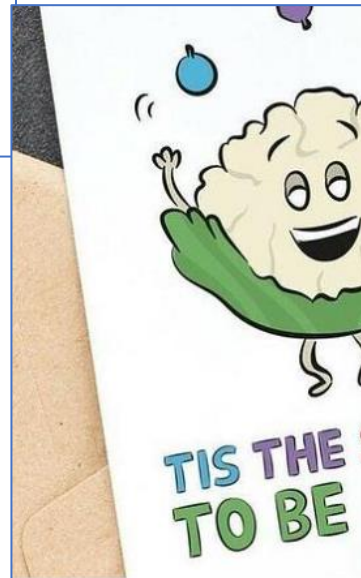
If, due to allergies, your child is unable to eat these items, please inform their class teacher. You may wish to send alternative snacks yourself, or suggest something they can provide.

Attire

Please send the children in red, white or blue clothing (or a combination of all of these). If this is a PE day, please wear trainers as usual and clothes suitable for running around.

Celebrating languages

Whilst French is the language we learn at WBJs, the aim of the day is to ignite a passion for languages in general, and if any children would like to share a little of a language they speak at home, they are most welcome. E.g. Showing their class how to say hello and goodbye, how to count to 10. Likewise, if any parents or grandparents have ever lived in France, speak French, and would like to come in to speak to the children, please contact the class teacher.



Good afternoon all,

Last week, your child will have brought home a Christmas card design. We hope you've enjoyed looking at them. This is a great fundraising opportunity for our school so we would appreciate it if you can place an order, if you are able.

Details on how to order came home with the design but the designs themselves need to be returned to school by Wednesday 1st October.

Many thanks for your support.



Hi all,

We've now received visual recognition of being awarded Gold status in the School Games Mark last academic year, for the third year in a row.

The award focusses on a range of areas, with particular spotlight upon inclusivity and opportunity, alongside the national target for 30 active minutes per day at school.

We will continue to work hard to ensure that such status is maintained and developed this year.

Thanks to all our children and staff for their dedication and enthusiasm towards school sport.

Mr Simmonds – PE Lead

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BBC writing competition 2025.docx.pdf

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Please find attached a letter about the BBC 500 words writing competition.



I'd like to introduce our new Wellbeing Champions. They will be working hard to find out what our school is already doing to help pupil wellbeing and what we could put in place to make it even better. The Champions will be attending regular meetings to discuss their ideas and hopefully helping to run our ever-popular lunch club aimed at children who benefit from a quieter space at lunch time.

A message from one of our Year 4's about why they wanted to be a Wellbeing Champion which I felt summed up perfectly why this such an important role:

"Looking after our mind is just as important as looking after our body. If I am a Wellbeing Champion, I would help everyone in my class to look after their wellbeing. We can use the five ways to wellbeing to help us in life."

Shiny gold badges incoming! ★

PJ PARTY

5.15pm - 7.15pm

Thursday 9th October 2025
West Bridgford Junior School
Hall



Tickets £5 (Plus Processing Fee)

Includes Popcorn/Crisps and a Drink

Tuck Shop Available!



A really big thank you from all of us and from The Friary for all of your food bank donations as part of our Harvest Assembly this week.

We have already had an email from The Friary thanking us for your generous contributions that make such a difference to people within our community. We will hold another food bank collection for The Friary and Rushcliffe Food Bank before Christmas.

Thank you once again!



Wear Red Day Letter October 2025.pdf

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Dear parents and carers,
Next Thursday (9th October), the children can take part in Wear Red Day. On Thursday, they can wear anything red to school to show their support for the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card'. In return we would appreciate a donation of £1 per child as a donation to Show Racism the Red Card. A link has been set up on Parent Pay for you to make your donation.

More details about the day and Show Racism the Red Card can be found on the attached letter.

Thank you in advance for all of your support.
Mr Dudgeon



Two of our Year 6 School Councillors are this afternoon representing our school at this year's first Rushcliffe Schools Alliance Pupil Parliament session. They're a bit nervous but very excited too! They're going to learn about the Houses of Parliament as well as take part in a debate: 'Should children have to wear school uniform?'



2025-11-17 CL FLYER PARENT EVENT-
Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting
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FREE 'Understanding Dyslexia' course for parents

I just wanted to share a free online event for parents with dyslexia (or for children who have traits but are not diagnosed). There has been positive feedback from parents who have attended in the past. The course providers have also delivered training in school before, which was very informative.



Here's some more photos from our wonderful 'Wear Red Day'. Some of the Year 6 School Councillors interviewed two Year 6 children about why we should support Wear Red Day. Another interviewed Mrs Bancroft about it. One of the Year 6 School Councillors wrote this:

'We think stopping racism is important because we should stand up to those who receive abuse because of their race, their religion or the colour of their skin. It doesn't matter about the colour of our skin; it's all because of a thing called melanin. The more melanin you have, it makes your skin tone darker and protects you from the sun. If we took all our skin away, we'd all be the same but still unique in our own ways.

Year 3 listened to a wonderful poem by the late Benjamin Zephaniah called 'Good Hope'. You can watch some children perform it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFD8E4eQhLM>

Thank you for all of your support with today. I shall update you with how much we have raised soon.
Mr Dudgeon



A great start to 'Wear Red Day'!
At WBJS, we're proud as a community to 'Show Racism the Red Card'!



Well done to this lovely lot who attended a rather enjoyable Football Skills Festival last night in positively summer-like conditions. A good time was had by all, and a debut for our new sports tops too. 🙌

Well, once we'd finally found the right venue, our girls football team played a blinder in beating Nottingham High School 5-1 in the County Cup. It certainly wasn't as straightforward as the scoreline suggests. We now move on to round 2 where Radcliffe girls await. Well played, ladies. 🙌

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This October, we are proudly celebrating Black History Month across our school. This is a special time for us to recognise and honour the incredible contributions, achievements, and stories of Black individuals—past and present—who have helped shape our world.

Celebrating Black History Month is important not only for our students but also for our wider community. It helps all of us build understanding, appreciation, and respect for the diverse world we live in. Most importantly, we want every child in our school to see themselves reflected in inspirational figures and to know that their dreams and potential have no limits.

This year's theme is "Standing Firm in Power and Pride." This theme encourages strength, self-belief, and confidence in who we are. It reminds us that by standing proudly in our identity and history, we build a stronger, more inclusive future together.

Across the school, each year group has explored this theme through activities inspired by four remarkable individuals who embody power, pride, and resilience. These lessons have sparked thoughtful discussions, creativity, and a deep sense of admiration for those who have paved the way for change.

We are so proud of our students for engaging with these stories and for celebrating the richness of Black history—not just this month, but every day.

Photos to follow 😊

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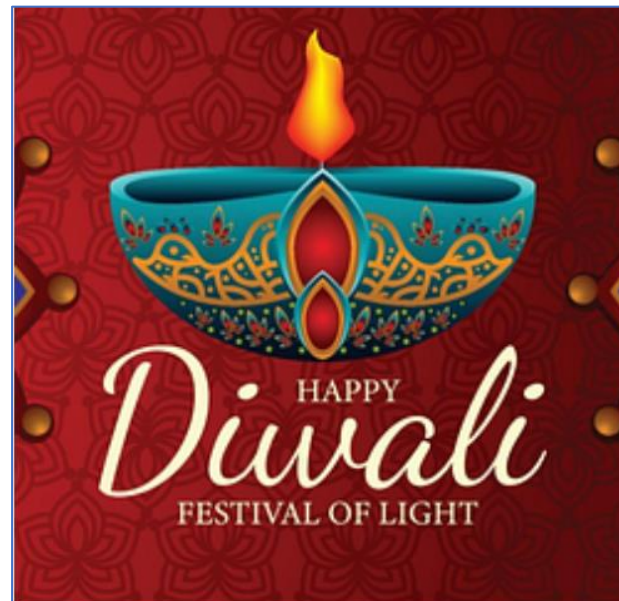
Autumn 1 Reading Newsletter 2025.pdf

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📖 Our Autumn Reading Newsletter is here! 📖

Take a look at what's happening in reading across school - from our Take 10 to Read campaign and author spotlight, to exciting news about the upcoming book fair and our new Reading Champions.

Happy reading! 😊



A very Happy Diwali to all our children and families who are celebrating the Festival of Light today and over the coming days from us all at W.B.J.S.

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