

Whole-School Dojo Highlights

Spring 2 half term (Feb 23rd to March 27th)



A very Happy Lunar New Year to all the children and their families that are celebrating. From us all at W.B.J.S.



And finally, our concert. Fabulous day and the children came so far in such a short space of time. Well done, all. Am absolutely pleasure.

YEAR 5 BAKE SALE!

Come and sample the best of Year 5 baking!

When? Monday the 9th of March
After School

Where? In the Playground at Cottages

Please see the attached poster about our Year 5 bake sale at our Cottages site. It would be lovely to see lots of you there supporting our HSA :-)



Our orchestra are warming up for their rehearsals at Jesse Gray. 👍

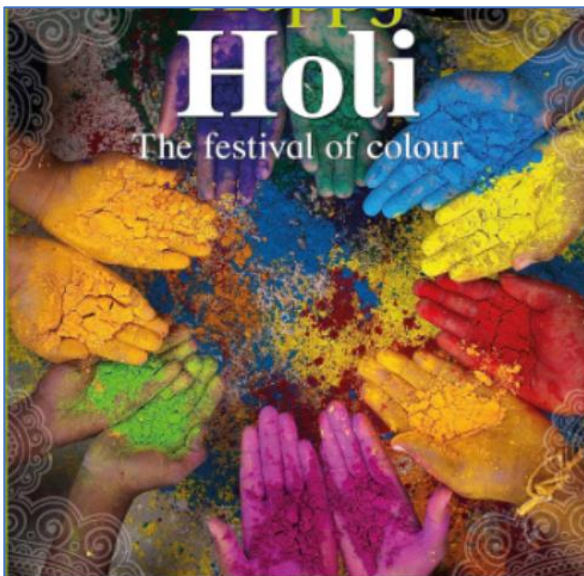
Dealing with Worries

We will be learning how to tell when we're feeling worried and what we can do about it.

A message from our Wellbeing Champions:

Dear parents/carers,
Our school have been working hard to consider ways to improve our wellbeing. We have appointed Wellbeing Champions from across the school who consider the wellbeing of those around them and things that we could do to help. We meet and discuss our class's wellbeing and any improvements we could make.

On Wednesday, we had our whole-school Wellbeing Day. Each year group completed different activities linked to wellbeing, such as: birthday cards to think about how we can have a positive impact on others' wellbeing, creating a self-care toolkit, sharing a story about wellbeing and mindfulness activities. In Years 4 and 6, we were lucky to be joined by Mrs Tilley who shared some activities focused on dealing with emotions. In Year 4, she showed the children how to make worry dolls and how to manage worries. In Year 6, she talked to the children about the science of wellbeing and how important it is. We look forward to sharing some more about the importance of wellbeing and the role that our Wellbeing Champions play as the year progresses.
The Wellbeing Champions.



A very Happy Holi to all our children and families that are celebrating the festival of colour, love and Spring from us all at WBJJS!



Update: WWF Big Winter Wander 5KM

Just wanted to say a heartfelt thank you for the incredible moments you captured out in the cold – from canal-side strolls and puddle jumping to spotting llamas and horses, fossil hunting on the beach, creeping through the crocuses, and even meeting a cheeky squirrel 🐿️. Though we have to admit... the four-legged friends may have stolen the spotlight! 📸

For every single adventurer who braved the elements and everyone who contributed - you all came together and raised a generous £65 for our cause - your support is much appreciated.

~~~~~The Big Plastic Count ~~~~~

James Naish, Member of Parliament for Rushcliffe, has invited our school to take part in The Big Plastic Count 2026, the UK's biggest people-powered investigation into plastic waste.

From 9-15 March, during Count Week thousands of people, schools and communities will be counting the plastic packaging they throw away for one week – our school included! Our results will be used to call on the government and companies to reduce plastic waste and create a better future for young people.

Together, this will build a powerful picture of how much unnecessary plastic we're all being forced to use, and what really happens to it afterwards.

Previous Big Plastic Counts have shown that most plastic packaging isn't recycled. Instead, it is burned, sent overseas, or dumped in landfill - worsening air pollution and the climate crisis. The Big Plastic Count gives young people a chance to understand this issue first-hand and be part of the solution.

The WBJJS Eco Council have signed up to take part, offering them:

- a practical, hands-on learning opportunity
- a chance to contribute to the UK's largest people-powered investigation into plastic waste
- a way to show decision-makers that young people care about plastic pollution

If you would also like to take part at home you can

We are very proud of this achievement and the hard work of all of our children and staff.

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/west-bridgford-junior-school-praised-by-education-secretary-after-outstanding-ks2-outcomes/>

West Bridgford Junior School is celebrating exceptional Key Stage 2 (KS2) outcomes for the 2024–2025 academic year, following a set of results that place the school among the very best performers nationally.

The 2025 outcomes – particularly for disadvantaged pupils – have been recognised at the highest levels of government.

The school received a formal letter of congratulations from the Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, praising both the achievements of the pupils and the dedication of staff. In her message, she wrote that the school's performance "places it among the very best nationally", highlighting what can be achieved "when ambition and commitment come together". She added her thanks to the whole school community and encouraged the school to continue sharing its effective practice with others as a system leader.

Executive Headteacher James Willis paid tribute to the pupils, staff, and families who have worked together to secure such strong outcomes. "This recognition confirms what we see every day – children thriving, teachers inspiring, and families supporting the learning journey. We are delighted the school's hard work has been acknowledged so publicly," he said.



Picture News Special Resource - Middle East.pdf

PDF Document - 986KB

Good afternoon. I have been contacted by a few parents asking if there is a plan to discuss the conflict in the Middle East with the children at school. We have timetabled this in for last week and this week and it will be in addition to our weekly picture news assemblies. I know that this has already happened in some year groups and in others, this is timetabled for this week. I have attached the resources we will use to support our discussions but, as always, this will be done in an age-appropriate and sensitive way. Many thanks. Mrs A



A few pics of our year 4s at the Sports Hall Athletics at SNA. A lovely event with a lovely bunch.

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Today is National Planting Day! Who knew? 🌱

During lunchtime, children from Years 3, 4 and 5 attended the drop-in Eco Club and worked together as Collaboration Kids to plant our potato seed potatoes as part of the Grow Your Own Potatoes project.

The children planted two varieties: Casablanca and Cristina. They placed the grow bags in a sunny spot and will water them every 2–3 days. As the plants grow, the children will “earth up” the potatoes by adding more soil around the stems every three weeks to encourage more potatoes to develop.

After 14 weeks, on 16th June, the children will harvest their crops and weigh their yields. 🍅

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HELP?

Easter Eggs by
those in need

Donations can be dropped off at
the Friary Drop-In Centre
46 Musters Road, NG2 7PR
or contact admin@the-friary.org.uk to
arrange a collection

Next week, we will once again be collecting Easter Eggs for The Friary. This was an 'egg-cellent' (excuse the bad joke) project to be involved with last year and we're delighted to be taking part again this year.

Please bring any Easter Eggs (there's some quite good deals in the supermarket at the moment) to school next week so Ben from The Friary can collect them on FRIDAY 27th MARCH (the last day of school).

With this appeal being so close to Red Nose Day, we really do appreciate every single donation at such a busy time of year!



🐼 Our WWF Big Winter Wander Winners 🐼

Huge congrats 🎉 to our Winter Wander winners! Bea and Penny are strutting around with their brand-new T-shirts, while Ishari, Flo, and Anvi are sporting some seriously cool panda paper clips 🐼 (because what's not to love about adorable pandas keeping your papers organised?). Amazing effort, everyone! 🌟



Well done to this bunch for their great work at the Rushcliffe multi-skills event at NTU Clifton.

Letter to Parents for Red Nose Day.pdf
PDF Document - 193KB
Next Friday (20th March), we will be having a 'Wear Red Day' for Comic Relief.
A link has been set up on ParentPay for you to make a donation. We suggest a donation of £1 per child but every donation you make is much appreciated.
Details below in the attached letter.



Some volunteers from Class 2 got their hands dirty this afternoon (the good kind! 🌱) helping plant some generous donations in the amphitheatre beds. Our little gardeners were absolutely brilliant, turning the space into something even more beautiful. 🌿🌱 Watching them care for those plants with such enthusiasm reminded us that the best growth happens when we all pitch in together. 🌟

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Good afternoon.

We are thrilled that our planter beds around the amphitheatre are now full of soil and ready for some life! One of our aims of this playground regeneration project was to increase plant life at Main School and we are excited to start growing.

We are now looking for plant donations from our wonderful school community. If you have any plants that you are willing to donate, please leave them next to the bright yellow 'Share Wear' wheelie bin to the left hand side of the main entrance door. I will check the area each day and plant any plants we are donated straight into our planter beds with the help of our keen, green-fingered children. We are particularly looking for evergreen plants and also climbing plants that will grow up the sides of our amphitheatre to one day provide some shade.

Many thanks in advance for your kind donations.



Eid Mubarak to all our children and families celebrating the end of Ramadan!



A superb effort by the Year 6 girls against some very tough opposition. Mr Watson and all of us are very proud of their performance and resilience. They represented our school superbly. Well done girls :-)



Neurodiversity Celebration Week: 16-20th March 2026

This week we have been celebrating 'all kinds of minds' and the importance of unique ways of thinking and learning. Children created posters during Nurture sessions and pinned them around school to raise awareness. On Wednesday, Sophia (in Year 6) and Alexa (in Year 3) assisted me in delivering two assemblies, helping others to understand what neurodiversity means and why it should be celebrated. The whole school took part in a 'Brilliant Brains' activity, where each child thought carefully about what helps their brain to learn and what challenges it. We were 'mind-blown' by how different each brain in our school is, but also by how equally brilliant they all are!



STEM DAY
FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

On the last day of the Spring Term, we're going to be enjoying STEM Day at school. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and maths and the day will incorporate an element of all of these areas.

We've borrowed the theme from this year's British Science Week: Curiosity - What's Your Question? in an effort to demonstrate to the children that without curiosity and failure, there is no innovation.

To accomplish this, we're going to explore the world of paper aeroplanes. What design is most effective? What modifications keep them in the air for longer? To make the day as enjoyable as possible, it would be great if the children were confident with folding at least one type of plane.

I've included some instructions with this post (swipe the picture at the top to show the second image) for you to try making over the next week. Even just some folding practice will be helpful.

We look forward to sharing some results.

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