

Autumn Newsletter 2

It is hard to believe that we are already several weeks into the new academic year. The term has got off to a fantastic start, with children embracing new learning opportunities, demonstrating our champion values and making a positive contribution to school life. Here is a little glimpse into what has been going on.

Year 3 have settled into their new school so well during these first few weeks. We have welcomed some new children from other schools as well and like the children from the Infants School, they too have had a great start to Year 3. The children are enjoying collecting Dojos for showing Champions behaviours and working hard in class. For the last two weeks, we have loved learning some Samba dance routines with Sophie from Rattle and Roll! There are some great movers and shakers amongst us!

It feels as if we have hit the ground running in **Year 4** and we are really enjoying all our sunny breaktimes. In the first week, the children shared really high-quality pieces of homework and they have demonstrated that they already know loads about our topic: River Deep, Mountain High. We've done some practical science involving melting ice and weighing the gas in a fizzy drink bottle. There was also plenty of watery, floaty science to start off our new English writing topic: Float.

Year 5 have been getting into the swing of life at Cottages and they are loving the field. Paceball is the most anticipated lesson of the week, with Street Child developments running a close second. Lots of fun was had during the collaboration lesson when we were building paper towers.

Straight into it in **Year 6**. We've kicked off the World War 2 topic, having received a wonderful array of homework from over the summer. We've also been getting stuck into our rationed pasty – making in DT, Rugby and problem-solving in PE and the Circulatory System. All three classes have, or soon will have the pleasure of Forest School down at Cottages, run so brilliantly by Jane. And, on the horizon lies the small matter of a week's residential...



Cress Uniform

Just a reminder that you can purchase pre-loved uniform from our online system.

Here is a reminder of the link:

<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 pre-loved uniform, with the school logo, that your child no longer needs and is still in good condition please send it in. We would also be very grateful for any spare Shein and Temu packaging you might have.

Identity Day

This week, we celebrated Identity Day across both the Infants and Junior School. It was wonderful to see the children arriving in clothes and accessories that were meaningful to them and helped to express who they are. We loved hearing the stories behind their choices and seeing such a fantastic variety of outfits!

We began the day with a special assembly, where we shared the beautiful story, *You Be You*. The story helped us to think about what makes each of us unique and reminded us that we should celebrate the things that make us who we are.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of activities designed to help us celebrate ourselves and each other. It was such a lovely day, filled with creativity, kindness, laughter and plenty of opportunities to celebrate being proud to be ourselves and share what makes us unique!

Champion Roles

We are proud to offer a range of leadership opportunities that allow children to make a positive difference to others and to our wider school community. These important roles help our pupils live out our school motto by "**Championing others**" and "**Championing our school and community**."

By taking on a leadership role, children develop valuable life skills such as communication, teamwork, responsibility, resilience and confidence. They learn how to listen to others, represent the views of their peers and make meaningful contributions to school life.

Some leadership roles are open exclusively to our Year 6 pupils. These include **Reading Champions**, who encourage a love of reading and support younger children; **Sports Champions**, who promote physical activity, teamwork and healthy lifestyles; and **Library Champions**, who help maintain our library and inspire others to enjoy books and reading.

We also have several leadership roles that are open to pupils across all year groups. Our **School Council** works collaboratively to represent pupils' voices and bring about positive change. **Respectful Rangers** help promote kindness, respect and positive behaviour around the school. **Wellbeing Champions** support initiatives that encourage positive mental health and wellbeing, while our **Eco-Champions** lead projects that help us care for our environment and become a more sustainable school community.

These roles are much more than badges and titles. They provide children with genuine opportunities to lead, serve others and contribute to school improvement. We are always impressed by the enthusiasm, commitment and sense of responsibility shown by our pupil leaders, and we thank them for being such excellent role models for others.

Together, our pupil leaders help make our school a place where everyone can thrive, feel valued and make a difference.

Key dates for Autumn Term 2026

Monday 28 th Sept 6pm	Dukes Barn meeting on Teams
Wednesday 30 th Sept	Harvest Assemblies
Thursday 1 st Oct	Class 4M Forest School session
Friday 2 nd Oct	French Day
Thursday 8 th Oct	Class 6DN Forest School session
Friday 9 th Oct	Show racism the red card
12 th October- 16 th October	Year 6 to PGL
Thursday 15 th Oct	Class 4J Forest School session
W/B Monday 19th Oct – Friday 30th Oct	Half term for 2 weeks
Monday 2 nd November	INSET day
Wednesday 4 th Nov	Year 4 Perlethorpe trip
Thursday 5 th Nov	Flu vaccines
Friday 6 th Nov	Individual school photos
Monday 9 th or Tues 10 th Nov	Year 5 Framework knitter's trip
Tuesday 10 th and Wed 11 th Nov	Parents evenings
Thursday 12 th Nov	2.30pm Class 6S assembly, Class 5MG
Friday 13 th Nov	Parents evening
Monday 16 th Nov 6pm	Children in Need
Friday 20 th Nov 2.30pm	PGL meeting on Teams (y5 parents)
Friday 27 th Nov 2.30pm	Class 5M assembly, non-uniform day
Wednesday 2 nd Dec	Class 4OA assembly, non-uniform day
Friday 4 th Dec 2.30pm	Year 6 Holocaust Centre Trip
Saturday 5 th Dec	Class 3D assembly
Monday 7 th Dec 2pm	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 8 th and Wed 9 th Dec 6pm	Friends of WBSJ concert
Friday 11 th Dec 3.30pm	Year 4 and 5 Production @ WB Baptist
Tuesday 15 th Dec 6pm	Community Sing
Wed 16 th Dec 2pm	Year 3 and 6 Carol Concert @St Giles
Fri 18 th Dec	Rocksteady Concert
	Last day of term

Harvest Collection

We are very lucky to have Rev. Joanna Seabourne from St Giles Church coming in to school on Wednesday 30th September to deliver our harvest assemblies.

As part of our harvest celebrations, we would like to make a donation to the Friary food bank in West Bridgford.

Please could you send donations of non-perishable items to school by Wednesday 30th September.

Road closures

Cadent have commenced some gas works in the nearby area. There will be some road closures affecting Exchange Road, Rectory Road and Gordon Road until 16th October. Please leave extra time to allow for any diversions which may impact your travel to school.