West Bridgford Junior School

Friday 13th November 2026

Autumn Newsletter 3

As we move further into the autumn term, it has been wonderful to see the children continuing to work hard, show kindness, and embrace all the opportunities on offer at school.

Year 3 have had a very busy first week back after half term! On Wednesday, we celebrated 'Outdoor Classroom Day' by spending Wednesday afternoon at Cottages where we used our map skills to find different information using the 8 points of the compass. We had great fun racing around the field to find information at each point of the compass including pictures of teachers, times table questions, names of places in Nottingham, UK cities and even football teams! Class 3D took part in Forest School on Thursday and once again loved running around the field at Cottages taking part in various activities as well as making 'leaf confetti'. 3P and 3C are looking forward to their Forest School activity in the coming weeks.

Year 4 have had a splendid start to this half term with a visit to Perlethorpe Environmental Education Centre. We carried out a river study which inevitably led to lots of pairs of wet socks when the water turned out to be deeper than our wellies! We measured water flow rate, width and depth and we hunted for mini-beasts, which gave us an indication of the river's health. The sun shone on us all day and both children and adults enjoyed the fresh air and fun. Back in the classroom we are turning our attention to mountains. It looks like there are some very keen geographers in Year 4 who have lots of knowledge and enthusiasm to share.

Year 5 have been taking advantage of the outdoors. We have had various maths and history lessons on the playground and field, learning about the Crimean War and common factors. We are in the middle of a deep dive on Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale and the way that these incredible women changed our world. Writing their biographies will be a pleasure! Perhaps the most exciting event of recent weeks has been the start of Christmas Production rehearsals. 'Tis the season...

Firstly, we cannot let PGL pass without lauding our **Year 6**. The general consensus was that staff had never experienced a more serene residential and that is entirely down to how the children embraced every aspect. Well done all!

Since our return to school, we've started to study Rose Blanche, a wonderful book about a very challenging subject. We have continued the 'joy' that is fractions and begun to investigate inheritance in science. We have visits to the National Holocaust Centre and a local bomb shelter still to come.



Parking and driving

One of our local residents recently had their car damaged during the busy school pick-up period. We would like to remind all parents and carers to take extra care when driving and parking around the school at drop-off and collection times. These periods can be very congested, so we ask everyone to be considerate of our neighbours, other road users, and pedestrians. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and respectful for everyone.

Parents' Evenings

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attending our recent Parents' Evening. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to celebrate children's achievements, discuss their progress and work together to support their learning.

If you were unable to attend, please do not worry. We encourage you to contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo to arrange an alternative appointment at a mutually convenient time. We are keen to ensure that every family has the opportunity to discuss their child's learning and development.

Healthy snacks

Please could we remind you of school's recommendations regarding healthy snacks. We feel a snack at morning break is essential for keeping up children's energy and suggest options such as: fruit, vegetable sticks, breadsticks, cheese, rice cakes, plain popcorn or crackers. Please avoid sending children with sweets, biscuits, crisps or chocolate bars. Thank you for your support with this. A reminder that break-time snacks should not contain nuts, chickpeas, peas, beans or sesame.

Pupil Parliament

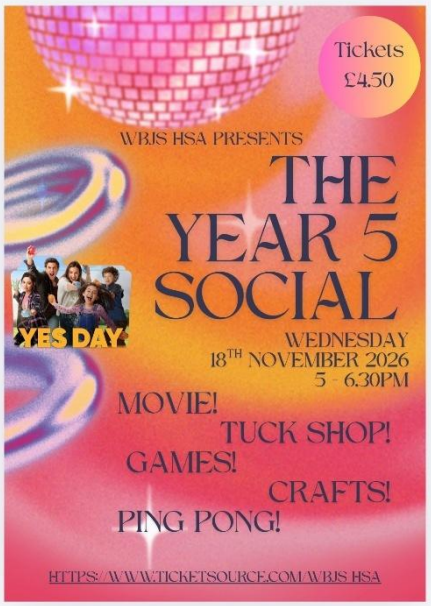
Two of our fantastic Year 6 School Councillors attended the first Pupil Parliament of the school year at County Hall. 20 Rushcliffe schools were represented at the meeting and the Pupil Parliament reps took part in a debate titled 'Should Forest School sessions be a compulsory part of the primary school curriculum?' The reps voted 15-5 in favour of Forest School being a compulsory part of the primary school curriculum.

Arriving late to school

To help us keep all children safe, if your child arrives after the school gates have closed, they must be brought to the school office by an adult and signed in. This is an important safeguarding procedure that ensures we know exactly who is on site and that every child has arrived safely.

It also allows us to update our attendance registers accurately, which is essential in the event of an emergency evacuation or if we need to account for all pupils during the school day. Thank you for your support in following this procedure and helping us maintain a safe environment for all children.









Congratulations Mrs Arnold

Earlier this week, Mrs Arnold was appointed as the new Headteacher of Willow Brook Primary School in Keyworth. She will be taking up her post from Easter 2027. Although this will be a huge loss to us here at WBJS, we are delighted for Mrs Arnold as she continues on her leadership journey and takes her considerable skills, knowledge and passion to a new setting. Mrs Arnold has played a significant role in the success of our school, as a key member of our senior leadership team over the last few years and we know Willow Brook are very lucky to have her. We will be starting the process of appointing a new Deputy Headteacher in due course.



Key dates for Autumn Term 2026

Friday 13th Nov	Children in Need
Monday 16th Nov 6pm	PGL meeting on Teams (y5 parents)
Friday 20th Nov 2.30pm	Class 5M assembly, non-uniform day
Friday 27th Nov 2.30pm	Class 4OA assembly, non-uniform day
Tuesday 1st Dec	Rattle and Roll show 4.45pm
Wednesday 2nd Dec	Year 6 Holocaust Centre Trip
Friday 4th Dec 2.30pm	Class 3D assembly
Saturday 5th Dec	Christmas Fair
Monday 7th Dec 2pm	Friends of WBJS concert
Tuesday 8th and Wed 9th Dec 6pm	Year 4 and 5 Production @ WB Baptist
Friday 11th Dec 3.30pm	Community Sing
Tuesday 15th Dec 6pm	Year 3 and 6 Carol Concert @St Giles
Wed 16th Dec 2pm	Rocksteady Concert
Fri 18th Dec	Last day of term