



Bulletin: Friday 14th March 2025

It has been another busy and exciting week in school!

Earlier this week, we held our Spring Term Governors' Meeting, where key discussions took place about the ongoing development of our school. School governors play a vital role in shaping the vision and direction of the school, ensuring high standards of education and holding leadership to account. We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of governors who bring a wealth of experience and commitment to our school community:

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- Ms Amanda Payne (Chair)

- Mrs Kay Gray
 - Mr Rob Haque
 - Mr Andrew Griffiths
 - Mrs Alison Richards
 - Miss Lizzie Oates
 - Mr Andrew Rossington
 - Mrs Caroline Tinkler
 - Mr Chris Baker
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In today's assembly, we celebrated the results of our latest class challenge, which has focused on children taking pride in their work and everything they do. The competition was incredibly close, but 4 Orange emerged as the winning class! However, every class was rewarded with some well-deserved reward time for their fantastic efforts. We also launched our new challenge, which is all about taking pride in our school environment. Each class has been assigned an area of the school to look after, and it will be wonderful to see everyone working together as a team on this.

Looking ahead to next week, we have lots to be excited about, including a special NSPCC assembly, the Year 5 trip to the Space Centre, the athletics county final and a photographer on site to work on updating our school website.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.

Sport

The Y5/6 boys' football team played their second match of the season - another tough encounter against Mapperley Plains. The final score was 1-1 and it was a terrific effort from the team. Two days later, the Y5/6 girls' team got their season underway with an impressive 7-1 victory against Richard Bonington. Well done to all involved! The boys next play on Tuesday, while the girls will play their next game on Friday 28th March.

It was great to see so many people coming along to watch the games this week, but we just have to make a couple of points on safeguarding:

- All mobile phones need to be put away while on site. No filming or photography of sports matches is allowed.*
 - Unfortunately, we aren't able to provide supervision for children that want to stay and watch the matches so if that applies to your child, you will need to make sure they are supervised in order for them to stay.*
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We're genuinely not trying to be difficult - just attempting to reduce the chance of anything going wrong.

INSET Days 2025/26

We understand that finding childcare is not easy and also that you might be making plans for next year, so we wanted to give you as much notice as possible. Next academic year, both Arno Vale Junior School and Woodthorpe Infant School will have the following INSET days:

- Monday 1st September 2025*
 - Monday 3rd November 2025*
 - Monday 23rd February 2026*
 - Friday 3rd July 2026*
 - Monday 27th July 2026*
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Easter Sports Camp

Please complete the form below to register for this year's Easter Sports Camp, taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday of both weeks:

 ***8th & 9th April***

 15th & 16th April

 [Register here](#)

 Please note: There is a slight price increase this year – £18 per child, per day. Children from Woodthorpe Infant School are welcome to attend.

Thank you!

Mr Ward

Saville Road / Arno Vale Road:

Parking and congestion continue to be an issue for all our local schools. We are asking again that everyone plays their part in making the area as safe as possible for our children and each other. This includes:

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- *Walking to and from school wherever possible.*
 - *Not parking in the school car park at the start and end of the day.*
 - *Being courteous to local residents and not blocking driveways.*
 - *Driving slowly and being extra vigilant.*
 - *Observing road markings such as the zig zag lines on Saville Road.*
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Mrs Bowler (WIS) and I have both written a letter to the local road safety team, police and local councillors today to explain the issues that we are experiencing. Hopefully someone will be able to support us.

Reminders from previous bulletins

*Get ready to Go Red for **Red Nose Day!** On **Friday 21st March**, children can swap their uniform for anything red—whether it's bright red socks, a red accessory or just their favourite outfit - I'll even allow Forest shirts! Of course, don't forget your Red Nose if you have one! If preferred, children are welcome to wear their uniform as usual.*

In return, we'll ask for a donation to Comic Relief (details to follow soon).

We'll also be hosting a joke competition in each class, with prizes for the funniest jokes. Let's have fun and raise money for a great cause!

*As mentioned last week, join us for a special afternoon tea to celebrate **Mother's Day**. We will be serving a hot drink, scone and a piece of cake for £7.*

 **Dates:** Wednesday 26th (**SOME PLACES LEFT**) & Thursday 27th March (**NO PLACES LEFT**)

 **Time:** 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

 **Booking:** Available on MCAS (Wednesday only)

 **Spaces:** Limited to 60 mums per day, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis (one ticket per family*). Please contact the office if you wish to be placed on a cancellation list for the Thursday.

As always, we had lots to celebrate in our assembly today.

Birthdays:

Moses and Tilly both celebrated their birthday this week - Happy Birthday!

Stars of the week:

- 3 Grey – Evie and Jasper for determination and independence.
- 3 White – Lydia for determination and curiosity and Rio for being ready to learn.
- 4 Orange – Emily and Ben for determination.

- 4 Yellow – Ralph for determination and Caitlin for independence.
 - 5 Green – Samuel for independence and respect and Eva for determination.
 - 5 Red – Luke for curiosity and Alex for determination.
 - 6 Blue – Lennon for determination in the class challenge and Matilda for independence.
 - 6 Purple – Isabella for determination and Phoebe for respect.
 - 6 Baker – Reuben M and Laila for determination.
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Mr Baker's special mentions for catching people being kind and/or respectful:

Noah P looked after one of his friends when they were feeling upset and left out after a game. He helped them to resolve the situation and made them feel better. After seeing this, Eliza suggested that it'd be good if children could make their own nominations for kindness special mentions. She has made a 'kindness' box in which children can tell us what they have seen and experienced. A selection of these will be read out in assembly each week.

TTRS:

This week's class champions are:

3 Grey. *They win 5 minutes of reward time for having the most children logging on and playing this week. Individual winners in each class will now be announced at the end of each half term rather than weekly.*

Out of school achievements:

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- *Alex told us about winning a medal at a rugby tournament. Well done!*
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Online Safety Competition:

Mrs Lund explained how she was so proud of the number of entries to the competition. Winners in each year group were announced and then an overall winning entry. These are going to be displayed around school.

Y3: Lydia and Ela

Y4: Tilly

Y5: Iris

Y6: Paige and Freya

Overall: Paige and Freya









General messages from the office

School Dinners

Due to the way the MCAS system operates, we have had to adjust the booking deadline for your child's school dinners. The new deadline is now midnight on Saturday, rather than Sunday as previously.

Music Lessons

A reminder for parents of children taking guitar or ukulele lessons—Spring term lessons are now available for payment via MCAS.

Year 3 Trip – Cresswell Craggs

For parents of Year 3 children, the Cresswell Craggs trip in May is now set up on MCAS for payment.

Year 6 parents - Secondary School Offer

Some admission authorities may withdraw the offered place if a parent fails to inform the County Council of their acceptance of the offer within 14 days. We therefore recommend that you always accept the offer of a school place and this needs to be done by 16th March 2025.

Parent Conference 2025:

Please see the attached flyer about a free conference for parents and carers of children and young people up to the age of 19 with additional needs, who are resident in Nottinghamshire or whose child attends a Nottinghamshire school.

Information will be available on a range of services, support groups and leisure opportunities for children and young people with additional needs and their families. With representatives from Ask Us, the Parent Carer Forum and Preparing for Adulthood on hand to provide signposting and guidance on the day. Layla Brailford, one of the County Council's Senior Benefits Advisors and her team will be available. If you wish to book a slot during the breaks in the conference to ask her any questions, please register an interest when you sign in on the day. And finally... there will be an opportunity at the end of the event to gather information, speak to workshop providers and ask any outstanding questions that you may have. Childcare Costs You may claim additional childcare costs incurred as a result of attending the conference. A receipt from a registered provider will be required for audit purposes. (Maximum of £40.00 per family).	 Doubletree by Hilton Nottingham – Gateway Hotel, Nuthall Road, Nottingham NG8 6AZ Strategically located on the A610, 1 mile from Junction 26 of the M1 motorway, and 3 miles from Nottingham city centre, with 200 free car parking spaces on-site. The hotel benefits from excellent public transport links with bus stops that connect to the heart of the city just steps away, and Phoenix Park tram stop located less than half a mile from the hotel. Nottingham train station is located 4 miles away. Please note that priority will be given to parents and carers who have not attended this conference before. Nottinghamshire County Council W nottinghamshire.gov.uk T 0115 954 6464	Including Parents Conference This is a free conference for parents and carers of children and young people up to the age of 19 with additional needs, who are resident in Nottinghamshire or whose child attends a Nottinghamshire school. Presented by SEND Inclusion Service (SIS) Education, Learning and Inclusion  Wednesday 11th June 2025 8:45 am – 3 pm at the Doubletree by Hilton Nottingham Gateway Hotel, NG8 6AZ Bookings go live on 25 March 2025 at 8am on Eventbrite. Please note that priority will be given to parents and carers who have not attended previous conferences. Nottinghamshire
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Keynote Performance: Pulp Friction



This year we are excited to have a presentation from Nottingham based charity, Pulp Friction.

Pulp Friction started when Jessie, Jill Carter's daughter, was about to leave full-time education and was thinking about her future. Unable to find what she was looking for locally they saw something they liked in Somerset and decided to try to bring the model to Nottinghamshire.

Pulp Friction was born in 2009 and has taken many different forms. It is a disability-led organisation, which grows, changes, and develops according to the needs, interests, and skills of its members. This year's keynote presentation will be led by Pulp Friction members, who will describe the story so far and talk about their future plans.

Programme of the day

8.45 Registration
9.30 Welcome and Introduction
9.35 Keynote Presentation + Q & A:
Pulp Friction
10.20 Refreshment Break
10.40 Workshop 1
12.10 Lunch
1.10 Workshop 2
2.40 Providers & Professionals available for questions

Workshop details

An Introduction to Sensory Processing
Understanding sensory processing, building awareness, and empowering change.
Workshop Provider: Karen Hazard -
Owner and Director of Children's Sensory Therapy

Empowerment
Getting your voice heard in the SEND world.
Workshop Providers: Julie Rastall, Helen Oldershaw and Louise Grafton - Parents

Exploring the 8th Sense
The impact of interoception on regulation.
Workshop Providers: Lindsay Beach -
Specialist Advisory Teacher

Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
Diving down the squirrel hole.
Workshop Provider: Joe Kigeriff -
Advanced Clinical Practitioner (ACP)

Understanding Behaviour and How to Respond
Explore why children display behaviours of concern and discuss ways to support through empathy and compassion.
Workshop Provider: Katherine Calder -
Nottinghamshire County Council

How to book

1. Copy or click on this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/including-parents-conference-2024-tickets-1247109330579> and go to step 6.
2. Or, on www.eventbrite.co.uk click on "search for events"
3. "Including Parents Conference"
4. Choose a location - "Nottingham"
5. Filters select date - 11 June 2025
6. Click - Search
7. Click - Tickets
8. Click - Apply
9. Click - Register
10. Complete your registration details and workshop preferences in order (1-5)
11. Click - Register

All information provided is confidential

Workshop choices available:

We will do our best to allocate you to your 1st and 2nd choices, but we cannot guarantee this. It is important that you also identify your 3rd - 5th for this reason.

- An Introduction to Sensory Processing
- Empowerment
- Exploring the 8th Sense
- Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Understanding Behaviour and How to Respond

Please state any special requirements you may have. You will receive an email confirming your booking.

If you have difficulties booking, contact:
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