



Newsletter

15th May 2026

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Headteacher

We are having a wonderful summer term so far and wanted to say a special thank you to our Year 6 pupils for their incredible hard work and determination during their SATs this week. They approached the assessments with maturity, focus and a positive attitude and we are extremely proud of each and every one of them.

Mental Health Week

This week, our school has been recognising Mental Health Awareness Week and the importance of looking after our wellbeing. The children have taken part in a range of activities focused on staying positive, talking about our feelings and supporting one another. On Thursday afternoon, pupils also enjoyed joining in with Joe Wicks' live workout, which was a fantastic opportunity to get active, have fun and boost both physical and mental wellbeing together. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and energy across the school.



It has been wonderful to see children across the school getting out and about on trips in our local area recently. These experiences help bring learning to life, giving pupils the chance to explore their community, make real-world connections and develop their confidence and independence. We are very proud of how well they have represented the school while out in the community and we look forward to many more opportunities for learning beyond the classroom.

Year 3

On Wednesday 6th May, Year 3 visited Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens. It is a beautiful place with lots of plants, fruit and vegetables growing organically. The children commented on how peaceful it was. Because they had been learning about plants at school, the class had lots of comments and questions to share with the staff there, who were very impressed with their knowledge! The children explored the strawberry plants, learning about how the strawberries are created once the petals fall off the flowers. They learnt about types of pollination and how different plants can have different requirements. They went into the polytunnel, which creates a warm environment for plants that need a higher temperature, such as the banana plants. The trip has definitely further increased their enjoyment of their plants topic.



Year 4

Year 4 recently enjoyed an exciting visit to Nottingham Girls' High School, where they watched a fantastic production of *Frozen Jr*. The children loved the experience and found it inspiring to see pupils of a similar age performing on stage. It helped them understand the importance of confidence, acting and singing in front of an audience. A particular highlight was being able to sing along at the end of the performance, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Overall, it was a memorable and enriching visit for everyone involved.



Reception Local Walk

Last week, Reception went on a local walk to Lenton park to look for signs of Spring, such as flowers, buds and mini beast! The children sketched what they observed and then played some fun parachute games and enjoyed snack time in the sun!

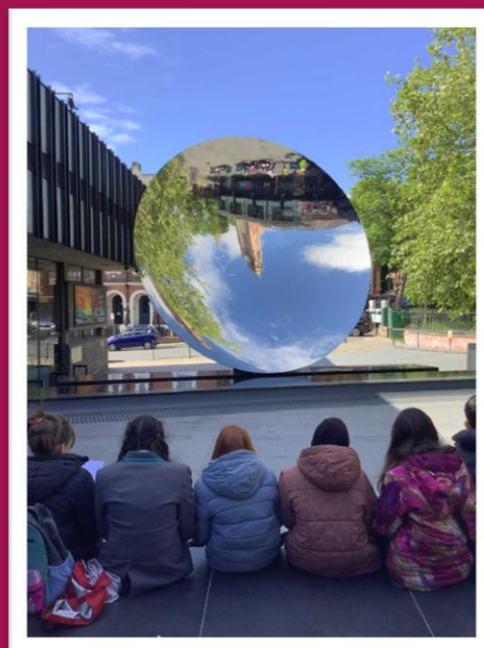


Year 5 Trips Week

During SATS week, year 5 visited Nottingham central library where we were shown all the fabulous books that we are able to access for free. The librarians read us a book, and we also accessed the immersive room where we took part in some learning and a quiz about rivers, linked to our learning in topic. We also had the opportunity to work as a team to pop as many bubbles as we could, during a fun and interactive game.



Our art, after half term, is all about 3D sculpture. So, we took the opportunity to explore the many wonderful sculptures around Nottingham city centre. We thought about why the sculptures were placed there, what the artist's intention was and how the sculpture made us feel. We then had a go at applying our sketching skills, by drawing what we could see.



Year 5 Trips Week

We had a tiring but great day at Wollaton Hall. We explored the exhibitions, had a walk to the lake and even got the opportunity for some play time on the park.



Celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday

Last Friday we joined the rest of the nation in celebrating the remarkable 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about his life and the incredible impact he has had on our understanding of the natural world.

Across the school, pupils explored Sir David's work as a naturalist, broadcaster and environmental champion. Through clips from his famous documentaries, such as *Planet Earth* and *Blue Planet*, children were fascinated by the beauty and diversity of life on Earth— from the deepest oceans to the highest mountains. Many classes held discussions about how Sir David has helped people around the world to appreciate wildlife and understand the importance of protecting it.

The children reflected on how one person's passion and dedication can make a real difference. Sir David Attenborough's lifelong message, to care for our planet, has inspired our pupils to think about the small actions they can take, such as recycling, reducing waste and respecting nature in their local environment.

We are proud of the thoughtful conversations that have taken place and the enthusiasm shown by all year groups. Sir David's legacy is not only in the extraordinary programmes he has created, but also in the generations of young people he continues to inspire. Happy 100th Birthday, Sir David and thank you for helping us all to see the wonder of our world.



Art work inspired by David Attenborough:

Year 4 Photography

Throughout the year, Year 4 have been fortunate enough to participate in a photo workshop with Miro, our school photographer. They have learnt about the different functions of professional cameras and how they can capture photos creatively. They have taken photographs of the school environment learning to zoom in and out, capture the best angles and the use of lighting to create an atmosphere through photography. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and have captured some excellent photos.



Pupil News

Rami, in Year 4, was specially selected to attend the Nottingham Forest V Aston Villa football game as a mascot. He was selected by his football club to attend the game and met some of the football players.

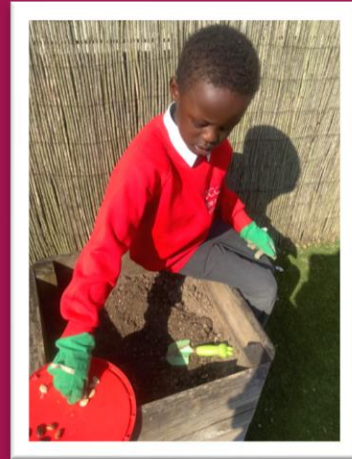
It is great to see his achievements and how he is being recognised outside of school for his hard work. Well done.



Eco area

"Ali and Mrs Choudhury have been busy weeding and planting seeds in our eco area. Ali has been watering the seed and taking care of them daily."

Thank you, Ali, you are doing a wonderful job!



We also wanted to say a huge thank you to our Yr. 6 children that have taken responsibility for the daily watering of our new plants on KS2.



Information sharing



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**School Holiday
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You're invited!

Come and join the team at:

Cornerstone Church
90 Castle Boulevard, NG7 1FP

Our next Lunch Clubs will take place on:

Wednesday 27th May 2026
11.30am - 1.30pm

For further details head to our website:

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accompanied by an adult carer.



If you want to chat or find out more you can contact us at:

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Core Values Achievers



Nursery	Tiago	For showing great motivation in more challenging phonics sessions.
	Inayah-Rae	For demonstrating excellent motivation in her learning.
Rec	Sage	For being a wonderful role model and always demonstrating all our core values.
	Sonny	For always demonstrating great engagement in his learning.
Year 1	Maryam	For demonstrating wonderful creativity in her artwork.
	Amar	For always demonstrating motivation in his learning.
Year 2	Marlo	For showing great motivation and determination to improve her handwriting.
	Joshua	For showing a great improvement in his independence.
Year 3	Tiarla-Nae	For her helpful attitude and hard work in class.
	Leo	For being more motivated to complete his work successfully.
Year 4	Adam	For showing respect and altruism for all adults and peers.
	Harper	For her creativity and motivation particularly in DT.
Year 5	Imran	For perseverance, motivation and showing all of our core values during our week out.
	Tianna-Faith	For her creativity and motivation in art.
Year 6	Year 6	For their dedication and resilience they have shown this week. We are so proud of them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hannah Crotty
Headteacher