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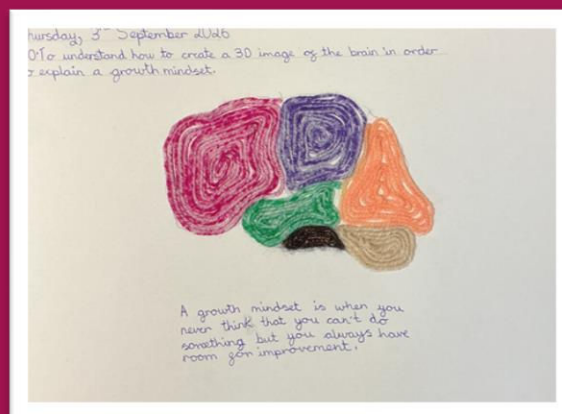
7th September 2026

Hannah Crotty
Headteacher

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful summer break with your families. The children have settled back into school beautifully and demonstrated such enthusiasm towards their learning.

We would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families. We are delighted with how well they have settled into school life over their first few days. They have approached new routines and experiences with confidence and curiosity. We are already incredibly proud of them.

On Wednesday, all year groups took part in our Core Values Launch Day, exploring the two values that will be our focus for this half term: **Resilience** and **Altruism**. Throughout the day, children took part in a range of activities designed to help them understand what these values look like in everyday life. We discussed the importance of persevering when faced with challenges, learning from mistakes and never giving up, as well as showing kindness, consideration and selflessness towards others. We look forward to seeing these values shine through in our classrooms, playgrounds and wider school community over the coming weeks.

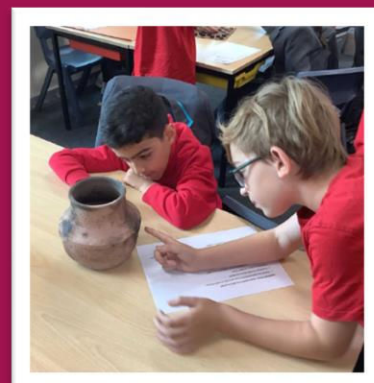


Year 6 work on growth mind set linked to resilience.

In Year 3 Mrs O'Donnell read 'The Dot' by Foston Charles. It's about a girl who thinks she isn't good at art but discovers her creativity. The children learnt about how this links to resilience and created their own class artwork by painting their own dots.



Thursday was a fun-filled day as children became immersed in their new topic learning based around the theme of '**Slavery**'. Throughout the half term the children will be focusing on different periods in history to look at the impact of slavery and how it still has an impact upon our world today. They will be taking opportunities to link their learning to all subject areas, using their skills in geography to map the journeys taken throughout history, as well as making links within design and technology to understand the impact a product can have on people and the environment. Pupils engaged thoughtfully with the theme, asking insightful questions and beginning to develop their understanding of this significant topic. On Friday, the children enjoyed exploring their new English text for the half term, generating excitement and curiosity about the learning journey ahead.



We are also pleased to share that over the summer holidays; air conditioning has been installed in our school hall. This wonderful addition will help create a much more comfortable environment for assemblies, performances, celebrations and other whole-school events throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support. We have had a fantastic start to the term, and it has been wonderful to see our school community come together once again. We are excited for the opportunities that lie ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you as we help every child flourish this year.

After School Clubs:

We would like to remind you about the after-school clubs on offer:
Please find link for the timetable [Clubs-Information-Sep-26.pdf](#)



Children's Commissioner Survey

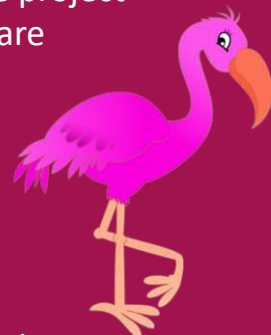
The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel De Souza, wants to hear directly from children and young people about their experiences, views and hopes for the future. By completing the survey, children have an opportunity to share their thoughts on issues that matter to them and help influence decisions that affect young people across the country. We encourage all eligible pupils to take part and make their voices heard. Every opinion matters, and this is a fantastic opportunity for children to contribute to positive change and ensure that the views of young people are represented at a national level.

**The survey can be completed
here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.**

Community Art Project

Before the summer holidays, pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in an exciting community art project, creating colourful and imaginative flamingo sculptures. We are delighted to share that all of the flamingos created by schools involved in the project will come together for display at the Nottingham Green Festival. All families are welcome to attend the Green Festival:

The Arboretum, Nottingham
Sunday 13th September
12:00pm to 6:00pm



Our school's flamingo will be on display alongside those created by other local schools, giving families the opportunity to celebrate the children's fantastic work. There will also be drop-in workshops throughout the day, where visitors can have a go at creating another flamingo of their own. We hope many of our families will be able to visit and support this wonderful community celebration of creativity and environmental awareness.

Lunches

In KS2, if your child has packed lunch, please ensure that you follow the guidance outlined below.

Healthy Packed Lunch Guidelines

Include a variety of foods:

- **Carbohydrates** for energy (e.g., wholegrain bread, wraps, or rice).
- **Protein** for growth (e.g., lean meats, eggs, beans, or cheese).
- **Fruit and vegetables** for vitamins and minerals (e.g., carrot sticks, cucumber slices, apple, or berries).
- **Dairy or alternatives** for strong bones (e.g., yogurt or plant-based alternatives).



Limit less healthy options:

- Avoid foods high in sugar, salt, or saturated fats (There should be no crisps, chocolate bars or juice drinks).
- Consider healthier snacks, such as rice cakes, yoghurt, fruit or oat-based snacks.

Drinks:

- Water

Please also remember no children should be bringing any food items that contain nuts.

Events List Autumn 1



2nd September 2026	Core Values Launch day
16-18th September 2026	Bikeability (Year 6)
23rd September 2026	Year 6 Class assembly and curriculum showcase at 9am. Finishes at 9:30am.
30th September 2026	Year 5 Class assembly and curriculum showcase at 9am. Finishes at 9:30am.
1st October 2026	Black History Month – Focused learning day
2nd October 2026	Individual Photos
5th October 2026	Harvest Festival – Parents welcome
7th October 2026	Year 4 Class assembly and curriculum showcase at 9am. Finishes at 9:30am.
7th October 2026	Parents Evening
10th October 2026	Mental Health Day
14th October 2026	Year 3 Class assembly and curriculum showcase at 9am. Finishes at 9:30am.
19th – 30th October 2026	Half Term – School Closed
4th November 2026	Modern foreign language themed day
9th November 2026	Nasal Flu Immunisations
11th November 2026	Diwali celebrations and learning in schools – special meal

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hannah Crotty
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