

Newsletter

16th October 2026

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What a fantastic first half term we have had! The children have demonstrated such enthusiasm towards all of their learning and are already looking forward to their next topic 'Courageous Acts'.

We hope that you have a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd November.

Harvest

Thank you to all the parents that joined us for our Harvest Assembly on Monday 5th October. We were delighted to welcome Reverend Gareth Frank and Jen Deacon from Holy Trinity Church to be part of our assembly too. The children loved performing their harvest songs and sharing their poems with you. We are overwhelmed with the generosity of the local community in providing so much food to share with Salaam Shalom, a local food bank and support network for the local community.

Thank you to each and every one of you that were able to contribute. We also understand that this can be a difficult time for some of our own families. If you do require any financial support or advice, please contact our Family Support Worker Rob Jones or the school office. Please find below links for local foodbank information:

Food banks - Your Notts Directory

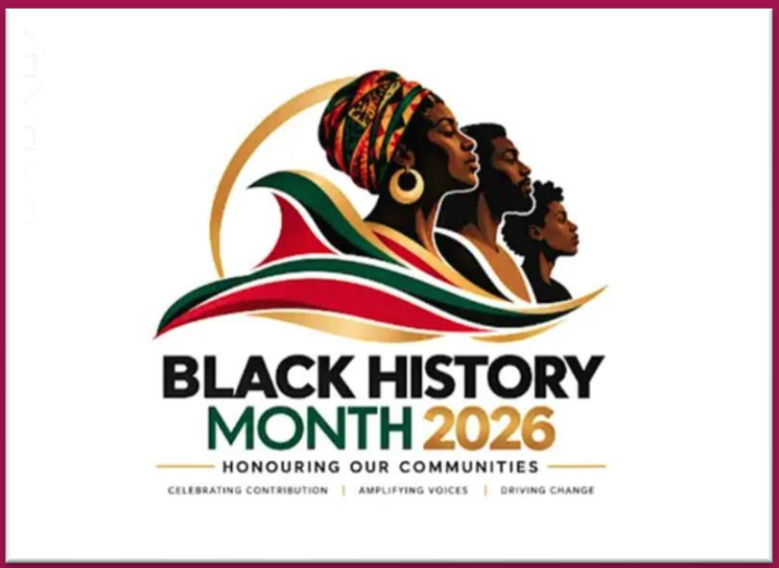


Teaching and Learning

Black History Month 2026: "Honouring Our Communities“

October is Black History Month. This year’s theme, **"Honouring Our Communities"** ,celebrates the individuals whose everyday contributions help to strengthen, support and inspire communities across the country.

During our Black History month learning this half term, the children have explored the stories of local pioneers who have made a lasting impact on Nottingham’s culture and heritage. Children have also been given the opportunity to continue their learning at home : To research a significant Black role model and present their findings in a creative and inspiring way. Across the curriculum, we have also be highlighting inspirational Black and BaME individuals — from guided reading texts to notable figures in science, music, and beyond. In music lessons, for example, children have listened to and learnt about the works of influential Black musicians. The importance of Black history month is also interwoven within our curriculum throughout the year.



Teaching and Learning

Year 2 really enjoyed their Modern Foreign Languages themed day last Friday. This year, the children have been exploring Spain as their focus country, learning about Spanish culture and traditions. As part of their learning, they enjoyed learning the Flamenco dance and then used their experiences to create artwork inspired by their dance.







Year 3 Wollaton Hall Trip

The children enjoyed taking part in a 'Bones' workshop at Wollaton Hall. They got to see some real skeletons such as a fox's and a gibbon's and compared the differences and similarities. Then they investigated real bones, working out what type of bone each one was and which animal it might have come from. They also drew the bones and labelled them. Issac had an imaginary accident on his bike, so Dr Talia gave him an x-ray and checked his bones weren't broken!

After that, everyone had a great time exploring the museum, where there were even more skeletons, such as horse skeletons, hippo skeletons and even a T-Rex skeleton!







Nottingham Forest – No Room for Racism! ⚽

Key Stage 2 Pupil Voice children enjoyed an exciting visit to Nottingham Forest City Ground for a special '*No Room for Racism* 'event.

The children explored the stadium, visited the players' changing rooms and took part in engaging workshops celebrating equality, diversity and respect.

It was a fantastic experience that inspired the children to embrace differences, show kindness and ensure everyone feels valued and included. They will be sharing their learning with the rest of the school after half term.



Edna G. Olds Academy Football Team

Alongside our weekly Forest Football sessions on a Tuesday, we played our first Forest Football Festival of the academic year at the Forest Sports Zone on Monday. Bringing a new group of Year 5 and 6 players together, the boys showed great enthusiasm, commitment and skill to finish mid table in their group. We are looking forward to our League season beginning next half term.



Reception and Nursery Dental Workshop

This week we had a lovely visit from Beeston Dental Clinic, who came into Reception and Nursery to deliver a fun and interactive toothbrushing workshop. The children learnt about how long we should brush our teeth for (2 minutes!) and why it is important to brush them regularly.

The children also got to use toothbrushes to clean some pretend dirty teeth and practise brushing away the dirt! They also used a teddy to explore which foods and drinks are good for our teeth and which ones we should limit. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session.









Year 5 Central Library visit

On Friday, children in year 5 enjoyed a walk to central library where they were welcomed by friendly library staff, who explained a bit about the library and read parts of non-fiction book about the Vikings. Children then had an opportunity to explore the books in the children's section and borrow one that they wanted to take back to school.

After that, year 5 had the opportunity to go into the immersive room where they took part in an interactive activity all about the Vikings. They read information and answered questions about Viking life, burials and their impact on Britain. To finish, the children played an alien invasion game where they had to catch as many spaceships as possible. We had a fabulous time!







Skipping Club

"We have been developing out skipping techniques. This has enabled us to double skip with a partner. Lots of fun has been had."

It would be nice to see some boys joining us.





Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme forms part of Nottingham City Council's childcare offer for school-aged children. It aims to support the wellbeing of children aged 5 to 16 by providing a range of activities and nutritious meals during school holidays.

Eligible children across the city can access these activities and meals throughout the holiday periods.

We have made it much easier this year for you to book activities. We are using a new booking system, and **HAF codes/vouchers are no longer needed**. When you create an account, the system will automatically check your child's eligibility.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) - Nottingham City Council

News

Radford-Lenton Library will be celebrating turning 100 years old on Saturday 31st October from 10am to 2pm.

Highlights on the day will include Carlton Brass Band, puppeteer Laura Mathews and bat puppet craft, and the opportunity to share memories and birthday wishes on our Birthday Wish Wall. We will also showcase commemorative bookmarks crafted by the Radford-Lenton Library Knit & Natter group and reminisce with the Local Studies Library's archive materials about the library and area's history.

If any of you would like to join us on the day, please do come along and celebrate this beautiful Library and all it has done for the local community over the last 100 years.





The Potty-Training Guide and The Children's Toothbrushing Guide



As our collection of guides for families of 0–5-year-olds continues to grow, we've created a new website to support Starting Reception, The Potty-Training Guide and The Children's Toothbrushing Guide. It's called Learners from Birth and can be found at learnersfrombirth.co.uk.

Autumn 2 Events

2nd November 2026	Core Values Launch day
6th November 2026	Diwali - themed learning day across school and special meal
9th November 2026	Nasal Flu Vaccine - Reception to Year 6
11th November 2026	Remembrance Day - themed learning day across school and special meal
16th November 2026	Anti-bullying week - Please come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 16th November
18th November 2026	Year 2 Class assembly and curriculum showcase at 9am. Finishes at 9:30am.
20th November 2026	Children In Need – Non-Uniform Day
25th November 2026	Year 1 Class assembly and curriculum showcase at 9am. Finishes at 9:30am.
2nd December 2026	Christmas Fair
8th December 2026	KS2 Christmas Production at 9.15am KS1 and Reception Christmas Production 1.45pm
10th December 2026	Christmas Jumper Day
10th December 2026	KS1 and Reception Christmas Production 9.15am KS2 Christmas Production at 1.45pm
16th December 2026	Christmas Dinner

Core Values Achievers

Nursery	**Leena**	**For showing kindness to her friends and making a special effort to be helpful in the classroom.**
Rec	**Ali**	**For demonstrating fantastic enthusiasm and listening skills on our trip.**
Year 1	**Nithilvalen**	**For showing great courage in settling into your new class.**
Year 2	**Maulana**	**For demonstrating all the core values all the time.**
Year 3	**Cavari**	**For resilience and motivation in our class assembly and on the trip to the Forest ground.**
Year 4	**Leo**	**For taking personal responsibility for his learning and having greater concentration**
Year 5	**Aireen**	**For her incredible effort in everything she does.**
Year 6	**Sienna**	**For her outstanding effort and dedication in every lesson.**

Thank you for your continued support.

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