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NEWSLETTER 1 - 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone back after the holidays and welcome some new children into Nursery. If you are a new parent to school, please feel free to come and ask any questions you may have or to clarify things. I am on the playground most mornings or you can come and find me at reception. It is absolutely fine to ask questions and a worry shared is always easier to solve than one which has been dwelled on.

**NAILS & HAIR**

For health and safety reasons and to reduce distractions I would ask that children do not come to school with nail polish, hair extensions/accessories and that they only wear small school-coloured bobbles and clips.

**UNIFORM**

We do have spare pre-loved shoes and uniform in school. Please take advantage of these so that we can have all the children looking smart and equal in their school uniforms. Children can only wear summer dresses in the summer term or September. I do appreciate that many of you follow our uniform expectations and would like to thank you for doing so. **Please make sure all items are named.**

**BOOKS & BISCUITS - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

Please come and join your child's class to share books and eat biscuits! This is a lovely opportunity to spend time in your child's classroom. Please see times below:

Morning Nursery children 11:30 am

30 hour Nursery children and Oak, Willow and Rowan Classes 3:00 pm

**I LOVE YOU DAY**



Please come and celebrate the love you share with your children on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The children will work with you on a variety of activities which will celebrate Valentine's Day. If you are unable to come, please feel free to send granny, granddad etc. If this is not possible please speak to me and I will happily go and work with your child. If you have two children at the same time, please feel free to take one child to the other child's classroom.

Class	Time	Location
Acorns (F1)	8:50 - 9:20 am	Acorns (Nursery)
Oak (F2/Reception)	8:50-9:20 am	Oak Class
Willow (Year 1)	2:30 pm onwards	Willow Class
Rowan (Year 2)	2:30 pm onwards	Rowan Class

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day so we are asking all children (and staff!!) to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We are looking forward to seeing some fantastic outfits but are very happy for you to be creative and use what you have at home or equally for your child to come in non-uniform if they are not a fan of dressing up.

## Y2 SWIMMING

ADVANCE WARNING: Rowan Class will be starting swimming lessons on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and will swim every Monday until the end of the summer term. Girls must wear a **one-piece swimsuit** (no bikinis or tankinis) and boys must wear either swimming trunks or **shorts without pockets that are no longer than mid-thigh length**. Please be aware that if your child has their ears pierced, they will need to have their earrings taken out before school on swimming days and if they get them newly pierced and cannot take them out then they will not be allowed to swim - these are Notts School Swimming rules. We will send out further information and consent forms nearer the time.

## ASSESSMENTS

Year 2 Assessments will take place in the months of May and June so it is important that the children are in school every day.

Year 1 Phonics test will take place during week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026. These are statutory government assessments which have to take place and it is vital that your child is in school prior to this week to recap the phonemes and also to take the test. **Please do not book holidays during these times.**

## SPRING TERM CLUBS

Please contact the office if you would like your child to take part in either of the clubs below. All clubs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Club	Day	Cost	Times	Open to:	Availability
Drumming Club	Monday (starting 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan-23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar inclusive)	Free	3:20-3:50pm	Reception & Year 2 (Oak & Rowan)	20 spaces
Art Club	Tuesday (starting 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan) <b>Please note no club on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Free	3:20-4:30pm	Year 1 (Willow)	8 spaces
Gym Club	Tuesday (starting 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan-10 <sup>th</sup> Feb inclusive)	Free	3:00- 3:45pm	Reception (Oak)	20 spaces
Sports Club	Wednesday (starting 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	£3  (Please pay cash to Michelle) Or free for children eligible for FSM.	3.20- 4.30pm	All year groups (Oak, Willow & Rowan)	30 spaces
Premier PE Club	Thursday (starting 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	Free	3.20- 4.30pm	Year 1 & Year 2 (Willow & Rowan)	15 spaces



**For Sports Club & PE Club - you must send your child with a separate sports kit and trainers.**

### **DIARY DATES**

Dance & Gymnastics at Elizabethan	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January (Willow)
NSPCC Assembly	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January (Oak, Willow & Rowan)
NSPCC Workshop	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January (Rowan)
Dance & Gymnastics at Elizabethan	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January (Rowan)
Eat the Rainbow Healthy Eating Workshop	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January (Rowan)
Books & Biscuits	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January
Eat the Rainbow Healthy Eating Workshop	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February (Willow)
School Disco	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
I Love You Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Visit to Torworth Gym	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February (Willow & Rowan)
Half Term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Eat the Rainbow Healthy Eating Workshop	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February (Oak)
Rowan swimming starts	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Individual & sibling photos	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
World Book Day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March-Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April
Return to school	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April

**We like to give dates in advance but please be mindful that they may need to be changed.**

We are looking forward to another busy year and please rest assured that we will continue to do our very best for your children.

*Jo Cook*

Mrs Cook

Head Teacher