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NEWSLETTER 2 - 20th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

CARING, LEARNING, GROWING AND SUCCEEDING

As you may have noticed, I have been posting on Facebook photographs of children who have received one of our new Caring, Learning, Growing and Succeeding trophies. I have been awarding these in Celebration Assembly on Fridays along with our reading rewards. As you know regular reading at home, recorded in your child's reading diary, moves children along the reading rewards in school.

BOOKS & BISCUITS - Friday 23rd 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

PE KIT

Please make sure that your child (Oak, Willow & Rowan classes) has a PE kit in school on PE days. This needs to be a plain white t shirt and black shorts. Pupils cannot safely take part in gymnastics/PE lessons without correct kit and whilst we have one or two spares we do not have enough for the number of children who do not currently have PE kit in school.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A little reminder that places in Breakfast Club are free (funded by the Government) for all pupils in Oak, Willow and Rowan classes. Come to the main entrance at 8:20.

I LOVE YOU DAY

Please come and celebrate the love you share with your children on Friday 13th 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 2nd 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. Letters and consent forms are being sent home with your child today.

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 8th 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 any of the clubs below. All clubs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Children who were previously attending Sports Club on Wednesdays with Michelle will remain on the list unless you let the office know they no longer wish to attend.

Club	Day	Cost	Times	Open to:	Availability
Drumming Club	Monday (starting 12 th Jan-23 rd Mar inclusive)	Free	3:20-3:50pm	Reception & Year 2 (Oak & Rowan)	20 spaces
Art Club	Tuesday (starting 6 th Jan)	Free	3:20-4:30pm	Year 1 (Willow)	8 spaces
Gym Club	Tuesday (starting 6 th Jan-10 th Feb inclusive)	Free	3:00- 3:45pm	Reception (Oak)	20 spaces
Sports Club	Wednesday (starting 7 th 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 th 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

NSPCC Workshop	Wednesday 21 st January (Rowan)
Dance & Gymnastics at Elizabethan	Thursday 22 nd January (Rowan)
Eat the Rainbow Healthy Eating Workshop	Thursday 22 nd January (Rowan)
Books & Biscuits	Friday 23 rd January
Eat the Rainbow Healthy Eating Workshop	Thursday 5 th February (Willow)
Caterpillar Music Session	Tuesday 10 th February (Acorns)
School Disco	Thursday 12 th February
I Love You Day	Friday 13 th February
Visit to Torworth Gym	Friday 13 th February (Willow & Rowan)
Half Term	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February
Eat the Rainbow Healthy Eating Workshop	Thursday 26 th February (Oak)
Rowan swimming starts	Monday 2 nd March
Individual & sibling photos	Wednesday 4 th March
World Book Day	Thursday 5 th March
Lion Learners -animal visit	Wednesday 11 th March (whole school)
Wheelchair Sports Experience Day	Friday 13 th March (whole school)
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 th March-Friday 10 th April
Return to school	Monday 13 th 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