

Newsletter—April 2026



News From The Office...

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a lovely time it has been in school today. It is great to have the children back. On Friday before the holidays we celebrated our annual Easter egg competition showcasing Easter bonnets, Easter gardens and the children's Easter extravaganza! I hope you have enjoyed the photographs via the link through Arbor. There are many exciting events happening in the next term with the specific date of Sport's Day to note.

As always if you would have any queries or questions at all do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the first instance

I look forward to working in partnership with you this term.

Kind regards

Mrs Kelly



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Parent Events...

Messages from Mrs Lamb, our family support worker.

Thank you all so much for attending the many events we have had on offer this year. As we move into the final term, there are still many things you can get involved in!

Toddler stay and play

Our next toddler stay and play session will be held on Monday 27th April at 9-10:30am. There are lots of activities to keep your babies and toddlers busy. The session is open to the wider community so please let friends and family know that they can attend the free session.

Stepping up to Secondary

We have booked a new parent workshop for this year. Life education will be delivering this new course free of charge. The course is designed to support our year 6 parents and children in the next chapter of their education. Work alongside your child to ensure everyone is ready for the next phase. Lots of fun activities to enjoy. The course will be starting on Tuesday 19th May 1:15-15:00pm. There will be 3 weekly sessions. If you are interested in securing a place, please express your interest at admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk

Half termly coffee morning

Our next half termly coffee morning will be held on Thursday 21st May at 9:00am. There will be a free hot and cold breakfast available. This is a great opportunity to talk to other parents or just come in for a hot drink and breakfast! There will be a few activities to keep the toddlers busy.

Upcoming events

Reading Rucksack sessions will begin in June-more information to follow.

Toddler stay and play-15th June 9:00am

Male Role Model Day Events will be held the week beginning 15th June-further information and booking system to follow.

Dad's workshop on Tuesday 14th July 1:15pm

Monthly coffee morning-Thursday 16th July at 9:00am

Help and support

If you require any help and support, please do not hesitate to contact me for a chat.

Sport's Day

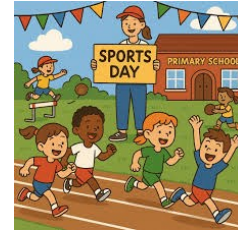
This years Sport's Days will take place on the following days:

Reception - Thursday 21st May at 9.30am

Years 4, 5 and 6 - Tuesday 19th May at 9.30am

Years 1,2 and 3 - Tuesday 19th May at 1.30pm

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the events.



Attendance...

Please remember to contact school before 9.00am if your child is going to be absent from school. It is now possible for parents and carers to log their child's absence via the Arbor app just go to quick actions, attendance and log absence. You will only be able to record same day absences, these will then be reviewed by the school office. Can we please also remind parents of the importance of arriving at school on time. Children that arrive late will arrive after the rest of the class has settled and may miss the beginning of lessons impacting on their learning.

Dinner money and wraparound care...

Just a polite reminder that dinner, breakfast club and Nursery fees must be paid for in advance. Thank you.

Male Role Model Day Events

The Male Role Model Day events will be held the week beginning 15th June-further information and booking system to follow.

Dates For Your Diary....

20th April - Class Photographs

30th April - Reception Stonebridge Farm Trip

7th May - Year 4 Residential

11th May - Year 6 SATs Week

19th May - Year 4, 5 and 6 Sport's Day 9.30am

19th May - Year 1, 2 and 3 Sport's Day 1.30pm

21st May - Reception Sport's Day 9.30am

21st May - Year 3 Romans Trip

22nd May - Last Day before Half Term (School Open)

1st June - INSET Day

A message from the Eco Committee

Our Eco Committee has some exciting news! We have successfully secured funding from the Achieve Well Grant Scheme to develop our school allotment, creating even more opportunities for pupils to get involved in hands-on environmental work. As a result, we are looking to grow our Eco Committee and are inviting applications from current Year 5 pupils who can continue their role into Year 6. Work is also underway towards applying for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, with our submission planned for the end of July. Towards the end of the Summer term, we will also be hosting a farmers-style market for parents and the wider community—more information to follow!



Holiday Requests...

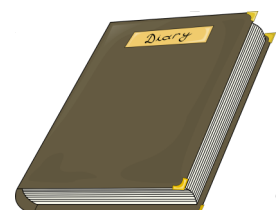
Please may I remind you that it is school policy that no holidays will be authorised during term time unless there is exceptional circumstance. Holidays without authorisation may result in a penalty notice.

2nd June - School Re-opens

12th June - Summer Fair 4.00pm

3rd July - INSET Day

EARLY WARNING FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 6 PUPILS: YEAR 6 SATS WEEK STARTS MONDAY 11th MAY



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ONLINE SAFETY

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NEW YOUTUBE SHORTS SAFETY FEATURES

YouTube have published an update on how parents can support their children on YouTube. The platform now allows parents to set a time limit on viewing Shorts. This can even be set to 0 when required.

YouTube Shorts are usually less than 60 seconds long and exist in an 'infinite scroll' feed, like TikTok and Instagram, which can lead to excessive screentime.

As well as time limits, the new update also allows parents to set a 'bedtime' and freeze the app to 'take a break', to help children who are struggling to manage their screen time, or are secretly watching videos after bed time!

<https://bit.ly/4dLXEkN>



PHONES & MENTAL HEALTH

Compass, a UK based wellbeing charity, have conducted research the positive and negative effects of mobile phones on their lives.

They find that while there are some benefits, such as social connections, a long list of negative effects such as cyberbullying, screen addiction, and lowered self esteem make it worth seriously considering how our children interact with their phones and the internet.

<https://bit.ly/RPphonehealth>

NON-SMART PHONES!

If you are considering giving your child a phone to stay safe and in touch, but do not want them to have access to internet-connected apps, have you considered a more basic phone? Sometimes referred to as dumb phones, or feature phones, these allow calls and texts but do not have app stores like iPhones or Androids.

Independent Consumer group, Which?, have compiled the following list of fist mobile phones which you mayt find helpful.

<https://bit.ly/RPphoneguide>

For more information and guidance on supporting your children online, please see these resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre:

<https://bit.ly/TECHSAFE>