

# Newsletter—May 2026



## News From The Office...

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy start to the Easter term. The children are busy working hard in all areas of the curriculum and there are many exciting events planned in the coming weeks. I mentioned on my last newsletter about Sport's Day, there is a gentle reminder on the bottom of the page regarding the date.

Thank you again for your continued support as always if you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact me

*Yours sincerely,*

*Natasha Kelly  
Headteacher*

### Special Points Of

#### Interest:

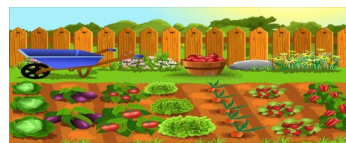
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## Eco Update

Our Eco Committee has welcomed five enthusiastic new members this term, and they have already made a fantastic impact. They have been working alongside existing members to help with litter picking, collecting fruit, cardboard and leaves for composting, and carefully watering our growing fruits, vegetables and flowers. Their teamwork and dedication have been wonderful to see.

In May, our focus will be on developing our allotment area. The

children will be busy building and setting up new resources and materials to support the growth of our plants. We are excited to see our allotment continue to flourish and thank all our Eco Committee members for their ongoing hard work and commitment to caring for our environment.



## Nursery...

Mrs Morledge writes...

Come and join our Nursery!

We are extremely proud to have an amazing Nursery at our school. Children are able to start the term after they are 3 years old. We offer free morning or afternoon sessions totalling 15 hours. If you are working approximately 16 hours or more a week your child may be entitled to 30 free hours. Please check on this website

[www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare) if you are eligible for 30 hours.

Our session times are;

Mornings- 8.45-11.45

Afternoons- 12.15-3.15

Full time- 8.45-3.15

Each term we focus on different learning themes based around stories. We are currently learning all about minibeasts in our garden. Choosing our Nursery really helps to settle and prepare your child for moving into Reception when they are old enough. It is a joy each day to open our doors and see all our children's happy faces ready for another day of exciting activities.

If you have a child under 3 years old, please put their name down on our waiting list so that we can allocate them a place and contact you nearer the time, when they will join us. Applications forms can be collected from the school office or feel free to email school



[admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk)

You can also fill in a form on our website in the parent's section under admissions. We are currently looking at our waiting list for children who will be joining us in September. We would also love for you to come and visit us, please telephone school and ask to speak to Mrs Morledge to arrange a convenient time.



## 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.

## Contact details ...

If you change your mobile number or move home. Please can you ensure you update your details on Arbor. It is important that we have at least 2 contacts for each child.

## Year 6 SATS Week...

As is our usual practice we will be offering a light breakfast in school during SATs week. This will consist of juice, cereal and toast and will be funded by school. Please ensure that your child is in by 8.15am and no later than 8.30am from Monday 11th May until Thursday 14th May. There will be no morning intervention during SATs week and the children who normally attend breakfast club can have breakfast with their class instead.

We wish the children well in their SATs week but would ask for your continued support in the following:

- Setting a reasonable bedtime so that the children come to school refreshed after a good night's sleep
- Full attendance all week
- Lots of reassurance and praise at home!
- A well-deserved rest at the end of the week.

## Parent Events

Mrs Lamb writes.....

Just a few dates for your diary for parent events during May.

### Stepping up to secondary

We have a new parent workshop starting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 1:10-3pm. This workshop will look at helping to support your year 6 child with the transition to secondary school. You will discover strategies to support with anxiety around changing school, building resilience and self esteem and how to deal with friendship worries. We have had a few parents book on and places are limited so please express your interest as soon as possible to [admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk)

### Half termly coffee morning

Unfortunately, due to sports day events we will be cancelling our coffee morning on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Our next coffee morning will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### Upcoming events.

Look out for our Reading Rucksack sessions that are due to start week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June. The sessions are aimed at children under 5. There will be lots of activities designed to keep your babies and toddlers busy. Each week you will be able to take a free story book home with you. The date is to be confirmed and further information will be sent as soon as possible.

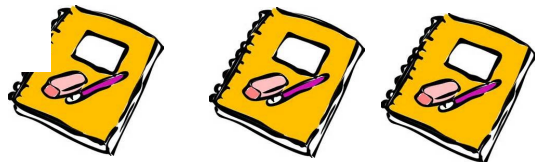
Our next stay and play for babies and toddlers will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Father's Day Events will be held the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> June. Our booking form will be sent out shortly.

## Summer Fair ...

It is finally that time of year again when we will be holding our annual summer fair. The fair will be held on Friday 12th June at 3:30-5:30pm. The theme this year is all about 'wellbeing'. We will have lots of stalls, fun games to play and our usual bouncy castles etc. We will be asking you to create your wonderful decorated boxes again as part of the homework project and will send out raffle tickets for you to purchase. Also, our usual non-school uniform day this year will be held on Thursday June 11th and not on the Friday of the summer fair. The non-uniform day will be free but could we please ask that you donate a bottle for our bottle stall. This could be shampoo, drinks, alcohol, body lotions etc. Please do not send in tins of food. We have lots of wonderful prizes already. If you would like to donate any prizes, cakes, cuddly toys or wine please let Mrs Lamb know! If you are able to help out at the event, please let us know. We look forward to coming together as a community to raise money for our wonderful children.

## Date for your Diary ...



4th May - Bank Holiday

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

2nd June - School Re-opens

9th June—Reception New Starters Meeting (More details to follow)

12th June - Summer Fair

24th June—Year 5 Twycross Zoo

3rd July - INSET Day

8th July—KS2 Production 9.30am and 4pm

9h July—KS2 Production 930am and 4pm

24th July— Leavers Assembly 10am

24th July - Last day of school (school open)

1st September - INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

2nd September - School Re-opens

# RISE PARK ONLINE SAFETY

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## GROUP CHATS

Does your child use group chats? These could be on social media, WhatsApp or within games like Fortnite. Chatting online can help us stay connected, but there are risks...

**Inappropriate Content** - Chat services like Whatsapp are unmoderated so *anything* can be shared.

**Bullying** - Group chat bullying takes place regularly, and could take the form of name calling, body shaming, or intentionally excluding others. The results of this are often brought to school, which has an impact on well being and learning time!

**Strangers** - Your child may be added to group chats with strangers, who may or may not be who they say they are.

**Lasting Impact** - Anything said in a group chat can be shared or forwarded onwards. Even if messages are deleted, they may have been screenshotted and shared on.



## NEW NINTENDO CONTROLS

If your child plays games using a Nintendo Switch or Nintendo Switch 2, it is worth checking out the updated **Nintendo Switch Parental Controls App**.

From your phone, you can set playtime limits, change this by day (for instance if you want to allow more time at the weekend), and disable features after bed time!

New controls also allow you to monitor/disable GameChat to make sure that people your children play with are safe and controlled by you.

Search **Nintendo Switch Parental Controls** and look for this logo in your app store.



## ROCK AND ROLL TIMES TABLES

Did you know that Rise Park Primary subscribes to **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)**.

All children have a unique, safe login to practise their Times Tables in a game-like environment, earning points, coins and levelling-up. Children can even compete against classmates to see who can do the best in practise.

TTRS can be used at school and at home. All you need is your unique log on and a computer, laptop, tablet, or phone.

If you do not have your login details, just ask your child's class teacher who will be able to find them for you.



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

<https://bit.ly/TECHSAFE>