



Executive Headteacher  
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14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first two weeks of the final half term of the year have certainly been busy! Last week some of the children went on residential – Miss Tomlinson said that they had a fabulous time despite some of the wet and cold weather! There are lots of photos on the school website so please take a look.



The staff team have already been looking at residential visits for next year with Mr Phillips and it looks like it really is going to be an exciting year ahead.....more will be revealed in the coming months.

This week, the Year 4 children have completed the statutory multiplication test and the Year 1 children have also taken the statutory phonics test – it has been quite a week but well done to the children for trying their best. Their results will be reported in their end of year reports.

Year 2 children have also accessed the materials produced for KS1 SATS this year with Miss Phillipson using them to further support her judgements.

### Attendance

Once again, a plea where possible please ensure appointments involving early collection are kept to a minimum so that your child is not missing parts of lessons. Also, if you are planning holidays for next year please look on the Notts County Council website for the school holiday patterns.





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Key dates for certain year groups have been released and we expect children to be in school for the statutory tests.

Year 6 – KS2 SATS – The week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Year 4 – Multiplication Test – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – 2 week window

Year 1 – Phonics Test – 9<sup>th</sup> June – full week

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June marks the beginning of 'National School Sports Week!' Inspired by the Euros and Paralympics, we are going to be completing a range of activities for 60 minutes a day!

## Pride Day

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, the school will be holding our annual Pride Awareness Day. On the day, children are welcome to come to school either in rainbow colours or non-uniform to express themselves. A document relating to the coverage for each class on the day can be found on the PSHE curriculum page of the school website. As always, each class will be covering objectives that are directly linked to the National Curriculum and everything will be discussed in an age-appropriate way. If you have any questions about the day, please contact Miss Phillipson by phoning or emailing.

## News from the Classes

### Creswell Class

This week, the children have been reading 'Oliver's Milkshake' by Vivian French. The book shows a working farm, the animals and their uses. They have also had great fun making their own yummy, scrummy, fruity, frothy, icy, nicy, tip-top tasty, dreamy, creamy milkshakes! They had a vote and decided to create some of their own using blueberries and strawberries. The children loved them! Mr Bell will add some pictures to the class webpage so you can see how delicious they look!





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## Elmton Class

The children have had a fantastic start to the half term and the children have worked so hard on their phonics. The children should be very proud of themselves and the work they have put into learning all the sounds. In English, they have been learning about fairy tales, reading lots of different stories and thinking about the repeating features. In maths, they have been learning about fractions. They can now find a half or a quarter of a quantity and a shape. In science, the children have enjoyed learning about recycling, thinking about how we can look after our planet, and they loved making their jellyfish out of carrier bags. In PE, the children have been very competitive when competing in running races in preparation for sports day. Well done Elmton Class!





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## Rufford Class

In Rufford Class, they have been working very hard over the last few weeks and have impressed all of the staff with their commitment and attitude to learning. They have been able to complete some recap activities, where they have used their prior knowledge to help them complete a range of tasks, from using an atlas to identify countries around the world to creating a collage using natural materials. This week, they have started learning about the United Kingdom and identifying the countries that make up the UK, locating these countries on a map. They have also designed their own UK landmark sculptures and will be creating these over the next few weeks. In Maths, they are learning all about different graphs and ways of interpreting data, also being able to collect their own data. In English, they are creating their own chocolate bars and writing persuasive adverts. They will hopefully be able to create these, toppings and all, once they have written their adverts!



## Clumber Class

Clumber Class have enjoyed learning all about their new class text, the Iron Man! They have made excellent predictions and understood how the Iron Man felt when he was trapped under all of the soil. In Maths, they have continued to learn the time and moved on to telling the time digitally. In Science, they have learnt who Marie Curie was and how she introduced the x-ray! In PSHE, they have been focusing on their achievements not just in school but out of school too. They have been learning how to pronounce the weather in French.





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## Thoresby Class

Thoresby Class have really enjoyed learning how to use similes and metaphors in poetry. The children have used a variety of figurative language to bring their writing to life! They have confidently been able to describe a range of animals using similes, metaphors and expanded noun phrases, so that the audience can picture the animals in their minds. In Maths, they have been consolidating their learning about money! They know how to write money using decimals, convert between pounds and pence, compare money and estimate!

In Science, they have learnt all about the botanist, Jane Colden, who invented the classification system in 1753. The children were interested in how the gender roles of men and women have altered throughout the years. They were shocked to discover it was very uncommon for people to receive an education and allow women to work. She was the first female botanist!

## Sherwood Class

Staff members have been really impressed with how hard children in Sherwood have worked over the last couple of weeks. In geography, they have been learning to identify countries in Europe and have located them on a map. They have started a research project on a European country of their choosing and have created fact files using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

In art they have started to study the work of Piet Mondrian. They have looked at some of his famous pieces of art work and discussed how they can imitate his style of work. They are looking forward to completing a piece of artwork in his style over the next couple of weeks.

## Welbeck Class

They have had an exciting couple of weeks in Welbeck Class. Some of our children went on the residential to Willersley Castle in Matlock. They took part in a range of activities including canoeing, archery, fencing, bushcraft and grass sledging. Miss Tomlinson was very impressed with all of the Y5 and Y6 children, who were brave enough to try activities out of their comfort zone and supported one another with words of encouragement. Staff from Willersley Castle also commented on how impressed they were with the behaviour and manners of our children. Well done everyone!



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In school, the remaining children had a fantastic week completing a mini project. On Wednesday they celebrated World Environment Day and created a model of a sea creature made out of recyclable materials.



This week, they have been fortunate enough to take part in activities led by James and Taynika, from Via East Midlands. They taught them about how to keep themselves safe near roads when out with their friends. They learnt about safer crossing places and how to safely cross roads in different circumstances.

The children have also completed a transition activity with Kooth. They spoke about worries of transitioning to secondary school and identified steps that they can take to ease these worries. Kooth gave the class lots of activities that they can complete to help organise themselves for September.

As always, we are here to work in partnership for the children so if you any queries or issues please do not hesitate to contact one of the team.

Mrs Middleton & the St Luke's team





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### Looking ahead:

#### June

17<sup>th</sup> – Sports Week

Full Governors meeting

19<sup>th</sup> - Big Transition for named Y6.

New Reception Starters meeting 4pm

SJR Coach visiting to help children develop their skills and tactics in football

20<sup>th</sup> – Big Transition for named Y6.

24<sup>th</sup> – Class Photos.

#### July

3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 6 transition & Whole School Class swap day.

4<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 transition

5<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day – KS1 9.30am

KS2 1.30pm

12<sup>th</sup> – Pride at St Luke's

16<sup>th</sup> – Creswell Class trip

19<sup>th</sup> – Yr. 6 Celebration event - NEW DATE

26<sup>th</sup> – Leaver's Service 2pm in Church.

Last Day of term

Notts County Council publish the school holiday patterns for forthcoming years – take a look on the County Council website.

