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Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026



Foundation 2 – Bring a Bike Day (Sponsored Cycle to Cardiff)

On Thursday, our Foundation 2 children took part in a sponsored "Cycle to Cardiff" event as part of our annual Bring a Bike Day. The children completed an impressive 34 laps around the playground which, when added together, matched the distance from our school to Cardiff.



We are incredibly proud of the children for the determination and resilience they showed throughout the challenge. They supported and encouraged one another and showed great enthusiasm as they took part.

All money raised from the event will go towards purchasing new bikes, scooters and helmets for the Foundation setting. We have already received some sponsorship money and are very grateful for the support. Every penny raised will make a difference. Well done to all of our fantastic cyclists!

Outdoor Learning Update



We are delighted to share that we have expanded the range of outdoor learning zones available to our children. Our newest addition is an exciting Digging Zone, designed to encourage hands-on exploration using real tools, including large spades.

Before the area was introduced, every child in Key Stage One and Two took part in discussions about the opportunities this space would offer, the potential risks involved, and how we can all work together to manage those risks safely and responsibly. Our full Risk-Benefit Assessment for the Digging Zone is available to read on the school website. Since opening, the zone has been a tremendous success. Children have been strengthening their muscles, discovering minibeasts, designing moats, and even collaborating to organise their own treasure hunts, searching for interesting stones, roots, and

natural objects. We would greatly appreciate any donations to help us further enhance this space. We look forward to seeing this area continue to inspire curiosity, collaboration, and a lifelong love of outdoor learning.

Foundation One

It has been a wonderful and busy week of learning in Foundation Stage One! The children thoroughly enjoyed using puppets and a variety of objects to retell The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. They showed great enthusiasm and creativity as they brought the story to life. During our forest learning session, we explored the outdoors in search of signs of spring.

The children had lots of fun observing the changes in nature and sharing their discoveries with one another.



Year Two

This week in Year Two, we have been exploring the Victorian era. We have learned why it is called the Victorian era and asked thoughtful questions about what life was like during Victorian times. The children also placed the Victorian era on a timeline alongside the Great Fire of London and Florence Nightingale, helping them to



understand where it fits within British history. Working collaboratively, the children sorted images into Victorian times and not Victorian times, carefully explaining their choices using their knowledge of the past. They demonstrated excellent teamwork and showed growing confidence in using historical vocabulary to justify their ideas.



Year Four

In Year 4, we have begun our new PE topic, Striking and Fielding. This week, we have been developing our throwing skills by practising both underarm and overarm throws. We have focused on improving our accuracy by thinking carefully about our stance, our aim and how we release the ball to our partner. To further develop our

co-ordination, we took on the challenge of throwing the ball to our partners at exactly the same time, which required excellent timing and communication.

All of the children worked incredibly hard this week, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, determination and resilience throughout the entire PE lesson.

Stranger Danger

I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone for their co-operation and support regarding the information that went out earlier this week. There doesn't appear to have been any issues or sightings at the end of the week which is good. You may have noticed a police car driving round the roads yesterday at the end of the day, please be reassured this was just a routine follow-up. We will continue to have a staff presence outside and if you see anything, please let a member of staff know or report it through to the police on 101. Thank you.



Nut Allergies

We would like to remind parents and carers that we have several children in school with nut allergies. To help keep everyone safe, please do not send nuts or products containing nuts into school, including items such as peanut butter or snacks that contain nuts. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all children.

Year 4/5 John Radford Trophy

On Thursday, our Year 4/5 football team took part in the annual John Radford Trophy competition, hosted by Mansfield Town Community Trust. We were pitted against some strong opponents and this was reflected in the final results, with all of the games being very closely contested.

Only 5 points separated first and last place in the group. With 1 win, 1 loss and 2 draws, we didn't quite make it through to the finals this time, finishing in 3rd place.



We are very proud of the performances, the team spirit and the respect shown by the players throughout the event. They represented the school brilliantly and showed great determination in every match.

We would also like to thank the adults who supported the players during the event, your encouragement and support were greatly appreciated. Well done to the team for a fantastic effort.

Lost Property

We kindly ask parents and carers to take a moment to check the lost property box, as a number of coats and other items have been left behind at school. Many of these do not have names in them, which makes it difficult to return them to their owners. It would be a great help if all coats and belongings could be clearly labelled with your child's name so that any misplaced items can be quickly returned. Thank you for your support with this, it really does make a big difference.



FOA Easter Bonnet Competition



Reminder- Year 3/4 Easter Story Production Tickets

A reminder that tickets for the Year 3/4 Easter Story production are now on sale. Tickets can be purchased through the Arbor School Shop, and each family may purchase up to 2 tickets per performance. Performances will take place on Tuesday 17th March at 2:00pm and on Thursday 19th March at 9:30am and 2:00pm.

We look forward to seeing you there and supporting the children in their performance.

Class Attendance

Figures for **This Week** are as follows:

F2 Miss Chick:	97.2%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	97.0%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	98.7%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	99.0%
Y1 Mrs Stephens:	93.3%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	98.3%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	99.7%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	96.1%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	98.7%	Y5 Mr Potter :	95.3%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	98.3%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	97.8%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	97.3%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	96.4%

Well done to
Miss Stirland's class
for the best attendance
this week!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 97.2%

School Meals Menu - Week 1

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **9th March 2026**.
School dinners cost **£3.16** per day. If you wish your child to have a school meal, you must top up your Arbor account each week to enable us to charge you. Thank you.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheesy tomato pasta with garlic bread & mixed salad	Margherita pizza, pommes Noisettes & mixed salad	Nottinghamshire sausage, Yorkshire pudding, mash, seasonal vegetables & gravy	Herby chicken, mashed potato & sweetcorn	Fish fingers with bread & butter, oven chips, peas, sweetcorn & tomato ketchup
Honey & oat cookie	Classic iced 'school' cake	Ice cream tub	Cornflake tart with custard	Donuts

Please see full menu on website for any allergens.

Year 1 to Year 6 have the choice of the main meal, jacket potato or a sandwich option.

Next Week's Diary Dates

Monday 2nd February

Y3/4 Tag Rugby Club 3:15-4:30
Y6 Reflective Reader Club 3:15-4:30
KS2 Boccia Club 3:15-4:15

Tuesday 3rd February

Band Club 15:15 -16:15
Y5 Dance Club 15:15-16:15
Y3-5 Athletics Club 15:15-16:30
Gardening Club 15:15-16:30
Y6 Maths Club 15:15-16:15
Y4 Residential Parent Information Meeting 15:30-16:00

Thursday 5th February

KS2 Choir 15:15 -16:15
KS2 Magical Maths 15:15- 16:15
Y5/6 Girls' Football club 3:15- 4:30
Y4 Art Club 15:15-16:15

Friday 6th February

Guinea Pig Carer club 3:15- 3:45
World Book Day

Scholastic Book Fair



We would like to remind you that our Scholastic Book Fair is running in school until Tuesday 10th March. The fair will be open each morning from 8:20am and again straight after school. Purchases can be made using cash or card. If the book you would like has sold out, please speak to a member of staff as we are able to place orders through Scholastic. Thank you for your continued support. Every purchase made at the fair helps us provide our children with a wide range of new and exciting books to enjoy.

World Book Day

The children had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day today, arriving at school in their cosy pyjamas and enjoying a day full of fun and excitement. One of the highlights of the day was the Kitchen Disco, where everyone had a brilliant time singing and celebrating together. It was a wonderful day filled with reading, laughter and lots of smiles. We can't wait to share some photos in next week's newsletter and show you all the exciting things the children got up to!

Red Nose Day

We would like to remind you that we will be celebrating Red Nose Day in school with a red-themed non-uniform day, fundraising activities and fun events for the children on **Friday 20th March**.

Please see the letter [here](#) for full details on how your child can take part.

Spring Term Key Dates

10.03.26	Y4 Residential Parent Information Meeting 15:15-16:30
17.03.26	Y3/4 Easter Production - 2:00pm
19.03.26	Y3/4 Easter Production - 9:30am & 2:00pm
23.03.26	Y4- Boggle Hole Residential until 25.3.26
27.03.26	Last Day of Spring 2
13.04.26	School re-opens - Summer 1