

Autumn Newsletter 6

Our Learning

What has been happening in school?

In Reception: Classes 1, 2 & 3

The children have enjoyed sharing their photos from home, looking at old toys and comparing them with toys today. They had an amazing trip to the park. We were very impressed with how well the children walked and played in the park. Thank you to all the parent helpers who walked the children there! The children are working on blending sounds in phonics and in maths, they are looking at different ways of making 5. The children are learning about hibernating animals and have made their own hibernation boxes for their clay hedgehogs.

In Year 1: Classes 4, 5 & 6

All the children had a lovely trip to the West Bridgford Library. They enjoyed a story read to them by a librarian and had a look around the library. Thank you to our parent helpers for coming on this trip. All the classes have been writing fact files about India. They have begun looking at colder parts of the world like Antarctica and have started reading 'Lost and Found'. In Maths, the children have been adding by counting more.

In Year 2: Classes 7, 8 & 9

A performing arts company came into school and the year twos joined in with a workshop about the Great Fire of London. The children have written diaries about their own weekend and from the perspective of someone's weekend during the Great Fire of London. They have been adding and subtracting in 10s and 1s with exchanging. In Science they have created an experiment and observed the changes to some mouldy bread! The children have been working very hard on their performances and singing ready for the Christmas play!

Christmas Fayre

We hope everyone is feeling festive after the Christmas fayre. It was great to see so many faces from our school and local community come together for this event. It seemed our children particularly enjoyed their stories with Santa. We know how busy he is at this time of year. Thank you, Santa!

A massive thank you goes to our wonderful PTA. We know you go above and beyond organising events to help raise money that is vital with supporting our school.

Thank you to everyone for all the donations for various non-uniform days that goes towards making the wonderful stalls and hampers. Lastly, thank you to parents and staff that helped on the day to run the events at the fayre.

We have raised an incredible £2604!!

Thank you for all your support.

All raffle winners have been contacted, to collect their prize from the school office.



Christmas Dates for the Diary...

- 10/12/25 Christmas performance at St Giles Church Years 1&2
- 11/12/25 Christmas performance at St Giles Church Years 1&2
- 15/12/25 Reception Classes Christmas Sing 2:30pm.
(Parents/carers welcome from 2:15pm) Refreshments will be sold by the PTA. Children can go home after the performance.
- 17/12/2025 Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
- 18/12/25 Class Christmas Parties in school



Year 2 - Year 3 School Applications



Nottinghamshire County Council

Applications for transferring from the Infant to the Junior school (year 3) for September 2026 opened on **Monday 3rd September**.

The closing date is **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

Parents of all known Nottinghamshire children eligible to apply will have been sent information to their home address from Nottinghamshire County Council. If your child lives outside of Nottinghamshire (such as Nottingham City or another area, for example), you must contact your home local authority for information about applying.

We recommend that parents apply online at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions

By applying online, you will then be able to view the outcome of their application on National Offer Day **16 April 2026**. For those parents who do not apply online, and do not provide an email address, their outcome will be posted 2nd class on 16 April 2026 and no outcomes can be given over the telephone.

Here is the link for the admission fact file [Admission to reception and infant to junior \(year 3\) initial factsheet \[PDF\]](#)

Class 5 and Class 6 Assembly

A big well done to our lovely class 5 and class 6 children for their wonderful assembly performances.

It was fantastic to see so many parents, grandparents and carers come along to see their child's assembly.

We look forward to seeing the rest of the class assemblies in the New Year.

Hair in School

Please tie up long hair, this applies to boys and girls. We have had multiple cases of Head Lice in school, tying up longer hair can reduce the movement of head lice between children. Children **cannot** take part in P.E. lessons with their hair down. There is a health and safety risk around long hair being down during sports sessions in school. Sometimes children join in sports sessions not just on P.E. days, so please send your children to school with their hair tied back. Thank you.

Key dates for Autumn term 2025/Spring 2026

Wednesday 10 th December 9:30am	Christmas performance at St Giles Years 1&2
Thursday 11 th December 9:30am	Christmas performance at St Giles Years 1&2
Monday 15 th December 2:30pm	Reception Classes Christmas Sing
Thursday 18 th December	Class Christmas parties at school
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
Monday 5 th January 2026	Return to school
Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th February	Half term
Monday 23 rd February	Inset Day