



Collaboration Newsletter

March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move further into the spring term, we couldn't be prouder of our children and all the hard work, resilience, and enthusiasm they continue to show every day.

We hope you saw the important update about our schools' future in the recent email - the proposal to federate has now been formally approved by the governors. This means we will move ahead with the federation in September, marking an exciting new chapter that we believe will strengthen our provision and deepen the collaboration already flourishing across our schools.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at parents' evenings this week. Your support makes such a difference, and the strong turnout reflects the shared commitment we all have to helping our children thrive. Collaboration between classes has continued to be a highlight of the term. Year 4 enjoyed visiting Year 2 for a shared PE lesson, Year 3 pupils had the pleasure of listening to Year 1 readers and Year 6 spent time in Reception, joining in with their outdoor provision - an experience that brought smiles all round and beautifully showcased the supportive spirit of our school community.

Looking ahead, we have a number of exciting events coming up. The PTA Curry and Quiz Night on **24th April** promises to be a great evening, and our much-loved **Food Festival** will return on **16th May**, celebrating flavours, cultures, and community. We hope to see many of you there! Have a great break!

Mr Willis

Reception

The children have been reading 'Handa's Surprise' and learning about the different fruit she had in the story, such as Pineapple, mango and guava. Some of the children have also been making fruit salad in class this week! In Maths, the children have been learning about odd and even numbers. They have been gymnasts in PE and have been making up sequences using their balance, jumps and forward rolls.

Year 1

The Year 1 children have really enjoyed making clay houses. They have been learning all about castles and exploring the different features that make a castle. In maths, the children have been learning about measuring, weighing and capacity – lots of practical activities! They have read the story of Rapunzel and done a great job of re-telling the story through their own writing.

Year 2

In English the children have been writing non-chronological reports about Mexico, full of amazing facts! The children had lots of fun on Mexico Day with Charm. She taught them the Quebradita dance - make sure you get your children to show you this at home! In Art, the children have made Freda Carlo self-portraits. Maths has focused on being able to tell the time to 5 mins, quarter past and quarter too.

Year 3

In Year 3 we have been as busy as always! In PE we have been developing our skills in the inclusive Paralympic sport of Boccia! It's a game very similar to bowls or boules. In Computing, we have been using branching databases to help us sort information using yes/no answers. We loved dressing up for World Book Day and Red Nose Day too! In English, we have used time conjunctions, adverbs and imperative verbs to write instruction texts to look after a sabretoothed tiger! In our topic work we have found out how the discovery of bronze and Iron made a huge difference to the lives of people during that period of History because of the things they could make and trade with those important metals. Finally, we've continued to develop our skills in learning to play the recorder as well as learning the names of 'Les Instruments' in French!

Year 4

Year 4's busy Spring Term is coming to an end, but no one can say it hasn't been eventful. The weather has brightened up and we have managed to get down to Cottages for Paceyball, whilst the whole year group can play a three-note piece on the cornet. We've continued to love finding out about Vikings and Food Chains (not at the same time), and our look at fractions in maths has gone rather well. To cap it all, Class 5 presented a fabulous assembly last week, showcasing just how much we've done since Christmas.

Year 5

Year 5 have been fully immersed in the world of Greek myths. They are now in the midst of their own story: adding a 13th on to the Heracles/Hercules story. Their amazing writing contains lots of drama and tension! They have been using watercolour to create images of Medusa and learning about life in the different city-states. To help the children understand why Christians celebrate Easter, we visited St Giles' church and took part in some interactive workshops.

Year 6

Year 6 have been finishing their topic 'Frozen Planet' by writing group presentations on climate change which aim to plead with governments to take further action. It has been a great way for them to show off all their knowledge about the polar regions and climate change as well as their oracy skills in persuasion. Alongside this, they have been busy testing blade and structural designs for their wind turbines in DT. They have been true collaboration kids



Sensory Garden at Cottages

The sensory garden at Cottages, designed by our nurture group, is really starting to take shape. A big thank you to Mrs Eadie who has taken a lead on this and raised important funds for the project. Our wonderful HSA has also contributed to the development. We wanted to say a special thank you to one of our parents, Andy Bakin, who has given up so much of his time to move the raised beds and help improve the garden.



Food Festival 2026 – Saturday 16th May

Our amazing Food Festival is back for a fifth year and we are really excited as plans start to take shape. The event will take place at Cottages on **Saturday 16th May from 11am – 3.30pm**. We will have a great range of food vendors, musical entertainment (including choirs from both schools), sports activities for children to enjoy and the WBIS & WBJIS bake off is back! So get it booked in your diary and let's hope for some sunshine!

Year 5 Bikeability Success

This term, our Year 5 children took part in their Bikeability sessions and showed fantastic enthusiasm, resilience, and road awareness. The instructors were incredibly impressed with their positive attitudes and growing confidence on their bikes. We are very proud of how sensibly the children approached each challenge, and we hope they feel ready to use their new cycling skills safely in the community. Well done, Year 5!



WBIS Science Week

The children have loved spending the week investigating and discovering the way science works!

The reception children have been exploring light and shadows. They made their own dens that were very dark and using torches they created light and shadows. They found this so much fun!

In year 1 the children made their own paper boats. They then tested these in water and watched how many marbles it would take for the boat to sink in the water. The children also tested lots of different materials to see what materials are waterproof.

Year 2 investigated how to melt ice quickly. The children thought of some amazing ways to melt ice quickly and then tested some of these. They rubbed the ice with their hands and it took approximately 5 minutes to melt and when the ice was left to melt by itself, it took nearly three hours to melt! Some children used a hairdryer!



West Bridgford Juniors Key dates for Summer Term

Mon 30 th March – 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Friday 17 th April	Wear it Wacky Day
Friday 24 th April	PTA Curry Quiz @WB Juniors
Friday 1 st May	Non-uniform – Donations for Food Festival
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Wk Bg Mon 11 th May	SATs Week
Saturday 16 th May	Community Food Festival
Monday 18 th May	Maths Day
Wk Beg Mon 18 th May	Year 5 & 6 Health and Sport Week
Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th May	May Half Term Holiday
Wk Beh Mon 15 th June	Year 3 & 4 Health and Sport Week
Friday 19 th June	Non-uniform – bottles
Thursday 25 th June	Year 3&4 Music showcase (2pm and 6pm)
Friday 26 th June	Non-uniform - sweets
Friday 26 th June	Summer Fair
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 5&6 Music showcase (2pm and 6pm)
Wednesday 8 th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 production
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 production
Wednesday 22 nd July	Rock Steady Concert 2pm
Friday 24 th July	Year 6 leavers assembly @ St Giles

West Bridgford Infants Key dates for Summer Term

Mon 30 th March – 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Friday 24 th April	PTA Curry Quiz @WB Juniors
Friday 1 st May	Non-uniform – Donations for Food Festival
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6 th May	Rec & Year 1 Concerts AM
Thursday 7 th May	Rec & Year 1 Concerts AM
Friday 8 th May	Reception and Year 2 PJ Party
Thursday 14 th May	Reception Visit Whitepost Farm
Friday 15 th May	Year 1 PJ Party
Saturday 16 th May	Community Food Festival
Monday 18 th May	Maths Day
Wednesday 20 th May	Year 1 trip Wollaton Park
Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th May	May Half Term Holiday
Thursday 18 th June	Class 2 Parent Assembly 2:30pm
Friday 19 th June	Non-uniform – bottles
Wk Beg Mon 22 nd June	Health and Sport Week
Wednesday 24 th June	Proposed Sports Afternoon
Friday 26 th June	Non-uniform - sweets
Friday 3 rd July	Summer Fair
Wednesday 8 th July	Transition Day (all children)
Thursday 9 th July	Class 3 Parent Assembly 2:30pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Transition Day (not year 2's)
Thursday 16 th July	Class 1 Parent Assembly 2:30pm
Friday 17 th July	Year 2 trip to Beaumanor Hall
Friday 17 th July	Year 2 leavers disco
Wednesday 22 nd July	Year 2 leavers assembly
Thursday 23 rd July	Year 2 leavers assembly