



# Collaboration Newsletter

May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy and rewarding half term across both schools, and we are immensely proud of the hard work, resilience, and enthusiasm shown by all our children. A particular highlight this half term was our joint Maths Day, which focused on the theme of money. It was fantastic to see children from both schools working collaboratively and applying their mathematical knowledge to real-life contexts in such engaging and practical ways. We were also delighted to welcome Year 12 students from West Bridgford School, who supported activities with great maturity and encouragement.

At the Junior School, we recently had an Ofsted inspection. While we are not yet able to share the final outcome, we were pleased that the process was a positive one. Inspectors commented that our children were delightful – something that we see and appreciate every day.

Beyond the classroom, last weekend's Food Festival was a tremendous success. It was wonderful to see so many families coming together to enjoy such a vibrant community event. The atmosphere was fantastic, and it was a real reminder of the strong partnerships we have with our families.

As we look ahead, there are still many exciting opportunities and events planned before the end of the academic year. We are looking forward to continuing to build on this momentum and creating even more memorable experiences for our children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and I hope you manage to enjoy a break over half term.

Mr Willis

## Reception

The children had a great time at White Post Farm - they loved seeing all the animals. Because our children were 'Respectful Rangers' all day, they had a well-deserved ice lolly treat at school. Our lovely class butterflies have now grown and been released; the children enjoyed watching them fly away. They have learnt their number bonds to 10 and enjoyed maths day with the year 6 children from the junior school.

## Year 1

The children have been creating sunflower Art inspired by Van Gogh. They had a fantastic trip to Wollaton Park and have spent time writing a lovely recount about their day. In science, they have continued their work about deciduous and evergreen leaves. The children participated in a session provided by a coach at Notts County Cricket Club. In Maths, the children have been learning about money.



## Year 2

Year 2 also participated in a session provided by a coach at Notts County Cricket Club. They have been designing and constructing a chair for a toy that the children have brought in from home. They have been writing a letter of apology from the Big Bad Wolf to Little Red Riding Hood or her grandma. In maths, they have been working on addition and subtraction strategies - including exchanging. In science, the children have been learning about different food chains in plants and animals.

## Year 3

Year 3 had a fabulous time at Magna Science Adventure Centre earlier this half term. We took part in two practical workshops where we learnt more about magnets and volcanoes. Not only were the workshops great fun and very informative, they also linked really well with our Science and Geography work this term as well as our work on rocks from last term! In between workshops, we had time to explore the different discovery zones of Earth, Water, Fire and Air. A particular highlight for many was the fire tornado! The time passed really quickly and before we knew it, it was time to get back on the coach and head back to Nottingham. We have enjoyed lots of other highlights this half term and been working hard in all our subjects. Our maths day all about money was a particular highlight!



## Year 4

Year 4's half term has been typically busy. We began with two fabulous events: Ancient Egyptian Day where we had a wonderful visitor come to school and Samosa-making with Jat and Meena Hanspal - and that was in the first week alone! Since then, we've been investigating sound, discussing what we may find in our classroom (in French) and learning how to bowl without bending arms in P.E. In our English lessons we have been reading and writing stories based in Egypt. We have some wonderful authors in Year 4 and the teachers have loved reading our amazing stories!

## Year 5

Year 5 have been immersing themselves in the geography of South America and the Amazon. They have produced some beautiful work to illustrate the rainforest layers and make comparisons to UK woodland. To accompany this, they have been reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. It is a remarkable book full of wonderful characters, events and language, all of which the children are mining to make their own writing even better. Having settled on their ingredients for their bread, they will do the making after we return from the half term break.

## Year 6

Year 6 have had been enjoying writing suspense stories based on the short film Alma. In Design and Technology, we have used problem-solving skills to build a working wind turbine capable of lifting a small object. For our topic 'The Golden Age of Islam' we have been using sources to compare what life was like in Baghdad in comparison to life in Anglo-Saxon Britain. We worked really hard in preparation for our SATs and did a great job during the week of tests – we also really enjoyed the pre-SATs breakfasts at school!



## New Governors for the West Bridgford Primary Federation

We are delighted to congratulate and welcome our newly appointed Governors, Mr Johnson and Mrs Willis-Craig who will join the newly formed governing body from September.

Their commitment, experience, and support will play an important role in helping our schools. We look forward to working together to provide the very best opportunities for all of our children.

## INSET days

The INSET days for both schools for the next academic year are as follows:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2027

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027



## Thank-you Mrs Eadie

Mrs Eadie, our School Business Manager at the Junior School, is retiring today. I am sure you will join us in wishing her well and thanking her for her hard-work and commitment over the past four years. We are so appreciative of everything she has done for our school and for our families during this time and she will be greatly missed by everyone. We had a special assembly yesterday afternoon to celebrate her time with us and the children sang beautifully before presenting her with flowers and cards they had made. Our new Business Manager is called Laura Shepherd and will be starting with us on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome!

## Spare Clothes

We are in need of **spare leggings and jogging bottoms** in school, for all ages at the infant school.

If you have any old leggings or joggers that are good enough to use as spares in school please bring them to the infant school office. They do not have to be uniform.



## Maths Day

Maths day on Monday was a huge success! The theme for the day was all about financial education. The day started with a whole collaboration assembly online with our 21 classes across both schools. Mr Heeley read us one of our new 'Money Bunny' books and introduced the day brilliantly.

The children then spent the morning rotating around classes in their own year groups doing fun maths activities involving money.

In the afternoon, children had the opportunity to work across year groups. Year 6 worked alongside our reception children, Year 3 with Year 1 and Year 2 with Year 4. Our Year 5 children attended a concert at WBS.

We were also thrilled to have 35 A level maths students from WBS working alongside our children for the day. Seeing children as young as 4 all the way to 18 working collaboratively was a real treat!

Thank you to all our parent helpers that facilitated the children walking between the schools!

## Science & Technology Competition 2026 Challenge Flight!

Mr Belton, Head Teacher at Jesse Gray Primary School, presented an assembly recently to launch a competition to design and make a hand launched, unpowered, free-flight aircraft. This is part of a competition involving many local schools. All parents/carers will receive a letter with all the details you will need to know (as well as competition rules).

## West Bridgford Juniors Key dates for Summer Term

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	May Half Term Holiday
Wk Beg Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 & 4 Health and Sport Week
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June - 1.45pm	Year 3/4 Sports Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform – bottles
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> June - 1.45pm	Year 5/6 Sports Day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3&4 Music showcase (2pm and 6pm)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform - sweets
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June 3.30 – 5.30	Summer Fair
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 5&6 Music showcase (2pm and 6pm)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July - 6pm	Year 6 production
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> July - 6pm	Year 6 production
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – 2pm	Rock Steady Concert
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July – 1.30pm	Year 6 leavers assembly @ St Giles

## West Bridgford Infants Key dates for Summer Term

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	May Half term Holiday
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Class photos
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 2 Parent Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform – Bottles for the summer fair
Wk Beg Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Health & Sport Week
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (At the Cottages site 1:30pm)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform – sweets for the summer fair
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	WBIS PTA Summer Fair
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Morning (all children)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 3 Parent Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Morning (not Year 2's)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 1 Parent Assembly 2:30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 trip to Beaumanor Hall
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 leavers disco
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers Concert AM
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