



Collaboration Newsletter

July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy year, it is a good opportunity to pause and reflect on all of the wonderful achievements of the children in both schools. We are so proud of the brilliant work they have produced and the great progress they have all made since September.

The second year of our more formal collaboration has been even more successful with lots of opportunities for staff and children to collaborate. We have once again felt the benefits during this transition period and trust that the Year 2 pupils feel well prepared and excited for their move to the Junior School. We look forward to officially becoming a federation in September and the continued opportunities this partnership will bring.

As well as Year 2 making the move to the Juniors, our Year 6 pupils will be leaving us and heading to secondary school for the next step of their educational journey. We wish them all the very best!

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at the Year 2 Leavers' Concerts at the Infants and at the Year 6 Production at the Juniors – the children have done a fabulous job and this has been a fantastic way to end the school year.

Thank you so much to all of you for your continued support – it is very much appreciated. I hope you all have a happy and relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

Mr Willis

Reception

The children have had a pirate themed week to finish off the year! They have been making split pin pirates and creating their own amazing treasure maps. In maths the children have been learning about sharing, while during outdoor learning they have been making their very own pirate ships! The children have really enjoyed singing pirate themed songs and as you can imagine have made a beautiful sound!

Year 1

As we head towards the summer holidays, the children have been taking a trip through time to the seaside. They have been learning all about the history of the seaside and have written some wonderful descriptive postcards from the 1900s. In maths they have been learning all about direction. The children have also been using their imagination to create some wonderful box models.



Year 2

Wow! The year 2 leaving concerts have been amazing! Not a dry eye in the house - well done year 2 children. In D.T the children have sewn their own pouches and decorated them and then spent time evaluating the process of making their pouches. In maths the children have been learning about weighing different objects in our everyday lives. Last Friday, the children had the best day at Beaumanor Hall - we hope you enjoyed seeing the photos in the concert! In English they have written a recount of their favourite parts of the trip.

Year 3

Year 3 really enjoyed their DT project last week. Their design brief was to plan and make a healthy, colourful and of course tasty salad. The project began with the children tasting different flavour olive oils, vinegars and herbs to decide which combination they wanted to use to create their own dressing. We provided the children with the ingredients for their salad dressing as well as some cucumbers, tomatoes and lettuce. They brought any additional ingredients they wanted to include. We taught them the slicing skills of 'tunnel' and 'claw' and we are very proud that there wasn't even one tiny nick between the three classes! The end results looked fabulous and the children enjoyed eating the fruits of their labour afterwards. Well done Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 are still going, right until the end of term. We've been busy making our Egyptian Shadufs as part of our History and DT work as well as creating persuasive leaflets for Dukes Barn (at no charge) and comparing London with Paris in geography. We have been looking carefully at both the physical and human features. We also managed a lovely afternoon at West Bridgford Park on Tuesday to let off some steam. It has been a brilliant year full of exciting learning opportunities but we are looking forward to a well earned rest over the summer!



Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed a visit to The West Bridgford School recently. Each class enjoyed two fun and creative taster lessons with teachers as well as spotting former WBS pupils as we moved around the site. To enhance our knowledge of rainforest creatures, we welcomed Zoolab to Cottages; we all had the chance to handle a snake, a cockroach and gecko whilst observing a tarantula and a tree frog! This week we have completed our mosaic coasters, which were inspired by Brazilian artist Beatriz Milhazes. Our choice of tiles and patterns reflect the vibrant artwork and pattern within her eye-catching pieces.



Year 6

Year 6 have had an incredible end to their time at West Bridgford Junior School with three performances of the production 'Gigglebox', based on the popular television show 'Gogglebox'. The production was full of comedy and musical highlights. The children performed amazingly well, with confident acting and rousing singing. They really did us proud. The children have also been completing their DAaRT (drug, alcohol and resilience training) series of lessons and have written up their end of unit DAaRT reports. We wish them all the best of luck in their secondary journey.

Thank You

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our parents and families for the thoughtful cards, kind messages, and generous gifts given to our staff. Your support and generosity have made the end of the school year even more special, and we are incredibly grateful. Once again; thank you.

Marlborough Court

A small group of infant children enjoyed a visit to Marlborough Court this week. The children were fantastic champions for our school, chatting with the residents, playing games, and listening beautifully to their stories - one lady that lives there is 102 years old!

Infant Staffing Update

As we come to the end of the school year, we would like to let you know that Mrs Unsworth, who has been teaching Year 1 every Tuesday afternoon, will be leaving us. Mrs Unsworth has been working at our school, with a few breaks in between, since 1990!

While we are sad to say goodbye, we would like to thank her for her dedication, kindness and commitment.

We would also like to wish Mrs Walton all the very best as she begins her maternity leave in preparation for the arrival of her baby. We are sure you will join us in wishing her and her family every happiness as they prepare to welcome their new arrival. We are excited to welcome Lucy Smith to our Year 1 teaching team - she will be covering Mrs Walton next year.

INSET days

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

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

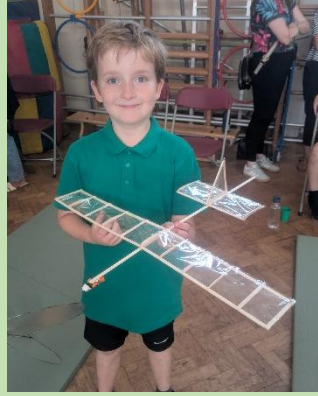
Friday 5th February 2027

Monday 7th June 2027



RMSA DT Flight Challenge

A massive well done to everyone who entered! We were inundated with amazing aircrafts at both schools and the children had a lot of fun watching them being launched! Following the final at Jesse Gray, which involved many different schools, we are very proud to announce that Andi from one of our reception classes was the overall winner! Eliot from Year 5 came third which was also a fantastic achievement.



SATs results

Last week we received the SATs results for our current Year 6 children. The hard work they have put in not just this year but throughout their time at both the Infant and Junior School has paid off. A huge well done and thank you to all of the staff who have supported them throughout their primary education and also a massive thank you to you, the parents and carers, who continue to support them every day. Although SATs are a measure of the progress children have made academically in KS2, there are many other much more important measures. We are so proud of the way our children have grown emotionally and socially, and the kindness and respect they have for one another. We know they are ready for the next step of their educational journey!

	School result (expected standard)	National average (expected standard)	School result (Greater depth standard)
Reading	87%	75%	46%
Writing	84%	73%	14%
Maths	84%	75%	37%
Grammar	84%	74%	41%
Combined (Reading, writing and maths)	73%	63%	11%

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