

Autumn Newsletter 2

What's been happening in school?

In Reception: Classes RA, RP & RG

The children have been getting used to all of the routines, taking part in whole school assemblies and building independence by taking off and putting on their coats and jumpers by themselves. They have also been introduced to our Champion character 'Have a go Hero'. He has a go at everything! They have found objects that match in maths and in phonics they have been learning different phonemes every day.



In Year 1: Classes 1C, 1S & 1ST

The children have been learning all about the 5 senses. They have written poems about the senses and have been smelling different foods and tasting different flavours of water in science. They have also started looking at the artist Roy Liechtenstein and have used the 3 primary colours in their artwork.

In Year 2: Classes 2PG, 2DW & 2H

The children have been partitioning 2-digit numbers into 10s and 1s in maths. In PE they have been focusing on locomotion and their running technique. In RE, the children are thinking about groups they belong to and how it makes them feel to belong. In art they have completed self-portraits focusing on placing facial features and creating skin tones. In English they have been spelling 'non-negotiables'; tricky words that they need to memorise to have accurate spelling in their writing.

Identity Day

On **Wednesday 23rd September**, we had lots of fun celebrating 'IDENTITY DAY'. It was a brilliant day learning about what makes us special and unique.

There was a Collaboration assembly including all of the children at the Infants and Junior school.

Dress to Express was the highlight as we saw all the children wearing something that makes them feel unique and special.

We created a whole school art project - 'I belong' tree.

Children participated in circle time with their class, sharing what is important about themselves.

Some children made identity shields, learning about who we are and people who are special to us.



Be You, Be Unique



Special Thanks

We would like to say a very special thank you to two of our wonderful Midday Supervisors, Janet Severn and Carolyn De Boer, who are retiring after an **incredible 40 years and 25 years** at our school! During that time, they have supported and cared for thousands of children and worked alongside generations of staff. Their loyalty, hard work and commitment to our school have been outstanding. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you both a long and very happy retirement!

Thank You...

Harvest Festival

The school will be celebrating the harvest festival season with Reverend Joanna Seabourne from St. Giles Church on Tuesday 29th September, who will be talking in assembly for the children. Thank you for the donations we have received so far, we are very grateful. If anyone has anymore donations, please continue to send these into school. All donations will be passed onto The Friary Drop-in on Musters Road.



the Friary
Working
locally to end
homelessness

Parking

We would like to remind all parents and carers **not to drive around Avon Gardens at peak school times**. There are lots of children and families waiting for the school gates to open, and vehicles moving through the area can create a dangerous situation.

Where possible, **please avoid driving too close to school**. If you do need to travel by car, we ask that you park on the surrounding roads and walk the rest of the way to school.

We also want to maintain a **positive relationship with our neighbours**. Please Park considerately and be mindful of access to residents' homes, gardens and driveways.

We understand that it can be frustrating when someone parks inconsiderately. However, we would also like to remind everyone that **antisocial behaviour or confrontational behaviour relating to parking is not acceptable**. If you have a concern about parking or another issue around school, please speak to the school office rather than approaching another adult in a confrontational manner.

Thank you.

Yr 1&2 School Disco and Reception PJ Party

Friday 2nd October Reception children are invited to the PTA PJ party, this will be held in the school hall, a snack and drink will be provided. Children are welcome to wear their favourite pyjamas or comfy clothes and bring their soft toy.

Friday 9th October Year 1&2 PTA School Disco, this will be in the school hall. Children will receive a snack and drink and can wear their party clothes.

Payments for both events can be made on Arbor under 'School Shop.'

Illness protocol

If your child has a **high temperature of 37.6°C or above, please keep them at home** until they are well enough to return.

If your child has needed **Calpol, paracetamol or any other medicine to help them feel better in the morning, please keep them at home**. Once the medicine wears off, your child may become unwell again while at school, whilst also passing the illness to others, meaning we will need to contact you to collect them.

We also have children in school who are **immunosuppressed** and can become seriously unwell if they are exposed to infections such as **slapped cheek**. By keeping children who are unwell at home, we can help reduce the risk of infection and protect our most vulnerable pupils.

If you are **unsure whether your child is able to attend school with certain illnesses**, please contact the school office in the morning **before bringing your child into school**. We are always happy to discuss your concerns and advise where we can.

Job Opportunity in School

We are seeking a Senior Midday Supervisor at our school, Monday-Friday 12-1:30pm term time only.

Application packs are available from the school by e-mailing office@westbridgford-inf.notts.sch.uk or on the school website:

www.westbridgfordinfants.co.uk

Closing date: 12pm, Tuesday 29th September 2026

Interviews to take place: Monday 5th October.

Parents Evening

These will take place after school on **Tuesday 13th October** and **Thursday 15th October**.

This week you will have received an email with a Microsoft forms link for your child's class. The deadline for booking is **Friday 2nd October 3:30pm**.

Your child's class teacher/s will then allocate you a parents evening slot. You will receive a slip in your child's book bag confirming this time, these will be sent out W/C 5th October.

Each parents evening appointment will be 10mins long. It will also give you a chance to see your child's class room and their learning environment.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Reminder PTA Meeting

Parents and Carers are invited to join the next PTA meeting.

This will take place on Monday 28th September 7:30pm at Portello Lounge, Central Avenue (upstairs).

Every little bit helps! Whether you can help at an event, attend the meeting, design a poster or offer a professional skill, we'd love to hear from you. Enthusiasm is all you need!

If you need more information contact Faye (details on the Cake Sale poster)



Key Dates for Autumn Term (and INSET days)

Tuesday 29 th September	Class 2PG Stonehurst Farm Trip
Wednesday 30 th September	Class 2DW Stonehurst Farm Trip
Wednesday 30 th September	Year 1 Parents Meeting 6-7pm
Thursday 1 st October	Class 2H Stonehurst Farm Trip
Friday 2 nd October	Reception PJ Party 4:45-5:45pm
Tuesday 6 th October	Children's Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 2 Parents Meeting 6-7pm
Thursday 8 th October	Individual & Sibling School Photos
Friday 9 th October	Year 1 Disco 4:45-5:45pm Year 2 Disco 6-7pm
Tuesday 13 th October	Parent/Carers Evening
Thursday 15 th October	Parent/Carers Evening
Friday 16 th October	Break the Rules Day
Monday 19 th October-Monday 2 nd Nov	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Inset Day
Tuesday 1 st – Thursday 3 rd December	Yr1 & 2 SEND meetings
Friday 5 th February 2027	Inset Day
Monday 7 th June 2027	Inset Day

