



Headteacher Update



2025 - 2026

General Update – Friday 28th November

Clothing in the Colder Weather

As the colder weather has appeared, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the conditions. This includes a warm coat, hat, scarf, and gloves. If it is wet, children will also need a waterproof coat so they can stay dry during outdoor play. We kindly ask that all clothing items are clearly named so any lost items can be returned promptly.

Christmas

We are looking forward to all the Christmas fun over the coming weeks. From Monday, 1st December, children are welcome to wear festive jumpers to school, in replace of their school jumper, all other uniform expectations remain. Christmas cards can also be brought in from Monday and placed in our school post box (outside Mrs Duffin's office). Please make sure that each envelope clearly includes the child's name and class number for who receiving it. Reminder: we are collecting money for our Christmas parties, so please send £1 per child to contribute to the celebrations.

KS2 (Class 7 – 14) Church Christmas Carol Service

On 10th December, all pupils in **Years 3, 4, 5, and 6** will be walking to the local church for a Christmas Carol service – 1:15pm – 3:00pm. If you do not wish for your child to take part for religious reasons, please contact your child's class teacher to explain. Pupils not attending the service will remain in school and be taught within Key Stage 1 or Foundation for the duration of the event. As a school that celebrates all religions and emphasises respect and tolerance, we encourage all pupils to participate. Throughout December, we will also be holding assemblies to practise Christmas songs. Again, if you do not wish your child to take part for religious reasons, please ensure your class teacher is informed, this can be face to face or via an Arbor message or note in their home school diary.

Nottingham City Achieve Well Award

Thank you to the team of parents who supported the school last week during our meeting with Fred Morris, our assessor for the Nottingham City Achieve Well Award, I am pleased to inform you that we have now been accredited as a **Champion Achieve Well School**. This means that within Nottingham City, we are one of only 13 schools (primary and secondary) recognised for the hard work and dedication we show towards pupils' mental, physical, and emotional health. The final report was based on evidence provided by staff, pupils, governors, parents, and myself where I created a presentation showcasing all of the wonderful work we do across our school. I am pleased to share some highlights with you:

'The uploaded evidence and verification visit demonstrated a strong, well-established and deeply embedded health and wellbeing culture that is clearly understood and shared across the school community. Throughout the visit, including the school tour, presentations and stakeholder interviews it was evident that health and wellbeing is central to the school's ethos, daily practice and wider curriculum....A significant strength of the school is its comprehensive, inclusive and highly engaging play and physical activity offer. The OPAL approach is well embedded and provides pupils with rich opportunities for active, creative and social play. Pupils spoke confidently about how OPAL play supports their happiness, friendships, regulation and physical wellbeing....Parents described the school as responsive, compassionate

and proactive in supporting pupils and families with a wide range of wellbeing needs. They valued the accessibility of staff, the strong relationships between home and school, and the opportunities to engage with learning and wellbeing initiatives'

School Parking

Once again, I am asking all parents to please consider the residents of the local area when parking before and after school. I have received complaints from parents and residents about blocked drop kerbs, driveways, and unsafe parking, which is causing distress and possible danger. While we acknowledge that parking options around the school are limited, the safety and well-being of our pupils must remain the top priority at the start and end of the school day. If you have concerns regarding parking, please contact Nottingham City Council directly. The school does not have responsibility for the highway and is not permitted to monitor or enforce parking habits.

Earrings on PE days

The office is having an increasing number of children coming for plasters to cover earrings on PE days. Please can I remind you that if your child cannot remove their earrings on PE days then parents should cover the earrings at home before school or send their child with plasters or surgical tape to cover the earrings before the lesson, this is to maintain health and safety standards. If it is easier for you to keep a roll of surgical tape in your child's bag or their tray, this is also more than ok and very helpful.

Dates

1st December	Christmas 'clothing' can be worn for the month		Y1 (parents) showcase of work 3pm		Y3 (parents) showcase of work 3pm
8th December	Choir (pupils & parents) Christmas in the City event FS Christmas Sing Along (parents)	FS Christmas Sing Along (grandparents)		Nursery (parents) Christmas stay and create Christmas Jumper Day (all pupils) Christmas Dinner Day (all pupils)	Y3 PROUD assembly (parents) 2:45pm
15th December	F2 PROUD assembly (parents) 9:00am Y5 PROUD assembly (parents) 2:45pm	Y2 PROUD assembly (parents) 9:00am F1 (nursery) PROUD assembly (parents) 11am Y4 PROUD assembly (parents) 2:45pm	Y1 PROUD assembly (parents) 9:00am Year 6 (parents) work showcase 2:25pm Y6 PROUD assembly (parents) 2:45pm		Break up from School until 5 th January
	Year 3 Christmas party	Year 4 & Nursery Christmas parties	Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas parties	Year 5, Year 6 & F2 Christmas parties	Willow Christmas party