



# GREYTHORN PRIMARY

*"Engaging hearts, equipping minds, opening doors"*

Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter

15th May 2026

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### THURSDAY 21st MAY

Class Photographs

### FRIDAY 22nd MAY

INSET DAY - School Closed

### FRIDAY 5th JUNE

9.15am Toddler Stay & Play

### WEDNESDAY 10th & THURSDAY 11th JUNE

Bestwood Country Park Year 1/2  
(10th Oak & Willow / 11th Maple)

### FRIDAY 19th JUNE

9.15am Toddler Stay & Play

### WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE

Summer Disco

### TUESDAY 30th JUNE

KS2 Sports Day

### WEDNESDAY 1st JULY

KS1 Sports Day

### FRIDAY 3rd JULY

Non Uniform Day - Year 1 to 6  
Manor Farm - Foundation Stage

### TUESDAY 14th JULY

Summer Concert

### MONDAY 6th & WEDNESDAY 8th JULY

Year 5/6 Performance

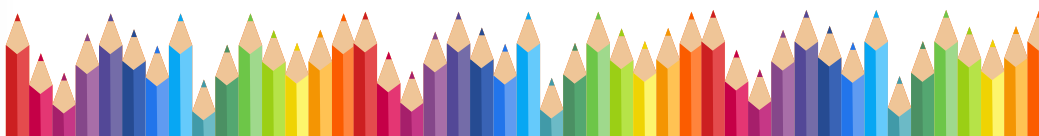


## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been! Our Y6 children have approached their SATs with determination and positivity, making us all incredibly proud. It has been inspiring to see their confidence shine as they gave their very best each day. A huge thank you to you, parents and carers and to our staff for your encouragement and support, helping every child feel calm, confident and ready to succeed.

Mrs Carpenter



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

## 2025/26 TERM DATES

### FRIDAY 10th JULY

Summer Family Picnic

### SUNDAY 19th - 23rd JULY

Year 6 - York Residential

### Summer Term

13 April - 21 May 2026

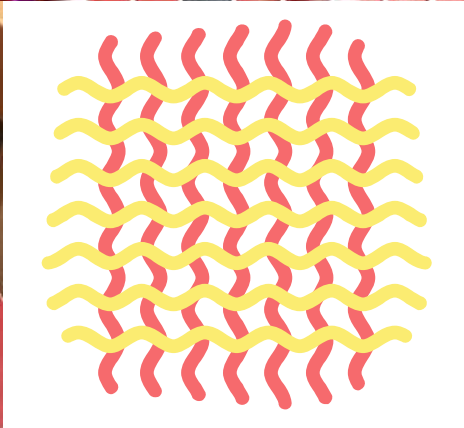
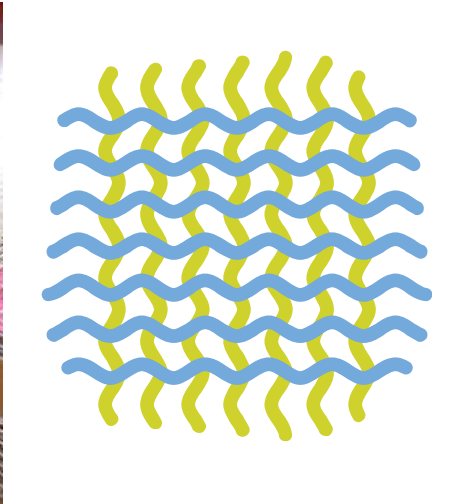
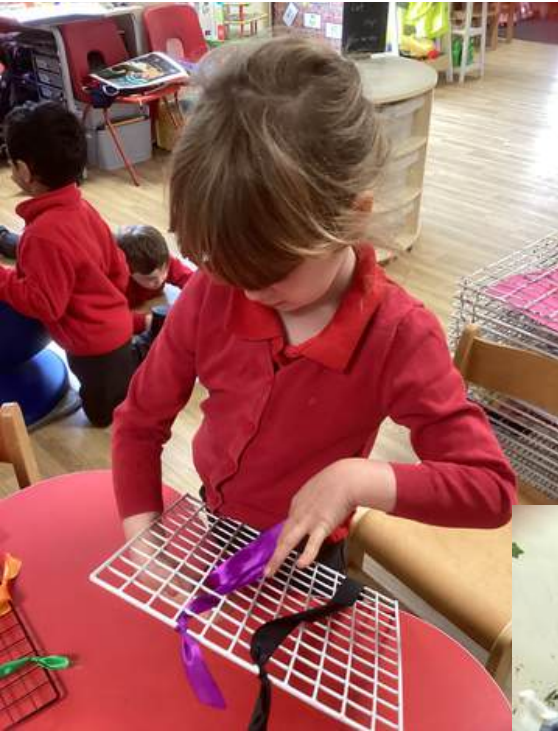
1 June - 24 July 2026

**INSET:** 22 May, 27 July

# THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

## Foundation

This week in Foundation, we have been busy working our fingers and strengthening our fine motor skills. The children have been learning how to weave using ribbon – practising how to hold the ribbon, thread it through the gaps, loop it around, pull it tight, stretch it across and even twist it into place. Everyone showed brilliant concentration and control, and it was lovely to see how proud the children were of their finished weaving patterns.



# THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

## Year 1/2

Year 1/2 have been busy developing their rounders skills in PE, focusing on throwing, catching and teamwork. The children have done a fantastic job improving their accuracy when throwing the ball and using excellent communication skills to work together effectively. During sessions with the TB Sport coaches, they have also enjoyed taking part in a variety of races on the field. Thanks to the lovely weather, we have been able to make the most of our outdoor PE lessons, and we are looking forward to many more exciting sessions to come!



# THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



## Year 3/4

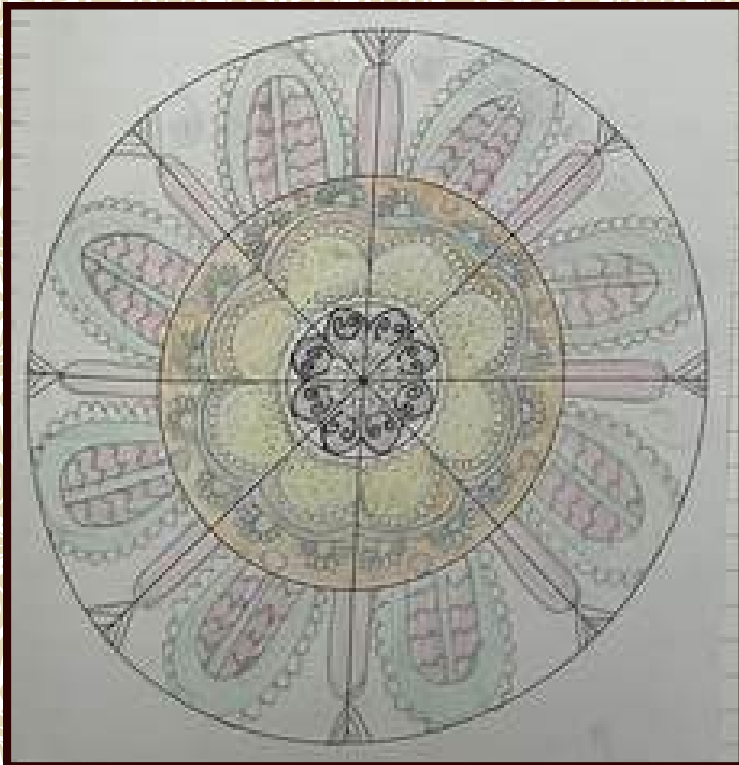
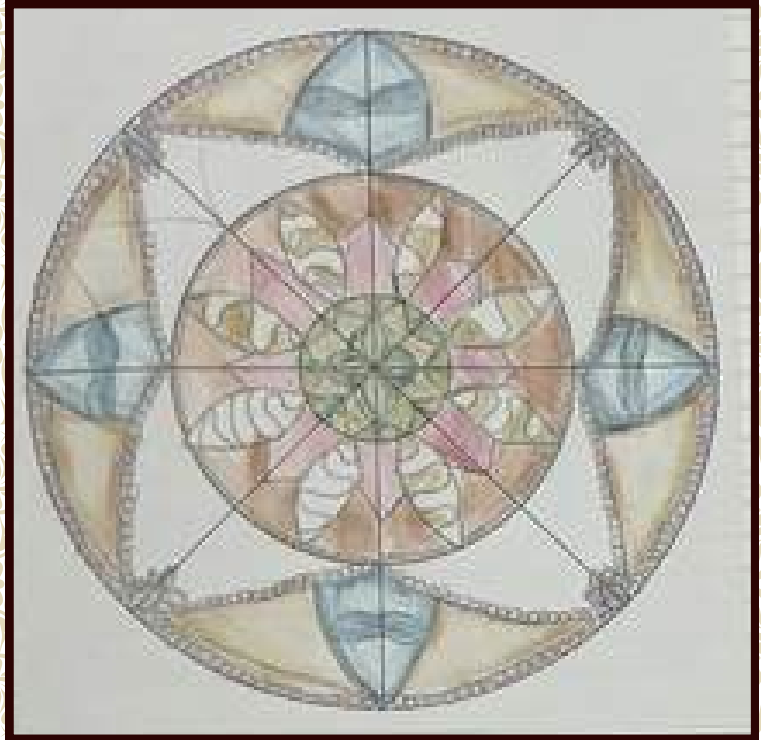
Year 3/4 have been amazing scientists recently as they conducted their experiment to find out which surfaces had the most friction. We were really impressed with their inquisitive attitude, thoughtful scientific questions and the care they took to ensure the investigation was a fair test!



# THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

## Year 5/6

We have been studying the connection between religion and art. We designed our own Mandala patterns (from Hinduism) and chose patterns and colours that represented our personalities, moods and feelings.



# FOGSA NEWS



## Summer Family Picnic

FOOD · MUSIC · BAR · GAMES  
INFLATABLES · RAFFLE  
GLITTER STATION · TOMBOLA  
EMERGENCY SERVICES  
AND MUCH MORE!

Free Entry

10th July 2026  
5-7pm

Save the Date



## Summer Family Picnic 10<sup>th</sup> July 5-7pm

WE WANT YOU!

ARE YOU PART OF A BAND?  
SINGER OR MUSICIAN?

WE WOULD LOVE TO FEATURE YOU AT OUR  
SUMMER PICNIC WITH A SHORT  
PERFORMANCE TO KEEP THE PARTY GOING!

EMAIL FOGSAEMAIL@GMAIL.COM IF YOU ARE  
INTERESTED!

ALL AGES WELCOME  
TO PERFORM



## Summer Family Picnic

WE WANT YOU!

### YEAR GROUP HAMPER.

AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S RAFFLE WE ARE  
GOING TO FEATURE A HAMPER FROM EACH  
YEAR GROUP.

THIS HAMPER CAN CONTAIN ITEMS FOR BOTH  
ADULTS AND CHILDREN. ALL ITEMS MUST BE  
NON-PERISHABLE AND NOT CONTAIN NUTS.

IDEAS INCLUDE; TOYS, GAMES, GIFT, BEAUTY  
PRODUCTS, VOUCHERS, FOODS, DRINKS,  
CRAFTS.

PLEASE LIASE WITH YOUR FOGSA YEAR GROUP  
REPRESENTATIVE AND DONATE BY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY.





Week commencing

27<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May,  
8<sup>th</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> June,  
20<sup>th</sup> July

# SPRING SUMMER MENU 2020



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red Option	<p>Cheese and tomato pizza <i>Gluten Milk Soya</i> with sweetcorn &amp; mixed salad</p>	<p>Venison, Beef &amp; Pork sausage <i>Gluten Sulphur Dioxide</i> OR Linda McCartney™ sausage hotdog <i>Gluten Soya Sulphur Dioxide Sesame</i> with potato balls, vegetable sticks &amp; tomato ketchup</p>	<p>Red tractor chicken meatballs OR Katerveg™ meatballs <i>Soya</i> in a tomato sauce, with pasta shape of the day, <i>Gluten Mustard Soya</i> garlic bread <i>Gluten Milk Soya</i> &amp; broccoli</p>	<p><b>All day brunch</b> Venison, Beef &amp; Pork sausage <i>Gluten Sulphur Dioxide</i> OR Linda McCartney™ Sausage, <i>Gluten Soya Sulphur Dioxide</i> hashbrowns, baked beans &amp; omelette <i>Egg Milk</i></p>	<p>Battered fish goujons <i>Gluten Fish Soya</i> OR Fishless fingers <i>Gluten</i> with oven chips, sweetcorn &amp; tomato ketchup</p>
	Available daily: Sliced bread <i>Gluten Soya</i> & fresh fruit				
Pudding	<p>Laughing Cow™ cheese <i>Milk</i> &amp; crackers <i>Gluten</i></p>	<p>Chocolate brownie <i>Gluten</i></p>	<p>Apple muffin <i>Gluten Egg</i></p>	<p>Honey cake <i>Gluten Egg Milk</i> &amp; custard <i>Milk</i></p>	<p>Jelly with a shortbread biscuit <i>Gluten</i></p>





# TODDLER STAY AND PLAY

**A VERY WARM WELCOME**

AWAITS YOU

AND YOUR CHILDREN

For Parents/Carers with Children (age 0 – 4 yrs) living in the  
local community

Come and join us for playtime, chat and refreshments



**Free of Charge**

Friday

9.15AM – 10.15AM

5th June

19th June



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Parking

Please do not use **Hyde Park Close** to park on or for dropping off. The road does not have a pavement and it is not safe to be manoeuvring around pedestrians in such a small space. The same applies to **Uppingham Crescent** and **Regents Park Close**. Please do not park on this road or on the pavement. Pavement parking leaves very little space for school pedestrians, making it unsafe, and parked cars are also causing difficulties for vehicles trying to pass along the road.



**Notts County Foundation**

# MAY HOLIDAY CLUB

Every day 9am - 3pm  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

SCAN HERE

£15.00 per day  
Book all 4 days for £50.00 using code NOTTSMAY4FOR50

Multi-sports | Themed days | Crafts & activities

[www.nottscountyfoundation.org.uk](http://www.nottscountyfoundation.org.uk)

## Themed days

Day	Theme
Monday	Closed - Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Football
Wednesday	Sports Day
Thursday	Olympics
Friday	Creativity Day

Each day will consist of a mixture of Sports, Games and Craft activities.

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Aspiration. Confidence. Creativity. Kindness. Pride. Respect. Resilience. Responsibility



# COMMUNITY NEWS



# MAY



## Holiday Club

### HOLIDAY CLUB VENUES

OPERATING FROM TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY UNTIL FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY

GREYTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL - NG2 2GH

MORVEN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL - NG17 7BT

WILLOW FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL - NG4 4BN

OPERATING FROM TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY UNTIL THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT INFANTS - NG12 2GA

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FRIDAY 8AM-5PM  
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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE GROOMING

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online grooming is when someone builds a relationship with a child or young person online to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, or criminal activity – such as county lines or financial scams. According to the NSPCC, police in the UK recorded over 7,000 offences involving sexual communication with a child in a single year – an increase of 89% since 2017/18.

## STRANGERS USING FAKE IDENTITIES

Groomers often pose as children or teenagers online to build trust. They may create convincing fake profiles, share photos stolen from real people, or mimic the interests of the child. By pretending to be someone their age, they make conversations feel safe and relatable. Over time, they may ask for personal details, photos, or suggest meeting in person, exposing children to significant emotional and physical harm.

## EXPLOITATION THROUGH GIFTS AND FLATTERY

To gain trust quickly, groomers often send gifts, gaming credits, or money. Alongside material offerings, they use excessive compliments, affection, and attention to create emotional dependency. These tactics make children feel valued and special, lowering their defences. Once trust is secured, groomers may escalate their requests, often asking for photos or private conversations, making the child feel pressured or indebted to continue.

## GROUP CHATS AS HIDDEN PATHWAYS

Unmonitored group chats on platforms like WhatsApp or Discord provide a cover for groomers. They can watch how children interact, identify those who seem vulnerable, and then move conversations into private messaging. This transition makes detection difficult for trusted adults. The seemingly harmless group setting often masks the presence of predators, giving children a false sense of security.

## THE RISE OF SEXTORTION

Sextortion involves pressuring children into sharing explicit content, then blackmailing them for more. Offenders may claim to have hacked a child's device, threaten to share images with friends or family, or demand money. Many victims remain silent out of fear and shame. This growing crime is particularly dangerous because children often feel trapped, believing there's no safe way to escape the situation.

## GAMING PLATFORMS AS GROOMING GATEWAYS

Games like Roblox, Fortnite, or Call of Duty, which include live chat features, are frequent targets for groomers. Conversations often begin casually during gameplay and can become manipulative over time. Groomers may offer in-game gifts, credits, or exclusive add-ons to build rapport. Children using headsets or private chat features are especially at risk, as conversations are harder for adults to monitor.

## CRIMINAL & RADICALISATION RISKS

Grooming is not always sexual. Some offenders manipulate children into criminal activities such as drug running or online fraud. Others attempt to radicalise young people with extreme ideologies. Groomers often use fear, money, shame, or promises of belonging to control their victims. These forms of exploitation can be just as harmful as sexual grooming, and often leave lasting psychological and social consequences.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### KEEP CONVERSATIONS REGULAR

Rather than having one "big talk" about online safety, weave conversations into everyday life. Ask questions about children's online friendships and interests. Share real-life examples to make discussions relatable and encourage honesty instead of secrecy. When children feel comfortable discussing their digital lives, they are far more likely to share concerns or admit when something feels wrong, reducing the chance of risky interactions going unnoticed.

### UNDERSTAND THE PLATFORMS CHILDREN USE

Take time to learn about the apps, games, and social platforms children are on. Familiarise yourself with privacy settings, parental controls, and group chat features. Use resources like The National College guides or conduct quick searches to stay updated. By understanding how these platforms operate, you'll be better equipped to set boundaries, guide safe use, and notice any unusual or concerning online behaviour early.

### CREATE A "TELL ME" CULTURE

Children often keep silent because they fear being punished or losing access to their devices. Reassure them that coming forward with concerns won't get them into trouble. Emphasise that you are there to help, not judge. Creating a safe, open environment encourages children to speak up if something feels wrong, and helps to ensure they don't suffer in silence when facing potential grooming risks.

### STAY ALERT TO WARNING SIGNS

Be attentive to both behavioural and digital red flags. Sudden secrecy, mood swings, or new online contacts may signal a problem. Watch for unexplained gifts, new social media profiles, or changes in sleep patterns. Increased anxiety or reluctance to attend school can also be indicators. Regularly checking in and showing interest in those whom they communicate with online help prevent small issues from escalating into serious risks.

## Meet Our Expert

Staffordshire Police is dedicated to keeping people safe and tackling crime across both the physical and digital world. The force continues to strengthen its digital investigation and safeguarding capabilities to protect children and vulnerable people online, working in partnership with local, regional and national organisations, schools, and the wider community.



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