



Newsletter

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Spring Term 4

24th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful break and are ready for the exciting weeks ahead. The children have returned with big smiles, clearly delighted to be back with their friends and ready to learn.

We have a fantastic range of activities planned for this shorter five-week term—both inside and outside the classroom—and there's so much happening that it was a challenge to fit it all into one newsletter!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I'm looking forward to a wonderful term together and hopefully some lovely spring sunshine along the way.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March** with a range of fun activities that encourage a love of reading.



- Families are invited to send in photos of their child sharing a book in any setting. Photos should be emailed to the school by **Monday 2nd March** for use in our World Book Day assembly.
- Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a *word*. This could be a noun, adjective, or an idea—for example, “rainbow,” “sparkly,” or “courage.” The aim is to help children connect with new vocabulary in a creative way.
- Staff will read stories throughout the week, and classes will have opportunities to share their own stories or crafts inspired by books.

FREE Books

We have a large selection of books in the main reception area, free for anyone who can make use of them.

Please feel free to come along and have a look — help yourself to anything that catches your eye!

Easter Grand Prize Draw

Raffle tickets went home at the end of last term, and many have already been returned—thank you! If you need more, please collect them from the school office.



A huge thank you to the local companies who have already donated prizes, including: Swadlincote Snow Sports Centre, Matlock Farm Park, Charnwood Forest Alpacas, Rollerworld, Clip n Climb, KFC, Megazone, Namco FunScape, Planter's, Bretby, Derby County FC, Calke Abbey, Red Carpet Cinema, Dudley Zoo & Castle, Big Bounce, Trentham Monkey Forest, and Burton Albion FC.

We are also creating a 'Pamper Hamper' as a prize, any donation of new suitable items are very welcome!

Children may wear non-uniform on **Friday 13th March**, in exchange for a donation of Easter eggs, chocolate, or sweets!

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Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be held on **Wednesday 18th March** and **Thursday 19th March**.

This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher, discuss their progress, and raise any questions or concerns you may have.

Invites will be sent home with children soon, so you can arrange your preferred appointment date and time.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is coming up on Friday 20th March!

To celebrate, we're encouraging everyone to get as creative and colourful as possible—because when it comes to Red Nose Day, no idea is too weird or wonderful. Think crazy hair, bright colours, odd socks, or even wearing your clothes inside out! If you can imagine it, go for it. Let's have fun together and raise lots of money for this truly worthy cause!

Early Years Easter Bonnet Parade

We are excited to share that our **Early Years Easter Bonnet Parade** will take place on **Tuesday, 24th March!**



Whilst we will be creating simple Easter bonnets in school, we would love for you to get creative at home and work with your child to make a special bonnet for the parade. It's a wonderful chance for them to let their imagination shine and celebrate the season in style.

The parade will begin at **2:00pm**, and we warmly invite you to join us to admire all the fantastic creations.



We're also delighted that Lee, our lovely ice-cream van man, will be joining us at the event—and again after school—so we can all enjoy a tasty ice-cream treat!

Easter Cake Sale

Any excuse for a cake sale... and we're taking it!

So dust off those mixing bowls, get your bake on, and join us for an afternoon filled with sweet treats and fundraising fun!

Thursday 26th March, at 2:00 PM

Bring your bakes, bring your friends, and let's eat some cake while raising some pennies for a great cause!



School Trips

KS1 – Rosliston Forestry Centre

On **Wednesday 22nd April**, KS1 children will visit Rosliston Forestry Centre to explore the woodland, enjoy outdoor activities, learn bushcraft skills and toast marshmallows. The cost is £10.



Early Years – National Forest Adventure Farm

Reception will visit on **Tuesday 28th April** and Nursery on **Wednesday 29th April**.



Children will meet the animals, see baby chicks, enjoy a tractor ride and have fun in the soft play. The cost is £16 (instalments available).

Please look out for these trips on **ParentPay** to give consent and make payment.

Children will also be visiting **Garden King's Wild Wood Soft Play** at the end of the school year for a fun end-of-year treat. More information will follow!

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