

## A message from Mr Lord

*Good afternoon everyone!*

*We are already at the half-way point for this academic year! The children will probably tell you that I talk about the school year as a bar of chocolate with 6 pieces. We have now already eaten 3 of these! We talked about making sure we enjoy the second half as much as the first. Also, with the weather hopefully starting to improve a bit (fingers crossed), we have a lot to look forward to. Hopefully we can get outside a bit more.*

*Thank you to all those of you who took part in our first Whitemoor Way challenge for 'resilience'. This term's focus will be 'independence' so stay tuned for how you can engage with this.*

*There are also quite a few whole-school events to look forward to this half term:*

*Parent's Evening- Tomorrow (25<sup>th</sup>) from 3:30pm*

*World Book Day- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March*

*Fundraising for Mrs Stapleton- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March*

*Spanish Café'- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March*

*Easter Bonnet Parade- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March*

*Once again, thank you for your continued support at Whitemoor.*



## Outstanding opportunities

The Spring 1 term was crammed full of outstanding opportunities. This included:

- School Choir at Young Voices in Sheffield.
- Class 13 at Into Uni all week, including trips to Nottingham College and Uni of Nottingham.
- Y5 at the National Space Centre.
- Y4 & Y5 at Bluecoat Aspley for a performance of Oliver.
- Y3 at Wollaton Hall for LEGO Build workshops.

As well as this, we participated in lots of sports events. These were:

- Y3 Me Vs Me Sporting Challenge
- Y6 Handball Festival
- Y5 Dodgeball Festival
- Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics Festival
- Y4 Winter Games Festival
- KS2 Kurling Festival
- Y5/6 Basketball Tournament
- Y5/6 Boys' Football Matches

## National Storytelling Week

Thank you to everyone that came along to our Share a Story event for National Storytelling Week. It was so lovely to see so many stories being shared in our hall and continues to encourage a love of reading for pleasure for all! During the school day, classes also had the opportunity to pair up with a different year group and read together.

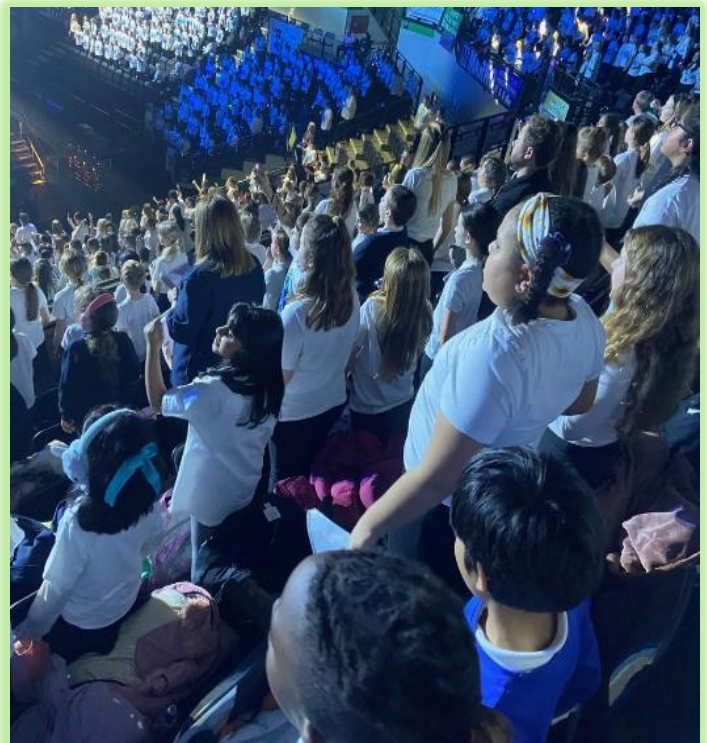


## Y3 Lego Workshop at Wollaton Hall

Year 3 were invited for a special tour around the galleries at the wonderful Wollaton Hall, followed by a special science-themed workshop involving Lego! Class 7 and 8 were set a mission to create their own habitats to help birds to survive. Lots of entries were photographed and may even make it into exhibition at the Natural History Museum in London – how exciting!

## Young Voices

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 24 choir children from Year 3-6, visited the Sheffield Utilita Arena for the Young Voices event. This is the biggest children's choir in the world and we were able to sing and perform alongside 1,500 other primary school aged children. We arrived at the arena just after 1pm, went straight to our seats and started our rehearsal at 2pm. We sang a whole mixture of songs from a Wicked Medley to a Disco Fever compilation and we had the best time! After our dinner, we got ready for the show to start at 7pm, and we were so thrilled to see some of our family members out in the audience cheering us on and supporting us. The concert lasted for 1hr and 45 minutes and then, after a whole day of singing and dancing, we were ready to get on the coach and head home. As always, our children made us so proud. They sang, danced, represented our school brilliantly and, most importantly, had an amazing time.





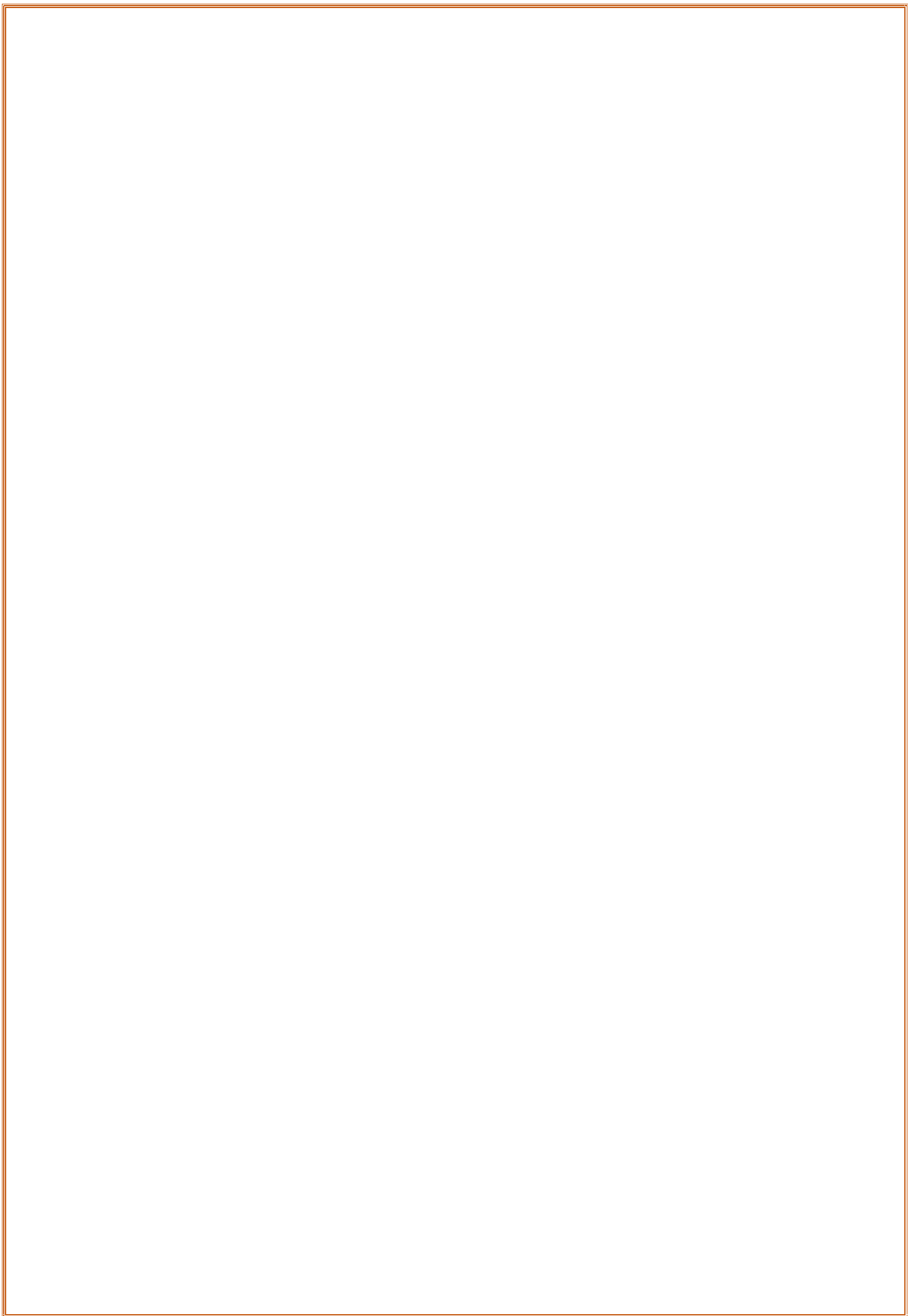
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

We're very excited for the upcoming World Book Day! This year, children are encouraged to come dressed as a **word**. We'll be collecting words from each class and combining them to create our very own unique Whitemoor story, helping all children to grow and develop their vocabulary. Please don't feel the need to buy anything new – some of the best costumes are the ones made from bits you have lying around at home. Dressing as a favourite book character is still welcome too.

NEW for this year, we'll also be running a '**Design a Potato**' competition judged by our Whitemoor Librarians. Children can decorate a potato to represent a book character, with winning entries receiving a book-related prize. Entry costs £1, and all funds raised will go towards supporting reading activities in school. Please make your payment via Arbor under School Shop Products.







# FOOTBALL DARTS FUNDRAISER

We are raising money for a

## REMEMBRANCE BENCH IN MEMORY OF MRS STAPLETON

**WIN**



**FAMILY TOUR  
OF  
WEMBLEY  
STADIUM**



**HOW MANY POINTS  
CAN YOU GET?**

**EVENT DATE**

**TUE 24<sup>TH</sup> & WED 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**MARCH 2026**

**SPONSOR DEADLINE**

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026 | 11:00am**

To ensure your child receives their prizes on the day of the event, all sponsor money must be donated online before the date and time shown above.

## Food Parcels

Due to the rising cost of living we are here to help you.

If you need help, your local food bank can provide an emergency food parcel for you.

Please contact the school office on 01159786351 and ask to speak to Ellen.



## Free School Dinners

You may be entitled to Free School Meals!

To find out, please follow the guidance on the Nottingham City website:

[Free School Meals and Free Milk - Nottingham City Council](#)

**Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit -Your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian can also get free school meals.

This also bumps up school's funding to allow us to provide more resources, staff and opportunities for the children.

**Therefore, even if you would prefer to continue with packed lunches, we would appreciate you applying for Free School Meals if you are eligible. Any additional funding goes straight back to the children.**

**Also, even if your child is in Year 2 or younger and they already have free school meals, if you apply now school receives more funding to put back into their education.**

Many thanks 😊

School Calendar

Nottingham City Council  
School terms and holiday calendar – 2025/26

AUGUST 2025						
M		4	11	18	25	
T		5	12	19	26	
W		6	13	20	27	
T		7	14	21	28	
F	1	8	15	22	29	
S	2	9	16	23	30	
S	3	10	17	24	31	

SEPTEMBER 2025						
M	1	8	15	22	29	
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T	4	11	18	25		
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S	6	13	20	27		
S	7	14	21	28		

OCTOBER 2025						
M		6	13	20	27	
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NOVEMBER 2025						
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DECEMBER 2025						
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JANUARY 2026						
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FEBRUARY 2026						
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MARCH 2026						
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APRIL 2026						
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MAY 2026						
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JUNE 2026						
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JULY 2026						
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INSET DAYS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW



## Approximate Event Timetable

**11:00 AM**  
Event opens

**11:15 AM**

Local dance school and theatre school children performance

**12:30 PM**

Chair of the trust welcome

**12:45 PM**

Sheriff of Nottingham formally opens the trust

**1:15 PM**

Local dance school and theatre school performance

**1:30 PM**

Raffle draw

**2:00 PM**

Event closes



**Limited parking available**

Registered charity in England & Wales 1214102



## Children's Trust charity launch

Join us on Saturday  
**7<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

- Free face painting
- Live Performances
- Free Refreshments
- Raffle

**11 AM - 2 PM**

Wollaton Park  
Community Centre

Harrow Road,  
Wollaton, NG8 1FG



(cash only)



For more information scan the QR code or visit

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