

Newsletter 2 – Friday 12th September 2025

What a lovely first full week back (apart from the thunder and torrential rain!)

Severn Trent water workshops and assembly

Year 3/4 kicked off the week with a visit from Severn Trent water to enhance their 'Wonderful Water' topic. This was super engaging with the children learning lots about the water cycle and the importance of water. The whole school then attended a special assembly – which was extremely loud and a lot more exciting than one of my assemblies apparently! Thank you to Miss Quarmby for organising this for us.

Lovely lunchtimes

Our lunchtimes this week have been absolutely fabulous. All of the children who have moved playgrounds have settled in beautifully and all of the children have been playing so nicely alongside each other. There was a gorgeous lunch on Tuesday in KS2 where there was big group singing and dancing around the speaker, a group on the tyre park, Year 5/6 boys happily playing football in one net, Year 3/4 in the other and Mr. Ellis with the girls footballers – it's a privilege to be out on lunch duty (bet I'm not saying that in January!)

Classroom drop ins

It was so lovely to welcome you all into school on Thursday afternoon. We hope you enjoyed having a nosey in the classrooms and meeting all of the staff. Don't forget that we are always here if you need us for anything. We want to help when issues are small so that you aren't worried and so that issues don't become bigger. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Coding week

Mrs. Warsop has spoken to the children in assembly about Coding week which is next week in school. She will be placing computational thinking challenges around KS1 and KS2 helping to build interest in the Bebras Challenge which takes place later in the Autumn Term. We hope that lots of children will want to take part!

Our outdoor classroom

You may have noticed that the workmen have been on site over the last couple of weeks working on our new outdoor classroom in Whisper's Woods. It is very nearly finished and we are so excited to be able to start using it (next week hopefully!) A huge thank you to Friends of Holly Hill for all of your fundraising ideas to make this possible and to all of our parents who support our fundraising events, voted for us in the Co-op and put their blue tokens in the right box in Tesco's! We are so lucky!

SEND news

Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project

Our school is taking part in the PINS project. As part of this, all parents and carers are invited to complete a short survey.

Your views are very important – your feedback will help us understand what is working well and where improvements could be made, so that together we can make our school an even better place for all children.

The survey asks about school life, your experiences as a parent/carers, and your child's experience at school. It has 13 short questions (mostly multiple choice) and takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

The survey is for all parents and carers. If you have more than one child at the school, you are welcome to complete the survey separately for each child.

Your responses are completely anonymous, only the school's name is identified.

The survey is open until Monday 22nd September.

👉 Please access the survey here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Mt2QJzBwmr>

Coffee & Chat Group
Project for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools [PINS]

FOR

- Any parent/carers of a child with any additional needs – no diagnosis needed.

SESSION 1 – You, Your Child, and School

- Connect with people who 'get it' and understand
- Share the challenges and what really helps
- Use your experiences to suggest ways inclusion could work better in schools
- Get information and signposting to services

WHEN:

- Weds 17th Sept, 2- 3:30pm

WHERE:

- Holly Hill Primary & Nursery School

SESSION 2:
WED 10TH NOV.
2 - 3:30PM

For further information please contact: enquiries@nottpcf.org

Integrated Care System
Nottingham & Nottinghamshire

These sessions are being run by Nottinghamshire Parent Carer Forum – an independent charity run by and for parent carers.

NO NEED TO MAKE EVERY SESSION – EVERYONE'S WELCOME!

We are so proud of you Mrs. Cottee!

I just wanted to give a special shout out to our very own super hero, Mrs. Cottee. On Sunday, Mrs. Cottee completed the Great North Run and in two weeks' time, she is also doing the Robin Hood half marathon. She is fund raising for The Richard Whitehead Foundation, a charity that supports disabled people to access sports, and despite running with an injury, she is determined to finish

both races. We are so proud of her and know she will absolutely smash her final run. Well done Mrs. C!

School photographs – Tuesday 16th September

On Tuesday 16th September our school photographer will be in school to capture the children and their siblings looking fabulous at the start of the year. We will organise individual and sibling photographs during the school day.

If you wish to have a family photograph taken with siblings **who do not attend our school**, please go to the Infant hall from 7.30am on Monday morning to get the photograph taken.

The week ahead...

- Tuesday 16th September – Individual and sibling school photographs

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Leanne Steed

Headteacher

Attendance heroes

Good attendance in school is extremely important. The government target for good attendance is 96%. Every week in Heroes assembly, we celebrate the class with the best attendance and each class is working towards earning an extra playtime and money to buy books for their classroom. This week's winners were Dove class with 99.3% Well done Doves!!

FOUNDATION STAGE	93.5%	KINGFISHERS	98.1%
PUFFINS	99.2%	DOVES	99.3%
WRENS	96.2%	SWALLOWS	96.9%
WOODPECKERS	96.3%	OWLS	95.4%
		FALCONS	95%
		SWANS	97.3%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (excluding Nursery)		96.8%	