

**A Note from Miss Cousin**

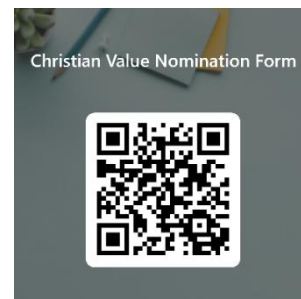
It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the year! The time has flown by, and it's been incredible to see our school community thriving. I feel so grateful for the support I've received, and it's wonderful to be part of such a positive and inspiring environment. Our children continue to amaze us with their enthusiasm, outstanding learning, and personal development, and it's a privilege to watch their leadership skills grow.

As we reach this milestone, we're also taking time to reflect. Another parent questionnaire will be circulated in Spring 2, giving you the chance to share your thoughts, and we truly appreciate your feedback. Staff will also be asked to complete their half-year reflections, and we will be sharing pupil responses shortly. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us continue to grow and improve together and responses will be shared.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. Wishing you a wonderful, well-earned half term – enjoy the break!

**Value Awards**

We welcome your nominations for the children to receive any of our Christian Value Awards for living out the value in action: **translating the value into a virtue (kindness, love, respect, resilience, faith and joy)** through every day actions. Please use our Values Nomination Form, accessible through the QR code or [here](#), to submit your nominations. We will celebrate this once every two weeks on a Friday morning in our Golden Box Worship which you will be invited to attend. *This half term our focus value is 'Respect'.*



**Feeling Proud**



A huge congratulations to our incredible runners who represented the school at Wollaton Park. You all showed fantastic determination and effort!

A special mention to Georgia in Year 6, who finished an amazing 4th place out of over 200 runners—what an outstanding achievement! 🏆



Ava received player of the match at football for good technique and passing. Excellent Ava – showing real teamwork – keep up the good work!



Eli has passed his 5 metres front crawl in swimming. Well done Eli - such a brilliant skill to have.



Toby has achieved his 25 metres breaststroke, 25 metres front crawl and passed his stage 3 swimming level. Excellent achievements Toby!



Logan has recently been awarded his 10 metre butterfly and 100 meter swim badges and certificates. We are super proud of him. He understands how important learning to swim is and he has been working extremely hard! Well done Logan!



Noah sat his Initial Grade exam in keyboard and has passed with distinction! All of the hard work he has put in practicing the 3 pieces as well as technical exercises has paid off. We are super proud of him and he is quite rightly, really chuffed with himself. Well done Noah.



Noah achieved his 25m. A brilliant skill Noah, and wonderful achievement.



We are thrilled to celebrate Harriet's Silver Brownie award! This reflects her dedication, leadership, and commitment to making a difference in her community. Well done Harriet!



Flo has always dreamed of riding a Clydesdale—one of the biggest horses around! To prepare, she's been bravely riding horses far too big for her, building the skills and confidence needed to handle such a gentle giant. After her final lesson on Mr Darcy, she's now ready to make her dream come true during the holidays in Cumbria, where she'll ride a Clydesdale named Charlie.

Watch this space for the 'mane' event—go, Flo! 🐾



Ben has had an exciting start to the year, competing in the Nottinghamshire ASA County Swimming Championships with 11 qualifying times and achieving multiple personal bests. He impressed in the 100m Butterfly final as the only 9-year-old, smashing his PB by 15 seconds, and continued to improve across various events, including a 13-second PB in the 400m Freestyle. Benjamin also helped his club, CABSC, win the Notts ASA Stage 1 Gala by 33 points last weekend with strong individual and relay performances, securing the team a huge trophy!



A huge congratulations to Evie for earning her 10m Front Crawl badge! Her hard work and dedication have paid off—way to go, Evie!



Jacob achieved his next swimming badge and we're so proud! Keep striving for the next badge, working hard and you will be on the next stage before you know it!



Luna has been attending football practice every week since the summer. Although there isn't a full team yet, she has shown incredible passion and commitment, never missing a session—even in the worst weather! One moment that stood out was last week when the coach put Luna on a team by herself, alongside the coach, against all the other girls. She quickly took the lead, scoring four goals! Realising it wasn't fair, Luna suggested switching sides to help the other team. The coach agreed, and with her support, they managed to level the score. Well done, Luna! We are so proud of your resilience, determination, and kindness and empathy. Keep up the great work!

## 100 Reads!



A huge well done to the children for reaching an amazing milestone - 100 reads since September! Fantastic effort from everyone - keep up the great reading!

## 📌 Careers and Aspirations Week – We Need You!

Do you have an interesting job or career path you'd like to share? Could you inspire our students by running a 45 minute (give or take) workshop? We're inviting parents, carers, and friends of the school to come in during **Careers Week (w/c 17th March)** and talk to our children about your job or career journey! We can tailor the session to a year group that best suits your workshop, and we'll work with you to find a day and time that fits your schedule. Whether it's hands-on activities, sharing your experiences, or answering questions, your insight could make a huge impact on our students' future aspirations. If you're interested or know someone who might be, please get in touch – we'd love to hear from you! Thank you for supporting our Careers Week! ☀️

## Meet and Eat

We're excited to invite parents to join us for our upcoming Meet and Eat sessions! This is a fantastic opportunity to share a meal with your child and experience lunchtime together.

### Dates:

Year 5 – 20th March, 11:50 – 12:20 PM

Year 4 – 27th March, 11:50 – 12:20 PM

## More details will follow soon!

Looking ahead, we'll be welcoming:

Year 3 and Year 2 in Summer 1

Year 1 and Foundation in Summer 2

**We can't wait to see you there!** 😊

## Exciting News! Reading Cafés Coming Soon!

After half term, we are delighted to introduce Reading Cafés—a special opportunity for parents to come into school and enjoy reading with their child. Each session will be held for one class at a time on alternate Fridays at 3:00pm.

### Here's the schedule:

Friday 7th March – Foundation

Friday 21st March – Year 1

Friday 4th April – Year 2

Friday 2nd May – Year 3

Friday 16th May – Year 4

Friday 13th June – Year 5

Friday 27th June – Year 6

We can't wait to share this lovely reading experience with you and your child!

## Online Safety – Parent Forum



Join us on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March**, for an informal discussion on keeping children safe online. When I attended this course, I found it incredibly insightful - eye-opening, sometimes alarming, but extremely useful. As a parent, I highly recommend it and would love to share what I learned with you. Let's work together to protect our children in the digital world!



### Treasure Island

Darcy, Jemimah, Essex, and Calli have been rehearsing since September, and now it's finally showtime! They'll be taking to the stage this half-term for an unforgettable pantomime performance. Let's wish them all the best as they bring the magic to life—break a leg! [Book your tickets here.](#)

### Nottingham Playhouse - Family Fest - February 2025 - Nottingham Playhouse

This October half-term, join in the activities at Nottingham Playhouse for a fun-filled week of family activities and workshops.

Click the image to be taken directly to their website to find out more.



## Pupil Voice

A big thank you to all the children who shared their thoughts through Pupil Voice. We're so pleased that:

- ☀️ 99% of you feel safe at school
- ☀️ 98% enjoy coming to school
- ☀️ 99% would recommend our school to a friend moving to the area

It's fantastic to hear such positive feedback! For those who haven't had the best experience, please know we are here to listen and will be working with those individuals to make sure everyone feels happy and supported at school. Your voice matters! Take a look [here](#).

## Thank You



A huge thank you to Mrs Godfrey and her amazing team for their dedication to teaching vital first aid and CPR skills to our parents. Your efforts could truly make the difference in saving a life, and we are incredibly grateful. Though we didn't capture the moment in photos, the impact of your work speaks for itself. I can't believe I am the one who ended up with the gorgeous cards, flowers and sweets – all thanks goes to you and your team!



### **Shoe Aid: Support for Families in Need**

Struggling with the cost of shoes? If your family needs support due to the rising cost of living, [Shoe Aid](#) is there to help. They provide free, quality footwear to those in need, ensuring everyone has access to comfortable and appropriate shoes.

Get in touch with them to find out more. No one should go without.

### **Parking Notice – Please Be Considerate!**

We kindly remind everyone **not to park in Sellors Ltd / Wrights Garage** or block local driveways. Unauthorised parking in these areas is causing disruption to the community and preventing employees and customers from accessing the businesses. Please be respectful and park in designated areas only. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **Respecting Our Community: Keep Gardens Litter-Free!**

We kindly ask everyone to be mindful and respectful of our local residents' gardens. Littering not only spoils the beauty of these spaces but also creates extra work for those who take pride in maintaining them.

Please dispose of rubbish responsibly and encourage others to do the same. Let's work together to keep our community clean, tidy, and respectful for all. A big appreciation to our fantastic Womble Club, who do their bit to keep our area litter-free—but please do yours too!

Thank you for your support!

### **Help Shape Gedling's Heritage Strategy!**

Gedling Borough Council is developing a new Heritage Strategy, and they'd love to hear from local families about their favourite heritage sites and how they can improve access to them. Please see the survey link [here](#). Your feedback will help shape the future of our local heritage!

### **Attendance Matters: Striving for 97%!**

Our school aims for a 97% attendance rate - a target set to ensure students are getting the most from their education. While 96% attendance is roughly in line with the national average, anything below that means important learning time is being missed. Over the last two weeks, we will share how we've been doing, but remember, attendance makes a big difference. Let's work together to meet our goal and give every student the best chance to succeed!

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	96.00%	96.21%	96.67%	93.67%	98.67%	93.33%	96.79%	95.89%

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Attendance	98.33%	98.21%	96.00%	92.00%	97.67%	96.33%	97.86%	96.60%

Our goal is to promote a positive atmosphere for all students. The class certificate rewards are exciting for the children and encourage teamwork. When a class earns five certificates, they enjoy an extra break. Thank you for your support as we create a positive school environment.

### **Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)**



We're thrilled to announce that our school is becoming more active on Instagram!

To maintain our presence on Facebook, we've also created a **new page** to keep you updated with all the latest events, activities, and highlights. 🎉

As we explore fresh ways to connect with you on these platforms, we appreciate your patience as we fine-tune our posts and stories.



#### 🌟 *Missed something?*

Don't worry! You can catch up by checking out the Instagram **Highlights** section to see what we've been up to.

Stay tuned for more updates, and thank you for your continued support as we grow our online presence. 🙌

**Pupil Free School Meals and Milk:** If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, apply online [here](#).

Diary Dates	
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children return to school
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Team Rubicon – scooter and skateboard enrichment day
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Breakfast with Books (letter separate)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Reading Café Foundation
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 trip to the Holocaust Centre
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country Y2-Y6 (children TBC) Self-esteem Workshop Y4 Sleep Workshop Y3
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Time Travelling at Southwell Minster Y5
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Careers Week
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Online Safety Parent Forum 5:15pm school hall
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Webinar – Children’s Emotional Health and Wellbeing
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> March	YF and Y5 Experience Easter at St Wilfrid’s Church 1:15pm-2:45pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Meet and Eat Year 5
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief Reading Café Year 1
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	David and Goliath Choir Dress Rehearsal time TBC
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Meet and Eat Year 4
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> March	David and Goliath Choir Performance time TBC
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> March-2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y5 Easter Service at St Wilfrid’s Church 9:45am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Reading Café Year 2
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter
April 7 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Playscheme open
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children return to school Y4 Egyptians Partake Day
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Photos Reading Café Year 3
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception trip to Field Farm
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading Café Year 4
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Village Get Together
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y3 Class Worship at St Wilfrid’s Church 9:45am Disco
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break up for half term
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Hagg Farm Residential
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Egyptians Partake Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Reading Café Year 5
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 trip to Nottingham University
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> and Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reading Café Year 6
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	CFS Induction Day
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production (time TBC)
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> July	
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> -Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Hathersage Residential
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers’ Service Last Day for pupils

Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> July/Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset Day
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Playscheme open

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Childrens Emotional Health & Wellbeing

18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 1-230pm

