

A Note from Miss Cousin

As we move through this special time of year, I want to extend my thanks for your continued support. Together, we raised £157.49 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and I am equally grateful to our wonderful PSA for organising the Pre-Loved Uniform Sale which raised £39.

It has been a joy to see our children embracing so many rich experiences over the past few weeks. We celebrated a beautiful Christingle Service led by Reverend Sam and Years 1 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed Experience Christmas. Our family of schools came together for a Carol Concert hosted by CFS and the children threw themselves enthusiastically into an energetic Enrichment Day, learning how to play Paceball.

Our pupils have represented the school brilliantly at dodgeball and the Jingle Jog and we were proud to visit Springwater Lodge, sharing Christmas songs and our *Off by Heart* poetry with the residents.

We are always grateful for Robin and Sue from Riverside Church, who lead us in worship and help us reflect on Jesus spreading his light in the world.

As a school, we are always learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness. The coming weeks promise even more opportunities to do just that, with nativities, carol concerts, Christmas parties, and many memorable moments ahead.

Thank you for being part of our school community.

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 'Love'.*

Feeling Proud



Congratulations to Deontay on his recent baptism!

Massive congratulations to Harriet and Violet for another amazing performance of *The Wizard of Oz* at the Bonington Theatre. We are very proud.





Ella has performed on stage in The Wizard of Oz for New Youth Theatre. She has been going for over a year now and had her first speaking part as Niko. Well done Ella.

Olivia has been awarded for her work in gymnastics – great work Olivia.

Sidney earned two certificates on the same day - one for completing Stage 3 and another for swimming 10m Breaststroke. A great achievement!



Logan took part in his first swimming gala on Saturday. It was such an amazing experience for him! He gained 3rd place in front crawl and 4th place in two backstroke races out of 6. He was one of the youngest competitors but showed so much courage. His coaches were very proud of him. Mummy and Daddy are always extremely proud of how hard he works and puts 100% into everything. Well done Logan!

Christmas Fair

Donations of any sort of chocolate would be gratefully received as we do not have sufficient to run the chocolate tombola stall.

Savoury items for the hampers would also be appreciated. Ideas are condiments, Christmas crackers, savoury crackers, nuts, dried fruits, tinned fruit, pickled onions, turkey gravy etc.

Also, the bottle tombola would benefit from some more donations - please have a look if you have a bottle of anything that you could donate to school. Anything from water to wine, squash to shampoo.

Donations of any sort of gift bags would be great.

Don't forget to send The Big Christmas Fair raffle stubs and money into school so you have the chance to win.

Feel free to offer them to friends and family too. Please ask at the school office for more tickets if you need any.

ALL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent questionnaires - staff, parents, and students.

We're pleased to share that your feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Your voice really does matter and we massively appreciate the time you took to share your thoughts. For those who raised, please know that I will be in touch directly.

You can view the full results [here](#).

Thank You and Reminder for Walkers

Thank you to all the parents who help us walk to church, the library, and other school activities. We truly appreciate your time and support - we can't thank you enough. Just a reminder that parents can't serve as walkers if they have another child with them, including babies, as walkers need to be able to focus fully on the safety and supervision of the students in our care.

After-School Club

ACE Sports After-School Club is continuing for the remainder of this academic year, with a different activity each half term - just like last year!

Club Days:

- Monday: EYFS and KS1
- Thursday: KS2

Current Sessions:

- Autumn Term: Football (continuing until the end of term)

Upcoming Sessions:

- Spring 1: Multi Skills (EYFS & KS1) / Basketball (KS2)
- Spring 2: Tennis (EYFS & KS1 & KS2)
- Summer 1: Rounders (EYFS & KS1 & KS2)
- Summer 2: Athletics (EYFS & KS1 & KS2), including Sports Day practice.



Booking Information:

ACE will send out the link to book the clubs and we'll share it with parents as soon as it becomes available.

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 26th Jan)** 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! I will be focusing on this over the next few weeks so please do get in touch and if you have already, thank you – I promise, I will get back to you!

Pupil Premium – Help Us Help Your Children!

School budgets are tighter than ever, and Pupil Premium funding helps us provide extra support, clubs, trips, and resources for eligible pupils.

Check if you qualify here: [Free School Meals and Milk – Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

Need help? Pop into the office. Families who sign up will receive a free school tie and be entered into a £100 food voucher prize draw!

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!

Session Attendance Summary (17 Nov 2025 - 21 Nov 2025)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	94.00%	100%	95.33%	93.23%	98.33%	93.33%	96.00%	95.73%

Session Attendance Summary (24 Nov 2025 - 28 Nov 2025)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	98.67%	92.33%	98.00%	94.19%	96.67%	95.00%	95.33%	95.73%

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. You can out the weekly attendance figures by clicking the 'Attendance' tab on the [homepage](#) of the school's website.



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

Please do catch up on all the fun on our [Instagram highlights](#).

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



Diary Dates 2025-26	
Monday 8 th December	F2 2pm Nativity at school
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 2pm Nativity at school Last day to bring in your pre-loved Christmas jumper
Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 2pm Nativity at school
Thursday 11 th December	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall 3:30pm Christmas Jumper Swap in Y1
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 2pm and 6pm Carol Concert at St Wilfrid's Church
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 19 th December	Break-up for Christmas
Monday 22 nd Dec – Friday 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK
Monday 5 th January	Children return to school
Thursday 8 th January	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 9 th January	Foundation, Year 1 and 2 Little Mermaid by Nottingham Playhouse
Wednesday 14 th January	Y4 Meet and Eat
Friday 16 th January	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop – Fencing – PE Kit
Friday 23 rd January	Y3 Reading Cafe
Friday 30 th January	Y3 The Romans in Southwell
Week Comm 26 th Jan	Careers Week
Tuesday 3 rd February	Eco Club visit to Material Recovery Facility at Mansfield- 12:30 - 15:30
Thursday 5 th February	DISCO
Week Comm 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 6 th February	NSPCC Number Day Y4 Reading Cafe
Thursday 12 th February	9:45am Year 3 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church 3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Thursday 12 th February	Break-up for half term
Friday 13 th February	INSET
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th Feb	HALF TERM
Monday 23 rd February	Children return to school
Wednesday 25 th February	Y1 Visit to Newstead Abbey
Friday 27 th February	Y5 Visit to Gainsborough Hall
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – Breakfast with Books
Friday 6 th March	Reading Cafe

Wednesday 11 th March	Y3 Meet and Eat
Thursday 12 th March	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Thursday 19 th - Thursday 26 th March	Book Fair
Friday 20 th March	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop – Archery – PE Kit
Week Comm 23 rd March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 th March	Class photographs
Thursday 26 th March	9:45am Year 2 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church
Friday 27 th March	Break-up for Easter
Monday 30 th March-Friday 10 th April	EASTER BREAK
Monday 30 th March – Friday 3 rd April	PLAYSCHEME
Monday 13 th April	Children return to school
Thursday 16 th April	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 24 th April	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop – Quidditch – PE Kit
Wednesday 29 th April	Y2 Meet and Eat
Friday 1 st May	Y5 Reading Cafe
Wednesday 6 th May – Friday 8 th May	Y4 Hagg Farm Residential
Thursday 7 th May	F2 Field Farm
Week Comm 11 th May	Y6 SATs Week
Thursday 14 th May	Y3 Partake Ancient Egyptians Day
	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Monday 18 th May	Y6 Trip to Nottingham Trent University
Thursday 21 st May	9:45am Year 1 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church DISCO
Friday 22 nd May	Break-up for half term
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Friday 5 th June	Colour Run
Wednesday 10 th June	F2 Meet and Eat
Thursday 11 th June	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 12 th June	Y6 Reading Cafe
Thursday 18 th June	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 19 th June	
Tuesday 23 rd June	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 24 th June	
	Y1 Meet and Eat
Friday 26 th June	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop – Golf – PE Kit
Week Comm Monday 29 th July	Y6 and KS2 Summer Production TBC
Thursday 2 nd July	9:45am Year F2 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church
Monday 6 th July	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 8 th July	KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 9 th July	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Tuesday 14 th – Friday 17 th July	Y6 Residential
Thursday 23 rd July	Children break-up for summer
Friday 24 th July	INSET
Monday 27 th July	INSET
Tuesday 28 th July – Friday 7 th August	PLAYSCHEME



WINTER CAMP



BOTTESFORD VILLAGE HALL

Belvoir Road, Bottesford Village Hall, Nottingham, NG13 0BG

22nd Dec, 23rd Dec,
29th Dec, 30th Dec & 2nd Jan

FULLY DAY : £24

HALF DAY : £20

BLOCK BOOKING : £140 FOR 5 DAYS



- WACKY RACES
- SUPER STAR SPORTY GUY TALENT
- COACHES CHALLENGE
- AGILITY TRAINING
- CAMOUFLAGE HIDEOUT
- MINI DODGEBALL
- OBSTACLES COURSE
- JUMPING AND ROLLS
- BALANCING AND SHAPES
- REINDEER ROUNDUP
- SNOW FLAKES MAKING
- CHRISTMAS JARHEADS
- PENGUIN BOWLING
- SNOWMAN SHOOTOUT
- SUPER SPORTS DAY - ICF HOCKEY
- CHRISTMAS CRICKET
- SNOWMAN DODGEBALL
- CHRISTMAS CARDS
- BENCHBALL
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FULLY DAY : £24

HALF DAY : £20

BLOCK BOOKING : £140 FOR 5 DAYS



- WACKY RACES
- SUPER STAR SPORTS DAY TALENT
- CONCHES CHALLENGE
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- CAMOUFLAGE HIDEOUT
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- SNOW FLAKE MAKING
- CHRISTMAS RAPPERS
- PENGUIN BOWLING
- SNOWMAN SHOOTOUT
- SUPER SPORTS DAY - ELF HOCKEY
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- SNOWMAN DODGEBALL
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