



Spring Term 2026

Newsletter

Welcome to Spring Term 2026: a short but very busy – and very exciting - term! From *Macbeth* to *Thingamabobas*, to Viktor the Viking appearing in the Heart Space (look out for him on your next visit!) to our first residential to Hathersage in 7 years, and lots, lots more! We hope you enjoy the photos.

It's been a big term for Science – including the Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity (FOSAC), and National Science Week, with lots of interesting learning activities both here and at other schools. 6th Form students loved the Andy Warhol pop icon exhibition at the Lakeside, we enjoyed hosting Deep Down Brass in the school hall, and the Oak Field orchestra treated us to a lunchtime Café Jam session, complete with mocktails.

One of our key aims this year is to 'go out, get involved, and get others involved', and with the (slightly!) better weather, we've been doing just that. Phase 3-7 have been exploring their new outdoor equipment, Class 9 have been playing tennis at the Nottingham Tennis Centre on Monday mornings, Class 11 went ice-skating with the Panthers, and lots of classes go out regularly to practise their different skills at the Bluecoat Beechdale Academy (BBA) hair salon, Harvey Hadden Sports Village and the Bracebridge Drive library/community hub and shops.

On Saturday 21st March a group of us joined Rich Pilcher at Meadow Lane where he was celebrated in the University of Nottingham Celebrating Teacher Awards for how he makes us all feel we belong, in our own and in the wider community. Here he is at the stadium before the 5-2 win for Notts County v Cheltenham:



We've celebrated Number Day, Chinese New Year, World Book Day, Red Nose Day, and Eid in assemblies, and lunchtime clubs such as rebound/trampolining and the outdoor disco continue to be a highlight of the week. The Parent Power group have started meeting again on Thursday mornings (new members very welcome!), and we look forward to seeing lots of families at the different events in Sports Week (Mon 18 – Fri 22 May – save the date).

Our first day back at school is **Monday 13 April**.

In the meantime, we'd all like to wish you a very happy Easter break

Patricia Lewis
(Headteacher)

Class 1

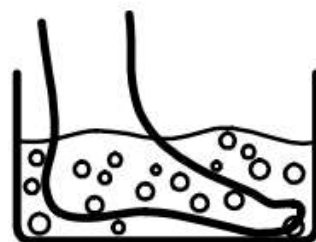
We have spent a lot of time outside at Forest School. We have explored different textures, and have been playing with mud!



We went to Woodlands School, to participate in Science Week activities – our favourite was the bubbles!



We relaxed with some foot spas for children's mental health week.



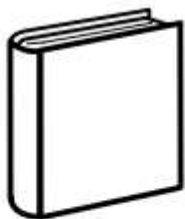
foot spa



We have been making lots of different creations at our playdough station!

Class 1

We have been travelling to different places as part of our 'Magic Train Ride' story – we even went to Space!



World Book Day

We had some visitors from Deep Down Brass – some of us liked the noisy saxophone, and some of us liked the quiet flute.



We all dressed up for World Book Day!



We've been making 'silly soup' in our phonics sessions.

Class 2



outside

Class 2 love learning outside,
whatever the weather



Some of us have been making a Silly Soup in Phonics



Class 2

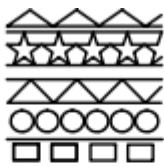


one



lots

In our Mathematical learning we have been exploring one, lots, counting and repeated pattern



pattern



Class 3



spring



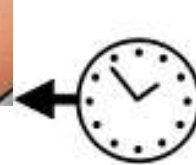
story



growing up



In Spring 1 we explored a sensory story called 'I'm Falling to Bits', all about the changes that happen when we grow up such as teeth falling out and hair falling out when we brush it. We really enjoyed this story and getting messy with the sensory elements.



past



present

We explored jobs in the past and present and we loved planting some seeds by hand and seeing them grow, when we explored how farmers used to plant seeds before tractors. We also explored new and old cooking equipment and used switches to turn on a mixer which was lots of fun!



Class 3

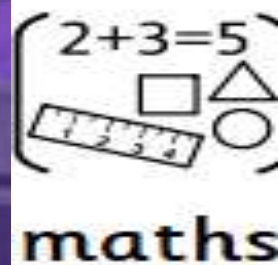


spring

In Science we have been exploring the different ways objects move. We loved exploring the massage guns, foot spas and fans to experience different movement.



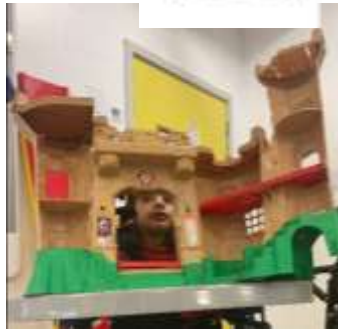
In Maths we have been learning about different positional vocabulary. We have really enjoyed going to soft play and exploring being in, out, on and under different equipment.



Class 4



Class 4 have enjoyed exploring the story; 'Emma Lee and Me Travel Europe'. We have enjoyed exploring different things linked to each European country. We liked listening to the chimes of Big Ben and it has been funny to listen to our adults speak French, German and Italian.



In Spring Term 2 we explored the topic 'Europe'. We have had to make sure we have important documents and pretended to fly to lots of different countries. We also pretended to visit different famous landmarks.



In Computing we have been to the Virtual Space to experience flight simulations, bobsleighbing, and sightseeing. We have also been using the screens to do mark making and jigsaws.



We have enjoyed pretending to fly to different countries. We explored different items to pack for cold and hot weathers and tried different food from different countries.



Humanities



Class 4

In Spring Term 1 we explored the topic 'Growing up'. We enjoyed exploring different parts of our bodies, learning about changes in ourselves and other things around us.



PSHE



We have had great fun learning how tall we are and who is the tallest in our class. We measured our hands and feet by making hand and footprints.

We also explored weights and things that were the same or different

In PSHE we have been learning about growing up from a baby to an adult. We made our own mobiles for our class nursery. We explored all the things a baby needs such as; clothes, bottles, nappies and toys. .



Maths

In phonics we have been listening to the letter sounds of b, i, h, t, linked to familiar nursery rhymes. We are getting very good at remembering our favourite songs linked to the letter sound.



Phonics



Class 5

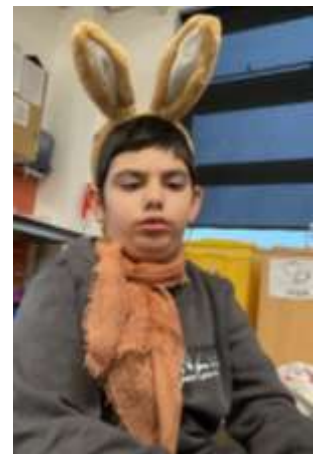
During Literacy In Spring Term 1 we enjoyed listening to our sensory story about growing up. We explored switches, babies, water spray and big/small clothing.



During our computing sessions we have chosen different headpieces to try on, and took selfies on the iPad. We also had lots of fun pressing pieces of our photos to make the full one!



computing



We enjoyed our Curling event at Harvey Hadden; we also met other pupils from different schools.



Class 5

In Spring Term 2 we have taken part in lots of sensory fun during our visit to the Macbeth exhibition.



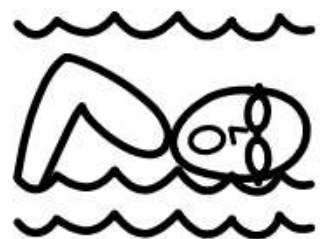
explore



In Science we have been experiencing different movements. We enjoyed trying the roundabout and ramps in our outdoor areas, as well as the mechanical horse.



We have enjoyed taking part in physical activities such as swimming and trampolining.



swim

Class 6

We have been learning about how to cross the road safely when we have been out in the community.



road safety



Stop



Look



Listen



Think



In Maths, we have been learning about positional language. We have been using our bodies to go 'up, down, in, out, under' and programming cars and BeeBots.



Class 6



science



We have engaged in lots of Science activities this term. Some of the highlights were a trip to Woodlands School to see the Dino Dome and exploring different life cycles



swimming

We have loved our swimming lessons this half term. We have been working on individual targets and controlling our bodies in the water.



Class 7

We have been learning about the topic 'growing up' in Spring Term 1. We have explored what babies, children and adults need and labelled body parts.



In our eco lesson, we explored the importance of moving our body and being healthy indoors and outdoors through physical activity, including horse riding.

We have also enjoyed exploring the Thingamabobas installation in school, as part of the Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity.



Class 7



spring

We have been learning about Europe in Spring Term 2. We have enjoyed exploring and making vehicles in our DT lessons.



We have also explored a range of positional language in Maths through moving objects and ourselves into different positions.



This term, we have also enjoyed exploring a range of Science activities, including making balloon rockets, in Science Week!



Class 8



Science



Spring

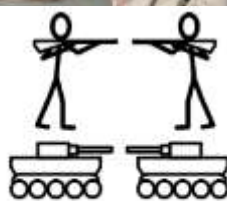
We explored Wartime through stories and took part in a puppet workshop making birds. Lots of fun scrunching paper and feeling the horse's mane!



In Science we have been exploring sensory and messy experiments – making things using paint and colour and touching and looking at what happens.



Stories



War



Class 8

We have explored making sounds and exploring technology to do this, using the iPads to make rhythms and using different instruments. Lots of fun exploring music as a group.



Spring

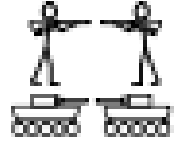


We have explored World Poetry and the culture of different places through sounds and experiences. We enjoyed Holi as an active painting activity and Carnival by making sounds and masks.



Class 9

We learned all about World War Two. We learned about the roles people played during the war, such as soldiers, farmers, nurses and factory workers



War



We learned that food was rationed during the war. We had a go at making war time food such as bubble and squeak



ration

We read the story 'The lion and the unicorn' and created our own interactive version of the story using a book creator app and adding sounds and images.



123

number

As part of Number Day we explored different ways to represent our class number using some of our favourite things



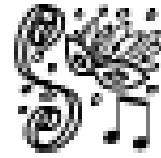
Class 9

We learned all about Indian Culture. We enjoyed trying on traditional Indian clothing, tasting Indian food and playing traditional Indian Instruments



India

Culture



Carnival

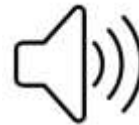
We have enjoyed learning about Carnival and the fun and vibrant carnival costumes. We had fun creating our own carnival masks



science



We've explored how sound travels, carrying out experiments to show and feel the vibrations



sound

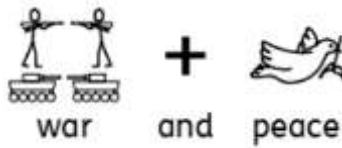


trips



We've enjoyed two trips this half term both focussed on Science. We had a great time exploring all the science activities and experiments. Exploring Oobleck and controlling robots were some of our favourites!

Class 10



pie

In Spring 1 our topic was War and Peace. We explored wartime foods in DT and had a go at making some.



bread and butter



poetry

We also did our own planting and growing. We planted herbs and vegetables.

In Spring 2 we have been looking at world poetry, carnivals and festivals. We explored Holi in English and had a go at throwing powder paints. We liked the colours and making a big mess!



Colours



Holi



Class 10

We have been enjoying using the gym this term.

We also had a go at making some pancakes.



In computing we have been exploring how to create music and sound using the touchscreen.



In Maths we are looking at counting and sequencing. We had a go at counting to five using some hoops.



Class 11

We had a wonderful time learning about William Shakespeare's play Macbeth. We loved meeting the witches and recreating the scenes.



Spring



english



Our work was displayed in the 14 – 19 Macbeth showcase! We acted out five scenes from the play. The entire school and external visitors found our work inspiring.

We have been working hard in our swimming sessions.

Some of us have braved the pool for the first time!



swimming

Class 11



Spring

We all went together to the Nottingham Ice Arena to skate with the Nottingham Panthers. We had an amazing time. The staff team were so proud of class 11!



trips



in the community



As part of our Thinking Ahead learning we have been visiting the hair salon at BBA in small groups to learn work skills such as customer service skills and good communication.



work



skills

Class 12

In Maths, we have been working on our weighing and measuring skills when making food.

We have made pancakes, omelettes and Welsh cakes!



In Literacy, we have looked at the play 'Macbeth'. During this, we became witches and created our own class potion using frogs, snakes, worms, blood and legs!



Class 12

We continue to enjoy our community visits; our favourite this half term has been to the local fish and chip shop where we used our voice or symbols to request which food we wanted to buy.



In Science, we have been taking part in different experiments. One of our favourites was egg parachutes, where we wrapped our eggs in materials and dropped them to the floor. We had fun looking to see if they had cracked or not.



Class 14

In our Design and Technology lessons, we have been learning how to keep tidy. We practised using the washing machines and hoovering the floor.



spring



tidy



We have been making exchanges in Maths. We enjoyed setting up a shop and paying for items for using a card or money.



exchange



shop

Class 14

We have enjoyed learning about the body in Science. We used the heart and organ models to explore inside the human body.



spring



heart



We have been in the garden and we have planted some garlic.

We enjoyed exploring the bulb and smelling it before digging a hole to plant it.



planting

6F1

Amazing work from
Class 6F1 this term!



spring



In Nature, we
designed and made
miniature ponds!
We also set up
some wildlife
cameras to capture
local wildlife!



fitness



We worked hard to
make mocktails for
the school orchestra
and their guests!



work



We enjoyed learning about Macbeth
and making our own 'crime scene',
investigating who killed the king.



(ABC)

English

We enjoyed attending
the Macbeth Workshop
and acting out different
parts of the story

6F1



spring

We enjoyed listening to different brass instruments and had the chance to have a go ourselves and talk to the band!



music



science



We enjoyed participating in different experiments for Science Week.

6F2



DT



spring watch



This Spring Term, 6F2 have been doing lots of exciting things. We have enjoyed the outdoor learning as part of Spring Watch. We learnt about animals that hibernate for winter, and what they need to survive. We built a bird feeder and bird nest to help them during the harsh winter months. We also visited a local park looking for wildlife; we discovered that most of them were hibernating. But we enjoyed a nice brisk walk!



We kept ourselves busy preparing to host an event as part of Design Technology sessions. We all practised how to get ready, prepare our home and food, and set up a table to host guests. Excellent skills for the future!



Hosting an event



Environment



6F2



Macbeth

We had a lot of fun exploring Macbeth, recording key signs for the showcase and taking part in all of the activities. Great engagement everyone!



(ABC)

English



We have been involved in a lot of Science activities and experiments this spring term. We loved building a robotic scribbler as part of the FOSAC robotic workshop. We also took part in Thingamabobas. As part of Science Week we visited Ambleside Academy for forensic science workshop and Woodlands Academy to join in with a range of activities.



science



Well done to all 6F2 students who were very well behaved and made us proud during offsite visits!



6F3



pharmacy

We've been enjoying going out in our local community – keeping fit and learning about what it is like to work in a pharmacy and a foodbank!



outdoor



gym

6F3



Forest



Schools

Other highlights...



Learning safety and outdoor skills during our exciting Forest Schools afternoons!



TEN
MINUTES
LATER



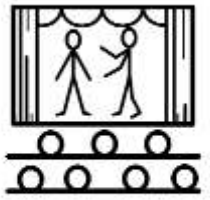
Cleaning and then constructing our new Viking friend!



...we even found time for a boogie with Deep Down Brass! Phew!

6F4

In Spring 1 we looked at Macbeth!
We explored a sensory version of the story!



Macbeth

Double double toil and
trouble, fire burn and
cauldron bubble!



King Duncan
at your
service



It's a bit
chilly!



DT

We also enjoyed
preparing for our
showcase in DT!



nature



So much fun!

It was a bit cold
when we returned
from the holidays so
we enjoyed exploring
the snow in our
nature session



High five friend!

We loved
looking at
nice ways to
greet our
friends and
family.



maths

In Maths we were looking at
estimating through cooking
and loved exploring the
ingredients!



I'll mix it all together!

men and women's group

We need more
chocolate!



6F4

In Spring 2 we looked at a range of different topics and experiences!



thingamabobs

We loved exploring the Thingamabobs exhibition and trying new things!



Where does this tube go?



men and women's group

In men's and women's group we have been looking at the people who help us in the NHS. We have loved exploring the different jobs!



Can I join?!



big brass band

We loved dancing to the big brass band!



nature

We have loved exploring the different parts of the plant!



I think I have a temperature!



What a pretty flower!



6F5

We have been listening to BIG sounds at the Deep Down Brass gig.



Had BIG smiles making terrariums for plants and habitats for animals.



6F5

We have been holding BIG positions in ballet lessons.



And watching BIG bubbles in Science Week!

Art

KS3 We explored Mexican folk art, creating collaged birds, *sombrero* hats and 3D headdresses inspired by artist Frida Kahlo.

KS2 Making self portrait collages.



KS2 We created paintings inspired by artist Vincent Van Gogh's 'Wheatfield with Crows'.



KS3 D.T We cooked vegetable soup following a WW II recipe called "Blitz Soup".



6F Arts Awards Accreditation – We explored Cubism and Spanish artist Pablo Picasso, making our own Cubist images.



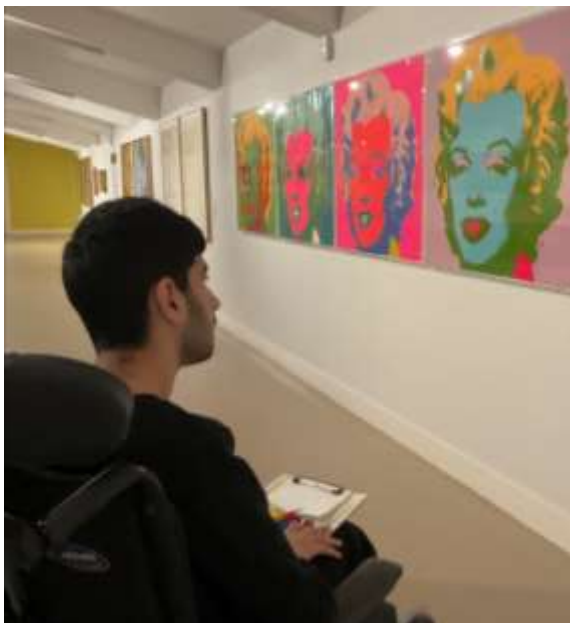
KS2 D.T – Creating wheels for our wind car.

Art



KS4 & 6F created an exhibition inspired by William Shakespeare's Macbeth, for an RSC Schools project. We explored how to use many different art techniques by painting, embellishing, weaving and 3D construction skills.

6F We visited Lakeside Art Gallery to see the Andy Warhol exhibition and take part in an art workshop.



Music



flamenco

KS2 loved exploring flamenco music, putting on some amazing flamenco performances in the theatre.



KS3 enjoyed learning about different music from around the world, especially dancing along to carnival music.

Phase 3-7 had lots of fun celebrating New Year in music, making music for their own disco.



Music



6F enjoyed playing their own solos inspired by famous rock and jazz musicians.



KS4 created a witches soundscape for the Macbeth showcase and enjoyed making lots of scary sounds!



brass band



Lots of classes enjoyed performances from Deep Down Brass. The hall turned into a big party!



orchestra



Oak Field Orchestra hosted an amazing jam session for their friends in the café.

PE



Phase 3-7

We have been having fun in the swimming pool navigating ways of travelling and pushing floating objects. We have used sensory items with music to encouraging stretching our muscles. Spot the Valentines themes, trampolining, and Gladiators!



Phase 7-14

Have focused on trampolining and played basketball and rugby. We have looked at themes such as New Year exercising, Space and planets.



PE



Phase 14-19

We have performed on the trampoline and also played basketball and rugby and improved general ball skills, including a Valentines theme to encourage us to stretch, feel, look and reach.



Extra-curricular activities

We have enjoyed a curling competition at Harvey Hadden, and swimming club at lunchtime and after-school, as well as trampolining twice a week. We will be playing football some lunchtimes after half term as the weather gets better.



Festival of Science and Curiosity happened across school and beyond from the 9th to the 20th February 2026. We were lucky to join in with lots of activities across the week, including a SEND event at the Council House with other schools. We enjoyed exploring the festival magazines and sharing some activities with families.





We were also lucky to have an Art installation 'Thingamabobas' throughout the week to explore and try out – moving parts and making sounds as well as exploring robotics.



Art

Classes in 14-19 were able to take part in a robotics workshop – building scribblebots with motors and pens and adding different designs they chose



Science



9 
9 explorers

 3 days  2 nights



Hathersage March 2026



hiking



nature



stream



cafe



camp fire



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

AUGUST 2025					
M		4	11	18	25
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 	Health Training Day

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- Half term 1 – 7 weeks
- Half term 2 – 7 weeks
- Half term 3 – 6 weeks
- Half term 4 – 5 weeks
- Half term 5 – 5 weeks 4 days
- Half term 6 – 8 weeks 1 day





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HAPPY EASTER