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Newsletter Spring 1 2026 - No. 6

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Dear families,

As we come to the end of the first part of the spring term, it's wonderful to see the days growing longer, the light stretching into the evenings, and the promise of spring just around the corner. We're all hoping we've finally seen the last of the rain that has brought so many wet playtimes and dampened the spirits of both adults and children alike. Below, you'll find a few important notices, updates, and key diary dates that I would like to share with you.

World Book Day

We are delighted to let you know that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. World Book Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading and inspire a love of books in our children. To mark the occasion, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Costumes do not need to be elaborate — simple, homemade outfits are absolutely perfect. Throughout the day, the children will take part in a range of fun, book-related activities designed to encourage enjoyment of reading and sharing stories together.

General attendance

Regular school attendance is vital to children's learning, wellbeing, and overall development. Every day in school matters — not just for academic progress, but for building routines, friendships, confidence, and a sense of belonging. We understand that children will sometimes have minor colds, including coughs and sneezes, which are a normal part of growing up and seasonal changes. In most cases, these mild symptoms are not a reason to miss school, and children are much better supported by being in class, learning alongside their peers. We ask families to support good attendance so every child can thrive.

Holidays in term time

As we look ahead to the spring and summer months, we would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of planning family holidays during the designated school holiday periods rather than during term time. Regular attendance plays a crucial role in children's learning, progress, and wellbeing, and time missed from school can have a significant impact.

Please note that, in line with updated Department for Education guidance, the school's attendance policy has been revised. As a result, holidays taken during term time will not be authorised, and a fixed penalty notice will be issued via Nottinghamshire County Council.

We appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain high attendance and ensure that every child is able to make the most of their learning opportunities.

Wraparound Care

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed TB Sports to run our wraparound care provision from September 2026. TB Sports will operate a daily breakfast and after-school club, providing food and a wide range of fun, structured activities each day.

The timings of the clubs are still to be finalised, as TB Sports would like to consult with parents to ensure the provision meets the needs of our families and school community. Please click on the link below to take part in this consultation and share your views.

Link: [TB Sports](#)

P.E Kits

Recently we have noticed that children are arriving in PE kit that doesn't follow our school policy. Please ensure that your child arrives for P.E in the following clothing:

PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White t-shirt (with or without logo)• Royal blue or black shorts• Plimsols or trainers	Any major retailer or Just-Schoolwear / Schoolwear Solutions
	For outdoors on colder days: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long joggers/leggings preferably blue or black• Long sleeved sweatshirt/hoody/zip up top preferably blue or black• Royal blue drawstring bag• All jewellery must removed before any PE lessons• Earrings can be covered with plasters/micropore tape if necessary (please provide your own and put in the PE bag)	School office or Just-Schoolwear / Schoolwear Solutions
Footwear	Plain black flat shoes	Any major retailer

Name everything!

Friends of Standhill Infants' School



We are a very small but enthusiastic group of Volunteers, who collectively form the Parent Teacher Friends Association of Standhill Infants School.

We are at the very beginning of our Association, which we hope, with the passage of time, will blossom into a larger, vibrant group of Volunteers.

Our aim is to enhance the lives of the pupils by purchasing much needed additional outdoor and sensory equipment. This cannot happen overnight, and will be a costly exercise, but will be well worth it for the children, who are commencing their journeys through school life.

We are hoping that there may be readers of this Notice who would like to join our Volunteers, we are looking for individuals who can offer even a small amount of their time, and indeed their ideas, for fund raising activities.

Positive Thoughts Fuel Achievements.

Thank you so much for your time in considering this Notice. If you can help in any way, we would love to hear from you, and you may contact

us on

standhillpta@gmail.com

Diary Dates

Date	Activity
Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026	School closed for half term holiday
Monday 23rd February 2026	INSET DAY – School closed to all children
Tuesday 24 th February 2026	School re-opens for Spring 2
Tuesday 24 th February 2026	Dental Survey – letter already sent
Tuesday 3rd March 2026	Parents’ Evenings/Reviews – see separate letter
Thursday 5th March 2026	Parents’ Evenings/Reviews – see separate letter
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day – See separate letter
Friday 6 th March 2026	Non-Uniform Day – Organised by the Standhill PTFA – cancelled
Friday 20 th March 2026	Red Nose Day – dress in red, bring £1!
Monday 23 rd March – 27 th March 2026	Health and Safety Week
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Life Education Science Visit
Friday 27 th March 2026	Easter Bonnet Parade – Letter to follow
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026	School closed for the Easter holidays
Monday 13 th April 2026	School reopens for Spring 2 2026

More dates will follow as the term progresses.

Other announcements

This Speech and Language announcement is for children under 4 years old but could be helpful for siblings too.



Nottinghamshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Speech, Language and Communication Early Years Parents and Carers Drop-In

Come along to one of our early years drop-in sessions for children under 4 years old if you would like to talk with us about your child's talking and communication.

No need to book! Just pick a date and come along with your child at any time during the session. We will be there to chat, play and answer any questions and give ideas! Please call 0300 123 3387 for further information. This is for Nottinghamshire families only.

Where and When?

- **Tuesday, 20th January, 9am-11am: Ollerton Family Hub, Dukeries Academy Site, Whinney Lane, Ollerton, Nottinghamshire NG22 9TD**
- **Tuesday 27th January, 9am-11am: Hucknall Family Hub, Broomhill Road, Hucknall, Nottinghamshire NG15 6AJ**
- **Tuesday, 17th February, 1pm-3pm: Keyworth Primary Care Centre, Bunny Lane, Keyworth, Nottinghamshire NG12 5JU**
- **Wednesday, 25th February, 9am-11am: Newark Family Hub, Bowbridge Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG24 4EG**
- **Monday, 9th March, 9:30am-11:30am: Kirkby Family Hub, The Summit Centre, Pavillion Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire NG17 7LL**
- **Wednesday, 11th March, 9am-11:30am: Arnbrook Family Hub, Home Close, Arnold, Nottinghamshire NG5 8NE**
- **Tuesday, 17th March, 1pm-3pm: Warsop Family Hub, Mansfield Road, Warsop, Nottinghamshire NG20 0AH**





The bread and butter thing.



Your local hub: NOTTS CARLTON

Every Thursday at 2pm

**The Revive Centre, 30 Hillview Road,
Carlton, Nottingham, NG4 1LB**

- ➔ Get around £35 worth of food for £8.50.
- ➔ Includes fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.
- ➔ Open every Thursday at 2pm.
- ➔ You need to become a member to use the hub but it's free to sign-up and book a slot - just follow these steps.
- ➔ There is no commitment and it's free to join.

It's really easy to sign-up:

1



Text 07507 237 311 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from:

"NOTTS CARLTON"

2



Select the size of order you want to receive: Family £8.50, individual £5 or Large Family £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.

3



You'll get a text every Tuesday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10am the next day. Your order will be delivered to the hub on Thursday at 2pm.

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Collect and pay for your goods from the NOTTS CARLTON hub. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and Healthy Start Vouchers are also accepted.)

Where does our food come from?



Our weekly bags are made up of surplus food from supermarkets, food manufacturers and farmers. We never know what we're going to get from day to day, which means each week your bag of food will be different.

But it is always quality, fresh produce. You will probably need to top up from the shops as well, but our food will go a long way to helping you feed your family affordably.

Surplus food happens for lots of reasons – sometimes there is a fault with the packaging or there may just be too much of it for the supermarkets to handle.

Some of our food is beyond its BEST BEFORE date BUT that doesn't mean that you can't eat it. With proper storage - for instance in its original packaging and sealed with a clip or in an airtight container - lots of foodstuffs can be eaten long after their best before date, including:

- Crisps can still be edible for a good month after their best before deadline.
- Biscuits and cereals can last for another six months.
- Baked beans and other tinned goods can last in your store cupboard for a whole year, as can sweets and bottled pasta sauce.
- And don't throw away that packet of dried pasta that you've found at the back of a cupboard. If stored correctly, it should still be safe to eat around three years after its best before date has expired.

We will never provide food that is after its USE BY date because this is about food safety, not food quality. You can eat food on its USE BY date or, if you have a freezer, pop it in. Just make sure you make a note of how long it will be freezer safe and how long it takes to defrost.

You can find out more about our food and our work on our website:

www.breadandbutterthing.org

or at

@teambbt

Have a restful half term break.

Kind regards,
Mr T Fennell,
Headteacher