

# NEWSLETTER



**Edition 17**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we've returned from the half-term break, I hope you all had a chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy some quality time together. With the days now starting to feel a little longer, we're looking forward to a busy and exciting second half of the spring term.

This term is full of opportunities for the children, and it's been lovely to see so much already happening in just the first week back. To help you stay connected with everything going on in school, please do keep an eye on our usual communication channels.

Our weekly newsletter shares important updates and celebrates what's happening across the school, while Class Dojo gives you a closer look at your child's learning and the day-to-day moments that make school life so special.

Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2026	
<b>March</b>	
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5 return from Hathersage residential
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Celebration of World Book Day in school
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	(1:00pm – 3:00pm) Family Celebration High Tea
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	(1:00pm – 3:00pm) Family Celebration High Tea
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30pm – Rocksteady Concert
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	School Disco
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am EYFS Easter 'Eggs'travaganza 2025
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	1:00pm Year 3/4 Easter Craft afternoon
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of the spring 2 term
<b>April</b>	
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of the summer 1 term
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 3 trip to Creswell Crags
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Year 4 trip to Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
<b>May</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 6 Wales Residential Parent Meeting
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Sports Day 2025
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Last day of the summer 1 term
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	INSET DAY – School Closed

June	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	First day of the summer 2 term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 multiplication Check Week
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screen Week
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am Family Breakfast event
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 depart for Wales residential
July	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 return from Wales residential
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm – Rocksteady Concert
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School reports
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of summer 2 term



### **Debate Club Team**

A huge well done to our Debate Club team, who achieved an impressive 3rd place out of 38 schools across the Flying High Partnership. Reaching the finals at the Partnership Head Office in Chilwell was a fantastic accomplishment in itself, and the team performed brilliantly on the day.

They debated a wide range of topics with confidence, clarity and maturity, presenting well-reasoned arguments and responding thoughtfully to the points raised by other schools.

Their teamwork, composure and enthusiasm were praised throughout. We are incredibly proud of them – a truly talented group of future leaders in the making!

### **Trips Last Week**

Last week was an exciting one for our enrichment curriculum, as pupils in Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 headed out on a series of wonderful educational visits to Beaumanor Hall, Bosworth Battlefield and the National Holocaust Centre. Each trip was carefully designed to deepen and bring to life the enquiry learning taking place in classrooms.

These visits offered pupils rich, hands-on opportunities to explore history, develop curiosity and make meaningful connections with the world beyond school. From discovering what life was like in the past, to stepping onto a real historical site, to learning about the importance of remembrance and human rights, the children engaged brilliantly in every activity and showed a genuine enthusiasm for learning.



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I am incredibly proud of the way our pupils represented the school. Staff at all three venues commented on their excellent behaviour, thoughtful questions and respectful attitudes. Moments like this highlight not only the strength of our curriculum, but the character and maturity of our children.

A huge thank you goes to all the staff and volunteers who supported the organisation and delivery of these visits. Your time, care and dedication ensure our pupils have these memorable and meaningful experiences, and we are truly grateful.

### Year 5 Hathersage Residential

This week, our Year 5 children will embark on a significant educational journey as they venture to St. Michael's in Hathersage for their residential experience. This carefully designed program is designed to go beyond the traditional classroom setting, offering our students a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the enriching environment of outdoor learning.



The residential at St. Michael's is more than just a trip; it's a carefully structured program that fosters resilience, independence, and a deeper connection to the natural world. Through a series of thoughtfully designed activities, our students will engage in hands-on learning experiences that stimulate curiosity and promote critical thinking.

Furthermore, this immersive experience will serve as a powerful catalyst for teambuilding. Our children will collaborate, problem-solve, and support one another, cultivating essential social and emotional skills that will serve them well throughout their future development.

We believe that these experiential learning opportunities are vital for the holistic development of our children, providing them with invaluable life skills and fostering a lifelong appreciation for the outdoors. We are confident that the Year 5 residential to St. Michael's will be a transformative and memorable experience for all involved. We look forward to sharing stories and photographs of their adventures upon their return.

### School Sport

**Well done to our school swimming team** for their excellent participation in the County Swimming Gala last Wednesday. The children represented the school beautifully and performed with great enthusiasm and resilience.

This week, it was the turn of our **Year 5 football team**, who played their semi-final fixture and secured a fantastic 1–0 win — an amazing achievement. The team showed superb determination, skill, and teamwork throughout the match. They now progress to the cup final, which will take place at a neutral venue.

Best wishes,

Mr K Clowery

