

13TH DECEMBER 2024

We've had a wonderful week in school and the Christmas spirit is in full swing!

Our thanks to Mr O'Donnell, ably assisted by Mr Costema, Mr Butler and Mrs Lim this week who have run three fantastic Viking Workshops for our Year 4 children to round off a term of historical learning! I was lucky enough to take part on Tuesday when I was covering Class 6 and was amazed how much the children already knew AND how much new knowledge they took away from the workshops—thank you to all parents who came in and visited after school this week with your children to have a look at what they've been up to: we hope you noticed how enthusiastic they were about what they had been learning!



We still have a number of parents who have had text messages inviting them to sign up to our school app who have not joined. **Please do this as soon as you can** as sending text messages instead of messages on the app costs money which has to come out of the school budget—app messages are free of charge to the school! Thank you for your help with this. Being on the app also means you have easy access to weekly dinner menus and newsletters and can notify us if your child is absent with ease.

Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests this year and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Kind regards,
Mrs J Hill

Make Your Own History

We are now offering our first four workshops—Vikings, Romans, Tudors and Stone Age to Iron Age—out to other schools to experience!



If you work in a school, or know someone who does, please let them know about our workshops, details of which can be found on our school website by clicking [here](#). Workshops cost £500 each to deliver on site and can be delivered to up to 45 children at a time. If schools book our workshops, this will increase the amount of money we can bring into school to spend on the children each year!



2024/25 DATES

Wednesday 18th December	2pm & 6pm	Year 3 Production to Parents
Thursday 19th December	All Day	Year 6 WWII Day—information to follow
Thursday 19th December	Lower School 5:00-6:15pm Upper School 6:30-7:45pm	Christmas Discos—Ticket news below
Thursday 19th December	TBC	Lower School Gold Reward—Bowling
Friday 20th December	TBC	Upper School Gold Reward—Bowling
Friday 20th December	3:30pm	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th January 2025	All Day	INSETS 3 & 4
Wednesday 8th January	8:55am	Spring 1 Term starts
Friday 14th February	3:30pm	Break up for February Half Term
Monday 24th February	8:55am	Spring 2 Term starts
Friday 4th April	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 21st April	All Day	Easter Monday
Tuesday 22nd April	8:55am	Summer 1 Term starts
Monday 5th May	All Day	May Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May	3:30pm	Break up for May Half Term
Monday 2nd June	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 3rd June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term starts
Thursday 24th July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

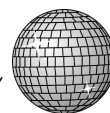
School Dinners

Next week, we will be on our Week 3 menu. Please remember that school dinners cost £2.60 and **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**. [Week 3 Menu](#) Please see back page for a special Friday menu!



Disco Tickets

Tickets for the Christmas Discos will remain **on sale each morning next week** in the hall when doors open at 8:45am. Children should come into school using their normal doors. Christmas Discos are on Thursday 19th December: Lower School Disco is 5:00-6:15pm and the Upper School Disco is 6:30-7:45pm. Tickets are £2 and there will be enough tickets for everyone. **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED BY AN ADULT.**



End of Term Reward Days

Children can wear non-uniform on **both** Reward Days next week—Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December. However, Year 6 are holding their WWII day in school on Thursday 19th December and have already spoken to children about coming into school wearing clothes that might have been worn at a VE Day party—simple dresses or shorts/trousers (please do not go out and buy anything special for the day: there was a war on and rationing on clothing!). **Please make sure children are wearing suitable footwear for walking to bowling and also for bowling itself.**

Parking Around School

I am, once again, finding it necessary to remind you all, please, to be more considerate of **how** and **where** you park when you are dropping off and collecting your children. I was concerned recently to hear of two instances of aggressive behaviour by drivers towards staff outside school and, once again, I am receiving complaints of aggressive behaviour from our neighbours and those living in surrounding streets: parents once again blocking driveways and refusing to move cars to let residents out saying they, "will only be a few minutes" is incredibly disrespectful and it is no wonder they have reached out to local councillors now for some support with this.

With the increasing frequency of these incidents, I feel it necessary to request that parents and guardians remember the importance of considerate and SAFE parking, specifically, ensuring that driveways are not blocked and would, again, encourage parking slightly further away, if necessary, to avoid congestion.

Clubs Next Week

Please make a note of which clubs are running next week.

Monday

Cookery—ON

Year 3 Homework—OFF

Year 6 Mrs O'Donnell—OFF

Girls' Football—ON

Dodgeball—ON

Tuesday

Warhammer—ON

Lego—OFF

Laser Tag—ON

Homework Club (Y4,5 & 6)—ON

Wednesday

Archery—ON

Clay Creators—FINISHED FOR THE TERM

Thursday

Warhammer—ON

Lego—OFF

Choir—OFF

Homework Club (Y4,5 & 6)—ON

Save the Children—Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all of those who came in their Christmas best on Wednesday—it definitely helped set the tone for a lovely Christmas dinner at lunchtime! Thank you, also, for your generous donations: we will be making a donation to Save the Children of over £230 on behalf of Gayton Junior School this Christmas ☺



**Save the
Children.**

Christmas MENU

Friday 20th December

*Pork Hot Dog
Halal Chicken Hot Dog
Veggie Hot Dog*

*Roasted Diced Potatoes
Baked Beans*

Oaty Cookie



To find out more visit nottinghamcity.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Ingredients and allergens are available - please ask a member of staff.

