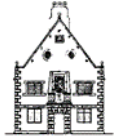


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Headteacher update

We had the most wonderful start to our week with our Local History day on Monday. It was lovely to see how many children came dressed up from different time periods or as a historical figure. The children all had a chance to show off their costumes in a special assembly where we went back in time and delved through different periods of history right up to the current day. Mrs Bee was our expert on the day and had been through the local history archives to find lots of photographs and artefacts about Bunny and the school. We all enjoyed a historical walk around Bunny and then had a visit from Colonel and Mistress Parkyns across at church where we went back in time to the Civil war and found out what happened here in Bunny. The children even had chance to ask them questions! It was fascinating. Thank you to all the staff involved for bringing history to life!

We also had a wonderful time at our Harvest festival at St Mary's church on Tuesday afternoon. The children sang so beautifully and enjoyed sharing their harvest poems and prayers. Thank you so much to everyone who came along and for all your kind donations which have already been collected by "The Friary" charity in West Bridgford.

Yesterday, we celebrated National poetry day in school. It was great to see the children being so enthused about poetry and putting it in to real life contexts. Thank you to the children in Oak class for sharing your poems with me. It was a real treat to hear them.

Well done to our boy's football team who represented the school at the Rushcliffe Primary School's Autumn tournament yesterday. Mr Bourne said the boys played really well and represented the school brilliantly. Well done to Henry for getting a goal!

Finally, we have had a slight change to our school name! We have added "and Nursery" in to our title so that we can publicise we have a nursery after feedback from prospective parents who didn't know we had one.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

V. White



FOBS AGM

Thankyou to everyone who came along to the FOBS AGM on Wednesday.

It was so lovely to see some new faces and make a plan for how we can have fun and raise money for school for this up-coming year.

Jemma and Jess will continue to be joint Chairs of the committee and have lots of plans to make this year the best one yet!

Please find attached FOBS event dates for the year and details of a Christmas wreath making workshop on Cat's farm, which I have heard is one of the best nights out in Bunny!

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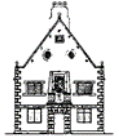


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Willow Class



This week in Willow Class, we have finished our Literacy text *The Circles All Around Us*, thinking about how we can help others to feel welcome and included. In Maths, Reception have started learning about measure and capacity, comparing the height and length of people and objects. Nursery have been exploring shapes and building using different shaped blocks. In SCARF, Nursery have started their new unit, *People Who Are Special to Me*, while Reception have been exploring the topic of our feelings. We also really enjoyed Local History Day! We loved seeing everyone's fantastic outfits, looking at old photographs and exploring the churchyard as part of our history hunt.

Chestnut Class



For this year's Discover Theme Day, Chestnut Class enjoyed learning about the English Civil War and how it affected the villagers of Bunny. We loved listening to Colonel and Mistress Parkyns in the church and imagining the horses being kept there during the war. We also enjoyed a short walk around the village, where we explored local history and ordered houses by their age. Later in the week, we learned about another famous conflict through the Bayeux Tapestry and were inspired by its amazing artwork. The children demonstrated their own creative talents by composing some atmospheric soundscapes on the theme of the seaside in Music with realistic seagull calls.

Oak Class



Oak Class have had another busy and exciting week of learning! We had a brilliant Local History Day, where we enjoyed exploring Bunny and learning more about the history of our local area. In Maths, we have been developing our skills in addition and subtraction and applying these to a range of problems. In English, we have been writing character descriptions about the Gorgon in our text. We were also inspired on National Poetry Day and wrote our own poems using personification. In DT, we have been designing and making a second car prototype, using what we learned from our first design to make improvements. In Discover, we have been learning about the fascinating world of Ancient Greek gods and goddesses.

Hawthorn Class



On Monday, the children took part in a fascinating history walk around the village, exploring sites connected to the English Civil War which brought their historical learning to life through first-hand observation and discussion. In history, the children have been discovering what life was like for soldiers serving in the trenches during the First World War. Through the analysis of historical sources, they explored how trench warfare impacted soldiers physically and emotionally, while critically evaluating the contrast between wartime propaganda and the harsh realities faced by those serving. In Maths, they strengthened their reasoning skills by using rounding to estimate and inverse operations to check accuracy. In Design and Technology, the children refined their appliqué techniques, thoughtfully incorporating a poppy motif into their designs to commemorate and reflect upon our WW1 learning.

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Celebrations and successes!

 STAR assembly S - Sensational effort T - Teriffic teamwork A - Achievement R - Remarkable reasoning/ Remarkable writing	S	George – Oak Otilie - Willow
	T	
	A	
	R	Mabel – Chestnut Ivy- Rose - Hawthorn
Class Recognition awards 	Willow	Barney - Kindness
	Chestnut	Theo - Peacemaker
	Oak	Eliza- Courage
	Hawthorn	Harry - Kindness
Headteacher award 	This week my award goes to Theo who is working his socks off at the minute. He is trying so hard with his phonics and writing which is super to see and he is so proud of the progress he's making. Well done.	
Top Table 	This week my Midday staff have chosen Ben, Poppy, Sam Isla W, Billy, Marcus, Thomas, Tilly, Lydia and Elijah to be on the top table. They have been brilliant this week and so polite and helpful. Well done.	

Staffing update

We are in the process of recruiting for a teacher for one day a week in Chestnut class. We are interviewing next week and pupil council have been thinking of some really good questions to ask the candidates.

We will also be saying goodbye after October half term, to Mrs Fox-Male who is leaving us for a new challenge in a new school. I would like to wish Mrs Fox-Male the best of luck in her new role. I'm sure she will be very happy.

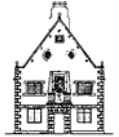
This means I will be recruiting for a new Grade 4 Teaching assistant, so if you know anyone that might be interested, please see the vacancies section on the school website or the NCC job vacancies site. Please don't worry though, as we will be welcoming Miss Murphy back to support us in Chestnut and Oak until Christmas.

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Wellbeing Corner



Small steps can make a big difference to how we feel!

As mental health and wellbeing is very important to us at Bunny School, we have increased our team of children's Mental Health Champions to 18!

We have met this week to work on a new wellbeing charter which we will launch next week along with some other initiatives aiming to help promote and improve everyone's wellbeing.

♥ **This month's wellbeing focus: Resilience** - Keep trying, learn from mistakes

Some ideas for home.

- *Share a challenge you overcame as a family.*
- *Learn a new skill together.*
- *Celebrate effort rather than achievement.*
- *Discuss something that didn't go to plan and what was learned.*
- *Create personal goals for the month.*

Message from Mrs Slack – Parent Well-being forum.

Welcome to our new families that have joined us this year.

Last year we started our parent well-being forum which is a space for parents and carers to connect, share ideas, and work together to support our school community.

What is the Wellbeing Forum?

The forum will meet termly and provide an open, friendly environment where you can:

Share feedback and suggestions
Discuss school initiatives and events
Collaborate on projects that benefit our children
Build connections with other families

Why join?

Your voice matters. The forum is a chance to be actively involved in shaping the school experience, strengthening communication between families and the school, and celebrating our shared successes.

If you would like to join the forum, please email eslack@bunny.notts.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to make our school community even stronger.

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Diary dates for Autumn term 2026

6/10/2026	Oak Class – Ancient Greece day with One day Creative
9/10/2026	Individual and sibling photographs from 8.30am
13/10/2026	Parent's evening – further details nearer the time
13/10/2026	Book Fair in the school hall
15/10/2026	Parent's evening – further details nearer the time
16/10/2026	INSET Day – School Closed
19/10/2026	HALF TERM
2/11/2026	Back to school
8/11/2026	6pm – Village Remembrance service at St Marys Church
16/11/2026	Odd socks day (for Anti- bullying week)
11/11/2026	Remembrance Day service St Marys – Time TBC
27/11/2026	9.15am- Hawthorn class assembly
30/11/2026	PM – Whole school trip to Loughborough Pantomime
30/11/2026	Full Governors meeting 5.30pm
1/12/2026	Christmas theme day
4/12/2026	Nottinghamshire Primary Dodgeball championships – Invitation only
15/12/2026	6pm –Nativity at St Marys church
16/12/2026	9.30am - Nativity at St Marys church
16/12/2026	Christmas dinner
16/12/2026	PM - Grandpa Sticks storyteller in school
16/12/2026	5.30pm – Carols by Candlelight at St Marys Church (all welcome)
17/12/2026	Christmas party day
18/12/2026	Finish for Christmas Holidays

Please note these diary dates may be subject to change and/or added to over the term.