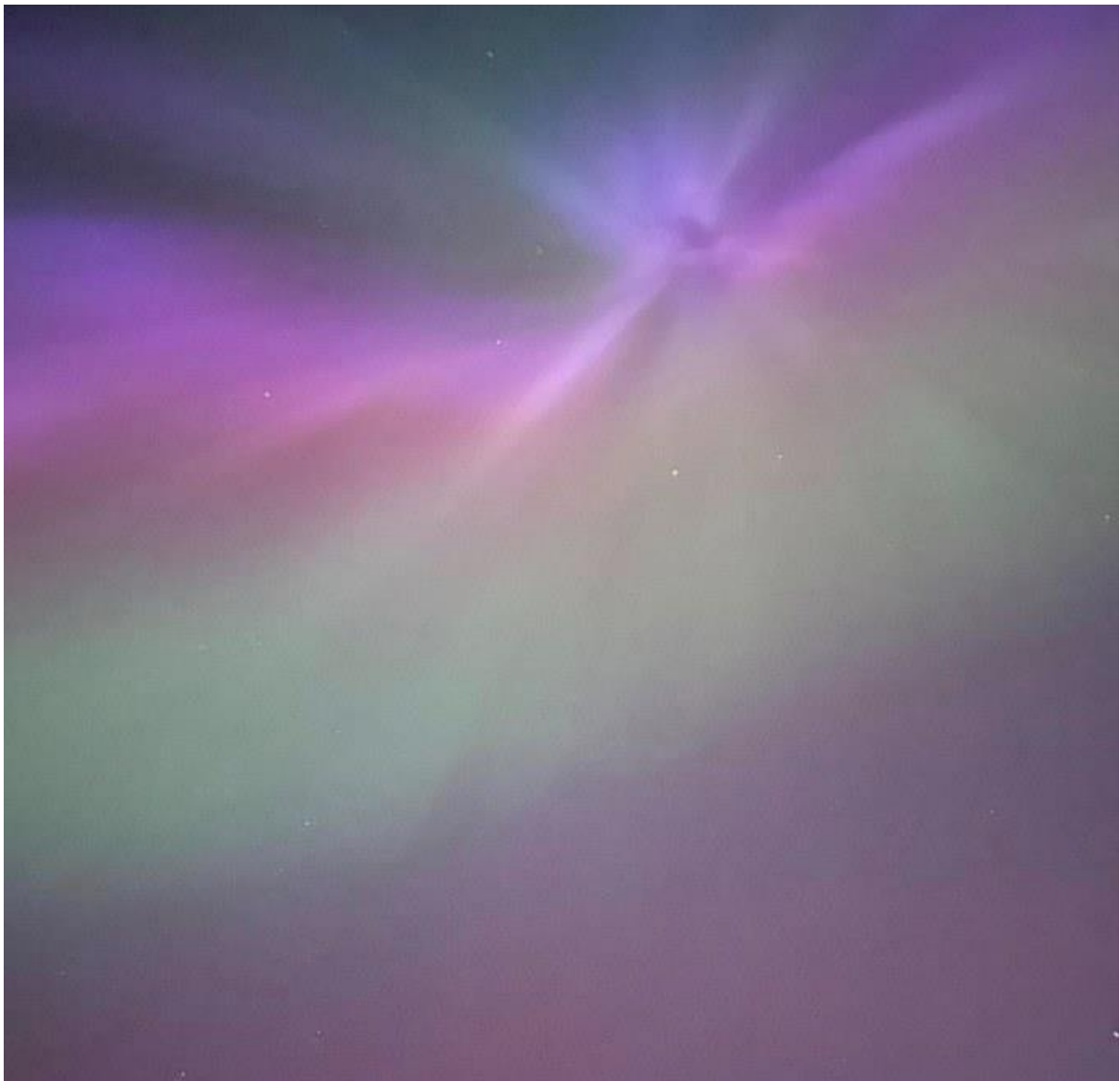




January 2025 School Newsletter

Happy New Year to all our families and community



I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break - it was an exceptionally busy end to the Autumn term for the staff and children here at school with nativities, Pantomimes, Christingle services, choir events (including singing at the Old People's home and at the Jacksdale Community Light Switch On), carols by candlelight, Christmas parties

and our fabulous Christmas dinner! Many thanks to everyone involved with a special mention to Mrs Green and Mrs Fowkes for cooking over 150 Christmas dinners which were absolutely delicious!

We're looking forward to another positive term here at school and the children have come back ready to learn and they have managed really well in the first week with the cold weather meaning that our normal outdoor playtimes haven't always been able to go ahead.

From start to finish... Key information and reminders about the school day - click on the notes below to see the full information



TIMINGS

- Nursery & Reception children:

Mornings:

Nursery starts at 8:45, with the doors re-opening just before 9:00 for a 9:00 start for our reception children. This gives the younger members of our early years time to settle and do their morning exercises. The children all go for their lunch together at 11:45 (the end of the nursery session for those who attend mornings only).

Afternoons:

Nursery starts at 12:45 and the nursery and reception children who have been on a lunch break all come back together. Reception children are collected from the playground side of the building at 3:30, with nursery children being collected from the Church Road gate at 3:45.

- Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5, & 6)

The gates are open from 8:50 - 9:00 each morning, with classes beginning promptly at 9:00. Please make sure that children are on site and ready to start their learning at 9:00.

All of the children have a 15 minutes break each morning, 1 hour for lunchtime and a 10 minute breaktime in the afternoon. Children should bring coats in case of damp weather as they will be going outside to play and get fresh air unless it is heavy rain.

MARVELLOUS ME

- Keep up to date with what's happening each day - you may get a Marvellous Me message so make sure you download the App - and give each message a 'Hi-5' to let us know you've seen it! Please contact the office if you need a copy of your login code.

MEDICAL

- Keep us up to date about any allergies or medical conditions -please inform the office so they can add it to your child's online profile

UNIFORM REMINDERS

- Please ensure that children are not wearing jewellery to school - there has been a noticeable increase in children wearing necklaces and bracelets as well as dangly earrings. Children will be asked to remove these and they will be kept safely until the end of the day when the children can collect them to take them home.
- Children should not be wearing multicoloured tops and joggers for PE days - the PE uniform is a simple white t-shirt, navy or black joggers / shorts and a navy / black hoody. The governors agreed that children could come in PE kit on PE days so that the children aren't losing learning time getting changed or losing PE or uniform clothes, but the PE kit is a formal part of our school uniform and we respectfully ask all parents / carer to support us with this.
- Our lost property is now on display in the spare KS1 classroom beside the school office, so please pop in to the office if you need to have a look for any missing items - as always, thanks for labelling children's coats and jumpers / cardigans. We have been able to return most items in the last half term because they have been clearly labelled.

PARKING & USE OF THE WELFARE

- The Welfare gives our school a lot of support as a local business - use of the playing field for PE lessons and sporting events, use of their facilities throughout the year for events and use of the car park to reduce congestion in and around the school at drop off and collection times.

- Please park respectfully if using the Welfare car park. There may be times when they require access for their deliveries. Our families are politely requested not to park in front of the loading bay (the 1st entrance to the Welfare Car Park), so that deliveries, bin lorries and their staff have full access.
- The Welfare accept no responsibility for loss or accidents in the car park.
- If any parent / carer using the Welfare facility or car park is disrespectful to their staff then access to the Welfare will be removed from the children and school.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

- We use emails to communicate letters and newsletters to parents. Please inform the office of any details such as email addresses or phone numbers if they change.
- The school website www.jacksdaleprimary.co.uk holds key information such as calendar dates, policies and class page information
- Please download the Scholarpack App - this will enable you to check text messages which are sent through to parents.
- Please download the School Money App - this will allow you to book and pay for breakfast club, dinners and theme days or events such as trips and residential.

DIARY DATES & CALENDAR OVERVIEW:

The calendar on the school website is updated with all key dates as they are happening or booked - this can be linked to your individual calendars on your phone or device. A full list of diary dates can be found at the bottom of this newsletter. Please be advised that sometimes we need to change things at the last minute but try to avoid this wherever possible!

ONLINE LEARNING APPS

The children from Key Stage 1 and 2 will have access to online programmes to support them with their core learning in spelling and maths:

Logins will be sent home for the children to access practice as their homework for the following:

- Numbots
- Times Table Rockstars
- Purple Mash
- Spelling Shed

We do not provide written homework for most year groups - although we still require the children to practise some of their core skills at home regularly: by using the online learning

above, and reading a minimum of 3 times a week. Year 6 will receive 3 pieces of homework from January.

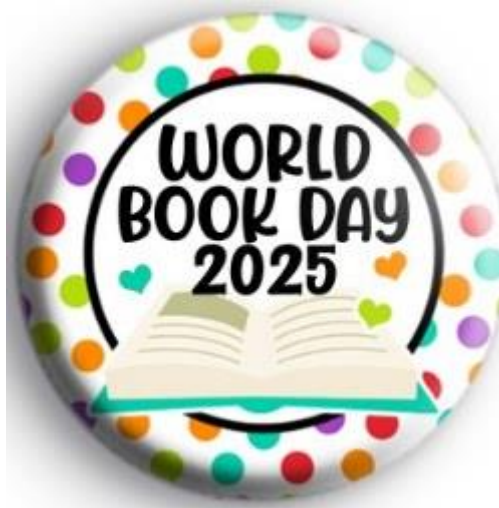
Whilst many of our children are capable readers, the one area which is preventing many from achieving their maximum potential is fluency (how quickly they can read). This is a core skill which can only be improved with regular practise so we really need your help and support with this at home. Thank you!

Keep a look out for the Times Table Rockstar class winners each week on Facebook - the children are loving the challenge (& the staff are ALMOST as competitive as the children in each KS2 class!)

Upcoming Events, including dress up days!



1 - On Friday 7th February it is NSPCC Number Day - as maths is one of the whole school areas we are focusing on this year, we are planning to take part in the national NSPCC Number Day. The children are invited to dress up as imaginatively as they can to celebrate all things linked to numbers!



2 - As part of our celebration and enjoyment of reading, children are invited to dress up as a favourite character or book. Keep an eye out for the staff theme this year...



3 - We are delighted to be taking part in the NSPCC Speak Out Programme this year. The programme will be delivering separate assemblies to children across the school and classes will have workshops led by NSPCC representatives.



4 - Children's Mental Health Week: 3rd - 7th February 2025. This year's charity focus is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself, with the aim to equip and empower children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them.



5 - Children's Mental Health Week - is also sponsored by Walt Disney (Inside Out) this year with the aim of encouraging children and young people across the UK to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop.



6 - Children hear and learn about Safer Internet Usage every week at school. We also take part in Safer Internet Day which gives us an extra opportunity for children to learn about the marvellous world of the internet and all the good that it can give, but also time to consider how to keep ourselves and others safe.

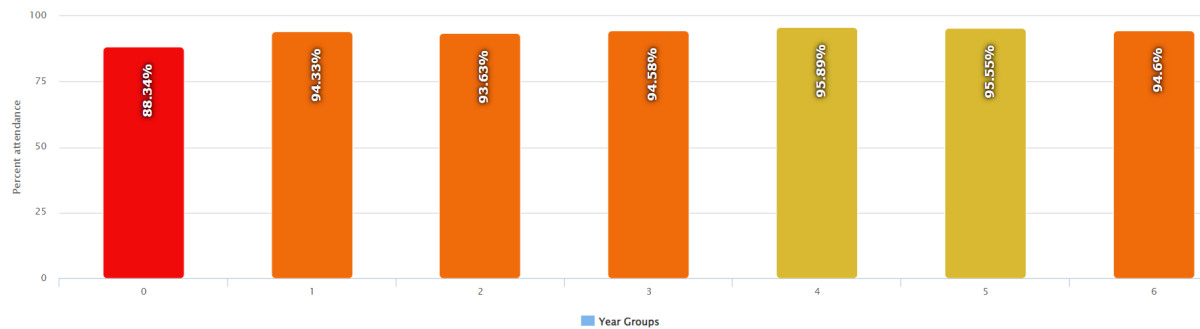


7 - We are currently fundraising so that we can develop the outdoor reading shed for all of the children in school to use. Children may wear non-uniform on Friday 14th February and a £1 donation will contribute to our fundraising pot.



8 - Some of the children in school will be taking part in bug hotel making and litter picking in the local community to support with Ashfield's Big Spring Clean.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



1 session = a morning or an afternoon, so 10 sessions is a full week of absence.

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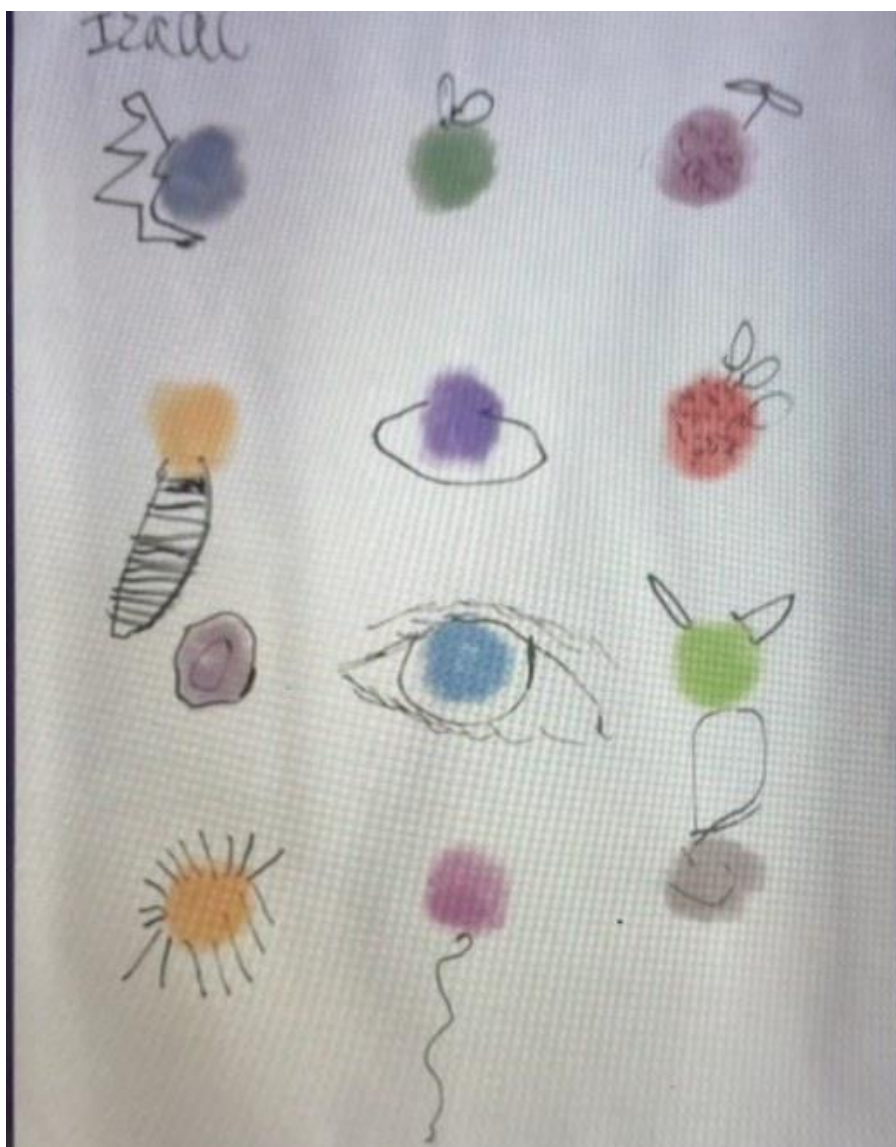
(For parents wishing to request a leave of absence for a holiday, please be aware that a fine will be issued on the 10th session absence (1 full week). 4.5 days of holiday absence will not trigger a fine initially. Should absences immediately before or after a holiday be reported these will require medical evidence or be identified as unauthorised and therefore trigger a penalty notice request (fine).

Please ensure that children are in school no later than 9:00 as register and lessons start promptly at 9:00. Some children are missing English every day as they are arriving late. Many thanks to all of the families who are on time, we realise it's not easy trying to get children ready to be at school first thing in the morning...

If your child is absent please contact the school office on 01773 783930 or send us a message using the Parent App. Mrs Blacknell is spending a lot of time ringing parents / carers if children are not in school and we haven't been contacted. If no contact is made then a home visit will be undertaken for a safe and well check.

Once children's attendance falls below 90%, monitoring is put into place. No absences will be authorised during a monitoring period unless there is a known medical issue. We are seeing a significant number of children not being brought to school if they have minor ailments or if they are tired - this cannot be authorised unfortunately.

PARENT WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS



PARENT EVENINGS:

Tuesday 25th February and Thursday 27th February.

Time to touch base with your child's class teacher to see how they are settling in and getting on -please return appointment request slips as soon as possible once you receive the letter - we can't give out appointment times until all slips are returned, thank you.

Nursery RWI (Phonics) Parents' Meeting: Wednesday 12th February 2025 - 9:00 & 2:00

All of our nursery parents & carers are invited to hear and learn about how to support your child with their early reading. It's such an important life skill and one which is taught very differently to when parents and carers learnt how to read and write - please attend if you are able to.

KS2 SATs Parent meeting:

Thursday 3rd April 2025 - 3:45pm

All year 6 parents & carers are invited to hear from Mr Barber about the upcoming SATs (which take place between Monday 12th May 2025 - Thursday 15th May 2025).

DIARY DATES



Monday 13th and 20th January - NSPCC Assemblies

Wednesday 22nd January - Valley CIDs Assembly

Thursday 23rd January - NSPCC Class based workshops

Wednesday 29th January - Year 5 + Year 6 CPR training

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 7th February: NSPCC Number Day ***CHILDREN TO DRESS UP***

Tuesday 11th February: Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February - non-uniform day ***(£1 donation)***

Wednesday 12th February: Nursery Parent meeting: RWI (Phonics): 9:00 / 2:00

Tuesday 25th February - Ashfield Big Spring Clean - bug hotel making & litter picking

Tuesday 25th February - Friday 28th February: Scholastic book fair after school in hall

Tuesday 25th February: Parent evening

Thursday 27th February: Parent evening

Wednesday 5th March -Year 6 trip to the Black Country Museum

Friday 7th March: World Book Day ***Children to dress up***

Friday 14th March: Comic Relief ***Non-uniform day***

Tuesday 18th March - Chance to Dance Festival

Either 1st or 2nd April: Year 3 / 4 show (date TBC)

Thursday 3rd April: Year 6 Parent meeting: SATs: 3:45pm in the school hall

Friday 4th April - Easter events, including Easter Parade & Easter Egg Raffle

Wednesday 23rd April: Year 1 parent meeting: Phonics screening

Friday 25th April - Year 6 Recycling Centre visit

Monday 28th April - Friday 2nd May: Wheelchair Sports Activity Week

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May: KS2 SATs week (Year 6)

W/B Monday 9th June: Phonics screening (year 1 and some year 2 pupils) + year 4 Multiplication tables check

Wednesday 11th June -Friday 13th June: Year 6 residential

Tuesday 17th June: District Sports Event

Wednesday 25th June: EYFS Sports day: 9:30am start

Thursday 26th June: Key stage 1 Sports day: 9:30am start

Friday 27th June: KS2 sports day: 1:30

Monday 30th June + Tuesday 1st July - Year 6 transition day for Selston High School

Tuesday 1st July - Jacksdale transition day (new class visits)

Wednesday 16th July: Year 5+6 show: 10:00 / 2:00

Thursday 24th July: Year 6 leavers' party: 5:00 - 6:30

Friday 25th July: Year 6 leavers' assembly: 9:30

Last day of summer term: Friday 25th July 2025

JPS INSETs and HOLIDAYS 2024-2025



Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2024-25
August 2024 to July 2025

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 School Holidays	 Public Holidays	 Administration Day
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<p>Autumn Term 2 September - 18 October 7 weeks 4 November - 20 December 7 weeks</p> <p>Spring Term 6 January - 14 February 6 weeks 24 February - 4 April 6 weeks</p> <p>Summer Term 22 April - 23 May 4 weeks 3 days 2 June - 29 July 8 weeks 2 days</p>	<p> Inset Day: School closed to pupils</p> <p>Tuesday 3rd September 2024</p> <p>Wednesday 4th September 2024</p> <p>Monday 28th July 2025</p> <p>Monday 29th July 2025</p> <p>Children return to school on Thursday 5th September 2024</p>
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