

MUSKHAM

Newsletter



A Packed Week!

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another wonderfully busy and exciting time at Muskham Primary School. Our Year 4/5 pupils had an out-of-this-world experience on their Space Museum Trip, where curiosity, awe, and excellent behaviour were on full display – I'm fairly sure we may have a few future astronauts and scientists among us!

We were also delighted to welcome Meadfleet for our Nature Assembly, which inspired thoughtful conversations about caring for our environment and being responsible citizens of our planet (both Earth and, apparently, Mars!). Experiences like these really bring learning to life and help our children see the world beyond the classroom walls.

It was also a real pleasure to meet so many parents and carers at our recent meet-and-greet session. The atmosphere was warm, positive, and welcoming – and I must say, the determination and agility shown while dodging the dodgeballers on the way to the meeting was truly impressive. Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a lovely event.



I have also begun networking with local schools to build strong, positive partnerships that will benefit our children, staff, and wider community. It's an exciting step forward for Muskham Primary School, and I'm really looking forward to what we can achieve together.

Mr Pearson

What's Coming Up Before Half Term...

Monday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February - Internet Safety Day

Monday 9th & Wednesday 11th February - Parents Evenings

Friday 13th February - Break Up for Half Term - NON UNIFORM DAY



It's all happening in the classroom...



Mr Charlesworth's Class

This week, Foundation children have been busy creating their very own tall giraffes, inspired by the class story, *Giraffes Can't Dance*. The children explored a range of materials and made thoughtful choices about what they wanted to use for each part of their giraffe. They practised following clear, step-by-step instructions, using language such as first, next, after that and finally to guide their work. It has been wonderful to see their independence growing and their creativity shining through in every giraffe they made.

Class 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic and very busy time learning across lots of exciting subjects this week. They have done some great work in maths, particularly with money, where they have confidently learnt to recognise different coins and have been practising finding amounts using a range of combinations. In English, the children produced wonderful pieces of writing recounting the story of *The Three Little Pigs*, showing growing confidence with sentence structure, vocabulary and sequencing events in the correct order. In their topic work, they have loved discovering what toys were like in the 1950s and 1960s, comparing them to modern toys and discussing how life has changed over time. In RE, the children have been learning about churches, exploring what they are used for and why they are important to Christians, showing curiosity, respect and thoughtful understanding throughout their learning.

Mrs Keane's Class

This week, our Year 3 children have been busy becoming mini geographers as they learned how to read and use co-ordinates on maps. The classroom buzzed with excitement as pupils explored map grids, practised using the rule "along the corridor and up the stairs," and worked together to pinpoint locations.

The activity encouraged not only geographical skills but also built confidence, resilience and collaboration. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged, curious, and proud of their achievements.



It's all happening in the classroom...



Mrs Palmer's Class

Year 4 and 5 have enjoyed a fantastic and productive period of learning. A real highlight was the fabulous trip to the Space Museum, which inspired the children as they continued to discover more about our universe and deepen their understanding of space and science. In maths, pupils have been developing confidence in converting units of measure, including length, mass, and capacity, and applying these skills in problem-solving activities. In English, they have been learning how non-chronological reports are structured, focusing on using headings, subheadings, clear introductions, and factual language to organise information clearly and effectively.



Mrs Hough's Class

This term in Year 2, the children have been working hard across a range of exciting subjects and have made fantastic progress. In maths, they have been developing their understanding of coins and money, learning to recognise different coin values and confidently solve real-life money problems through practical activities and problem-solving tasks. In English, the children have been writing their own stories, focusing on improving their sentence structure by using adverbial phrases and time connectives such as later that day, suddenly, and after a while to make their writing more interesting and flowing. Alongside this, the class has been busy with their wildlife project, where they explored different bird species, learning to identify them, understand their habitats, and appreciate the importance of protecting wildlife. This has helped develop both their scientific knowledge and their curiosity about the natural world.



It's all happening in the classroom...

Miss Baker's Class

This week, Year 5/6 took on a brilliant persuasive challenge in English linked to their rainforest topic. Each group was given a rather questionable item and had to convince a rescue team why it was absolutely essential for a life-saving mission.

From a broken compass and a half-burnt map to sticky tree sap, tangled vines, a mysterious feather and even a broken torch, the children crafted imaginative arguments to justify their item's importance.

Their creativity, reasoning and confidence in persuasive language have been amazing to see...well done, Year 5/6!

Well Done Superstars!



Well done to all our Superstars this week. You are all fantastic ENABLERS and we are very proud of you!

Meadfleet Nature Assembly



The assembly led by Meadfleet (Wildlife Education) was truly wonderful and left a lasting impression on everyone involved. The children were completely captivated as they learned about the different habitats around us and the important role each one plays in supporting wildlife. Through engaging stories, fascinating facts, and interactive discussion, they discovered how even small actions can make a big difference for the animals and plants in our local area. The session inspired curiosity, care, and a real sense of responsibility, helping the children understand how they can actively support and protect the wildlife that shares our community every day.

Children's Mental Health Week – Non-Uniform Day

To mark Children's Mental Health Week, we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 13th February**, during the final week of half-term. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a £1 donation.

All money raised will be donated to Place2Be, a leading children's mental health charity that provides vital support to young people and families.

We hope this will be a fun way for everyone to get involved while helping to support an important cause.

Thank you, as always, for your support

Place2Be's
**CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK**

9-15
FEB
2026



Improving
children's
mental health

Wellbeing Project Appeal Reminder

At school, we are always looking for ways to support the emotional health and well-being of our children. We are excited to share that we are creating a new well-being space – a calm, cosy area where pupils can take a moment to reset, relax, and feel supported throughout the school day.

To help us make this space as welcoming and comforting as possible, we would be grateful for any donations of items you may no longer need at home.

Examples include:

- Soft cushions
- Bean bags or small soft seating
- Calming sensory items (e.g., stress balls, fidget toys)
- Small soft rugs
- Fairy lights (battery-powered), or similar low-lighting items
- Books that promote wellbeing, mindfulness, or emotional regulation

All donated items should be clean and in good condition.

Your contributions will help us create a nurturing space where children can take a moment to feel calm and supported. If you would like to donate, please bring items to the school office at any time over the next two weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support. It makes such a difference.



Vacancy



Cleaner required for 12.5 hours per week, based on 2.5 hours per day, we can accommodate either early morning or evening.
Please contact Mr Redfern via the school office or email office@muskham.notts.sch.uk for further details.





LOVE CRICKET

OR

WANT TO GIVE CRICKET A GO?



Come and try cricket at Newark R & M Cricket Club, the Junior section provides Winter indoor skills training & games (see details below) for children from 6 to 15 years old & Seniors.

Kwik cricket - (Suthers School) Mondays 5:30pm - 6:30pm
23/02/26 - 30/03/26 - 6 weeks

U11's/U12's - (Suthers School) Mondays 5:30pm - 6:30pm
23/02/26 - 30/03/26 - 6 weeks

U13's/U15's/Seniors - (Barnby Road) Thursdays 5:45pm - 7:45pm
15/01/26 - 05/03/26 - 8 weeks

Ladies Softball - (Barnby Road) Mondays 5:45pm - 6:45pm
12/01/26 - 09/02/26 - 4 weeks

Also, summer outdoor skills training and games will be delivered on Friday evenings at Kelham Road, Newark (from 19th April), along with Kwik cricket tournaments, U11, U13 & U15 hardball matches throughout the summer.

For further information please contact Elizabeth Evans by email jgesevans@talktalk.net or telephone 07887702412.

We look forward to seeing you.



FEBRUARY TENNIS CAMP

Dates: February 19th

Times: Full Day 9-4pm

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