

MUSKHAM

Newsletter



An End to a Busy and Exciting Term.

It has been an absolute privilege to begin my journey as Headteacher of Muskham Primary School, and I can honestly say that this first term has been nothing short of incredible. From the very first day, I have been welcomed into a school full of joy, warmth and ambition. The learning I have seen across the school has been inspiring, and the children themselves are simply wonderful...kind, enthusiastic, curious and full of life. Their energy and positivity make every single day a pleasure, and seeing their smiles as they learn, grow and succeed is something I will never take for granted.

I am also immensely proud of our staff team. They truly pull up trees every single day to ensure that every child receives the very best experiences possible. Their dedication, care, professionalism and passion for the children shine through in everything they do. Muskham is not just a school, it's more than that to me, and that is because of the people who give so much of themselves to make it such a special place to be.

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to our parents and families for being so welcoming, supportive and positive. Your trust, encouragement and partnership mean so much, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be working alongside such a caring and engaged community.

For me, this role is about so much more than a job. It is about relationships, belonging, and making a real difference to children's lives. Every smile, every success, and every moment of joy reminds me how lucky I am to be part of Muskham Primary School. Have a lovely half term holiday.

Mr Pearson

What's Coming Up After Half Term...

Monday 23rd February - INSET Day - no children in school

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Monday 9th March - Science Week

Monday 12th March - Neuro Diversity Week

Friday 27th March - Rock Steady Performance to parents and carers (2:30pm)

Friday 27th March end of term awards plus Reading Raffle winner announced!

Friday 27th March - Break Up for Easter



It's all happening in the classroom...



Mr Charlesworth's Class

Foundation children have been learning through rich exploration and discovery in the outdoor environment. They've taken real responsibility for their learning, understanding that they can enjoy and benefit from being outside in all kinds of weather. We've seen wonderful teamwork and plenty of smiles as they work, play and investigate together. Spending time outdoors has also had a positive impact on their wellbeing, giving them space to move, breathe and thrive.

Class 1

This week in Year 1, the children have shown fantastic enthusiasm and progress across all areas of learning. In Maths, they have done some great work on multiplication, especially when counting in fives, building strong foundations for understanding groups and repeated addition with confidence and accuracy. In History, they developed a wonderful understanding of transport through time, exploring how vehicles have changed from the past to the present and discussing key examples such as early steam trains and modern cars. In Physical Education, the children confidently showed off their dance moves, demonstrating rhythm, coordination and creativity while performing in front of their peers. In Religious Education, they thoughtfully compared Synagogues with Anglican Churches, learning about similarities and differences in worship, special objects, and the ways people show respect in both places of worship. It has been a week full of curiosity, hard work and impressive achievements, and the children should be very proud of all they have accomplished.

Mrs Keane's Class

This week, Year 3 have been busy developing their data-handling skills by collecting information about one another and creating their own pictograms. The children enjoyed choosing their own categories, gathering data from their classmates and turning it into clear, colourful pictograms. It has been a wonderful way for the class to learn more about each other while practising important maths skills.

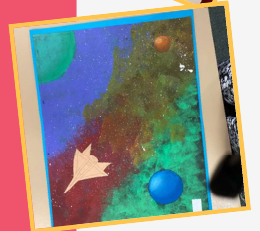
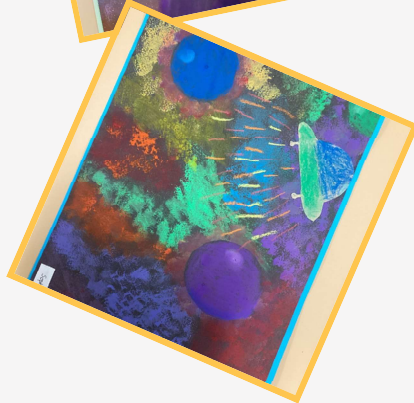
We have also been taking part in Children's Mental Health Week. The children spent time thinking about what makes them unique and special, before creating their own positive heart statements. These thoughtful, uplifting messages will be displayed around school to remind everyone of their strengths and the importance of kindness to ourselves and others.



It's all happening in the classroom...

Mrs Palmer's Class

Year 4 and 5 have now completed their exciting topic on Space, and what a fantastic learning journey it has been. On Monday, pupils confidently presented well-researched information about different planets using PowerPoint presentations. They spoke clearly, used scientific vocabulary accurately, and demonstrated a strong understanding of key facts, showing great confidence and presentation skills in front of their peers. Alongside this, the children have produced some truly impressive artwork inspired by their learning. Using a wide range of media and techniques - including paint, pastels, collage, and mixed materials. They have created striking, imaginative pieces that reflect both creativity and careful attention to detail. The finished work is highly effective and beautifully showcases their artistic skills as well as their understanding of the Space topic.



Mrs Hough's Class

Mrs Hough's class have been busy designing and constructing their very own bug hotels as part of their science focus on habitats and their Design & Technology work on free-standing structures. The children showed fantastic creativity and enthusiasm, carefully thinking about how to make inviting spaces for different minibeasts. Their finished designs were wonderfully imaginative and a real celebration of hands-on learning. They even had some minibeast move in before they finished constructing them!



It's all happening in the classroom...

Miss Baker's Class

Year 5/6 have had a busy and creative time in class. They have written fantastic rainforest poetry, using imaginative language inspired by their topic work. In PE, the class proudly finished their dance unit, showing great teamwork and confidence in their final performances. Their landscape artwork has been a real highlight, with beautiful finished pieces that show care, detail and creativity. The class have also been brilliant role models, supporting younger readers across the school with kindness and responsibility. In computing, they are continuing to develop their Publisher skills, linking this to the creation of their own newsletters and learning how to present information clearly and effectively.

Well Done Superstars!

KS1 Awards

Headteacher Award Winners

Reception Poppy
Year 1 Alfie
Year 2 Iris

Sports Awards

Year 2 Tristan
Year 2 Lily

Take 5 Award

Year 1 Arthur



KS2 Awards

Headteacher Award Winners

Year 3 Vinni
Year 4/5 Seth
Year 5/6 Amelia

Sports Awards

Year 3 Aria
Year 5/6 Jake

Take 5 Award

Year 4/5 Jessica

Well done to all our end of term award winners.
You are all incredible and we very proud of you!

Children's Mental Health Week



This week at Muskham Primary School, we have been incredibly proud of the wonderful learning, understanding, and enthusiasm shown by our children as we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week.

The week began with a special whole-school assembly where children were introduced to their very own "Super Hero Powers." These powers focused on how we can look after our mind, our body, and how we can care for others. Through discussion, reflection and shared ideas, the children learned that being a hero doesn't mean having super strength or flying powers – it means showing kindness, resilience, self-care, empathy and understanding in our everyday lives.

Throughout the week, classrooms have been buzzing with meaningful conversations and activities that have helped deepen children's understanding of mental health and wellbeing. Pupils have explored emotions, talked about strategies to manage worries, learned how to ask for help, and discussed how to support friends when they may be feeling sad, anxious or overwhelmed. These sessions have been thoughtful, engaging and incredibly positive, helping children build confidence and emotional awareness.

We were also treated to some fantastic street dancing sessions, which brought huge energy and excitement to the week. The children absolutely loved them – and some were truly cutting some shapes on the dancefloor! These sessions were not only great fun but also a brilliant reminder of how movement, music and laughter can boost our mood and support positive mental wellbeing.

Creativity has also been flowing, with children busily working on our brand new Wellbeing Display, which now proudly welcomes everyone as they enter the main building. This beautiful display reflects the children's learning, their messages of kindness, positivity and self-care, and their understanding of how important mental health is for everyone in our school community.

A huge thank you to Mrs Keane for organising such a meaningful and inspiring week. Her passion for raising awareness and supporting children's wellbeing shines through in everything she does. She is truly at the forefront of ensuring our children feel happy, safe, supported and healthy, and we are incredibly grateful for her dedication.

Children's Mental Health Week has been a powerful reminder that looking after our minds and bodies, and caring for one another, is something we should celebrate and practice every single day at Muskham Primary School. 🧡



A message from Mrs Keane...

This week, the whole school had the exciting opportunity to take part in high-energy street dance taster sessions led by AJ's School of Dance. Each class enjoyed learning fun routines, trying out new moves, and experiencing the confidence-boosting, creative world of street dance. The sessions were lively, engaging, and a fantastic way for children to stay active while expressing themselves through movement.

We hope the children came home buzzing with enthusiasm—and with their special voucher! Every child should have brought home a flyer offering free dance classes with AJ's School of Dance, giving families the chance to explore dance further at no cost. If your child loved the session (or just wants to give something new a try), this is a brilliant opportunity to get involved.



Staffing Structure for the Remainder of the Academic Year:

Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher: Mr Pearson

Interim Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Palmer (Class 4/5 Teacher)

SENDCo: Mrs Ward

Teaching Staff by Year Group

Reception

Class Teacher: Mr Charlesworth

Year 1

Class Teacher: Mrs Keane

Year 2

Class Teacher: Mrs Hough

Year 3

Monday & Tuesday: Mrs Sheldon

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: Mrs Ellison

Year 4/5

Class Teacher: Mrs Palmer (Interim Assistant Headteacher)

Year 5 & 6

Class Teacher: Miss Baker



Volunteers Needed - Spread the Word!:

Muskham Primary School is warmly inviting members of our community to volunteer their time to support children with reading. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a real and lasting difference in a child's life by helping them grow in confidence, enjoyment and ability when it comes to reading.

By spending just a small amount of time listening to children read, offering encouragement, and sharing positive experiences around books, volunteers play a vital role in building children's self-belief. For many children, reading aloud can feel daunting, and having a calm, patient, and friendly adult to practice with can transform how they see themselves as readers. This support helps children to feel more confident, more willing to try, and more motivated to engage with learning across all subjects.

The purpose of this initiative is not only to improve reading skills, but to nurture a love of reading and learning, strengthen children's confidence, and create positive relationships within our school community. Volunteers do not need teaching experience...just a kind, encouraging manner and a willingness to support children in a gentle, supportive way.

If you are able to spare some time and would like to help inspire young readers, your support would be hugely valued and deeply appreciated. Together, we can help our children grow into confident, happy readers who believe in themselves and their abilities.

Please contact the school office if you are interested.



Kind Request:



We kindly ask that parents and carers who drop off and collect children before and after school remain mindful of parking safely and appropriately.

We've noticed a small number of cars parking in areas outside the school that have caused concern – particularly near the main school entrance.

Thank you so much for your understanding and continued support in helping keep everyone safe.

SEND News Flash

Does your child struggle with sleep?

Do you have 'niggle' about their health but don't want to wait for a GP appointment?

Are you worried about their eating?

The Healthy Family Team are worth touching base with!

They offer friendly advice to support all age children and can provide some suggestions for what you could do next and also have direct links to GPs.



NOTTS PARENT EVENT: Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting at Home

This 2-hour webinar is suitable for the parents and carers of learners who have been identified as having dyslexic traits

We will cover what we understand by the term dyslexia and the implications it has for learning

We will then provide lots of practical tips for supporting these learners at home

Please note this is the same material covered in November 2025 but held at a later time for parents who cannot attend the morning session

Course Details

Wednesday, 4th March 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
(EVENING)

Taking Place via Microsoft TEAMS

(Joining instructions will only be sent out separately to those booked on correctly)

The course presenters will be Bridget Thornhill, Ruth Screeton and
Sandhya Sharma from the
Cognition & Learning Team, SEND Inclusion Service(SIS)

PLEASE NOTE:

This is a FREE event and there will be no charge for attending

TO BOOK via EVENTBRITE Ctrl + Click Link below:

<https://notts-parent-event-understanding-dyslexia-supporting-at-home.eventbrite.co.uk>

An invitation to join will be sent to your e-mail inbox a few days before the event, so please check your 'inbox', as well as 'deleted' or 'junk mail' folders to find the Link

Closing date: Wednesday, 25th February 2026 at 12:00 noon
(half-term 16-20-Feb-26)

Enquiries – Judith A Knight : sis.sjrw@nottsccl.gov.uk or Tel: 0115 854 6464

Muskham Primary School would like to invite you to



Chocolate



Friday 13th March 2025

Doors Open 6.15pm

Eyes Down 6:30pm

At MRCC, North Muskham Village Hall
Nelson Lane.

Refreshments available
Licensed bar

Bingo cards will be sold
£1 each on the night

**Don't forget
your dabber!**

Donations gratefully received

Please bring any *prize donations of chocolate* to the school
office by *Wednesday 11th March*.

Thank you!

Please order your entry tickets below with correct cash and return to school in an envelope marked 'Chocolate Bingo' by Wednesday 11th March. Names will be logged on a register as proof of payment, note you will not be sent tickets.

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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

February 19th

Full day 9am-4pm

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Ages 5-15 years.

Cauntton Tennis Club, NG23 6AS



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FEBRUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Dukeries Leisure Centre
Basketball
Tuesday 17th February
4pm-5pm



Dukeries Leisure Centre
Glow in the Dark Basketball
Wednesday 18th February
2.30pm-4.30pm



Dukeries Leisure Centre
Wheelchair Basketball
Thursday 19th February
10.30am-12.30pm



Hawtonville Young People's Centre, Newark
Boxing Fitness
Thursday 19th February, 3pm-4pm



Newark Sport and Fitness Centre
Boxing Fitness (Girls only session)
Friday 20th February
1pm-3pm

Free to attend, just turn up!





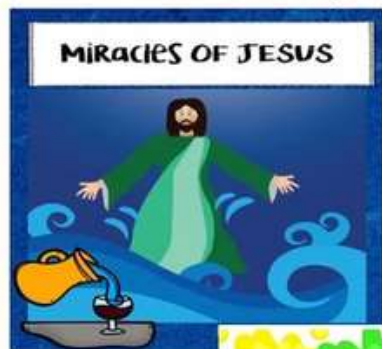





Family Service

Sunday 15th February

3:00 – 4:00 pm





Theme this month:
Jesus' Miracles
Darkness and Light

St. Wilfrids Church
North Muskham

All Welcome





