

MUSKHAM

Newsletter



Book Bonanza!

World Book Day is always a special occasion at Muskham Primary School, and this year was no exception. Our school was filled with excitement, colour and imagination as children and staff came together to celebrate the joy of reading.

One of the highlights of the day was, of course, the incredible costumes. It was wonderful to see the creativity and effort that had gone into bringing favourite book characters to life. From classic literary heroes to modern storybook favourites, the school corridors were transformed into a parade of imagination. The enthusiasm of the children was matched by that of the staff, and it was fantastic to see everyone embracing the spirit of the day so wholeheartedly.

Another particularly creative element of our celebrations was the potato character competition. Families worked together to design and decorate potatoes inspired by book characters, and the results were truly impressive. The creativity on display was remarkable, with potatoes cleverly transformed into a wide range of much-loved literary figures. It was clear how much thought, care and imagination had gone into each entry.

Perhaps the most rewarding part of the day was seeing the smiles on the faces of both children and staff. Events like World Book Day remind us just how powerful stories can be in bringing people together and inspiring young minds.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for their continued support. We know that preparing costumes and creative projects can sometimes add a little extra stress to already busy schedules, and we truly appreciate the time, effort and enthusiasm that families put into helping make days like this so memorable for the children.

At Muskham Primary School, we place great importance on creativity and imagination. We work hard to ensure that our pupils have as many opportunities as possible to develop their creative skills, whether through reading, art, storytelling or imaginative play. Days like World Book Day are a wonderful reminder of the power of creativity and the important role it plays in a child's learning and development.

Thank you once again to everyone who helped make this year's World Book Day such a joyful and memorable occasion.

Check out our Facebook and Instagram for pictures of the day.

Mr Pearson

What's Coming Up After Half Term...

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 have been exploring the story of Jack and the Beanstalk this week. The children have been learning to sequence the story, discussing what happens first, next, and finally, and using this to develop their understanding of narrative structure. They have also been practising their early reading skills by matching simple sentences and phrases to the corresponding pictures, helping them build confidence in understanding how stories are structured.



Mrs Keane's Class

This week, Year 1 took their maths learning outdoors for a hands-on exploration of halving and quartering. The children loved taking their number work into the fresh air, using natural materials and outdoor spaces to help bring these concepts to life.

The children also experimented with splitting large chalk shapes on the playground into halves and quarters and enjoyed moving around the space to spot examples of equal parts in their environment. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and problem-solving skills were wonderful to see!



Mrs Ellison's/Mrs Sheldon's Class

Class 3 have been learning about instructional writing in English. As part of this, they had to follow a set of instructions to evaluate how good they were. Their instructions were to make a salad wrap - all the children followed the instructions and also perfected their chopping skills using the knives. They found the wraps 'delicious'! For World Book Day, Class 3 focussed on 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. They created their own 'medicine' using an assortment of drinks, and then launched a campaign to advertise their medicine.



It's all happening in the classroom...

Mrs Palmer's Class

This week in Year 4/5, we've had an exciting and hands-on learning experience!

In our Geography work, we explored volcanic eruptions and even examined real volcanic rock that Freya brought in from Mount Vesuvius—thank you, Freya!

In Science, we investigated the properties of different materials and discussed why certain materials are chosen for particular purposes. The children really impressed us with their thoughtful observations and scientific curiosity.

Of course, our highlight of the week was World Book Day! The class enjoyed a fun-filled day of stories, creativity, and book-themed activities. It was wonderful to see everyone embracing the joy of reading.



Mrs Hough's Class

Mrs Hough's class have been bursting with creativity this week. They have been busy writing clear, imaginative instructions to tell a machine how to build a magical creature of their choice. They have also begun their new geometry topic on 2D shapes. For their 'Inventors and Inventions' topic, they learned about their first inventor, John McAdam, and the impact of his ideas.





It's all happening in the classroom...

Miss Baker's Class

Year 5/6 have had an action-packed week of learning! As part of their DT unit, the children enjoyed a cake-tasting session to explore flavours and textures linked to their upcoming baking project. In Geography, they took part in a lively debate, considering the social and environmental impacts of deforestation and developing their skills in forming balanced, evidence-based arguments.

For World Book Day, the focus was Shackleton's Journey, and the class immersed themselves in a themed Escape Room—working collaboratively to free Shackleton's crew through a series of clues and challenges. They also produced stunning ice-inspired artwork using oil and chalk pastels, and rounded off the day by designing and constructing their own boats, testing how well they could float and withstand sinking. It's been a brilliant week of creativity, problem-solving and hands-on learning!





Well Done Superstars!



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

Our Year 5/6 football team took part in an exciting friendly match this week, giving them a valuable chance to put their training into action. Although the final score didn't go our way, the team showed fantastic determination from start to finish.



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.



MOTHER'S DAY HAMPER PRIZE DRAW TICKETS!



Muskham Primary School is holding a
Mother's Day hamper prize draw
at Chocolate Bingo
on Friday 13th March

Tickets are £1 each.

Please purchase your prize draw tickets by **Wednesday 11th March.**

Thank you for your support!

Information will be available on a range of services, support groups and leisure opportunities for young children with additional needs and their families. Representatives from Ask Us, the Nottinghamshire SEND Local Offer, the Parent Carer Forum and Early Years Family Hubs will be on hand to provide signposting and guidance on the day.

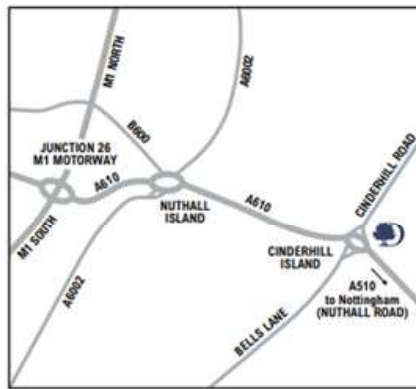
In addition, representatives from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) will be available during the morning and lunch break to offer guidance on benefit entitlement, as well as answer any questions about topics, such as returning to work.

And finally... there will be an opportunity at the end of the event to gather information, speak to workshop providers and ask any outstanding questions that you may have.

Childcare Costs

You may claim a contribution towards any additional childcare costs incurred due to attending the conference. A receipt from a registered provider will be required for audit purposes. Please email SIS.sjrw@nottscc.gov.uk for further information

(Maximum of £40.00 per family).



Doubletree by Hilton Nottingham
– Gateway Hotel, Nuthall Road,
Nottingham NG8 6AZ

Strategically located on the A610, 1 mile from Junction 26 of the M1 motorway, and 3 miles from Nottingham city centre, with 200 free car parking spaces on-site. The hotel benefits from excellent public transport links with bus stops that connect to the heart of the city just steps away, and Phoenix Park tram stop located less than half a mile from the hotel. Nottingham train station is located 4 miles away.

Including Early Years Parent Conference

This is a free conference for parents and carers of pre-school children and children up to the age of 8, with additional needs, who are resident in Nottinghamshire or whose child attends a Nottinghamshire school/setting.

Presented by
SEND Inclusion Service (SIS)
Education, Learning and Inclusion



Wednesday 17 June 2026

8:45 am – 3 pm

at the Doubletree by Hilton
Nottingham Gateway Hotel, NG8 6AZ

**Bookings go live on 14 April 2026
at 8am on Eventbrite.**

Please note that priority will be given to parents and carers who have not attended previous conferences.



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Keynote Performance: Lisa Lloyd



Lisa, aka "ASD with a G & T" across social media, is a passionate advocate for Special Educational Needs (SEN) rights and the parent of two neurodivergent children diagnosed with PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance) and autism.

She is The Times bestselling author of *Raising the SEN-Betweeners* and shares her experiences through her popular blog, where she writes candidly about family life and the challenges of navigating SEN. An ambassador for several SEND charities and a campaigner for SEND rights, Lisa's work continues to inspire and empower families and professionals alike.

Programme of the day

- 8.45 Registration
- 9.30 Welcome and Introduction
- 9.35 Keynote Presentation + Q & A:
Lisa Lloyd
- 10:20 Refreshment Break
- 10.40 Workshop 1
- 12:10 Lunch
- 1:10 Workshop 2
- 2:40 Providers & Professionals available
for questions
- 3:00 Close

Workshop details

Sensory On A Shoestring

Low-cost sensory ideas that support communication, play and learning in the home!

Workshop Provider: *Hirstwood Training*

Empowerment

Getting your voice heard in the SEND world.

Workshop Providers: *Julie Rastall and Louise Grafton - Parents*

Beyond Words: Talking Isn't The Only Way

How to unlock your child's unique ways of communicating, with practical tools and ideas to interact and engage.

Workshop Providers: *Rachel Wilson & Lynne Pearson – Home and Pre-School Team, SEND Inclusion Service*

What Does Autistic Play Look Like?

Looking at how autistic children might play; how it may differ from their peers and how we can support it.

Workshop Provider: *Lindsay Beach - Communication and Interaction Team, SEND Inclusion Service*

Supporting Your Child To Navigate Strong Emotions Using Emotion Coaching

An introduction to the Emotion Coaching model; an evidence-based approach responding "in the moment" to big feelings.

Workshop Provider: *Suzie Wood - Education Psychology Service*

How to book

1. Copy or click on this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/including-early-years-parent-conference-2026-tickets-1980468093380?aff=oddttdcreator> and go to step 6.
2. Or, on www.eventbrite.co.uk click on "search for events" "Including Early Years Parent Conference"
3. Choose a location – "Nottingham"
Filters select date – 17 June 2026
4. Click – Search
5. Click – Tickets
6. Click – Apply
7. Click – Register
8. Complete your registration details and workshop preferences in order (1-5)
9. Click – Register

All Information provided is confidential

Workshop choices available:

We will do our best to allocate you to your 1st and 2nd choices, but we cannot guarantee this. It is important that you also identify your 3rd – 5th for this reason.

- Sensory On A Shoestring
- Empowerment
- Beyond Words: Talking Isn't The Only Way
- What Does Autistic Play Look Like?
- Supporting Your Child To Navigate Strong Emotions

Please state any special requirements you may have. You will receive an email confirming your booking.

If you have difficulties booking, contact:
Trudi Hodgson, SIS
T: 0115 854 6464 E: sis.sjrw@nottscc.gov.uk



SUPPORTING LOCAL
CHILDREN AND THEIR
FAMILIES

Grief Café

for Parents and Carers of
Bereaved Children and Young People.
A Safe Space to Talk, Listen, and Be Heard



Second Wednesday of the month
9.30am-11.30am

~~11th Feb~~ | 11th March | 8th April | 13th May



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Balderton Gate,
Newark. NG24 1UW



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 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.

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