

Newsletter – 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The month of May (and the blue skies that came with it!) was greeted with a sense of relief this week! After a water-logged Monday clearing out and mopping up after the weekend floods in Reception and Year 1, the sun finally came out and EYFS were able to celebrate May 1st with traditional joy!



A whole host of new summer term clubs have begun and lunchtimes feel full of adventures! Our newly-appointed Sports Leaders are making a difference and doing a fabulous job of keeping our younger children happy and fit! I watched the Thursday team at work this week and their patience and enthusiasm was just wonderful!

Mr. Clarke is still revelling in his first victory of the season with a win for the girls' football squad at Cotgrave, and was proud of the boys in their Saturday tournament! He also ensures that our younger children get the chance to represent the school regularly, and last week it was Year 3 and 4's turn to participate in a 'teamwork festival' in Rushcliffe Park. Thank you for encouraging and transporting your children and a huge thank you to Mr. Clarke for constantly giving his enthusiasm and time.



Yesterday afternoon, Year 5 had an appointment with Dr. Trebi-Ollenu, a robotics engineer from NASA who lives on earth but works on Mars! As a manager at JPL in California, he currently holds the controls for the Rover Exploration Mission and has a second important mission to inspire future space engineers. The children agreed that it was *brilliant!*



Mrs. Humphrey

It is always lovely to share some happy Willow Brook news and I am really pleased to announce that Mrs. Humphrey is expecting a baby! It's still early days – her maternity leave will start in September.

Lateness

We really appreciate your effort since my last email in getting to school on time in the mornings. The number of late arrivals has decreased significantly and teachers have really appreciated a positive and prompt start to the first session of the morning. Thank you.

I'll leave you with a list of events already in the diary for the term ahead and my best wishes for the Bank Holiday weekend.

Key Events in this term's diary	
Mon. May 6 th	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon. 13 th to Thurs 16 th May	Year 6 SATs assessment week. *It is important that all pupils in Year 6 are present during this week. Please avoid booking appointments and holidays.
Monday 20 th May	Year 3 trip to The Van Gogh Experience
Wednesday 22 nd May	Year R and 1 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Friday 24 th May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Friday 21 st June	INSET training day – school is closed
Wednesday 3 rd July	Whole school Sports Day - 1.30 start
July 3 rd and 4 th	Year 6 intake days at South Wolds Academy
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 D.A.R.T. Graduation assembly. Parents, Grandparents and Carers of Year 6 children are invited to attend (9.30a.m. start)
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 at South Wolds Sports afternoon
Friday 12 th July	School Disco
Wednesday 17 th July	Open Afternoon
Friday 26 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 10am and school finishes at 3.30pm