

# May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

This half term seems to have flown by and we are nearly at the end of May, the half-term break and then only a few weeks until the end of the academic year!

One good thing about this time of year is that the weather improves and we can make full use of our amazing grounds for learning and also at break and lunchtimes. It is great to see our children playing and being active and making the most of the field, climbing trees and digging – I know some of your children may come home muddy or dusty, see that as children exploring and having fun!

Our Year 6 children are now in their final weeks with us. We were very proud of their positive attitude to the end of key stage national assessments (SATs). Thank you to the PSA for providing an array of food for a breakfast before each day's tests and also the ice-cream treat at the end of the week.

Two weeks ago, across the school we embraced outdoor learning to celebrate David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday – a local 'hero' who has inspired many and has impacted on how we understand the natural world. The sun shone on the day and classes explored our school grounds, ensure they were healthy for our local wildlife and from this we have created a whole school video that captures the learning – we hope to share this with parents soon.

We hope you enjoy the upcoming Bank Holiday weekend and the week away from school routines and we look forward to seeing you in June for the final half term.

Mrs Mock

## Diary Dates

### PSA Summer Fete

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

### Year 3&4 Sports Day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am

### EYFS Sports Day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm

### Year 1&2 Sports Day

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
9.15am

### Year 5&6 Sports Day

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am

### Year 4 Sleep Out

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

### New Classes Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

### Year 6 End of Year Performance

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm

### Year 6 Leavers Picnic

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 5.30pm

## May House Points

**Badgers 3077**

**Deer 2738**

**Foxes 2450**

**Hedgehogs 3525**

**Congratulations to this month's winners!**

**Hedgehogs**

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## Celebrating David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

EYFS explored the school grounds collecting items for their nature grounds. Year 1&2 found out about red list birds. They learnt to make the sounds of greenfinches and yellow hammers and then used a bird song app to find out which birds were in our grounds.

Year 3&4 learnt about the dangers hedgehogs face and they ensured our school grounds are a clean environment for them to live in.

Year 5&6 researched Great Crested Newts (a protected species) and explored our pond area. They litter picked, pond dipped and observed - a Great Crested Newt was spotted!

Classes also created art work inspired by nature.



## Sporting News

### Superhero Multiskills

On 30<sup>th</sup> April a group of our finest Superheroes from KS1 proudly represented the school at a fun sports event at Charnwood College. They ran, jumped, leapt and skipped through a variety of events showing themselves to be confident and compassionate towards each other and children from other schools.

Well done to:- Ema, Kazi, Zak, Oliver, Summer, Karina, Percy, Toby



### Year 5 and 6 Netball tournament

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 Netball team who took part recently in a tournament at a very windy Charnwood College. Despite not progressing through to the semi-finals stage, they played their hearts out in every game, marking the opposition diligently, jumping for every ball and passing accurately. They were unlucky with some of their shots at the hoop with several near misses. Well done Maryam, Kamilla, Emiko, Grace, Hugo, Arlo and Hadley!

They enjoyed being presented with their certificates from special guest, Loughborough Lightning player, Alice Harvey.



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## Tennis Achievement



On a gloriously sunny Thursday afternoon at the end of April, our school proudly took two enthusiastic teams of players to Charnwood Lawn Tennis Club to compete in the inter-primary school's tennis tournament. For many of our team members, this was their first experience of a competitive tennis tournament. Despite any initial nerves, the event proved to be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to test their skills against children of similar abilities from other schools. It was inspiring to see such determination, resilience, and sportsmanship on display throughout the afternoon.

Each child played three matches, with games played to the first seven points. Right from the start, our players showed great promise, securing a number of impressive wins in the early rounds. Matches were closely contested, reflecting the wide range of abilities present at the tournament, and our players rose admirably to the challenge. Well done to Hugo, who achieved an incredible clean sweep by winning all of his matches.

Despite a strong overall team performance, we were unfortunately edged out of a place in the semi-finals. This was disappointing as we had previously beaten the eventual tournament winners, Booth Wood, during the round robin stage. Nevertheless, the day was a tremendous success, filled with valuable learning experiences and excellent teamwork.

Finally, a huge thank you must go to Ben for establishing a lunchtime tennis club at school. His dedication, encouragement, and support have been instrumental in developing our players and making this opportunity possible. Without his efforts, we would not have been able to field even one team—let alone two!

Congratulations to all of our players for representing the school so brilliantly. Ben (team captain), Hugo, Hadley, Dexter, Amalia, Abia, Georgina and Lettie.



## Loughborough International Athletics

Following sprint trials in school, two year 6 children had the fantastic opportunity to participate in a specially organised 60m sprint event at the recent Loughborough International Athletics Competition at the Loughborough University Athletics Stadium.

Abia and Joseph both performed confidently despite some nerves with Joseph finishing in an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall out of the 12 competing athletes and Abia finishing a brilliant third in her race.

After their events, they had the chance to be basket carriers for the international athletes, carrying out their kit onto the track before their races in front of a packed crowd. One of these athletes competing in the hurdles event was Katerina Johnson-Thompson, the double world champion and Olympic silver medallist in the heptathlon. Of the day, they said:

*"I really enjoyed the race. It was great to run on a proper track as I'm only used to running on a grass track"*

*"The fun part was I made a friend from another school."*

*"Helping to carry the athlete's kit meant I could see what international athletes were doing, their skills and how they got ready for their race."*





### Super Silver for Year 3 and 4 Quad Kids Team

Quad Kids is an athletics competition requiring 4 girls and 4 boys to all compete in 4 events. They are tested in their sprinting (60m), middle distance running (400m), a throw (howler) and a jump,(standing long jump) and this really tests an athletes' versatility to be good at running, throwing and jumping. The athletes' performances are then scored against results tables and the team with the highest cumulative points is the winner.

Our team performed brilliantly yesterday to amass a huge 1066 points, being beaten only by a very strong team from Booth Wood School but beating the other 6 competing schools. We were especially strong in the 400m races with Aoife and Ciada finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our boys team looked very impressive with their howler throws, so much so, that the sports leaders had to extend the measuring tape to record some of their throws! Well done to the whole team - everyone's performances counted towards our fantastic final score and winning the silver medal.