

# December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We are nearly at the end of our Autumn Term and the Christmas festivities are nearly here! For those of you that have visited the school this week you would have been welcomed by a forest of Christmas Trees each one decorated each our classes. We have had a wonderful week of performances by our youngest foundation children, Year 2 and Year 4. It is always amazing how much confidence they show on stage at such a young age – I do believe we have some future performers in our school. Thank you to all the parents, family members and friends who came to watch and also for donations collected at the end – we raised £330 which will go towards funding a visiting Theatre company on World Book Day in March.

We have some staffing changes at the end of this term. Mrs York our SENCo will be leaving us to take up a new position with the Leicestershire County Councils specialist service – she will be greatly missed by us all and we wish her the best in her new role. We welcome Miss Barker as our new SENCo who will start with us in the new term.

Mrs Darby, one of our support staff team, will also be leaving us. After supporting many children in our school over the last 9 years working in schools for over 25 years Mrs Darby is retiring allowing her more time for herself. I am sure you all support us in saying thank you for all she has given to our school community.

Mrs Shelton-Baker who is part of our Breakfast Club and Lunchtime team, is leaving us to take up a catering position at one of our local secondary schools. We will miss her positivity and cheerful nature every morning!

Our school term ends on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and we wish you the very best over the holiday period. Hopefully you will spend time with those that are special to you and you also have some time to slow down and relax. We look forward to seeing you all on the first day of the Spring Term – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Thank you for all your support.

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## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Term Starts

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February/Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

Parent/Teacher Meetings

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Half Term Break

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Term Ends

## Reminders

We are closed to children on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January for a staff training day,

From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January all school lunches to be ordered via Arbor.

(information sent out via email)

### **Bosworth Heritage Centre Visit**

In November, Year 5 and 6 went on a trip to Bosworth Battlefields Heritage Centre to enhance their learning about Richard III.

While we were there, we paid a visit to a medieval soldier who prepared us for a thrilling and breath-taking battle. Then, we headed to the magnificent museum where the air was filled with history and stories of Bosworth Battle were told.

Lastly, we went on a wonderful walk with an expert to help us re-enact the Battle of Bosworth with flags and wooden swords.

Everybody had a remarkable day.  
Bella, Year 6



### **Recorder Lessons Begin in Year 3**

At Mountfields, we believe every child should have the opportunity to experience learning a musical instrument.

In Year 3 all children learn to play the recorder and our current children started their lessons a few weeks ago.

The children have been learning the basic notes and staff are amazed at how quickly they have begun to make real progress. They will be working towards performing to parents in their Spring Assembly on 27<sup>th</sup> March– a 'Musical Soiree'!



### **Well-Being Champions**

We have a great team of Well-Being Champions who volunteered for the role to support our children at Break and Lunchtimes.

One of their roles will be to support our new Quiet Area for children to use at break and lunchtimes. There are benches for them to sit on and the team are putting together books and colouring for the children to do.

### EYFS 'Wriggly Nativity'

The children in EYFS have worked so hard these past few weeks to prepare for their Christmas play 'A Wriggly Nativity'. We are incredibly proud of every child of how confidently they sang and spoke during our performances to the school and grown-ups this week.



### Year 1 Christmas Singing at Emmanuel Church

The Year 1 children had a festive walk down to Emmanuel Church to showcase their enthusiastic Christmas singing.

In the short but sweet performance, Oak class and Ash class sang their hearts out to Christmas classics like; *When Santa got Stuck up the Chimney*, *Little Donkey* and of course *On a Starry Night*.

The visit was made even more special by the number of parents and relatives, who were able to come and watch and to accompany us on the walk there and back to the church. Thank you so much for your time and effort.

Also, thanks to Christine and her team at Emmanuel Church, who always make us feel so welcome.

Well done Year 1!





## Year 2 Seven Little Penguins

Cherry and Holly Class children have really enjoyed taking part in their Christmas production of 'The Seven Little Penguins'. We are all incredibly proud of their enthusiastic singing and confident performances. They did a great job on stage!



Always learning, always growing



#### Year 4 'Sir David Hattenscarf'

Our year 5 children have worked incredibly hard to prepare for what were two amazing performances of this production. The children showed confidence on the stage with fantastic singing and acting. They entertained the audience with humour, some poignant moments and also getting across the message to us all about the importance of caring for our planet. We are very proud of each and every one of them.



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## Sporting News

### Year 5/6 Boys Football

Our boy's team have shown confidence and commitment in their matches this term and battled hard to secure a place in the BEP league in the Spring term. Their determination and teamwork have been evident in each match, some games were particularly challenging. They have secured a spot in League 1 and we look forward to the future matches.

Well done to Arlo G, Ralph, Alfred, Ashton, Kaine, Luca, Noah, Joseph Martin, Marley.



### Spirit of the Games Winners

#### Basketball Competition

At each North Charnwood competition our school gets involved in, the Spirit of the Games is presented by the organisers and sports leaders to the school who has demonstrated the core values of the School Games Programme, namely determination, honesty, passion, respect, self-belief and teamwork.

In a recent Basketball competition in which our team fought hard and finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 9 competing schools, in what was an extremely tough, competitive event, we were delighted to receive this award.



### Swimming competition at Loughborough Leisure Centre

Despite some nerves, all our children showed tremendous composure competing in their individual races, the majority for the first time. The noise on poolside was at times deafening, as all the schools cheered on their team-mates and this created a great energy which fuelled our children to some amazing performances.

Overall, we finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place, an agonizing 2 points behind the bronze medals! This was a super performance in an extremely competitive event. A huge well done to Hugo, Jesse, Georgina, Grace, Rory, Arlo, Emiko and Klayah.

### **Junior Cross Country League**

Twenty of our Year 3-6 children recently took part in a Leicestershire and Rutland Junior Cross Country League at New College, Leicester on a Saturday morning.

Top spots were achieved by Vaila (Year 5 Girls) in 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ciada and Aoife (Year 4 Girls) in 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively and Zoe (Year 3 Girls) in 7<sup>th</sup>.

Despite the rain, the children enjoyed racing against other Leicestershire Schools, getting a bit wet and muddy, cheering each other on and being part of the wonderful Mountfields cross country squad!



### **Sporting Ambassadors lead Year 3 Games Club**

Following their sports leader training in October, our Year 6 Sporting Ambassadors have been supporting the younger classes with their Mountfields Mile and running a lunchtime games club for our Year 3 children. During the sessions they have been responsible for planning, setting up and leading the play sessions with a group of 16 children. This half term they have worked with some of the children in Pine class and this is what the children had to say about it:

*"It was fun and they taught us lots of different, exciting games."*

*"It was great – my brother taught me!"*

*"All my friends were there, and I really liked racing over the hurdles."*

Thank you to Pine class for being so well behaved and for getting so enthusiastically involved in all the games. Next term, it's the turn of Lime and Birch to get involved.

