

Dear Parents/Carers

It feels like January has been constantly grey and wet. However this 'miserable' weather has not dampened our children's enthusiasm and attitude in school and we have had a great start to the term.

Our youngest children in EYFS have been exploring space and I have seen rockets and spaceships being made in their construction area and children telling me all about the planets!

Year 1 are finding out about the history of the United Kingdom through its castles and Year 2 are on an incredible journey exploring the achievements of Amy Johnson

Children in Year 3 and 4 have stepped back in time, way back in time, to the Stone Age and have been geologists exploring rocks through their Science learning

As part of their Ancient Greece theme Year 5 and 6 have been on mythical adventures. The children have been creating their own myths full of fantastic beasts and adventurous heroes, when you visit the school you will see some of these displayed on our Writing Corridor.

Our sporting teams have also started the term well, read about their successes further on. This week we took some of our Year 5 and 6 children to Young Voices - what an amazing event. It was such a pleasure to accompany them and see the enthusiasm and enjoyment they had, a few of the children have written about the event for you to read.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Parent/Teacher meetings in two weeks - please book an appointment if you have not done so yet.

Thank you for your continued support.

Iona Mock

Diary Dates

Tues 10th & Thur 12th February

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Mon 16th – Fri 20th February

Half Term Break

Thurs 5th March

World Book Day

Fri 27th March

Term Ends

House Points for this month

Badgers 1609

Deer 1566

Foxes 1422

Hedgehogs 1551

Well done to this month's winners!



Badgers

Young Voices 2026

This week our Young Voices choir took part in an amazing event at Birmingham bp Pulse live arena. This is a spectacular event with schools from across the country coming together to create a choir with over 5000 children in it. We are very proud of our children's commitment to learning the songs and their performance and behaviour on the day. We asked some of the choir to write their own summary of the event.



Young voices is a time to express yourself and feel united as one whole choir. It's an outstanding experience! There was a special song called 'No Such Thing As Normal' by Electric Umbrella, which won the golden buzzer on Britain's got talent this year. From Mountfields, 58 children in Year 5/6 attended the concert but in the whole choir there were just under 6000 children. Our star guests were Connie Talbot, who sang Original, and Michelle John, who sang Shackles with the choir. We really enjoyed singing 'Wicked' and 'Disco' medleys.

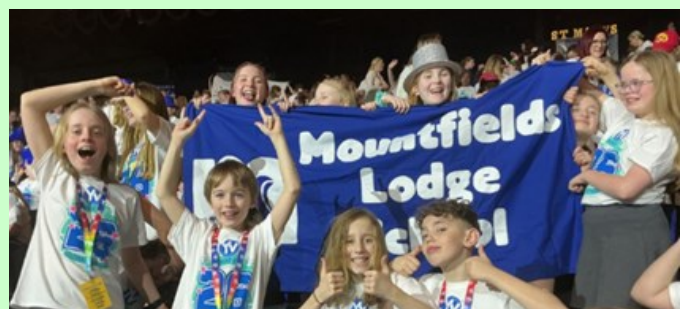


A few children from our school have had a chance to say what they thought about the phe-



nominal event: a year 6 student said that it was enjoyable and that the Urban Strides were highly entertaining. The parents weren't just watching, they got up and danced about as well and even had a dance battle against the choir but they definitely did not win! The lights that shone on the children and adults were a wonder to watch and just made the icing on the cake for everyone. All of the Year 6 pupils are delighted to recommend this life changing experience for anyone, especially for our current Year 4 children!

Written by Rosie L, Lillian C,
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Junior Cross Country Leagues

Just before Christmas our Year 5 and 6 cross country runners competed in the Junior Cross Country League in Oadby. Vaila (Year 5 Girls) ran a very determined race to beat her closest rival, who had defeated her in the first league race. Following on from this, 21 children from across KS2 competed at New College, Leicester in the next round of this League in early January. This is a tough league against lots of different running clubs with children who train regularly for cross country. All our children performed strongly with great performances from Valia in 2nd (Year 5 girls) , Aoife 4th and Ciada 8th (Year 4 girls), Jack 10th (Year 6 boys).



Charnwood County Cross Country Qualifier and League race

There were lots of fantastic medal winners in this event from our school. Well done to: Zoe 2nd and Emily 3rd (Year 3 Girls); Aoife 1st and Ciada 2nd (Year 4 Girls); Vaila 1st, Grace 2nd and Elsie 3rd (Year 5 Girls); Ralph 2nd (Year 6 Boys).

Even more amazing was that Mountfields Lodge will now have an **incredible 14 children going on to represent North Charnwood in the County Schools Cross Country event** at Rutland Water on 28th February. This is because these children all finished in the top ten. This is an amazing achievement for any school and shows how many strong runners we have in school. All of the 30 children who competed on Tuesday gained valuable points for Mountfields Lodge in the Charnwood Cross Country League. After the first league in October, we were lying in fifth place. After this fantastic team performance, we have moved up



Gymnastics

Our Level 2 team of Osian, Kamilla, Nya and Lettie recently finished in the gold medal winning position, beating 7 other teams. They all performed brilliantly in their floor and ribbon routines and on the vault, where they had to do a difficult tuck jump off the vault and land solidly on the other side. We are very proud of this team and the event really showed just how much all their practices in school and at home had paid off as their routines were smooth and polished.

A week later we had 2 teams compete in the Level 3 competition. All girls performed to a really high standard and their vault was especially challenging because they had to do a straight jump off the vault facing outwards but also include a half turn off the vault, meaning when they landed, they had to be facing it!! This made some of the girls very nervous, but they showed lots of courage to tackle their fears and all managed it wonderfully. Team 1 also finished in the gold medal position - a fantastic achievement against girls a lot older than some of our team and our Team 2 finished a very good 5th place out of the 8 competing teams.

Both winning teams will now go on to represent North Charnwood in the County Schools Gymnastics competition in Oakham in March.



Sportshall Athletics Champions for Fourth Consecutive Year!

A talented team of 18 Year 5 and 6 children competed at the Sportshall Athletics competition at the end of January. The event required the children to compete in both running relays and throwing or jumping activities. The children all demonstrated their versatility and beat the 7 other competing schools, finishing ahead of Booth Wood by 6 clear points. This is the fourth consecutive year that Mountfields Lodge has won this event, and the children will now go on to represent North Charnwood in the County Schools Championships at Coalville and Whitwick Leisure Centre on 23rd March.

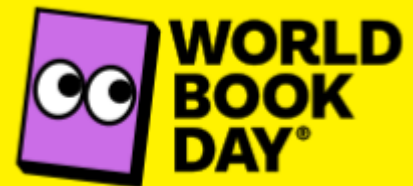
It was a fitting bonus that this team also won the Spirit of the Games Award, which is chosen by the Sports Leaders helping at the event. This is awarded to the school who has demonstrated the core values of the School Games Programme, namely determination, honesty, passion, respect, self-belief and teamwork. What a team!



Girls Football Development

Our Year 5 and 6 Girls football team have recently been fortunate to have a football coach from Charnwood College to come and work with them at lunchtime. She was very impressed with our team's skill level and ability to listen and follow instructions exactly. The girls worked on several drills and positioning on the field during games play, as well as lots of practice using their voices to communicate with each other. This will no doubt help them in their up and coming BEP League fixture

World Book Day 2026 Celebrating Reading for Pleasure



We are delighted to share our plans for World Book Day 2026, and this year's theme, "Reading for Pleasure," gives us the perfect opportunity to celebrate the joy and imagination that books bring into our children's lives.

****Dress as Your Favourite Book Character****

On World Book Day, pupils are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We can't wait to see the creativity, colour and fun that the children bring to the day as they share stories and celebrate the characters they love.

Theatre Visit

We are thrilled to welcome M&M Productions back to our school. This live storytelling experience will help bring books to life and inspire pupils to explore new stories and genres. This year we will be watching a performance of Pinocchio.

Scholastic Book Fair – March 5th to March 11th

The Scholastic Book Fair will be with us from March 5th through to March 11th. This is a fantastic chance for families to browse and buy new books. Every purchase helps us earn rewards to buy new books for our school library and classrooms, so your support directly benefits our pupils' reading experiences.

Librarians' Competition

Our wonderful pupil librarians are running a fun and imaginative competition this year: "Create a Potato Book Character!"

More details will be shared soon, but we're sure this will spark lots of creativity at home.

Lost Property

We still have a large number of unclaimed clothing—not named! If you are missing something please look through. We will have the Lost Property Boxes accessible on our Parent/Teaching Meeting events.



There's no such thing as bad weather, its just bad clothing'.

As we know January has been a very wet and cold month but it is still important our children have time outside in the fresh air being active and playing with friends.

Please can we ask that your child has a waterproof coat in school each day and also on the PE days a spare pair of shoes and socks as feet can get wet when we have water lying on the playgrounds.

Why is school attendance important?

Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. There is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes. Schools can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a contributes to better mental health and wellbeing.

Attendance at school is crucial to prepare young people for successful transition to adulthood, and to support their longer term economic and social participation in society. There is also evidence that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A level results.

Good attendance is 95%+

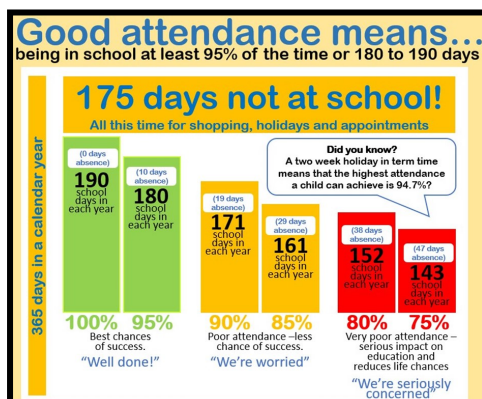
Screen Time For Children

Children learn best through interacting with adults and the world around them. Use of screen time when a child is very young is linked to long-term difficulties with attention, communication, problem-solving and social skills. Please scan the QR code/use the link below for more information around screen time use.



Scan me!

<https://lrsb.org.uk/uploads/five-a-day-tips-for-a-healthier-screen-time-nhs-leicester-childrens-hospital.pdf?v=1744801654>



Parking

Please can we ask consideration is given when parking ensuring driveways and pavements are not blocked.

Our children's safety is a priority so please be mindful especially at the front of the school as there are children crossing roads.