

Dear Parents and Carers,



A good start to the month, with the roof being completed and the children having their playground back.

We have altered our food supplier; the children are very pleased with the standard of the new menu. Relish provided the food samples during parents evening, which were a great success.



### Collective Worship

This term we have been fortunate enough to welcome Rev Tim Phillips, Ashby Youth for Christ, and Open the Book to our assemblies. It is an absolute treat for us to have Worship lead by visitors. Rev Tim built upon our first half term's focus of perseverance and taught us actions for the Lord's Prayer. As always, it was lovely to listen to Vernon from AYfC. He taught us about following rules – it seemed easy for the children to decide what were important rules (like be kind) and not so important rules (like always wear pink) however there were a lot of rules to hold. We learnt how God has provided us with help; using the rules "Love your God" and "Love your neighbour" to hang all the other rules on make

life much easier. Open the Book entertained us, as usual, with energetic retellings of the Walls of Jericho falling.

### Severn Trent

We welcomed Vicky from Severn Trent Water to talk to us about what happens to our water. In a whole school assembly, we learnt about the journey of our water and the cleaning that is needed for the water to be reused. It was fascinating to see how baby wipes and even "flushable" toilet paper do not degrade in water. Looking at images of fatbergs blocking up water pipes has definitely made us think about what goes into our drains.

KS2 then investigated various ways different families could use water and deduced the most efficient water saving methods that hopefully have been taken home!





### School Visit to Leicester



We had a fabulous trip to Leicester in the first week of this half term. After a prompt start, we arrived at Leicester Cathedral and were welcomed by the team. After an introduction to the building, we broke off into groups where we asked questions about what it is like to be a follower of God, learnt how to play the handbells, made Peace Doves and had a tour of the Cathedral. We learnt about the story of St Martin, by looking at the beautiful stained-glass window which depicts how he became a Saint; learnt about Baptism and the symbolism of water washing away our sins and the children were fascinated to learn about King Richard III. This has inspired KS2 to find out more about his life and death.

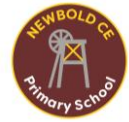
After enjoying our packed lunches in the wonderful purpose build school room, we hopped back on the coach and took the short journey to the King Power Stadium. Whilst there, we enjoyed an informative tour of the Stadium. We saw the elaborate dining room used for entertaining the owners' guests, the Gallery, the view from inside a hospitality box and the room holding the cabinet of the trophies won! It was amazing. From there, we travelled to ground level where we sat in the press conference chairs and then proceeded to the dressing rooms. What a surprise to find a marked difference between the Away and Home changing rooms! It was evident that mindset has an important role to play in success. After singing Happy Birthday to two of our group, we concluded our trip pitch side and waved a Foxes flag.

An inspiring day!



# Newbold News

March 2026



## World Book Day

World book day was a great success and it was wonderful to welcome so many of you sharing books with the children in school.



## Easter Service

Thank you to all who supported our Easter Service at St. Matthew's Church. Every year, the children look forward to sharing their Easter service with you.

## Happy Lunch Times

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

The winners of this term's happy lunch time had dinner with Mrs Hitchman.



## Red Nose Day

in the sunshine was very enjoyable and many thanks for your kind donations, we raised £40 for the charity.



## Robins

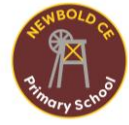
Robins have had a very busy Spring term.

In Science the children have learnt about animals and their habitats, in particular woodland habitats. They have explored different aspects of this outdoors and in Coopers Cutting. They have created simple food-chains for the woodland animals they have observed. They have also really enjoyed learning about omnivores, carnivores and herbivores and sorting animals into these groups. In addition to this we have also planted beans and observed their stages of growth. These will be coming home this week so please save a little sheltered spot in your greenhouse or garden so that the children can continue to watch the plant flower and produce beans. Hopefully you can get a little crop of beans to cook and eat later in the year

To link with our science work on Keeping Healthy, in Design and Technology, the children enjoyed designing, creating and evaluating a healthy 'supermarket' sandwich. The children learnt essential skills such as chopping, grating, slicing and mashing. They should now be suitably equipped to help you out in the kitchen at home!

Also, In Design Technology, they have designed and are in the process of creating a bag tag inspired by designers such as Cath Kidston. They have learnt a variety of stitches and have learnt to sew two pieces of fabric together.

In English, the year 1 and 2 children really enjoyed learning about Malala Yousafzai. They found out about how she campaigns for equal rights and in particular about access to school for girls across the world. They produced some wonderful biographies about her life. These are currently on display in the classroom.



It has been so lovely to see the Foundation Stage having full access to their dedicated outside area now the roofing work has been completed and the weather is warming up. They are enjoying taking part in lots of planned activities outside and in the learning lodge.

Please keep reading as much as possible and practicing any phonic cards you have in their bag as it really helps the children to become confident in their reading skills.

It is really important to make sure we are expecting them to say their sounds correctly mmm not muh, nnn not nuh. Please use the link below to check the pronunciation.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book/read-write-inc-phonics--1/phonics-pure-sounds-video>

## Swans



### Change of State investigation

In KS2 science, to complement our work on the Arctic region, we studied what effects the rate at which ice melts. We discovered that an increase of temperature and the addition of salt causes ice to melt faster. We related these facts to the real-life situations of global warming and sea pollution and discussed the devastating effects this can have on wildlife in the Arctic.

### Mother's Day cards

KS2's Electricity topic in Science culminated in creating working electrical circuits, which contained a switch to produce light up Mother's Day cards.



### Singing at De Montfort Hall

KS2 took part in Leicester's choral spectacular at De Montfort Hall. The children sang beautifully and the parents in the audience were impressed by the level of the performance.



### School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will run from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Monday: Scooter Skills - all classes

Tuesday: Art Club - all classes

Wednesday: Drama - all classes

Thursday: Multi Sports - all classes

If you would like to run an after-school club please phone or message the office.

### Key Dates 2026

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April: School Opens**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Robins singing in Loughborough**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Swans sports festival**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Maypole competition in school**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Closed for Bank Holiday.**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May: SATS week**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Year four Maths Competition**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Finish for half term**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: School opens**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Whole School Trip**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Last Day of Term**

### Headteachers Message

I hope you all enjoy a fabulous Easter and return to school refreshed for an action packed summer term. Please book up for our community events, dates to be advertised after Easter.

We continue to enjoy your support in achievement assemblies on Fridays, as the children are delighted to share their successes with you.

FON's would like volunteers to help to plan and run events to raise money for the school and the community. Please let the office know if you can help with this and we will pass the message on.

Please remember that we are here to support you, so message us via Weduc or email [office@newbold-cecp.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@newbold-cecp.leics.sch.uk) if there is anything we can support you with.

Take care & thank you

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sherryl Hitchman'.

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