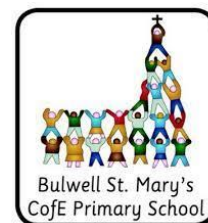




# Newsletter

No.14 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025



***Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."***  
***Joshua 1:9***

## Sports Days Success!

We've had a fantastic time celebrating Sports Days across the school over the past few days! The children showed wonderful enthusiasm and team spirit as they took part in a variety of races, including the obstacle race, the bean bag race, and the classic egg and spoon race. Older children also rose to the challenge of the long distance race, demonstrating great stamina and determination. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces, lots of cheering, and such a positive atmosphere throughout the events.



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support the children—not just for our Sports Days, but throughout the whole academic year. Your encouragement and



involvement make such a difference and help create a warm and vibrant school community. We truly appreciate your continued support and look forward to many more shared moments in the future.



## Diary Dates

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Transition morning – children with new teachers

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – INSET Day School is closed to pupils**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – F2 Visit to Bulwell Gardens

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – F1 Visit to Bulwell Gardens

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 6 Disco 4-5.30pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Church 9.45am

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Informal Open Evening 3.30 – 5pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 Family Picnic – more details to follow

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term



All our term dates can be found on the school website [HERE](#).

Please note that we have one more INSET day this year which is as follows:

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

School will be closed to children on this day.

## Year 1 Trip to Sudbury Hall



As part of their topic on the Victorians, the Year 1 children enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to Sudbury Hall and the Museum of Childhood. The highlight of the day was stepping back in time to experience a real Victorian School Room. The children took part in a lesson just as Victorian children would have, using chalk and slates while being taught by a very strict schoolmistress! This hands-on activity gave them a vivid sense of what school life was like over a hundred years ago.

After their lesson, the children explored the fascinating Museum of Childhood, where they discovered a wide range of toys, clothes, and everyday items from the Victorian era and beyond. They were especially interested in comparing the old-fashioned toys with their modern ones. The museum's interactive exhibits encouraged curiosity and questions, making it a fun and memorable way to deepen their understanding of how children lived in the past. It was a wonderful day full of learning, laughter, and historical discovery.



## New Information System



We want to inform you that we have recently updated our school's Information System. As part of this change, we will be moving to a new app called **Arbor**. Once it is fully launched, all school payments—such as dinners, and trips, —will be made through this app. We will be sending out full instructions soon on how to download and set up Arbor, so you'll be ready to use it with ease. Thank you for your support as we make this improvement to how we communicate and manage school payments.

## Transform Trust Choir Event



Our school choir had a wonderful time taking part in the Transform Trust Choir Event at the Albert Hall in Nottingham City Centre. They joined choirs from other schools across the Trust, performing a beautiful selection of music alongside talented musicians from the Nottingham Music Hub. It was an inspiring afternoon filled with joy and harmony, and it was fantastic to see so many parents and carers in the audience enjoying the performances. Well done to all our amazing singers!

## Transition – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging



At our school, we are committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels a strong sense of belonging. As part of this, we are excited to be holding our **transition morning on Wednesday 2nd July**. This important event gives children the opportunity to visit their new classrooms, meet their new teachers, and begin building positive relationships ahead of the new academic year. We recognise that every child experiences change differently, and our transition morning is designed to support all pupils in feeling confident, valued and ready for the next step in their learning journey.

The theme of the morning is 'Good To Be Me', celebrating the uniqueness of every child and encouraging them to take pride in who they are. Through activities and discussions, children will reflect on their strengths, interests and what makes them special. This theme links closely to our wider work around diversity, equity and inclusion—helping children to appreciate themselves and others, and to recognise that everyone has an important place in our school community.

## Tuck Shop



From September 2025, the school tuck shop will no longer be running. This change is due to our move to becoming a fully cashless school. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to streamline our processes.

We would like to continue to encourage our children in Key Stage 2 to bring in healthy snacks (eg. fruit, rice cakes) to enjoy at playtime. Children in EYFS and KS1 will continue to be provided with fruit every day.

## Thank you!



Thank you again for your continued support.

Mrs Burge and the Bulwell St Mary's Team

