



Newsletter

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Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:34 - 35

SATS Results

We are so proud of our Year 6 pupils for the determination, perseverance and resilience they showed during their SATs this year. They approached the tests with a positive attitude and gave their very best. Our Reading and Writing results were both 72%, in line with the national average. While our overall Maths result was 58%, which is below national, we are particularly pleased with how well our pupils performed at Greater Depth in Maths, a tremendous 34%, showing strong understanding and reasoning skills. Every single child should feel proud of their efforts and achievements – we certainly are!



Diary Dates

Monday 1st September – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 2nd September – Children return to school

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



Please note our INSET days for the academic year 2025-26 are as follows:

Friday 3rd October 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

Friday 3rd July 2026

Friday 24th July 2026

Monday 27th July 2026

Arbor

Thank you to everyone who has already downloaded the Arbor Parent App on to their phone. If you haven't yet downloaded it, please do so using the link in the email that you have been sent. If you haven't received an email, please let the office know so that they can send you another one.



This app will be where you make dinner choices, pay for trips, give consent and receive important information. It is vital that it is downloaded you're your phone so it can be used in September. Thank you once again for all your support.

Sports Festival at Bulwell Academy



Our Key Stage 2 children had a fantastic time at the recent Sports Festival hosted by Bulwell Academy. On what turned out to be a very hot day, there was a collective sigh of relief when everyone discovered the activities would be held indoors! Pupils from our school competed alongside several other local primary schools in a range of sporting activities, showing brilliant teamwork, resilience, and courage as they tried new skills and pushed themselves to do their best.

We are thrilled to share that our team came **first** in the festival—an incredible achievement! Every child represented our school with pride, respect, and determination, and we could not be prouder of them. We are also delighted to be working in partnership with Bulwell Academy; their warm welcome and well-organised event helped make the day such a success. Well done, Team BSM! Let's keep that sporting spirit going.

PCSO Rachel Crossland

We were delighted to welcome PCSO Rachel Crossland into our school last week. Rachel, who is based at Bulwell Police Station and is part of our local Beat Team, delivered an engaging and informative talk to our children. She spoke clearly and confidently about a range of important topics including online safety, tram and train safety, and how to stay safe around water. The children listened with great interest and asked thoughtful questions, showing just how important these messages are.

We are so pleased that Rachel is part of our wider school community and are grateful for the time she has spent helping our pupils understand how to keep themselves safe. She has kindly said she will pop by the school gates at the end of the day from time to time to say hello and check in with everyone. We're incredibly thankful for her support and the positive connection she is building with our school.



Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging

At our school, we are deeply committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and, most importantly, ensuring that every child feels a true sense of belonging. As we look ahead to September and the start of a new academic year, we're excited to see our teachers begin work with their new classes. During the first half of the autumn term, each class explores the theme of *belonging* through a carefully planned unit of work. Many of these units culminate in a beautiful piece of art, created by the children, which is proudly displayed in our corridor throughout the year as a celebration of our inclusive school community.



Healthy Snacks & Drinks

As we look ahead to the new school year, we'd like to take a moment to remind families about the importance of healthy lunchboxes and water-only bottles in school. A balanced, nutritious lunch not only supports children's physical health but also helps them stay focused, energised and ready to learn throughout the day. Including a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and proteins makes a real difference. Sugary snacks and fizzy drinks, even in small amounts, can affect concentration and behaviour — so we are encouraging healthy choices.



From September 2025, the new guidelines place an even greater emphasis on children's health and wellbeing, including the food and drink they consume during the school day. As part of this, we are asking that all children bring water only in their bottles. Water helps to keep children hydrated and alert, and it's the best choice for healthy teeth too. Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote good habits that will benefit your children for life.

Tuck Shop

Just a reminder that Tuck Shop will no longer operate in September.

Thank you!

Thank you again for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you in September!



School returns on Tuesday 2nd September.

Mrs Burge and the Bulwell St Mary's Team

