



# THE WAVERLEY

NOTTINGHAM HIGH INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**After School Club  
Contact Numbers**

**Infant School : 07500 887 982  
Junior School : 07810 502 693**

### The Merle

Keep up to date with The Merle (Senior School Newsletter) [here](#)

### Please see attached for :

- Infant School menu w/c 19.02.24
- Junior School menus are [here](#)

### Abbreviations used throughout:

EYFS = Reception classes    IS = Infant School    JS = Junior School    IJS = Infant & Junior School

# MRS SIMPSON'S NEWSLETTER

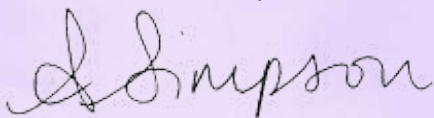
Dear parents,

As I write my inaugural letter to you all in this week's edition of the Waverley, I would like to express my gratitude to all in the Infant and Junior School community for the warmth of welcome I have received this week upon taking up my new role as Interim Head. It has been my great pleasure to meet parents, grandparents and siblings on the school gates at the end of each day and to start to get to know the children themselves. I have had conversations about their favourite chocolate bars, the characteristics of imaginary lizard species they would like to create and even one conversation in Italian. The children have taken this week in their stride and I am enormously proud of them for being so resilient and emotionally intelligent over the past few days.

As you are aware, this week we welcomed a team of ISI inspectors into the school. The staff team worked incredibly hard to adapt to the ISI schedule and I am enormously grateful for their efforts this week in this area. The inspectors based at the Infant and Junior School had a plethora of positive things to say about the children, and we look forward to reading more about their findings in the report when it is published. The pupils really were a credit to the school this week and Miss Thorpe, Mr Cordy and I are enormously proud of them, as are the entire staff team.

Today I had the pleasure of awarding a huge number of awards to children in the Junior School and at Lovell House in my first assemblies; what a pleasure it was to see such considerable achievement from our youngest learners and to learn of all of the fantastic things our children are getting up to outside of school. Our quote for assembly this week was taken from Little Women; "I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning to sail my ship." Our children are resilient and always ready to embrace hard things; recognising themselves that that is how we learn and make progress. There will always be tricky periods in life, and we must have the confidence and the resilience to navigate them. I am so proud of our Infant and Junior children already, and I look forward enormously to all the exciting things we still have to come this academic year.

With warmest wishes,



Mrs Angharad Simpson  
Interim Head of the Infant and Junior School



# FEBRUARY/MARCH SNAPSHOT

**MON**

**19**

- Y1 Great Fire of London Workshop
- 5A Outdoor Education Day
- U10 & U11 Netball v. Twycross House School @ Valley Road
- U10 & U11 Football away @ Twycross House

**TUE**

**20**

- Strings Masterclass

**WED**

**21**

- Young Voices Concert @ Sheffield Utilta

**THU**

**22**

- Y6 Chester Residential Online Parents' meeting @ 7pm

**FRI**

**23**

- Y2 Victorian visit to Beaumanor Hall

**26**

- 5B Outdoor Education Day

**27**

- Girls U9 Netball & Mixed U9 Football away @ Barlborough Hall School from 2pm
- U10 & U11 Swim Gala v. Ratcliffe College from 4pm

**28**

- U10 Netball Festival @ Fairfield Prep

**29**

- IS Cricket Festival @ Harvey Hadden 1 – 3.30pm
- U9 Netball Festival @ Fairfield Prep
- Y3 & Y4 Sports Hall Athletics

**01 March**

- IJS U11 Boys Hockey Independent Festival
- U11 A, B, C Hockey v. Ranby away @ Worksop 2:30pm
- U11 Netball v. Ranby @ Valley Road from 2:30pm

**04**

**IS Book Week**

- 5D Outdoor Education Day

**05**

- U11 Chess match away @ The Elms

**06**

- Choral Music Festival
- U9 & U11 Swim Gala @ home to Ranby from 4pm

**07**

- **World Book Day**
- Y1 & Y3 Greg Link 'Evergreen' Music Workshops

**08**

- U10 Hockey v. Hill House @ Highfields from 2:30pm
- U10 Netball v. Hill House @ Valley Road from 2:45pm
- U11 Hockey & Netball v. Hill House away from 2pm

**11**

- IS Agility Festival - three teams
- Y3 Outdoor Education @ Perlethorpe
- U11 Cross Country away @ Twycross Primary from 2pm

**12**

- Y3 Taster
- Y4 *Lincoln Mosque & Cathedral Trip (tbc)*
- Y6 Trip to St Peter's Church & Nottingham Contemporary
- U9 Cross Country away @ Twycross Primary from 2pm

**13**

- U11 Netball Festival away from 2pm
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**14**

- EYFS White Post Farm visit

**15**

- Y3 *Hindu Temple visit (tbc)*
- Y6 Humanist talk
- U8 Netball away at Fairfield from 1:30pm

**18**

- Y4 Outdoor Ed @ Walesby Forest

**19**

**20**

- Notts Primary School Choir Festival

**21**

- Y3 Residential departs

**22**

- Y3 Residential returns

# WEEK AHEAD - W/C 26TH FEBRUARY

## MONDAY

- RA Superhero Club, RJ Mindfulness & Yoga Club, 1P Collage Club (3.45 - 4.30pm)
- Y2 Speech & Drama (3.45 - 4.30pm)
- 5B Outdoor Education

## TUESDAY

- Y1 & Y2 Choir (3.45 - 4.15pm)
- Swim Club - Y4 together with any Y3's who attended trials before half term . Please bring a packed lunch for afterwards.
- Y5 & Y6 Swim gala v. Ratcliffe College @ 4pm

## WEDNESDAY

- RB Computing Club, 1S SWeaving Club, 2M Construction Club, 2B Dance Club, 2W Art Club (3.45 - 4.30pm)
- 2M Dance Club (3.45 - 4.25pm)
- U10 Netball Festival @ Fairfield Prep

## THURSDAY

- Y1 Cricket Festival @ Harvey Hadden (1 - 3.3pm)
- 1S Little Wickets Cricket (3.45 - 4.25pm)
- U9 Netball Festival @ Fairfield Prep
- Y3 & Y4 Sports Hall Athletics

## FRIDAY


- U11 Independent Hockey Festival
- U11 Hockey v. Ranby School away @ Worksop College from 2.30pm
- U11 Netball v. Ranby School @ Valley Road from 2.30pm

## Y2 Sports Festivals

Over the course of this half term, all of the children in Year 2 will have the opportunity to take part in a sports festival. The first one is taking place on Thursday 29th February in the morning and is a cricket festival run by coaches from Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club. The second event is an Agility Festival and this will take place during March.

Whilst there will be the opportunity for some children to take part in both events, every child will take part in at least one of the two and the children have been asked which one would be their preference. If your child is going to the cricket festival you will have already received an email about it earlier today (Friday 23rd). Unfortunately, parents are unable to spectate at the event next week.

The children will just need to come in to school in their PE kit as normal on a Thursday and take a water bottle with them.



## Outdoor Education for 5B on Monday 26th February

A reminder of what the pupils will need:

- **outdoor clothing with layers**
- **waterproof coat**
- **outdoor footwear (wellies, walking boots or old trainers)**
- **indoor footwear**
- **water bottle**

All activities are onsite at Lovell House and lunch will be in school as normal - there will be no PE as we will be continuing our outdoor education sessions in the afternoon at school.



## An Extra Special Invitation – Back by popular demand!



Dear Junior School,

Do you love to read with your parents? Come along to one of our Reading Café events and enjoy some stories together!

In the week beginning 4th March, our Junior School hall will be open from 8-8:30am for lots of reading loveliness. There will be drinks and snacks available for parents and children alike, as well as plenty of places to sit together and enjoy reading books with your grownups.

The hall will be open on the following mornings. This time, any year group can attend on any day: Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th or Thursday 7th March.

Please sign up if you wish to attend so that we know how many visitors to cater for: <https://forms.office.com/e/YGijNtTKks>

This was such a popular event last time, so please come along and bring your grownup for some lovely reading time together! We'd love to see you there!



## JS INGRAM CUP

This year we will be holding, our annual house music competition, the Ingram Cup, in the Summer term. I would like to encourage ALL pupils who learn a musical instrument, whether they learn in or out of school, to participate in this competition. Everyone who participates will earn valuable merits for their house, regardless of their level or ability.

During the 'Preliminary Heats', which will take place during the week beginning 22nd April, pupils will be adjudicated and ten pupils from each year will go through to the final, which will be held on Thursday 2nd May. Please encourage your child to talk to their teacher about what they might play for the Ingram Cup this year. I would stress that they should play something that they know well and that shows musicality rather than something that they are currently working on. Pupils who perform on anything other piano (including voice) need to provide named piano accompaniments/backing tracks to Mrs Kawalec as soon as possible and no later than Friday 12th April.

Prior to the heats, which will begin during the week beginning 22nd April 2024, sign-up sheets will be put up in the pupil entrances.

The final will take place on Friday 10th March. Pupils will be notified if they have been successful in gaining a place in the final by the end of the week beginning 22nd April 2024.

Please see further information by clicking on the link:

<https://nottinghamhigh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Ingram-Cup-information-2024.pdf>

## EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

(Available Places Update)

£180.00 - Bookings via Wisepay

Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th April



	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Places Available	3	7	8**	6	7	8**	9

\*\*more places opened today for year 2 and year 5\*\*

**INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL  
INFANT SCHOOL STAR OF THE WEEK**

**RA**

**Hasnain H.** for remembering finger spaces, full stops and tricky words in his Handa's surprise writing.

**RB**

**Elijah F.** for including an adjective in his writing.

**RJ**

**Aahil N.** for his amazing independent writing telling the story of Handa's Surprise.

**1P**

**Cruz L.** for using a range of adjectives to describe Paddington's feelings at different parts of the story.

**1S**

**Josh H.** for a big increase in his confidence with answering questions and explaining his ideas.

**2B**

**William D.** for continuing to put effort into his writing and for producing a lovely poem!

**2M**

**Valentina Z.** for making an extra effort to improve her spellings this week.

**2W**

**Jocelyn L.** for her excellent poetry writing and description using similes.



# INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

## INFANT SCHOOL SQUIRREL OF THE WEEK



**Bella L. (RJ)** for starting the new half-term full of focus, perseverance, resilience and confidence. We are so proud of her amazing attitude to her learning.

**Leah B. (2W)** for her fantastic focus when working independently being curious about our topics in lessons, well done.



**Taran D. (1S)** for making connections between our Word of the Day and our Phonics lessons.

**Nikhil P. (2B)** for always working well as part of a team and being a kind friend to everyone.



**Juniper L. (RA)** for her hard work on focus when completing activities with a teacher.

**Massimo L. (RB)** for being incredibly resilient, we are so proud of Massimo.

**Oliver W. (1P)** for always showing enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards his learning.

**Samu U-B. (2M)** for making excellent suggestions when discussing similes in our poetry work.

**3G**

**Kalyan R., Joshua O., Amaal M., Austin L., Isaac L., Khush M., Ibrahim M., Teddy C., NiNi Y., Jude A. and Alice B.** for their exceptional dedication to defeating superheroes in Maths.

**3M**

**Rohan K., Thomas S. and Harman L.** for a brilliant description of Asgard, fully utilising a variety of vocabulary and sentence openers which made it an extremely enjoyable read!

**4W**

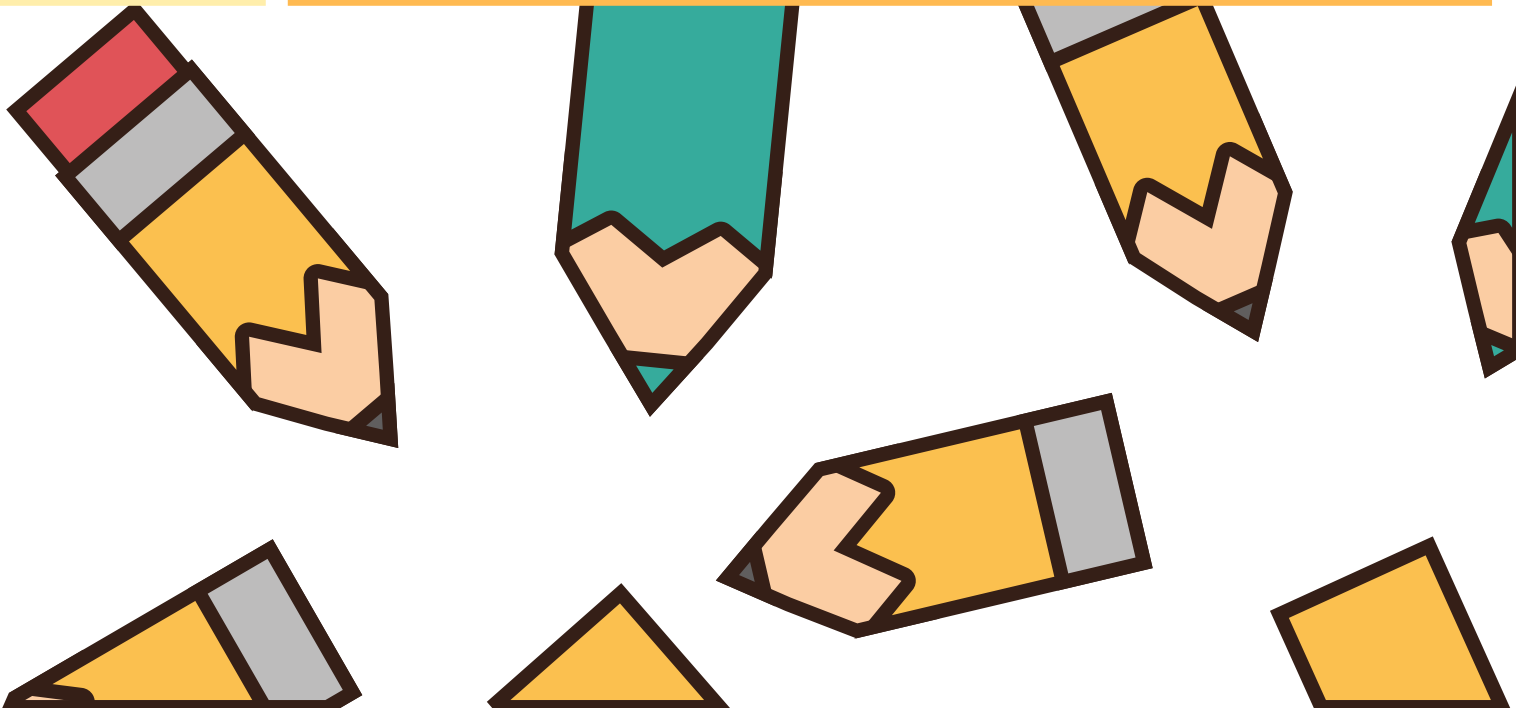
**Ethan Z. and Edward H.** for super logical thinking skills during the Maths lessons on Fractions this week.

**6C**

**Emily G.** for her insightful answers when discussing our new book Holes.

**6S**

**Aarav K. and Ibrahim L.** for their hard work and positive attitude during the work on Wednesday.





**Aamir M. (5D)** for being a kind and caring friend during his Science lesson.

**Max G. (6H)** for showing great understanding of why parents implement rules and for suggesting his teacher needed Doctorpus when she needed support on Wednesday.



**Makari L. (3M)** has taken onboard lots of feedback this week and always taken it with an open mindset in order to better his overall skill set which is amazing to see!

**Naina K. (4C)** for making a real difference to her classroom environment by organising the shared resources for her fellow pupils.



**Simrit J. & Tom CH. (4C)** for brilliant collaboration and talk partner work in RE this week when discussing the meaning behind a traditional Jewish metaphor.

**Kiyaan B. (6H)** for offering to help tidy away after the art lesson.



**Mia S. (3M)** for always being herself and always bringing the fun! (she also cheers Mr Moss up daily with her infectious smile).

**Amelie V. (4W)** for being I am Me and showing emotional resilience this week.

**Nicole C. (6H)** for her infectiously positive attitude.

# INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE



Before half term, Ishaan D. (6C) recited Pi to 275 decimal places. This ranks him number 46 in Great Britain, a huge achievement!



Nyah M. (1S) has achieved Orange Stripe and a KUP Grading certificate in Taekwondo.



Isla W (2W) has achieved her Goldfish Level 1 and Level 2 awards.



Darcey T. (3G) and Charlotte T. (6H) both took part in a swimming gala, achieving personal bests in their races and, as a club, they came 3rd overall. This was also Darcey's first competitive gala.



Danesh B. (5D) passed his Grade 5 ABRSM music theory exam with distinction.



# INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE



Hannah T. (5D) was awarded Distinction for her Grade 2 ballet exam.



Henry L. (6S) has been awarded the ESF Bronze skiing award in Val Thorens over the half term holiday.

Y4 STEAM club took part in the Festival of Science and Curiosity at the Council House before half term. They took their prototypes of a sustainable building to the schools symposium where they spoke to children and adults from different schools about their designs. The children were also fortunate to have architects from CPMG Architects to come to the Council House and the children discussed their projects with those in the industry. A super opportunity for our pupils.





# GENERAL NEWS

## Bandwise 2024

WORKSHOP AND PERFORMANCE DAY OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PLAYERS AGED 8 – 21

# BIG YOUTH MUSIC EXPERIENCE





Playing workshop: Saturday 20th April  
South Nottinghamshire Academy, Radcliffe on Trent  
Concert: Sunday 28th April – Albert Hall, Nottingham



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## PHYSIO SESSIONS

We're happy to announce the start of Physio sessions as part of the wider range of services the Centre offers to both students and parents.

Run by experienced physiotherapist Alex Lamb from Coach House Physio, sessions will take place between 1pm and 5pm on Wednesdays. Students will be able to attend sessions during lesson time or after school, with parental permission. Please note that parents must be able to attend these sessions in person alongside their child (including those over the age of 18).

Each 40-minute session, which will include assessment and treatment, costs £45. Mr Lamb also works with private health insurance providers.

Parents and staff are also welcome to use this service at the same rate of £45 per 40-minute session. If these sessions take place after 4pm, parents are welcome to keep children in our wrap-around care until the end of your appointment. All appointments can be booked in advance via this form. If you have any questions about this service, please contact the Wellbeing Centre Administrator, Dan Scott, at [scott.d@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:scott.d@nottinghamhigh.co.uk).



FIRST NIGHT FREE

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FIRST SESSION - THURSDAY 7TH MARCH  
Player Hall - Nottingham High School - NG1 4HH



NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

## Wellbeing Centre Launch

You are invited to celebrate the official launch of our brand new Wellbeing Centre

26TH FEBRUARY

Event starts at 6pm in the Player Hall with our guest speaker Dick Moore. Followed by the official opening of the Centre & drinks reception. Finish time approx 8pm. Booking link will be emailed out next week.



To find out more about Dick Moore's work

A FUN WORKSHOP AND CONCERT OPEN TO CHILDREN  
AGED 5 - 14

# Vocals

Singing workshop: Saturday 9 March  
Nottingham Trent University, Clifton NG11 8NS  
Concert: Sunday 10 March  
Albert Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AA

# AT THE MOVIES

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# MMR

MEASLES MUMPS RUBELLA

Measles is circulating, it is serious, very infectious and can cause complications.

Especially for those with a weakened immune system, babies under one year and pregnant women.

You need two doses of MMR vaccine to protect you, see your GP practice to make an appointment.

It is never too late to have your MMR.

**i**mmunisation  
the safest way to protect your child



## The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national measles incident

Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious problems in some people.

### Cold-like symptoms

The first symptoms of measles include:

- a high temperature
- a runny or blocked nose
- sneezing
- a cough
- red, sore, watery eyes

More info here

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

[National Measles Guidelines](#)

[MMR Vaccine Info](#)

# AFTER-SCHOOL NETBALL TRAINING

IN THE MAIN SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE



**MONDAY**

**SESSION ENDS**

YEARS 6 & 7  
YEAR 8

5.15PM  
6PM



**TUESDAY**

**SESSION ENDS**

YEARS 9 & 10

6PM



**THURSDAY**

**SESSION ENDS**

SENIORS

5.45PM

