



Dear Parents and Carers,

Science Day Sparks Curiosity and Creativity

On Monday, our school was buzzing with excitement as classrooms transformed into mini laboratories for our much-anticipated Science Day. Pupils explored a wide range of practical and fun experiments that brought learning to life. From fizzing chemical reactions and magnetic challenges to building simple circuits and testing forces, every activity encouraged hands-on discovery. Laughter, curiosity, and plenty of “wow” moments filled the day as students worked together, made predictions, and learned through trial and error.

Science Day was not just about experiments—it was about developing important skills. By observing, questioning and problem-solving, pupils practiced thinking like real scientists. They learned that it's okay if something doesn't work the first time and that mistakes are often the best way to learn. These practical experiences helped build confidence, teamwork, and a genuine enthusiasm for learning.



Science plays a vital role in our everyday lives, helping us understand the world around us and inspiring future innovations. Events like Science Day show students that science is not just a subject in a book, but an exciting way to explore, create, and ask big questions. We are proud of the curiosity and enthusiasm shown by all our budding scientists and look forward to nurturing that passion throughout the year.



Thank You for Attending Our Project X Reading Workshop

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to attend our Project X Reading Workshop. It was great to be able to share how Project X supports children's reading development through engaging texts, phonics, and comprehension skills.

The workshop provided an opportunity to explore the strategies we use in school and how these can be reinforced at home. Your interest, questions, and positive feedback highlighted the strong partnership between home and school, which plays a vital role in helping children become confident and enthusiastic readers.

For those who were unable to attend, or who would like to revisit the information shared, the slides from the presentation can be found [here](#). Thank you once again for your continued support—we look forward to working together to support your child's reading journey.



Wishing all our families a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Wootten

NBJS Community and Well-being Partnership

We would like to invite parents and carers to our *SEN* and *Mental Health* 'coffee and catch-up' afternoon on:

Tuesday 20th January: 1:30pm – 3:15pm @ NBJS

These sessions will provide an opportunity to share and discuss general issues around *SEN* and *Mental Health*, with the aim of providing our community with the resources they need to navigate an everchanging, and sometimes overwhelming, landscape.

Miss. Verlander, Mrs. Jonas and Mrs. Wildey look forward to welcoming you all!

Mrs Wildey's Magic Words

Happiest of Fridays,

How is January treating you? Poor old January, it gets a lot of grief, but Mrs. Wildey is here this week to vehemently defend its honour, as it's actually full of fabulous stuff - and not just because it is the month that contains my Birthday!

Yes, the sparkle of Christmas feels like a distant memory (although the continual appearance of pine needles serves as a perpetual reminder). The days are short and dark, and the rain feels biblical - it's enough to make you want to hibernate, so why aren't we?

Well, we can, sort of. It may be frowned upon to eat our body weight in cheese and sleep for a few months (shame), but we can embrace the concept of 'Wintering'. Wintering is about giving yourself permission to pause - to rest without guilt. Permission to reflect rather than rush ahead.

As the days gradually lengthen, energy and motivation will return in their own time. Until then, be gentle with yourself. Slowing down isn't falling behind - it's part of the natural cycle of care, resilience, and growth.

Mrs. Wildey

...does that also mean that cheese is part of the natural cycle of care? Asking for a friend.

This Week Attendance Figures



Please work in [partnership](#) with us to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

Year 3	94.47 %
Year 4	89.99 %
Year 5	95%
Year 6	92.87 %



- Highlighted means it has been added since the original contact and is a new date/event
- Highlighted means there has been a change of date from the original date set.

Dates for the diary

JANUARY 2026	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Event/Activity
Friday 23rd - Thursday 29th			✓		Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 20th January		✓			4T Class assembly to parents (10:20 -10:45) Please wait near the year 4/6 gate.
Monday 26 th January		✓			Times Table Workshop 9am and 2:30 pm.
Tuesday 27 th January		✓			4D Class assembly to parents (10:20 -10:45) Please wait near the year 4/6 gate.
FEBRUARY 2026	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Event/Activity
Tuesday 3rd February		✓			4P Class assembly to parents (10:20 -10:45) Please wait near the year 4/6 gate.
Wednesday 4th February	✓				Year 3 Beaulieu trip provisional date.
Friday 6th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	Progress Report Tracker sent home.
Monday 9th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	Whole School REF day - old clothes to be worn to school.
Tuesday 10th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	Parent communication: Parent Evening Consultations (3:30 - 6:30) - 1 appointment per child
Thursday 12th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	Parent communication: Parent Evening Consultations (3:30 - 6:30) - 1 appointment per child
Monday 16th - Friday 20 February	✓	✓	✓	✓	HALF TERM
Monday 23rd February	✓	✓	✓	✓	INSET DAY
Tuesday 24th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	Return to school for children.

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