



# Firfield Primary School

*Learn Together, Grow Together, Achieve Together*

## November Newsletter 2025

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* **Children in Need**  
November 14, 2025  
Children in Need fundraising. Year 5&6 stalls and non-uniform.
- \* **PTA School Discos**  
November 21, 2025  
Disco night arranged at the school by the PTA.
- \* **Food Bank Collection**  
November 22, 2025  
Winter foodbank collection in school. Any donations the week before greatly appreciated.
- \* **Christmas Panto**  
December 5, 2025  
Year 2 and 4 trip to the panto in Derby.
- \* **PTA Christmas Fair**  
December 5, 2025  
Please come and join us after school for the PTA Christmas Fair.

### Anti-Bullying Week

This week is Anti-Bullying week and the theme is 'Power for Good'. We will be holding assemblies and additional lessons in school focused on this theme. A link to a copy of the school's anti-bullying policy can be found below.



### Message from the Headteacher

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and enjoyed some quality time with your families.

As we return to school, the excitement is building for the festive season. We have a fantastic line-up of Christmas events, including nativities and seasonal activities, all designed to bring plenty of cheer and celebration to our school community.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' evening before the break. We truly value your involvement and the time you took to complete the parent and carer questionnaire. Your feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we're pleased to share some of the key strengths and areas for development highlighted in the survey—these can be found both in this newsletter and on our school website.

This term, our staff are undertaking important safeguarding training, covering topics such as fire safety, cyber security, and online safety. You'll find more information in the 'Spotlighting Safeguarding' section of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support as we head into this joyful time of year.

Mr Yellop

Community – Terrific Tuesday

## The Big Sing



A huge well done to all the children from 'Glee Club' across Key Stage 2 who attended 'The Big Sing' event at Trent College. It was a busy day of practising, eating, exercising and performing. All the children made us feel very proud and the end performance was amazing. A huge thank you to Mrs Tolson for the hours of practice put in at Glee Club and to Mr Surridge for inspiring the children at 'The Big Sing'.

## All Aboard The Book Bus



On Tuesday, we were thrilled to welcome the Book Bus to school – a highlight of the week that brought excitement and a love of reading to life. Thanks to the incredible support from our school community, we were able to purchase over £2,000 worth of new books! This not only enriches home libraries and encourages reading for pleasure, but also earned the school over £300 in additional books to enjoy and share across classrooms.

A huge thank you to Mr Thurgood for organising such a successful and inspiring event. What a wonderful way to celebrate stories and spark imaginations!

## Charity Trek

Last week we had a fantastic time supporting the CoppaTrek Sahara Desert Challenge with all classes. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who help with the walk and to Miss Tittershill for organising the event.

To find out more about Natasha's challenge visit or use the QR code below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/natasha-thomas-3>



## Children in Need

### Challenge Yourself to 25

A reminder that on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November we will be supporting Children in Need. Children can bring up to £3 on the day to spend on the stalls run by Year 5 and 6.

Children can also pay a £1 to come in non-uniform. They can come dressed in an outfit of choice. This could be yellow and spotty, linked to challenge yourself (e.g. superhero) or simply a favourite outfit.

We are looking forward to a fun day!



## Parent and Carer Feedback

### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to share your views on Parents' Evening through our Parent Questionnaire. We were delighted with the positives shared, below are a few of the highlights from 172 responses.

- 98% of parents felt that their children enjoyed coming to school.
- 98% would recommend the school to another parent.
- 97% of parents suggested that their child feels safe at school.
- 94% agreed that the school ensured children were well behaved (4% didn't know).

All these responses were well above the national average.

### Suggestions for improvements.

- More sports clubs, change the selection process and lack of outdoor green space. This includes more clubs at lunchtime.
- A few parents felt homework could be improved.
- Some would like more information on what is covered in the curriculum shared more and how parents could support at home.

Thank you to the amazing Year 6 pupils who supported sharing this questionnaire with parents through the Ipads.

## Canaan Trust Food Collection



On the 22<sup>nd</sup> November St Michael's will be holding their Christmas Food and Toy Collection at the school. Please donate **new toys** for the Christmas connection project - helping children who would otherwise not receive any gifts. They will also be collecting non-perishable food items for Canaan Trust. On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> the school will have some crates outside the 'Reading Lodge' for any such items.

## School Council



### School Council

Children in Key Stage 2 classes have elected their school council representatives for the year. We are delighted to inform you that the above children have been selected by their peers to represent the class.

We will have a school council meeting next week where the children will be able to share some of their ideas for improvements to help children flourish and thrive at school.

### Remembrance Day

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, our newly elected School Council representatives proudly took part in the Remembrance Day service at the Breaston Memorial Garden. The children laid a wreath and crosses in honour of those who have served our country, showing great respect and maturity throughout the event. It was a moving occasion, and they represented our school with dignity and pride. We are incredibly proud of the thoughtful and responsible way they carried out this important role. We will be having a two-minute silence in school on Tuesday to show our respects.

## Remembrance Day Breaston Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025



## Spotlight on Safeguarding

### Cyber Security and Online Safety

This month we have been focusing on cyber security and online safety. Attached to this email are a couple of guides we felt you might find useful. There are also links to these guides through QR codes. The first is a general online safety guide and the second is around cyberbullying. We will send out some specific guides for common social media sites in the future. We are finding that we experience a number of incidents of unkind behaviour on line, on games platforms and WhatsApp groups.



### Lockdown Procedures

Before the half-term break, we shared information regarding our school's lockdown procedures. As part of our ongoing commitment to safety, we've been reviewing and enhancing site security measures, including how we secure doors and windows in response to potential external threats.

We approach these practices with sensitivity, much like our fire drills, and ensure that children understand the importance of staying indoors and keeping safe during a lockdown. When discussing lockdown scenarios with pupils, we use age-appropriate examples such as environmental hazards (e.g. smoke or gas), an animal entering the school grounds, or severe weather conditions like a storm. These help children understand the purpose of lockdowns without causing unnecessary worry.

In the unlikely event that we need to initiate a lockdown, parents and carers will be notified as soon as possible via ParentPay. During such times, we kindly ask that you do not come onto the school site or attempt to contact the school by phone, as our lines may be needed to coordinate with emergency services and other support agencies.

We will continue to keep you informed throughout any lockdown situation, including updates on any potential risks and confirmation once the school has safely returned to normal operations.

## Dates for the Diary



### November 2025

Friday 14th	Children in Need
Friday 21st	PTA Discos Year 1&2 - 3.30-4.30pm Year 3&4 - 5.00-6.00pm Year 5&6 - 6.30-7.30pm
Saturday 22nd	Canaan Trust Food Collection
Friday 28th	iRock Concert (details to follow)

### December 2025

Friday 5th	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 10th	EYFS Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 10th	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 11th	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 1st	National Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th	Christmas Craft Afternoon
Wednesday 17th	KS2 Church Visits
Wednesday 17th	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2&4 Panto Trip
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term (jumpers can be worn on the last day)

## INSET Days

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026



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