



Firfield Primary School

Learn Together, Grow Together, Achieve Together

March Newsletter 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

* **Castleton Residential**

March 10 and 11, 2026

Year 4 look forward to our two-day residential, bringing to life our history curriculum.

* **Albert Hall Concert**

March 16, 2026

Glee Club and children who attended the 'Big Sing' get another chance to show off their talents at the Albert Hall in Nottingham.

* **PSHE Parents' Morning**

March 19, 2026

We look forward to inviting parents to our Personal, Social and Emotion Education Parents' Coffee Morning. (More details will follow)

* **PTA Easter Trail**

March 27, 2026

We look forward to the PTA Easter Trails at the end of this term.



Welcome Back

We are delighted to have Miss Neasham back after her career break. She will pick back up her role as School Business Manager. A huge thank you to Mrs Thomson who did an amazing job over this academic year.



Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to all the parents that were able to attend the Book Evening and Parents' Evening before half term. I hope it gave you the opportunity to have a look at the fantastic work your children have been doing and the progress they have made.

There have been a number of extra curricular events and exciting activities over the term so far including Young Voices, Cross Country, BikeAbility and sporting fixtures. There have also been many trips and visits, such as Year 6 Beaumanor and an author visit at Trent College. Year 1 loved their animal experience and the PTA discos last week were a great success.

March is another month full of exciting events such as World Book Day, Albert Hall Concert visit for our performing artists, Year 2 trip to the Sealife Centre, our Year 4 residential to Castleton, Year 5 Matilda experience at Wilsthorpe and Space Centre Visit, Year 1 visit to Warwick Castle and Early Years visit to Crich Tramway Museum. As well we have a number of sporting events such as the swimming gala and sporting fixtures.

All of these experiences help to bring to life our fantastic knowledge-rich curriculum.

The deadline for next year's reception places closed at the start of this term and we are delighted with the response from prospective parents by the number of applications. This is built on the excellent reputation that Firfield has and the fantastic facilities we have. Last week we had our Landlord (Surveyor) who commented on the changes we have made and the excellent condition of the school building.

Mr Yellop

Fantastic Opportunities

Sporting and extra-curricular events

Cross Country

I was delighted to take children from Key Stage 2 to a very competitive Cross Country event held at Wollaton Park. After a week of rain, we arrived at the event eager to run, on a chilly Friday afternoon. All the children involved were fantastic and ran their socks off. There were lots of schools and approximately 150 children in each race.

We are delighted to share some of the highlights. We won Bronze medal in the Under 11s Boys with Ronnie in 7th place and Louis in 15th. We won Silver medal in the Under 9s Boys with Seb, Jack, Leo and Joshua all finishing in the top 15. Amazing results in both races. Although we finished just outside the medals for the girl's team place, we had some excellent individual performances: Sienna and Emma, who finished 3rd and 4th in the girls Under 9s race and an excellent 10th place for Neve in the Under 11s Event.

A massive well done to all the 25 children who put in such amazing runs, we are proud of you all.

Bikeability

This month children from Year 5 took part in Erewash Sports Partnership cycling training. Bikeability is the national cycle-training programme that helps children learn to ride confidently and safely on local roads. At Firfield we offer this to children in Key Stage 2, with qualified instructors teaching pupils how to control a bike, signal clearly, and navigate quiet local streets. The training builds practical road-sense, supports active travel, and gives children a life skill they can use independently as they grow.

In the summer term (with permission from parents) pupils in Year 5 are allowed to travel to school without a parent. This training will hopefully give them important skills and knowledge to help them stay safe on the roads around school.



In other sports...

Tag Rugby

The school tag rugby team has been putting in some excellent performances this half-term with a win and a draw against Roe Farm with Kai named Opposition Player of the Match for his excellent speed and agility around the pitch. More recently, we had two narrow defeats against Duffield Meadows with player of the match awards going to Seb B and Rocco.



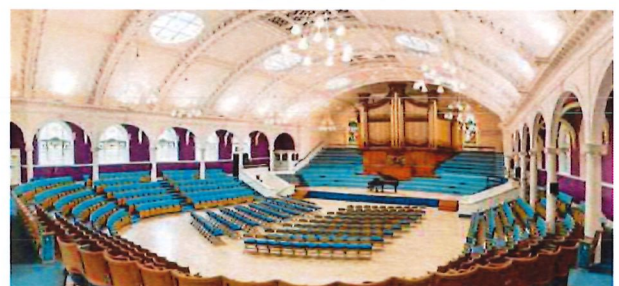
Football

The school football team have also been in action this term after the winter break with a battling 2-2 performance over Dale Primary School. After a recent run of winning performance Firfield find themselves sitting top of the league table. Another amazing performance by the Firfield team.



Trent College Albert Hall Spring Concert

After amazing performances at the 'Big Sing' and 'Young Voices' so far this year we have been invited to perform at the Albert Hall as part of the Trent College Concert. We look forward to another opportunity to entertain with our singing talents.



School Council / Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions

School Council

Our School Council have started to put plans into motion. After a £750 donation from the Parents and Teachers Association we have purchased some board and card games for children to be able to play at lunchtimes (Wednesday and Thursday) in the Learning Lodge. We have initially started this with children in Key Stage 2 (children picked at random after lots of interest) and look to offer this out to other year groups throughout the year.

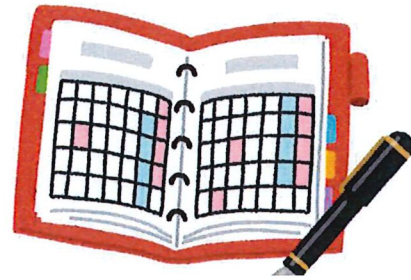


Our Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions offer advice and support for all children in the Learning Lodge on a Tuesday lunchtime. Whether it is a friendly face, a listening ear or just some time and space our Champions are there to help. We have a representative from each class to offer support.



Dates for the Diary



March 2026

Thursday 5th - World Book Day
 Tuesday 10th - Year 4 Trip to Castleton (return Wed 11th)
 Wednesday 11th Year 5 Matilda @ Wilsthorpe
 Wednesday 11th- Year 2 Sealife Centre Trip
 Friday 13th - Swimming Gala
 Friday 13th - Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle
 Thursday 19th - PSHE Parents Coffee Morning
 Tuesday 24th - Year 5 Space Centre Trip
 Wednesday 25th - EYFS Crich Trip
 Friday 27th - Last day of Spring Term
 Friday 27th - PTA Easter Trail

April 2026

Monday 13th - Return to School

May 2026

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th - Key Stage 2 SATs Week.

Children in Year 6 sit their statutory end of Key Stage SATs with Reading, Maths and Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation tests.

INSET Days

Thursday 7th May 2026
 Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 4th September 2026



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