



Firfield Primary School

Learn Together, Grow Together, Achieve Together

April Newsletter 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **STEAM Competition**
Thursday April 30th
We look forward to seeing all the STEAM competition entries at the end of this month (all entries to the hall on Thursday 30th in the morning).
- * **Bank Holiday and INSET Day**
May 4th and May 7th
Please remember we are not in school on Monday 4th of May (Bank Holiday) and Thursday 7th May (Polling INSET Day).
- * **Year 6 SATs week**
May 11th to May 14th , 2026
Year 6 SATs week in school. Good luck to everyone involved.
- * **Year 3 Trip to Magna**
May 19th, 2026
Year 3 enjoy a science filled day at Magna centre in Sheffield.
- * **Year 6 Residential**
May 20th to May 22nd 2026
Year 6 look forward to a well-deserved residential trip to White Hall outdoor and adventure centre.

Exciting News

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Tolson who have shared the exciting news that they are expecting another baby in the Autumn term. And there is more exciting baby news...

Mrs Chambers is also expecting a baby in the Autumn term.

Huge congratulations as well!



Message from the Headteacher

We are delighted to welcome everyone back after the Easter break and are looking forward to a summer term full of energy, learning and memorable experiences.

Across school, we continue to invest in our grounds and make strong progress on our priority areas. This includes refining our writing routines, strengthening foundational skills in every year group, improving outcomes in Early Years, and ensuring that high-quality teaching and learning remain consistent throughout the school.

Our culture and behaviour continue to be a real strength, and we are always seeking new ways to nurture a love of reading. This week, we are excited to add a canopy to the reading lodge, providing extra shade and shelter so even more children can enjoy reading outdoors during lunchtimes and throughout the day.

Since January, Reception children have embraced outdoor learning on the Field of Dreams, and Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic day of orienteering and outdoor activities. A big thank-you to our sports coach, Mrs Smith, and the staff from Breaston Preschool for leading and supporting the day.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our Times Tables Rock Stars Day in June, which will help Year 4 pupils build confidence ahead of the National Multiplication Tables Check (MTC).

Year 6 pupils continue to work incredibly hard as they prepare for their SATs in May, where they will complete assessments in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Maths and Reading. We are very proud of their efforts so far and wish them all the best.

Mr Yellop

Fantastic Opportunities

Outdoor learning and sporting and events

Year 1 enjoyed a day filled with outdoor activities at basecamp on the Field of Dreams last week. Fun activities included, orienteering, natural clay art and a team building obstacle course. A huge thank you to Mrs Smith (our sports coach) and Sarah and Hayley from Preschool for organising the day.

Thank you to everyone involved in developing basecamp over the last few years, the site is looking amazing!



Early Years will continue to use the site for outdoor learning on Thursday mornings (each class using on alternate weeks).



The school allotment area is also starting to look great, thank you to the support from Derby College and Mr Thurgood in driving this project. This is the last chance to add to Tesco tokens this week which will hopefully give us some more funding to support the project.

Sporting

Girls Football

Two football matches to share from the start of the summer term.

Firfield 3 Ashford 0 (In both games)

Firfield 0 Muggington 1

Firfield 0 Muggington 5

Well done to the girls for excellent sporting performances in all matches. Further details and match analysis can be found on ClassDojo.

Sports Day 2026

Sports Day will be held on the following dates this year.

Early Years (School Playground) Tuesday am 16th June

Year 1&2 (Breaston Park) Tuesday pm 16th June

Year 3&4 (Breaston Park) Thursday pm 18th June

Year 5&6 (Breaston Park) Thursday am 18th June.

Further details will be sent out soon.

Film Club (Tuesday Afterschool)

A quick message from Mr Thurgood that he has a number of spaces for Film Club available for children between Year 1-6. It takes place in Pine Class on a Tuesday between 3:30-4:30.

It's £1 per week for a drink and popcorn.

Please message Mr Thurgood if you would like your child to join.

FILM CLUB



PTA

Bank Holiday Monday (4th May)

Please come and visit the Firfield PTA Stall at the May Day Gala in Breaston on the 4th May. Try your luck on the Human Fruit Machine!

Safeguarding – Medicines Policy and Sun Safety

As we enter the summer months with the increase in pollen and sunny days we would like to make parents aware of our Sunsafe and Medicines policy.

Medicines and Hayfever

Firstly a reminder that all medicines (prescribed or non-prescription) can only be administered in school once per day following the completion of a medicines consent form. This form can be collected and handed back to the school office. Medicines need to be handed to the school office in the original packaging, clearly labelled with the child's name. The school will only accept non-prescription medicines under exceptional circumstances and in consultation with office staff or the headteacher.

As pollen levels start to increase, we gently remind parents that hayfever medication is to be administered before coming into school.

Sun safety

As the weather is warming up, as per our Sun Safety Policy, we kindly remind parents to ensure that their child has sufficient sun cream put on before school to last them throughout the day. We appreciate some children may need a top up, so we ask that children are sent in with sun cream where necessary. Children should also have a sun hat in school to help protect them from the sun during lunch and playtimes.



Walking home

In the summer term Year 5 children are allowed to walk to school and home on their own when parents have completed the Microsoft Form sent out over the holidays (we apologise for the delay in sending this out earlier and any inconvenience this may have caused). Until this time all children should be picked up by a responsible parent or older sibling (who must be 14 or older). WRAP and children attending after school clubs must still be collected / dropped off by an adult.

Dates for the Diary



April 2026

Thursday 30th – STEAM Competition Entries In

May 2026

Friday 1st May – Year 4 Notts Uni Nursing Project (in school)

Monday 4th – Bank Holiday

Thursday 7th – INSET Day

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

Thursday 14th – Year 2 Arboretum Trip

Tuesday 19th – Year 3 Magna Trip

Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd – Year 6 Residential

INSET Days

Thursday 7th May 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 4th September 2026



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