



17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are already at half term — the time has really flown! The children have settled well into their new classes and have been incredibly busy. Many of them have already been out and about in Mansfield: our Year 4 pupils visited the library to meet a poet, our Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a trip to the Palace Theatre, and we had Asquith representatives taking part in a Year 5/6 boys' football competition, a cross-country event (where two of our pupils finished in the top ten), and Key Stage 2 girls' football training.

This term, the children have also been learning about Harvest. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for your generous donations — the local foodbank was extremely grateful for your support.

Residential



A letter has gone out to Years 4, 5, and 6 about our upcoming residential visit to Hathersage. If you are interested but are finding it difficult to pay the deposit before half term, please don't hesitate to get in touch — we may be able to help. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to learn and grow outside the formal school environment.

Attendance

Well done to all the children who received a certificate for their attendance this half term — keep up the great work!



Reading at home

Please remember how important it is to support your child with their reading at home. Regular reading practice strengthens fluency, confidence, and comprehension skills. Listening to your child read also provides valuable opportunities for praise, discussion, and language development, helping to build a richer vocabulary and a deeper understanding of texts.

**"READING IS THE GATEWAY FOR CHILDREN THAT
MAKES ALL OTHER LEARNING POSSIBLE."
BARACK OBAMA**



Parking

We ask all parents and carers to be careful and considerate when dropping off and picking up their children. We ask that where possible Asquith Street is not used. There are many children around at the beginning and end of the school day, and we want to ensure everyone remains safe.

Next Half Term

Next half term is also looking like a busy and exciting one! A reminder that school reopens on **Tuesday 4th November**, as we have an INSET day on **Monday 3rd November**.

We will be supporting *Children in Need* on **Friday 14th November** — children can donate £1 and come to school wearing spots, and there will be a cake sale on the day.



We hope you have a lovely, relaxing half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 4th November**.

Diary Dates

17.10.25	Last day of term
3.11.25	INSET DAY
4.11.25	First day of term
5.11.25	Flu immunisations
13.11.25	Gymnastics Festival (KS1) A group of children will be selected to attend
14.11.25	Children in Need
20.11.25	Year 3/4 Athletics A group of children will be selected to attend
25.11.25	Christmas Fair 3.30-5.00
8.12.25	Nursery singalong
10.12.25	Year 3/4 Festive Dance A group of children will be selected to attend
11.12.25	F2 & KS1 Christmas Performance (am)
11.12.25	Year 5/6 Girls Football A group of children will be selected to attend
12.12.25	F2 & KS1 Christmas Performance (am)
17.12.25	Disco's
17.12.25	Panto (pm)
19.12.25	Last day of term
5.12.25	First day of term

Kind regards,

Mrs Susie Graham
Head Teacher