



WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2 2026



Dear parents/carers,

What a lovely, warm start back to our Spring term it was this week. The children look well rested and excited to be back to school with their friends. We have a busy term planned ahead with lots of physical activities for your children to enjoy outdoors. Please read all of the information below.

Creative Play at Welbeck:

Research shows that children are playing less than ever. Therefore, we have invested thousands of pounds to provide opportunities to develop children's imagination, communication and social skills at lunchtimes. Please look out on Bluesky to see your child's playtime in action and if you can, play as much as possible at home.

Speech and Language delays:

We have been informed by the Education secretary that screen time is having a hugely detrimental impact on children's speech and language skills. Support for parents to reduce screen time for Primary education is being published by the Government this week.

Parent workshops:

This term, parents have attended school workshops about online safety, impact of screens on eyesight, dental care and the importance of sleep. Thank you to Mrs McConnochie for organising this support for our community.

Parents/carers mobile phones:

Unless urgent, please may we ask that you do not use your mobile phone when collecting your child or during stay and play sessions. Children are so excited to see you during these periods and a mobile phone is a distraction. Many thanks for your understanding with this matter.

Keeping healthy and active at Welbeck

Our before school Kilometre Club has continued to be well attended by children and adults. Mr Buckthorp is outside from Tuesday-Friday to offer this opportunity to get fit. We have seen the positive impact this has on focus and attention in lessons. Try and come this term if you can!

Attendance:

This has been fantastic this term! Children are coming to school happy and healthy and if slightly under the weather are showing great resilience to get on. Thank you for your support-this makes such a difference to their progress.

Online safety:

This continues to cause concern for Primary age children. Research shows that **60% of children aged 7-11 have witnessed sexual or violent content whilst watching You Tube or Tiktok**. This is hugely worrying and will have a negative impact on children in the future. Online safety should be top priority in all households. Please ensure all 13+ APPs are deleted from devices. Children using these APPs is a safeguarding risk. Please take time to look at devices and check they are safe for your child to use. **All screens should be removed from bedrooms at night.**

For more information about protecting your child please see this mission and sign up!
<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

Please remember to book your open evening slot on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March 2026. Class teachers need to see every parent/carer to tell you how brilliantly your child is doing! Please make the time to attend.

FREE Easter Holiday club

Welbeck pupils that are entitled to Free School Meals can gain early free access to the Nottingham Forest Holiday club at Victoria school where they can take part in football, basketball, tennis, hockey, hula hooping and boxing and get a free breakfast, lunch and tea. Book early to avoid disappointment. Mrs McConnochie will send out the link via email nearer the time.

Please note the following INSET days: Friday 24^h and Monday 27th July 2026

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Ms Gittins
Headteacher

Key dates to note for the term

| Date | Time | Class | Event |
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| Monday 23 rd February | 3.30pm | Selected Y5 and Y6 | Girls football at Farnborough Academy |
| Wednesday 25 th February | PM | Y3 | Swimming starts. No jewellery please. |
| Thursday 26 th February | PM | Selected LKS2 | Sportshall athletics competition at Harvey Hadden |
| Tuesday 3 rd March | PM | Selected pupils | This Girl Can festival at Harvey Hadden |
| Wednesday 4 th March | 8.45am | F2 | Eye care workshop for parents/carers |
| Wednesday 4 th March- Sunday 8 th | All day | 5 x Y5 pupils | Visit to Finland with Mr Cobbe and Mrs Khan |
| Thursday 5 th March | All day | All | World Book Day-dress as a book character |
| Tuesday 10 th March | 4-6pm | Selected pupils | Area band event |
| Monday 9 th –13 th March | Science week-all classes | | |
| Tuesday 10 th and Wednesday 11 th March | 2-4.30pm | Rec-Y6 | Open evening-please book appointments online |
| Friday 13 th March | 9am | KS1 | Mother's Day craft morning |
| Tuesday 17 th March | PM | Selected Y5 and 6 | Athletics competition |
| Friday 20 th March | 2.30pm | Y3-Y5 | Spring concert for parents/carers in hall |
| Tuesday 24 th March | AM | Y4 | Great Orchestra experiment |
| Friday 27 th March | Last day of term. School re-opens on Monday 13 th April 2026. | | |

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