

Dates for your Diary

- **Thursday 12th February:**
F2 Stay & Play, 9-10am
Last Day before Half-Term
- **Friday 13th February** - INSET Day
- **Monday 16th February** - Half-Term
- **Monday 23rd February** - Back to School
- **Friday 27th February** - Year 3 Library Visits
- **Thursday 5th March** - Year 4 Viking Day
- **Friday 6th March** - World Book Day
- **Wednesday 18th March** - Year 2 Easter Bonnet Making at 9am
- **Friday 20th March** - Red Nose Day
- **Monday 23rd March:**
KS1 & KS2 Easter Assemblies
KS2 Spring Music Concert
- **Tuesday 24th March:**
Year 1 Easter Bonnet Making at 9am
Reception Easter Bonnet Making at 2.15pm
- **Wednesday 25th March:**
Year 1 trip to Nottingham Castle
Year 4 Easter Experience
Nursery Easter Bonnet Making at 8.45am & 12.40pm
- **Thursday 26th March:**
Bobbers Mill Easter Bonnet Parades
Brushfield Easter Egg Competition
- **Friday 27th March:**
Eid Parties
Last day before Easter
- **Monday 30th March** - Easter Holidays
- **Monday 13th April** - Back to School



February 2026

Ramadan Mubarak! Fasting Reminder

As you may be aware, Ramadan this year begins around 18th February and is expected to conclude (depending on the full moon) on Thursday 19th March, meaning Eid-al-Fitr is likely to fall on Friday 20th March.

We understand and appreciate the importance of fasting during the holy month of Ramadan however, school does not recommend children in Year 3 & 4 fast during school hours due to their age.

Year 5 & 6 children will only be permitted to fast if they return their fasting consent form. If you need a copy of the Ramadan consent form then please contact the Brushfield school office.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish Ramadan Mubarak to our Muslim families from all of the staff at Berridge.

Year 6 Secondary School Places

On March 2nd, Nottingham City Council will inform Year 6 parents of their child's allocated secondary school place.

If your application was submitted online, your child's allocated school place will be sent via email to the email address used to apply. If the application was submitted using a paper form, your child's allocated school place will be sent via a letter posted on 2nd March.

Water Bottles



Please can we ask parents to encourage your children to **NOT** put their water bottles inside their school bags.

Unfortunately the bottles leak and the reading books and reading diaries inside get damaged or destroyed.

Children should ideally be putting their water bottles in their bag's side pocket or carry them in their hands.

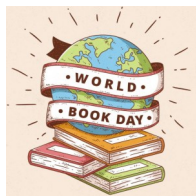
Thank you

For more information visit the school website at:

berridgeprimary.com

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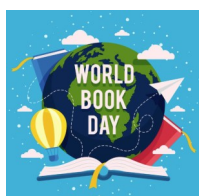
World Book Day



This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March. We will be celebrating children's Illustrators; who create visual imagery which helps bring the author's story to life. The children will be looking at the Illustrative work of:

Jon Klassen, Dapo Adeola, Sarah McIntyre and Vashti Harrison.

The Children are invited to wear book or reading related outfits if they wish, however, there is no expectation that they must do so. Please can we ask parents not buy anything especially for this day, it is ok for the children to wear non-uniform if they prefer.



PSHE

The topic for PSHE next half term will be Physical Health and Wellbeing. Each year group will focus on different topics:

- Year 1 - Fun Times
- Year 2 - What keeps me healthy?
- Year 3 - What helps me choose?
- Year 4 - What is important to me?
- Year 5 - In the media
- Year 6 - Transition project: Be Awesome, Go big (growth mindset & resilience)

Please visit the [school website](#) for more information.

Year 4 River Leen

The year 4 classes walked down to the river Leen as part of this half term's topic; "Where does water come from and where does it go?"

The children were looking at the features of the river and any human impact it has on the area. The children also looked for signs of pollution and litter, and for any wildlife they could see living in and around the river Leen.

The year 4 children also enjoyed a trip to Bestwood Mill Lake to look at the features of the lake there.

A great time was had by all!



Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent parents' evening appointments.

We have updated the school website with useful information which will help you support your child's learning at home. This includes helpful maths videos, booklets and games. We have also included all the Knowledge Organisers so you can see the key learning for topics taught throughout the year. Please take the time to look at the resources available.

[Homework, Home Learning Challenges & Knowledge Organisers | Berridge Primary School](#)



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Spring Term 2025/2026



Class Attendance Percentages - Celebrating Great Attendance

Every Friday the class with the best weekly attendance is announced to a loud cheer in assembly, this happens every week at both the Brushfield and Bobbers Mill Sites.

The tables below show the attendance percentages for both sites over the last 4 weeks.



Well done to all the classes who have achieved high attendance.

Bobbers Mill	Percentage Present	Brushfield	Percentage Present
Sycamore	96.3%	Aspen	98.3%
Larch	95.2%	Elm	97.2%
Chestnut	94.8%	Pine	97.1%
Holly	94.4%	Maple	97.0%
Willow	94.1%	Beech	96.5%
Oak	94.0%	Cedar	96.2%
Hazel	92.7%	Elder	96.1%
Birch	91.8%	Yew	96.1%
Ash	91.3%	Lime	96.0%
		Rowan	93.1%
		Hawthorn	91.5%
		Whitebeam	89.6%

Attendance & Unauthorised Leave

School has high attendance expectations and aims for the children to have **96%** attendance. School will only authorise leave in term time for exceptional circumstances. All leave must be requested prior to booking using an extended leave request form which is available from the school office or on the [school website](#).

Any leave must be discussed and authorised before travel arrangements have been made. Leave taken without approval will be recorded as unauthorised and may result in a Penalty Notice. Children taken out of school for long periods of time may have their school place withdrawn. Holidays which includes family visits should be taken outside term time in the 13 weeks allocated to school holidays.

The **government guidance**, from August 2024 - The first time a Penalty Notice referral is made for term time leave or irregular attendance, the fine will be £160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days, reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.

The second time a Penalty Notice referral is made the fine will be £160 per parent per child, with no price reduction available.

The third time a referral is made for term time leave or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to Magistrates' Court.

Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent per child.

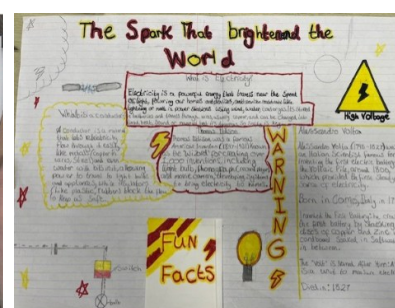
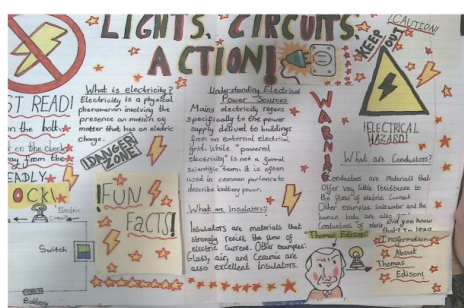
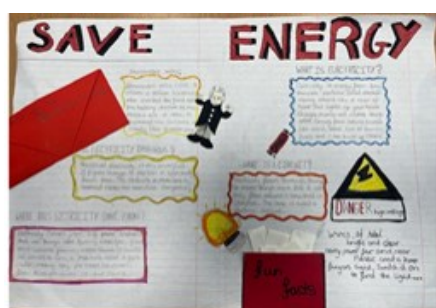
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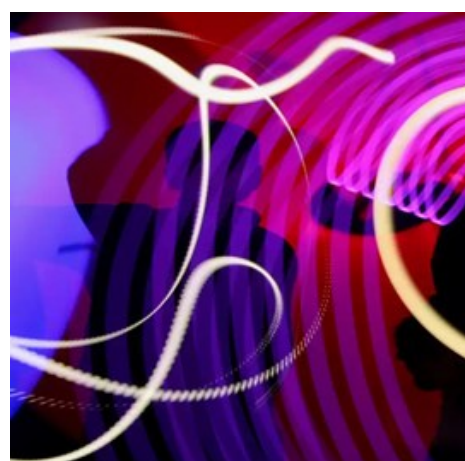
Focus Page - Year 6



At the start of the Spring term, we have been diving into the fascinating world of electricity through our exciting topic, *How Can We Brighten a Bulb?* We started things off with a fun challenge - a letter informing us that we needed to design and build a burglar alarm to protect the Crown Jewels using our growing knowledge of electrical circuits. Alongside this, we used our computing skills to research key questions about electricity. We then brought our learning to life by creating beautiful double-page spreads to showcase what we discovered. In Year 6, we love having the freedom to be creative and present our work in our own unique ways, and we were so proud of the results that our teachers now have the tricky job of choosing which pieces to display on our topic wall!



A group of Year 6 children from all three classes were lucky enough to take part in a light painting workshop led by a local artist. The children spent an exciting and engaging afternoon creating stunning light-inspired artwork, experimenting with movement, colour and photography. Some of the very best light painting photographs were displayed during Light Night in Nottingham, alongside work from other schools. It was truly wonderful to see our children's creativity shining bright and exhibited across the city!



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10am to 2pm (12pm lunch break)

If you can't attend due to the cost of travel, we can contribute up to £5.00 towards your bus or tram fare with proof of ticket. **Refreshments provided.**

Contact SCLA on: 07399 630885

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***Eligibility Criteria:** Aged 19+, Nottingham City Resident & not in full time employment



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