

Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 17th October** - Diwali Celebrations, PM
- **Friday 17th October** - Last Day of School before October Half-Term.
- **Monday 3rd November** - Back to school
- **Monday 10th November** - Whole School Photo Day
- **Tuesday 11th November** - Year 1 & 2 Parents Maths Meeting, 9 - 9.45am.
- **Wednesday 12th November** - Year 4 Parents Times Tables Meeting, 9 - 9.30am
- **Friday 14th November** - Children in Need
- **Wednesday 19th November** - PINS Project Parent Meeting (The partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) , Bobbers Mill, 9 - 10am
- **Wednesday 19th November** - Year 6 SATs Meeting, 9 - 9.30am
- **Tuesday 25th November** - F2 Parents Maths Meeting, 9 - 9.45
- **Thursday 27th November** - Year 2 Crafty Read, 9 - 9.45am

October 2025

Secondary School Applications

Please make sure that you have applied for your Year 6 child's secondary school place by

Friday 31st October.

If you need any help please contact the school office before Friday 17th October.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Berridge is looking for a parent governor who is willing to join our governing body. If you are interested then please contact the school office.

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to all the parents and children who have generously donated to this years harvest festival.

All donations will be given to the Himmah food bank and will be distributed to local families in crisis.



Diwali Celebrations Friday 17th October



To mark Diwali there will be a celebration at Berridge in the afternoon of **Friday 17th October.**

The children will be allowed to wear their own clothes for the day.

School will provide Indian sweets and drinks.

The children will partake in Diwali themed activities.

We are not asking parents to bring in food to school. This decision has been made to prevent the potential risk of allergic reactions for the children in school who have allergies to certain foods

We would like to wish all those celebrating a happy Diwali!

For more information visit the school website at:

berridgeprimary.com

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PSHE Autumn Term 2

The theme this half term is Keeping Safe and Managing Risk, including a First Aid Theme Day in KS2.

Keeping Safe and Managing Risk is part of the core area of Health and Wellbeing. This theme is about making pupils aware of the risks in their everyday activities and empowering them to make good and safe choices. Each year will focus on a different thread:

- Year 1 - Feeling safe
- Year 2 - Indoors and outdoors
- Year 3 - Bullying - See it, say it, stop it
- Year 4 - Playing safe
- Year 5 - Making safer choices
- Year 6 - Keeping Safe out and about

More information about PSHE is available on the school website:

Berridgeprimaryschool

Year 4 - Sea Shanties

Year 4 learnt about the history of sea shanties and how they are a 'work song', traditionally sung by sailors to help them with their very physically demanding jobs on ships. They then worked in groups to create and perform their own sea shanty.



Labelling Clothes

Please can you make sure you label all children's items in case they get lost.

Having your child's name and class where possible written on items such as coats, hats and lunchboxes means that we are able to return these to your child if they leave them behind somewhere in school. School staff may write your child's name on these items if you have not. I hope you appreciate this is done to support you and your child.

Hyson Green Community Action



**JOIN US
BY VOLUNTEERING**

"Be part of Hyson Green Community Action and help keep our neighbourhood clean, green & connected."

How You Can Volunteer?

There are lots of ways to get involved - do as much or as little as you like:

- Ward Champion**
 - Help report fly-tipping, spot issues early, and support your neighbours.
- Litter Action**
 - Join our community clean-up and litter pick days to make Hyson Green shine.
- Community Connector**
 - Share information, spread the word about our work, and bring people together.
- Shape the Future**
 - Attend HGCA meetings, share your ideas, and help us grow stronger as a group.

Get In Touch

Interested in volunteering? It's simple!

Email: info@hysongreencommunity.com

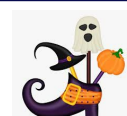
Facebook: <https://facebook.com/HysonGreenCommunityAction>

Website: <https://hysongreencommunity.com/volunteering>

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October Half-Term



Hyson Green Library

Gangsta Granny STEM Workshop

- A creative hands on session where children use their imagination to make an alarm system to protect The Crown Jewels! Inspired by the book 'Gangsta Granny' by David Walliams, children will use a cardboard box and electronic components to connect a circuit to make their alarm buzz or light up!



Hyson Green Library—Tuesday 28th October,
1.30pm and 2.45pm

Jacob Lawrence-Inspired Children's Crafts

Celebrate Black History Month this half-term with creative drop-in craft sessions inspired by the vibrant and powerful artwork of Jacob Lawrence. No booking required, just come along and get making! You can also find out more about the inspiring life and work of Jacob Lawrence, and explore a specially curated selection of Black History Month books for all ages, available to browse and borrow.



LEGO Building Across Libraries

Get building with LEGO! Whether you prefer to create solo or team up with others, join in the fun at participating libraries this half-term. Let your imagination run wild, no experience needed.



All the Nottingham City libraries are running different sessions, including; Aspley, Radford/Lenton and St Ann's.

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For more details please visit
[October Half Term Fun! | Nottingham City Libraries](#)

Pumpkin Carving with Windmill Community Gardens

Hyson Green Library—Friday 24th October, 10.30am to 12pm (**Free entry, booking essential**)

Wanting something spooky to do this October half-term? Come and join us at Hyson Green Library to do some pumpkin-carving with **Windmill Community Gardens!**

This workshop has age-appropriate tools for both adults and children. You will carve out a pumpkin, and learn about cooking the remaining pumpkin into some special seasonal pancakes!

Free Fun and Food Programme Holiday Activities



The Free Fun and Food programme, also called the Holiday Activities and Food programme, supports the wellbeing of children aged between 5 - 16 years by providing a variety of activities and food during school holidays. They offer activities and food for children who receive benefit-related free school meals during the Spring (Easter), Summer, Autumn (October) and Winter (Christmas) holidays across the city.

More information on the individual clubs can be found here.

[Individual Clubs | Ask Lion](#)



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Autumn 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	94.7%	Lime	97.3%
Ash	94.0%	Cedar	97.2%
Hazel	93.5%	Hawthorn	97.2%
Chestnut	93.1%	Elm	97.1%
Larch	91.6%	Pine	96.6%
Birch	90.4%	Aspen	96.6%
Willow	90.0%	Beech	96.1%
Oak	87.1%	Whitebeam	95.7%
Holly	84.0%	Elder	95.0%
		Yew	94.5%
		Maple	93.3%
		Rowan	91.8%

Miss school... MISS OUT

Coming to school when you are a bit under the weather

Feeling a little sniffly? Don't worry, your child can still learn!

Most mild illnesses like colds and coughs can be managed at school. Keeping your child home unnecessarily can disrupt their learning and social development.

If you're unsure, consult your local pharmacy, or your child's doctor for advice. Let's prioritise their education and well-being together!

#backtoschool #healthykids #education

Miss school... MISS OUT

Term-time holidays can be a downer

The School Blues: Why Term-Time Holidays Can Be a Downer

It might seem like a great idea to take your kids on a family holiday during the school term, but the reality can be quite different. For many children, returning to school after a term-time holiday can be a worrying experience. Here's why...

Disruption to Learning: Missing school days can disrupt their learning pattern and make it harder to keep up with their friends.

Social Isolation: Being away from school can lead to feelings of loneliness and can disrupt friendships.

Anxiety and Stress: The fear of falling behind, the pressure to catch up and the loss of friendships can cause anxiety and stress.

Prioritise your child's education and well-being to help their long-term success. By avoiding term-time holidays, you are helping your child to maintain a positive and stress-free learning experience.

#SchoolHolidaysNotTermTimeHolidays
#InvestInYourChildsFuture

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Focus Page - Year 2



Year 2 have been learning about the exciting adventures of Paddington bear this term. We started our learning by eating marmalade sandwiches – just like Paddington! We had a magnificent day watching Paddington's adventures in London and trying the delicious sandwiches. We discussed the different London landmarks Paddington saw on his adventure, including the London Eye, Big Ben, The River Thames and Buckingham Palace! We even used our DT skills to make some 3D landmarks of our own. Year 2 have applied their Geography skills to learn about other cities and countries in the United Kingdom which Paddington could visit. I'm sure Paddington would be so impressed with year 2's writing in English about his thrilling adventures in London!



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