

Dates for your Diary

- **Wednesday 22nd July** - Brushfield Talent Show
- **Friday 24th July** - Last day of School & the beginning of the Summer Holidays
- **INSET Day** - Monday 27th July
- **INSET Day** - Tuesday 1st September
- **INSET Day** - Wednesday 2nd September
- **Back to School** - Thursday 3rd September
- **Year 6 Parent Transition Meeting** - Wednesday 16th September, 9 - 10am
- **Brushfield Coffee Morning** - Thursday 17th September, 9 - 9.30am



Staff News

At the end of this year, we say a sad goodbye to Mrs King who will be retiring from Berridge School this Summer after working here for an incredible 41 years!



I'm sure she has taught and supported many members of your family and I know there are children that she once taught that now bring their own children to Berridge. Her commitment to our school and families has been outstanding. She has been such a big part of the Berridge family and she will be greatly missed but I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her all the best in her retirement. Thank you, Mrs King!

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Voyce and Ms Kerton from our Reception classes. Two fabulous teachers who will be missed by us all at Berridge. We wish them both well with their new adventures.

As you are already aware, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Aldridge who will be retiring this Summer. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her all the best in her retirement.



July 2026

Head Teacher Thank you!

As I come to the end of my first term as Headteacher, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. It has been wonderful that so many parents and carers wished me well in my new role and I have greatly appreciated the kind words and encouragement you have shared with me.

It is a privilege to lead such a fantastic school community, and I am incredibly proud to be Headteacher of Berridge Primary. Thank you for your continued support throughout the term.

I hope you and your families have a restful and enjoyable summer and I look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting school year in September.

There are two INSET days at the start of term on the **1st & 2nd September**. The children will return to school on

Thursday 3rd September.

Please make sure your child attends school on the first day of term. School will only authorise leave in exceptional circumstances and any leave taken without authorisation may result in further legal action being taken.

We would like to wish all our Year 6 children the best of luck as they start secondary schools next term.

Kind regards; Mrs Maltby

For more information visit the school website at:

berridgeprimary.com

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Highfields Park - Year 1 Trip

Year 1 had a great time at Highfields park. We walked round the park and identified different types of trees. We also had a chance to explore other areas of the University park too.



School Uniform

If you are buying new uniform for your child over the summer, please remember our school uniform colours. Blue jumpers or cardigans with blue or white t-shirts with grey or black skirt, shorts or trousers.

School shoes or trainers should be black.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN THEIR JUMPERS, COATS, WATER BOTTLES AND LUNCHBOXES.

Dinner Money

Please can we remind parents to pay any outstanding dinner money debts.

School meals should be paid for in advance using the Arbor app or Parent Portal.

Reminder - from September the price of a school meal will increase to **£2.95**

Thank you.

Year 4 Trip to Belvoir Castle

Our visit to the Belvoir Sport and Education Trust gave children the chance to experience life in the countryside through a range of exciting, hands-on activities. They met the famous Belvoir hounds, developed their cricket skills with expert coaching, learnt how cows are milked on a working farm and came face-to-face with magnificent birds of prey. The day helped the children build a greater understanding of rural life,

where our food comes from and the important role the countryside plays, while developing confidence, teamwork and curiosity through unforgettable experiences.



Summer Reading Challenge Nottingham City Libraries

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is back and this year's theme is **Read to the Beat**, inspiring children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity.

The children are encouraged to either **read six books** or make the challenge their own this year by ticking off **six reading goals** from the booklet.



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Summer 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	94.9%	Elder	96.1%
Hazel	93.7%	Pine	95.8%
Chestnut	92.8%	Beech	95.6%
Birch	92.7%	Elm	95.6%
Willow	92.5%	Maple	95.5%
Larch	92.3%	Aspen	95.5%
Ash	90.4%	Lime	95.2%
Holly	90.2%	Cedar	94.9%
Oak	88.7%	Hawthorn	94.8%
		Rowan	94.4%
		Yew	93.2%
		Whitebeam	92.5%

Rewarding Great Attendance

At the Brushfield Site a reward is given to the year group with the highest attendance percentage for that term.

Winning the title for the Summer Term is Year 4 who had the highest attendance. They will have a treat trip down to the sports field this week. Well done Year 4!

Year Group	Percentage Present
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 6	94.2%



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Focus Page - Year 3



Year 3 had the exciting opportunity to visit the Hindu Temple as part of our RE learning. We have been studying Hinduism this year, exploring the key beliefs and values that a Hindu tries to follow in their daily lives.

At the temple, we learnt more about what Hinduism is like for people in Nottingham. We spoke to the temple leader who shared his knowledge with us, and we were able to show off our understanding of the Trimurti and Brahman! We had a guided tour around the main worship room and learnt lots more about the other Hindu deities, asking some probing questions!

It was a brilliant day and great opportunity to see Hinduism in the community!



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FREE PLACES TO EXPLORE



Wollaton Hall, Gardens & Deer Park

- See the wild deer
- Enjoy a family picnic
- Explore the beautiful park
- Visit the children's play area



Highfields Park

- Lakeside walks
- Fantastic playground
- Feed the ducks (with suitable duck food)
- Space for bikes, scooters and games



Green's Windmill & Science Centre

- Discover how flour is made
- Learn about science
- Free family activities during school holidays



Nottingham Arboretum

- Children's play area
- Open green spaces
- Family-friendly events throughout the year



Your Local Library

- Story time
- Craft sessions
- LEGO clubs
- Holiday activities
- Free books for all ages



FAMILY ADVENTURES



Robin Hood Adventure Trail

- Free city treasure hunt
- Fun clues for children
- Great way to explore Nottingham together



Canal walks and local nature reserves

- Spot wildlife
- Enjoy fresh air
- Perfect for family walks



Geocaching

- Free treasure-hunting app
- Explore local parks and green spaces



FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Family Hub Stay & Play sessions offer:

- Toys and games
- Crafts
- Singing
- Outdoor play
- A chance to meet other families



LOW-COST DAYS OUT

- Canal-side Heritage Centre
- Newstead Abbey Grounds
- National Justice Museum (look out for family discounts)

FUN DOESN'T HAVE TO COST A LOT!



EXTRA SUPPORT

If you're receiving benefits or are on a low income, ask about the Max Card, which offers discounted entry to many attractions across Nottinghamshire.



Make Memories, NOT EXPENSES!

Pack a picnic, bring the family, and enjoy everything Nottingham has to offer—for little or no cost.

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FUN & MEMORIES

AT HOME WITH YOUR CHILDREN

LOTS TO DO. LITTLE OR NO COST!



FREE ACTIVITIES TO DO AT HOME

GET CREATIVE

- Drawing and colouring
- Painting with homemade paints
- Junk modelling using recycling
- Make greeting cards
- Origami and paper crafts
- Playdough (homemade)



READING & LEARNING

- Read books together
- Visit the local library for free books
- Storytelling
- Create your own storybook
- Educational apps and websites
- Learn a new word each day



KITCHEN FUN

- Bake simple cakes or biscuits
- Make homemade pizzas
- Decorate cupcakes
- Prepare healthy snacks together
- Taste-test different fruits



GAMES

- Board games
- Card games
- Hide and seek
- Treasure hunt around the house
- Charades
- Puzzles
- LEGO or building blocks



KEEP ACTIVE

- Indoor dance party
- Family yoga
- Obstacle course
- Balloon volleyball
- Simon Says
- Freeze dance
- Exercise videos for children



NATURE & SCIENCE

- Grow seeds in pots
- Watch birds from the window
- Make a bug hotel
- Simple science experiments
- Weather diary
- Nature scavenger hunt in the garden



IMAGINATIVE PLAY

- Dress-up games
- Puppet shows
- Build a den with blankets
- Play shop, café or school
- Make a cardboard box rocket or castle



RELAX TOGETHER

- Family movie afternoon
- Listen to audiobooks
- Family karaoke
- Watch documentaries suitable for children



TOGETHER
IS THE BEST
PLACE TO
BE!

The best memories
are made at home!

LOW-COST ACTIVITIES AT HOME

CREATIVE KITS (£2-£10)

- Craft kits
- Jewellery making
- Paint-your-own pottery kits
- Diamond art
- Scratch art



BAKING & COOKING (£3-£10)

- Cookie decorating kits
- Pizza-making kits
- Chocolate-making kits
- Decorate gingerbread houses



GARDENING (£2-£15)

- Grow flowers or vegetables
- Decorate plant pots
- Fairy garden
- Mini herb garden



TOYS & GAMES (£5-£20)

- New board game
- Jigsaw puzzles
- STEM activity kits
- LEGO challenge sets



FAMILY NIGHTS (£5-£15)

- Movie night with popcorn
- Hot chocolate evening
- Indoor picnic
- Family games tournament with small prizes



WELLBEING ACTIVITIES

- Children's mindfulness cards
- Family spa evening (face masks, foot soaks)
- Make friendship bracelets
- Gratitude journals



SUBSCRIPTION IDEAS (OPTIONAL)

- Children's craft subscription boxes
- Science experiment kits
- Baking boxes
- Children's magazines



YOU DON'T
NEED TO SPEND
MUCH TO SPEND
TIME TOGETHER!

MAKE MEMORIES, NOT EXPENSES!

Spending time talking, playing, laughing and learning together helps children build confidence, develop new skills and create lasting memories.

EVERY DAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT AS A FAMILY!

PLAY
LAUGH
LEARN
LOVE

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Nottingham City Council School Terms and Holidays Calendar - 2026/27

AUGUST 2026							SEPTEMBER 2026							OCTOBER 2026						
M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26		
T		4	11	18	25		T	1	8	15	22	29	T		6	13	20	27		
W		5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28		
T		6	13	20	27		T	3	10	17	24		T	1	8	15	22	29		
F		7	14	21	28		F	4	11	18	25		F	2	9	16	23	30		
S	1	8	15	22	29		S	5	12	19	26		S	3	10	17	24	31		
S	2	9	16	23	30		S	6	13	20	27		S	4	11	18	25			

NOVEMBER 2026							DECEMBER 2026							JANUARY 2027						
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25		
T		3	10	17	24		T	1	8	15	22	29	T		5	12	19	26		
W		4	11	18	25		W	2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27		
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S	1	8	15	22	29		S	6	13	20	27		S	3	10	17	24	31		

FEBRUARY 2027							MARCH 2027							APRIL 2027						
M	1	8	15	22			M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26		
T	2	9	16	23			T	2	9	16	23	30	T		6	13	20	27		
W	3	10	17	24			W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28		
T	4	11	18	25			T	4	11	18	25		T	1	8	15	22	29		
F	5	12	19	26			F	5	12	19	26		F	2	9	16	23	30		
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MAY 2027							JUNE 2027							JULY 2027						
M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26		
T		4	11	18	25		T	1	8	15	22	29	T		6	13	20	27		
W		5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28		
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S	2	9	16	23	30		S	6	13	20	27		S	4	11	18	25			

Key						
	In school					
	School holiday					
	Public holiday					
	In Service Training Day					

AUGUST 2027						
M		2	9	16	23	30
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W		4	11	18	25	
T		5	12	19	26	
F		6	13	20	27	
S		7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29	

Half term 1 – 6 weeks, 4 days

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 Half term 2 – 7 weeks
 Half term 3 – 6 weeks
 Half term 4 – 4 weeks 4 days
 Half term 5 – 6 weeks 4 days
 Half term 6 – 7 weeks 3 days

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