

BERRIDGE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

"Working together to achieve success"

October 2026



Curious

Resilient

Cooperative

Reflective

Respectful

Responsible

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday 16th October** - Last day of school before October half term.
- **Monday 2nd November** - Back to school
- **Wednesday 11th November** - Year 1 & 2 Cinema Trip
- **Friday 13th November** - Children in Need
- **Friday 13th November** - Diwali Parties
- **Wednesday 18th November** - Year 5 & 6 Cinema Trip
- **Wednesday 18th November** - Coffee Morning at the Brushfield Site, 9 - 10am
- **Tuesday 24th November** - Year 3 & 4 Cinema Trip
- **Tuesday 24th November** - F2 Parents Maths Meeting, 9 - 9.30am
- **Thursday 26th November** - Flu Vaccinations
- **Wednesday 9th December** - Jolly Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
- **Thursday 10th December** - EYFS Performance, 9.15 - 10.15am
- **Friday 11th December** - KS1 Performance at St Stephen's Church, 9.30 - 10.30am
- **Friday 11th December** - EYFS Performance at Bobbers Mill, 2.30 - 3.15pm
- **Monday 14th December** - KS2 Music Concert
- **Wednesday 16th December** - Christingle Service at St Stephen's Church, 6 - 7pm

For more information visit the school

website at: berridgeprimary.com

HARVEST FESTIVAL



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

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



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

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

Saturday 31st October



If you need any help, please contact the school office before Friday 16th October.

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Children in Need



On Friday 13th November, school will be raising money for Children in Need alongside Diwali Celebrations.

We are inviting the children to come to school wearing their party clothes or non-uniform. Please do not feel the need to buy anything especially for this day. We are asking for a £1 donation from each child.

All donations will be collected during morning registration.

Thank you for your support

PSHE AUTUMN 2

In the Muse Wellbeing primary PSHE and RSE curriculum, "Growth and Change" serves as the Autumn 2 unit under the broader theme of Health and Wellbeing. Lessons explore healthy habits, managing feelings and understanding how their bodies change as they grow, promoting confidence and self-awareness.



Staff News



At the end of this half term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Jenkinson after 26 years of dedicated service to Berridge Primary School. Throughout her time with us, she has supported and educated countless children and worked tirelessly for our families and community.



We thank her for her amazing contribution and wish her every success and happiness in the future.

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.



Diwali Parties



On Friday 13th November, Berridge will be celebrating both Diwali & Children in Need.

The children will take part in Diwali activities, music and dancing.

School has made the difficult decision this year not to provide food for the Diwali parties. Please can we remind parents that we no longer allow food to be brought into school. This is due to changes in allergen rules within schools, and our wish to ensure the safety of all our children.

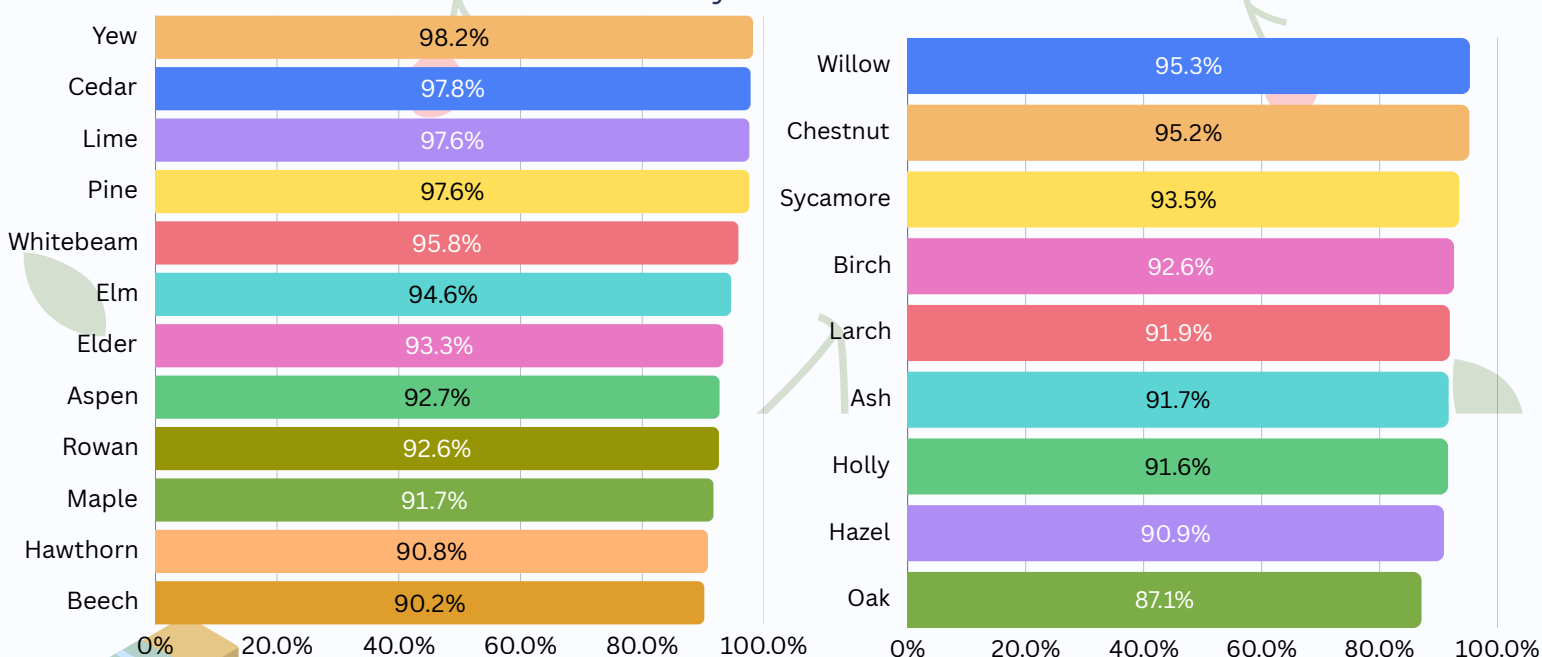
Since this is a special day and to raise money for Children in Need the children are invited to wear their party clothes or non-uniform, we are asking each child for a £1 donation.

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Celebrating Great Attendance

The class with the best weekly attendance is announced to a loud cheer in assembly every Friday. Classes in KS2 get a trophy to keep in their room for a week and in KS1 it is a Teddy bear. There is a display chart of the best class attendance in the hall, for all the children to see.

At the end of every half term the year group with the best attendance gets to vote on a treat to have on the first Friday afternoon back after half term.




**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 5



Science: Can you feel the force?

Year 5 have learnt about forces this term: gravity, air and water resistance (which are types of friction) and how these affect our daily lives.

Did you know that by using different mechanisms, we can overcome forces and make it easier to do everyday things like lift heavy objects.

Here we used a lever to lift a classmate using only a finger or two! We found that the closer the pivot was to the load (the person), the easier they were to lift.



What is beyond our world?

To start our new Science topic, we had a mobile planetarium visit school to take us on a journey to space to have a close-up look at the planets of our solar system, the Sun and the Moon.

It was great!



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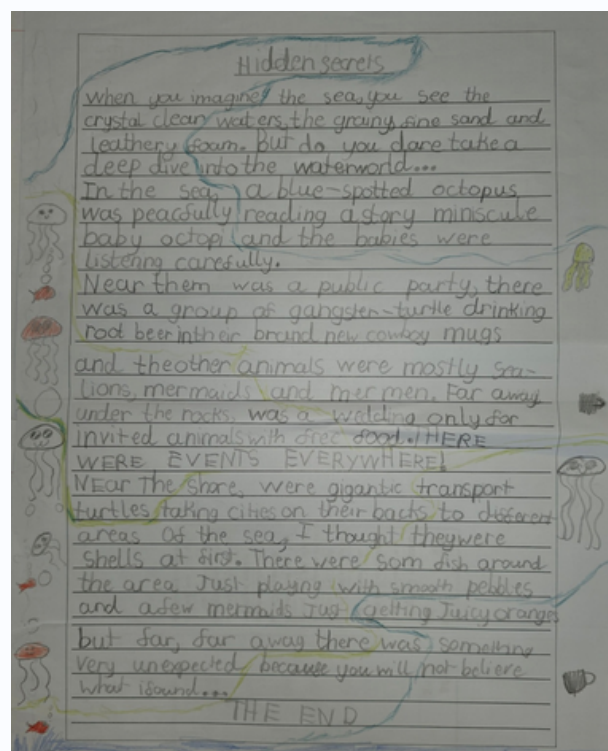
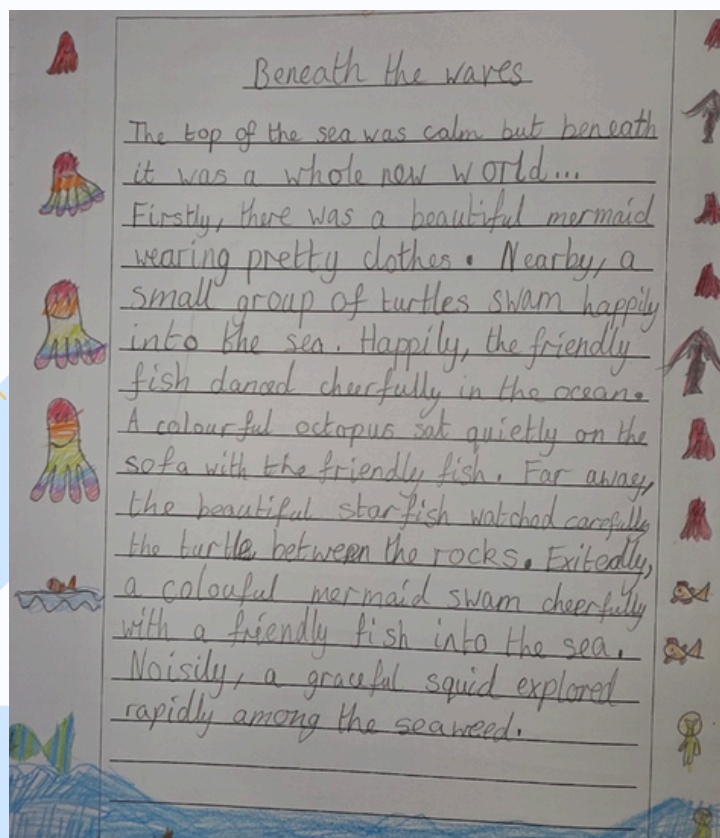
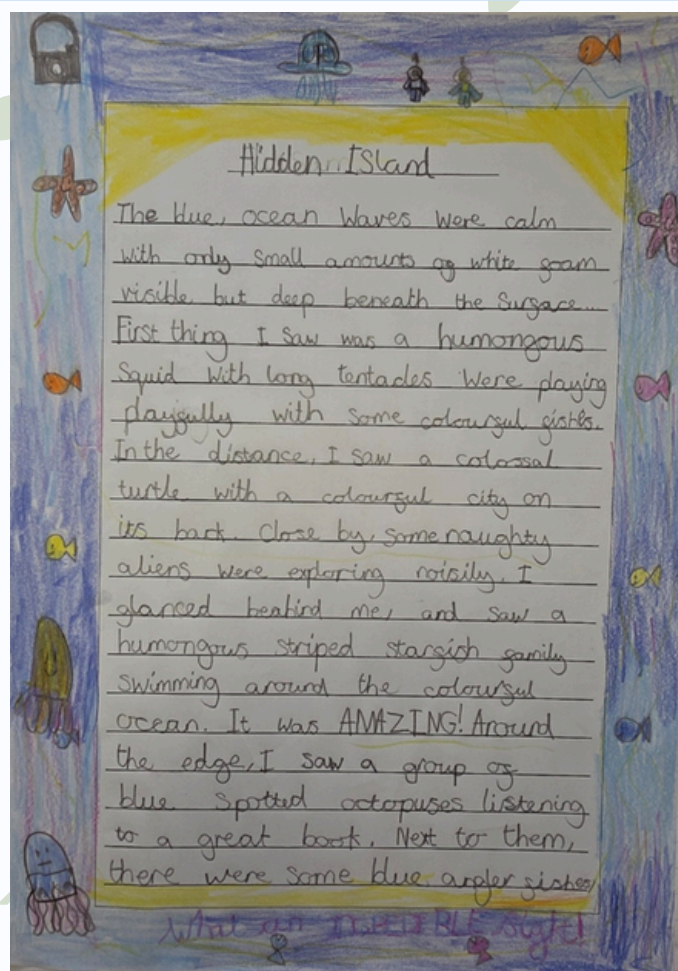
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Flotsam by David Wiesner

We have been exploring the picture book Flotsam. The children have spent time looking closely at the detailed illustrations and sharing their ideas about what they can see. The pictures were then used as inspiration to write a descriptive paragraph of the animals and what can be found in an imaginary underwater world.

The children have used adjectives, adverbs and expanded noun phrases to add detail to their writing and help the reader create a clear picture in their mind. They have also used their imaginations to explore the pictures and bring the scenes to life.



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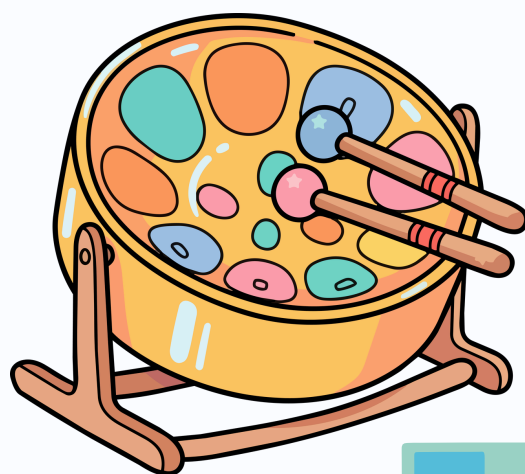


Music

Year 5 have been really enjoying their music lessons and singing this half term.

In singing, they have been practising songs for the Harvest Festival.

In music they have learnt to play the steel pans – a steel drum which originated from Trinidad and Tobago. They have learned a variety of songs and have been making super progress.



Last week, they had their first lesson using a boomwhacker (hollow tubes of different lengths which produce different notes). The children read the music from a screen and play along – they enjoyed the music from Tetris and the Ghostbusters theme tune.



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OCTOBER HALF-TERM Activities



Hyson Green Library

On Wednesday 21st October at Hyson Green Library; come along and create & decorate your own spooky stick puppet this half term to wave down the It's In Nottingham Halloween Parade happening on Wednesday 28th October in the City Centre.

Make your Halloween friend and then decorate them to be as scary or sparkly as you see fit!



Nottingham Halloween Parade

This year is the first ever Nottingham Halloween Parade, which will take place on Wednesday 28 October as part of the wider Halloween Festival in the city. The Parade will begin at the Central Library and travel through the Green Heart, up Lister Gate, around Bridlesmith Gate and finishing at the Central Library.

This year they will be working with internationally acclaimed Walk the Plank who are performing the premiere performance of The Family of Phantoms. Nottingham is the first city in the UK to host this performance. The Parade will also include dance students from FSD Dance and Nottingham College. The performance features between 30-50 performers in total, accompanied by music.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme forms part of Nottingham City Council's childcare offer for school-aged children. It aims to support the wellbeing of children aged between 5 -16 years by providing a variety of activities and nutritious meals during school holidays. Eligible children across the city can access these activities and meals throughout the holiday periods.

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.

Book your
HAF
places
here



Nottingham City
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

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