

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 23rd March:**
KS1 & KS2 Easter Assemblies
KS2 Spring Music Concert
The Hive - Easter Bonnet Making 2.30pm
- **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:**
Bobbars 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
- **Friday 17th April** - Step up to Secondary 4 week
Parenting Course Begins at Brushfield, 9am - 11am
- **Monday 4th May** - School closed Bank Holiday
- **Thursday 7th May:**
Road Safety Year 3
Year 5 RE Day
- **Monday 11th May** - Year 6 SAT's Week
- **Monday 18th May** - Whole School Class Photo Day
- **Monday 25th to Friday 29th May** - May Half Term
- **Monday 1st June** - INSET Day
- **Tuesday 2nd June** - Back to school



March 2026

Year 3 Southwell Minster



A few of our year 3s were invited to Southwell Minster, where they learnt about the Anglo-Saxons and their settlement in Nottingham. The children took part in a variety of fun activities such as looking at very old artifacts, exploring the grounds with maps, broach making and dressing up as important people from the past!

It was a great day out and the children were fantastic!

PSHE

The topic for PSHE next term will be Identity, Society & Equality. Each year group will focus on different topics:

- Y1 - Me and Others
- Y2 - Diversity within the Family
- Y3 - Celebrating Differences
- Y4 - Democracy
- Y5 - Stereotypes, Discrimination and Prejudice
- Y6 - Human Rights

Please visit the [school website](https://www.berridgeprimary.com) for more information.

Easter Egg Competition Brushfield Site



Our Easter Egg competition is returning for all KS2 children. If you would like to take part, bring your entry into school on Thursday 26th March. We don't mind what you create, but it has to be egg-citing! Please make sure you boil the eggs first!



For more information visit the school website at:

[**berridgeprimary.com**](https://www.berridgeprimary.com)

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Headteacher News

At the end of term, we will be saying a big, warm goodbye to our wonderful Head Teacher, Mr Tee, as he heads off into retirement. Mr Tee has been at the heart of our school for over twelve years, making Berridge the welcoming and happy place it is today. He has worked passionately to ensure all the children of Berridge get not only the best education but also the best possible start in life that, truly believing in 'Working together to achieve success'. He will be missed but we hope his retirement is filled with plenty of rest and new adventures. I'm sure you will all join us in saying a big 'THANK YOU!' to Mr Tee for everything he has done for the children and families here at Berridge!



Mr Tee would like to add the following words:

"Thank you for all the kind words from parents and children this term ahead of my retirement. It has been an honour and privilege to be the headteacher at Berridge for over 12 years where I have had the pleasure of seeing your children grow and achieve success. Berridge is a special place to work and learn where the team are committed to ensuring the children achieve their best. I will miss being part of this wonderful community but equally looking forward to spending more time with my family in retirement. In the final week of this term, I hope to have the opportunity to say goodbye to you especially as I have known lots of you for many years. My last day at school will be Friday 27th March when the spring term closes. School reopens on Monday 13th April. Please enjoy the rest of the school year where there are lots of fun and exciting things planned for the summer term".

As you are aware, our current Deputy Head, Mrs Maltby will be stepping up to lead Berridge Primary as our new Headteacher effective from Monday 13th April. Having been an integral part of our senior leadership role for many years, Mrs Maltby understands the heart of our school community, ensuring a smooth and confident transition.



We wish Mrs Maltby all the best in her new role and Mr Tee a very happy retirement.

Taking Photos and Videos in School

Please can we remind parents not to take videos or photos of your children on school premises, this includes the playground without prior permission. It is very easy to accidentally capture photographs of other children whilst taking pictures of your own child.

School makes this decision based on potential safeguarding risks, the privacy of the other children and their parents wishes.

We thank you for your support.

Eid Parties



Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim families celebrating Eid-UI-Fitr this weekend. We hope you all have a happy and peaceful Eid.

To celebrate there will be parties for the children during the afternoon of Friday 27th March. The children will be allowed to come to school in their party clothes.

At the Bobbers Mill Site the children do not need to bring in any food as their party food will be provided by the school kitchen at lunchtime.

The children in the Nursey will not need any food.

At the Brushfield Site we are asking the children for a £1 contribution for the Eid party, the food and drink will be provided by school. Payment should be made using the Arbor App or Parent Portal.

School has made the decision to provide food and drink for the Eid parties because we have numerous children in school with food allergies.

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British Science Week

To celebrate British Science week Mr Sawyer did some fun experiments in an assembly at Bobbers Mill. He made some elephant toothpaste and some balloons explode!



World Book Day

Year 1 explored *Clean Up!* by Dapo Adeola and Nathan Bryon. Inspired by the story, the children created large collaborative artwork, painting a vibrant habitat from the book and discussing how we can all help protect our environment.



Year 2 focused on the inspiring book *Speak Up!* and learned about the importance of using their voices to stand up for what matters. To bring the message to life, the children organised their own mini protest, sharing powerful messages about protecting and looking after our books.



At the Brushfield, we celebrated the incredible illustrators who bring stories to life. Each year group explored the work of a different artist, discovering how illustrations can shape characters, settings and the mood of a story. Year 3 learned about the distinctive style of Jon Klassen, Year 4 explored the vibrant illustrations of Dapo Adeola, Year 5 investigated the imaginative artwork of Sarah McIntyre, and Year 6 studied the powerful and inspiring illustrations of Vashti Harrison.

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**MOMENTS
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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.

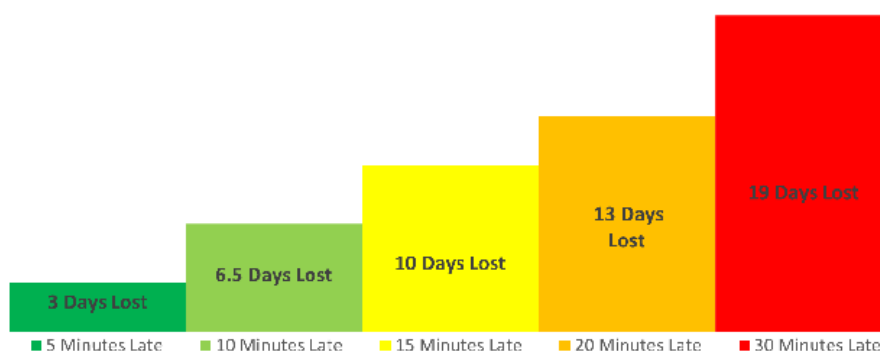


Bobbers Mill	Percentage Present	Brushfield	Percentage Present
Hazel	97.6%	Aspen	98.2%
Sycamore	96.3%	Maple	97.2%
Willow	95.7%	Hawthorn	97.0%
Chestnut	95.4%	Lime	96.7%
Birch	93.5%	Beech	96.7%
Larch	93.2%	Rowan	96.4%
Oak	92.1%	Elm	96.3%
Holly	91.6%	Pine	96.0%
Ash	90.9%	Whitebeam	95.7%
		Cedar	95.4%
		Yew	94.9%
		Elder	94.3%



Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



(Over one academic year)

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Focus Page - Nursery



In spring 1 we began our topic of Me and My Community. We looked at pictures of where we lived and learnt about different types of transport and buildings. We learnt about people who help us and were very excited to have a visit from two Police Officers and they brought the Police van with them. The children were able to sit in the van, try on police helmets and listen to the siren.



We invited the nursery children's parents in for a story time, the parents and children joined in with a story session using props and puppets. Can you guess the story?

Our new topic is Places we Visit, we will be thinking about local places the children might visit at the weekend such as the library, leisure centre and the Art Exchange.

We will be looking at the things we can do at Forest Park, we will set up a picnic role play area and the children will make a picnic to eat there.



In spring 2 we have just celebrated Chinese New Year with a themed week, painting Chinese symbols, using chopsticks with noodles and making dragons.

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Parent feedback

Thank you to all parents who completed the communication survey, attended curriculum meetings and continue to work together with school.

Our aim is to actively work with yourselves to achieve the best for your children. We have been listening to your feedback during these activities and wanted to share what has been put in place.

Parents/carers feedback	School's response
Homework and what to do at home to help your children's learning was a popular theme from many parents.	We're delighted so many of you want to support your child's learning at home. Home challenges and information on how to support children at home including interactive games, videos and learning journals have been added to the website . The QR codes for the pages were shared at parents evening, they are also available further down this page.
Parents who attended the Year 3/4 reading meeting requested sessions where parents can come in regularly to hear their children read as they do at the Bobbers Mill site.	This was a fantastic idea; we have trialled 'stay, read & relax sessions' in Year 3 which has been successful with a number of parents coming regularly. We have now started these reading sessions in Year 4. We could not have done this without your support.

Games and websites to use at home – please scan the QR codes below:

Tips and ideas on how you can support your child at home from Year 1 - Year 6; including homework guides and knowledge organisers.



Interactive maths games for children to play at home including '[Timetables Rockstars](#)' and '[Hit the button](#)'.

Maths page on the [website](#) including what is being taught in different year groups and resources from White Rose Maths for children to do at home.



Ways to support your child in phonics from [Little Wandle](#) (phonics scheme used in school), including videos on how to pronounce sounds

Useful websites with fun and interesting things to watch and do



<u>Reading:</u> Please don't forget to listen to your child read at least 3 times a week, this makes a big difference to your child's reading skills.	<u>Times tables:</u> The times tables your child will be covering are below, help your child practice these at home. Year 3 will be covering 3,4 & 7 times tables Year 4 will be covering 6,7,9 & 12 times tables
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Step Up To Secondary!

A free, four week course to help you support your child to make a successful transition into secondary school.

Berridge Junior School
Friday 9am-11am
Starting 17th April

Work with your child in these sessions!

Home learning activities provided to encourage children to talk about their feelings and worries.

Learn strategies to help your child manage their emotions around transition.

Meet other people in a similar position and share strategies and ideas.



See Mrs Qudus at the Brushfield office for more information

★ All parents, carers and family members welcome

★ Refreshments provided

You will discover:
Strategies to help with anxiety around moving schools.
How to build children's self esteem.
What it means to have an attitude of gratitude .
How to build resilience.
Strategies to deal with friendship worries.

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