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NEWSLETTER

We believe in being an inclusive school where individuals are happy, safe, respected and valued; where there are expectations of excellence for everyone and all achievements are celebrated. We impress upon our children the need to believe in themselves and their ability in order to achieve greatness and be successful.

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MESSAGES FROM MR. JONES



Celebrating Success Together – What a Fortnight!

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible couple of weeks it's been at Killisick – full of celebration, achievement and community spirit. There is so much to be proud of across the school.

Firstly, we marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day in style. Our children explored this historic event through both our History and English curriculum, asking thoughtful questions, creating powerful writing, and reflecting on the concept of freedom and sacrifice. The red, white and blue non-uniform day and celebratory meal were the perfect way to round off a day full of learning and remembrance.

A huge well done must go to our Year 6 children, who completed their SATs with real maturity, focus and confidence. They tackled each test with determination and showed just how ready they are for the next stage of their journey. We're equally proud of the whole school for the way they rallied round to support them – a special thank you to Year 3, who kindly relocated from one of their classrooms to make space for our testing arrangements to run smoothly. That's teamwork in action!

Year 5 had an out-of-this-world experience during their trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester, linking beautifully with their Science topic on Earth and space. The children returned buzzing with facts, curiosity, and a newfound love for the cosmos!

We were also delighted to welcome our School Improvement Director for a visit. She was full of praise for our school, commenting on how we continue to grow and improve in all areas. It was wonderful to hear external recognition of the hard work and passion that goes into everything we do at Killisick.

We are thrilled to have welcomed some new faces to our Killisick family this week. These children joined us after hearing about the fantastic things happening in our school, and we couldn't be prouder of how warmly they've been welcomed by their new classmates. This brings us to 10 new starters so far this academic year – and we still have room for more! If you know of any families looking for a school place, please do encourage them to contact Mrs Swann in the School Office.

Finally, a reminder that our school is strictly nut-free. This is to protect the health and safety of several children in our community who have severe nut allergies. For these children, even the smallest trace of nuts can cause a life-threatening reaction. We kindly ask that no products containing nuts are brought into school, including some chocolate spreads like Nutella, snack bars, or baked goods. Please always check food labels before packing lunches and snacks. Thank you for helping us keep all children safe. Your support makes a real difference. 💙

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. With more exciting weeks ahead, we're proud to be growing learners and growing leaders – together.

Warmest wishes,

Mr Jones





NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOLS TEST THEIR FOOTBALL SKILLS WITH MANSFIELD TOWN FC ACADEMY PLAYERS

Children from Flying High Partnership schools across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire came together to take part in a football talent-spotting event held at the RH Academy, Mansfield.
The event was organised by Next Level Sports Ltd in partnership with Mansfield Town FC Academy and aimed to showcase the talents of pupils from schools within the Flying High Partnership, a primary-only multi-academy trust.

The school pupils showcased their skills by playing against Mansfield Town FC Academy players, who put the hopeful visitors through their paces during various matches.

Scott Hardy is a Director at Next Level Sports Ltd, and he said, "It was great to see so many children from Flying High Partnership schools attend RH Academy, Mansfield Town's training facility. We decided to run the event after a conversation with Grant Worthington (Flying High Partnership Inclusion and System Leader), who was looking to develop pathways into elite sports for children from within their multi-academy trust.

"Football is loved and played across the county every weekend, and we wanted to provide an opportunity for some of those schoolchildren to shine on a bigger stage and in front of the academy coaches. The RH Academy facility is one of the best in EFL League One, and hopefully, this will act as an inspiration to the children to work harder at something they already enjoy – ultimately with a view to progressing to playing with a professional club.
"Alongside organising Flying High Partnership games, this is another way Next Level Sports Ltd can support the children we work with in schools, and we hope this is the first of many talent-spotting events, including those for girls and Year 3 and 4 children that we can arrange."
At the event, school pupils played against Mansfield Town FC Academy players in Under-10s (Year 5) and Under-11s (Year 6) teams, focusing on small-sided games of 4 v 4 or 6 v 6, with additional strength and conditioning sessions. Following the event, Next Level Sports and MTFC will look at options to run similar events or representative matches in the near future.

Rory (Year 6) is a pupil from Killisick Junior School (Arnold) who said, "I thought it was brilliant! It is a great opportunity to show off what you can do, especially playing against a high-quality team. It was also good to play against pupils from our other schools in the trust, and I already knew some of them."

Rory said it was helpful to play against pupils with high skill levels. "It's good to play against others of your own level because you know what they are capable of. Mansfield were outstanding, and that's the level I want to get to. I would like to join a professional football academy, and my aspiration is to be a professional footballer when I am older. To do that, I need to work hard and put all my effort into it, using my school values of enjoyment and perseverance."
Grant Worthington is the Flying High Partnership's Inclusion and System Leader, and he said, "It was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 5 and Year 6 boys from across our partnership schools to come together to represent Flying High against excellent Mansfield Town Academy teams. Experiences like this not only build confidence and teamwork but also create lasting memories for the children involved.

"In partnership with Next Level Sports and Mansfield Town Football Club, we are delighted to provide a football talent pathway for our gifted footballers and are excited to grow this initiative even further, with plans to expand opportunities in both boys' and girls' football. We look forward to continuing to provide incredible and inspiring experiences for all our pupils and thank both Next Level Sports and Mansfield Town Football Club for working in collaboration with us to deliver this event at the impressive RH Academy."
Schools with pupils participating were: Peafield Lane Academy (Mansfield Woodhouse), Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy, Edwalton Primary School, Killisick Junior School (Arnold), Horsendale Primary & Nursery School (Nuthall), Forest Glade Primary School (Sutton-in-Ashfield), Leamington Primary & Nursery, Blue Bell Hill Primary School (St Ann's), Rivendell Flying High Academy, Hucknall Flying High Academy, Kirkstead Junior Academy (Pinxton), Greenwood Primary & Nursery School (Kirkby-in-Ashfield), Hawthorne Primary & Nursery School (Bestwood Village), and Beeston Fields Primary and Nursery School.



REAL-LIFE ENQUIRY LEARNING



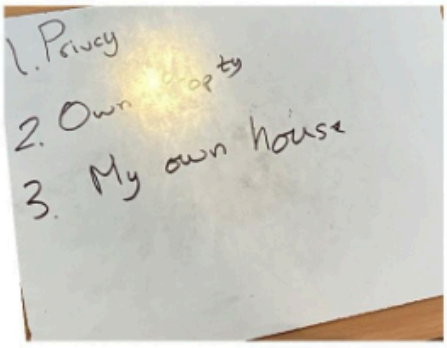
Year 3 have been very fortunate to have Adam visit us from Refugee Roots. We have learnt more about the journey that asylum seekers face. We have thought about what we would miss if we had to leave our homes, what things might help us make the move to a new country easier. We have also learnt about the incredible work that the charity provide. We will be organising a fundraising activity for Refugee Roots soon, so that we can pay it forward. Thank you Adam for your time. As always, our children were respectful and asked thoughtful questions.

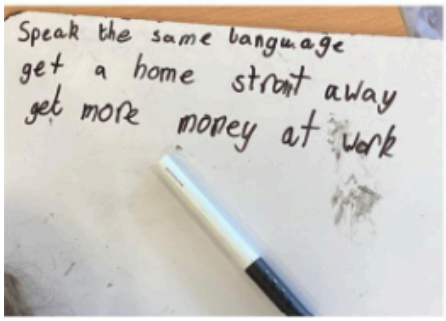
















OUR BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS



Our school rules are really simple:

1. Be ready
2. Be respectful
3. Be responsible

These are not just rules for school, but strong guiding principles for life outside of school.

We require your support to reiterate these expectations to all children at all times. Our rules are there to keep everyone safe and to ensure we can do the wonderful things we do effectively and efficiently. The vast majority of our school community adheres to these rules and expectations, but this becomes exceptionally difficult for staff when children refuse to follow the rules. We expect all children to adhere to our expectations.



BEHAVIOUR SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK



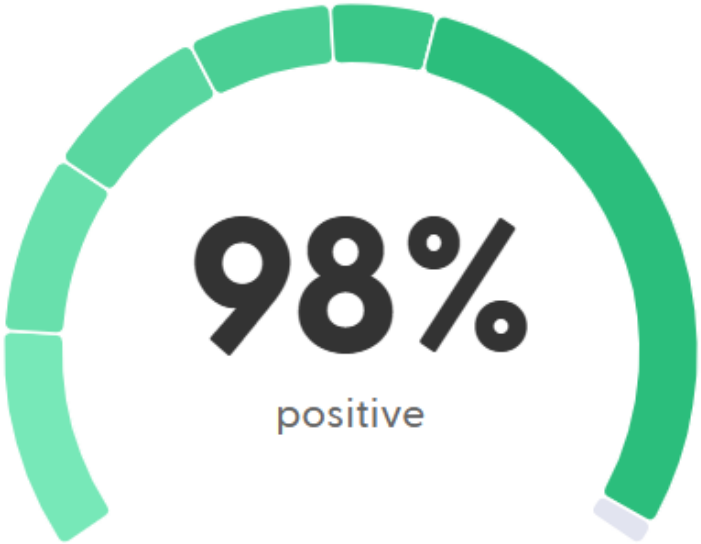
Stay Connected with Class Dojo

Class Dojo is our main way of keeping in touch with you about your child's day-to-day school life. It's more than just a messaging app – it's a window into your child's learning and achievements. If you're not checking it regularly or don't have it downloaded on a device, you're missing out on lots of valuable updates!

Here's what you can do with Class Dojo:

- See photos and videos of classroom learning and school events
- Receive important news and announcements instantly
- Track your child's Dojo points for positive behaviour and effort
- Message your child's teacher directly with quick questions or updates
- Get reminders about key dates, events and things to bring in
- Celebrate successes and stay informed about your child's progress

📲 Don't miss out! If you haven't yet connected or need help logging in, please speak to your child's class teacher or the School Office for a join code.



AS A WHOLE SCHOOL, WE ACHIEVED A 98% POSITIVE SCORE ON THE OVERALL NUMBER OF DOJO'S GIVEN. WELL DONE EVERYONE - WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT.

Skills

1	**Excellence** One class	544	
2	**Working Hard** 12 classes	437	
3	**Being Ready** 3 classes	416	

Classes

1	**Y5 Team Freedman 202...** Year 5	100%	positive
2	**Y6 Team Horowitz 202...** Year 6	100%	positive
3	**Y4 Team Rosen 2024/2...** Year 4	99%	positive

ATTENDANCE



We've started the summer term strong, with attendance being regularly over 97%. This week, we took a bit of a dip and landed at 95.6% overall for this week. This is mainly because of sporadic absence - half-a-day here or a day there. It's really important that children ae in school, **on time (as this affects children's attendance records too!)** regularly and consistently.

Well done to the **165** children who have excellent attendance this week - with no days absent. Let's keep going with this wonderful achievement.

Every day - ***every minute*** - counts!

This week's figures

Year 3	97.0%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	95.0%

Wilson	97.0%
Rowling	97.0%
Rosen	96.9%
Morpurgo	91.5%
Freedman	96.4%
Blackman	96.8%
Horowitz	96.4%
Okogwu	93.3%
Whole school	**96%**

ATTENDANCE



Do I need to keep my child off school?

HSC Public Health Agency

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	**Conjunctivitis** No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	**Diarrhoea & Vomiting** 48 hours from last episode	**Glandular Fever** No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	**Hand, foot & mouth** No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	**Impetigo** Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	**Mumps** 5 days from onset of swelling	**Scabies** Until after first treatment	**Scarlet Fever** 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	**Slapped Cheek** No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	**Whooping Cough** 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	**Head Lice** No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	**Threadworms** No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	**Tonsillitis** No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	



JO BELL'S

ART WORKSHOP

- TUESDAY 10TH JUNE - ABORIGINAL BOOMERANGS
- TUESDAY 24TH JUNE - AMATE BARK PAINTING
- TUESDAY 8TH JULY - WORRY DOLLS
- TUESDAY 22ND JULY - TRICK ART



£7.50 PER SESSION, WHICH INCUDES ALL MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

SCHOOL MEAL MENU

Our school is a nut free zone!

My School Menu Spring/Summer 2025

Week 1

Week commencing
21 April, 12 May,
2 June, 23 June,
14 July,
1 Sept, 22 Sept,
13 October

Beef burger Wednesdays



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Vegetarian roll Soya Milk Gluten with baked beans, jacket wedges & sweetcorn	BBQ cheesy chicken Milk OR Quorn Milk Egg with roasted new potatoes, broccoli & carrots	Beef burger Egg Sesame Gluten OR Southern fried Quorn burger Milk Egg Sesame Gluten with oven chips, baked beans & peas	Yorkshire pudding wrap Milk Egg Gluten filled with roast meat of the day OR Quorn Milk Egg roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables & gravy	Breaded fish Fish Gluten OR Fishless finger Gluten with crushed new potatoes, sweetcorn & peas
Pudding	Honey & oat cookie Gluten	Chocolate muffin Egg Gluten	Ice cream tub Milk	Cornflake tart Gluten Sulphur Dioxide with custard Milk	Chocolate brownie Gluten

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My School Menu Spring/Summer 2025

Week 2

Week commencing
28 April, 19 May,
9 June, 30 June,
21 July, 8 Sept,
29th Sept

Taco Tuesdays



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Pork meatballs Egg Gluten OR veggie meatballs Soya in a tomato sauce with pasta shape of the day Gluten Soya Mustard & roasted mediterranean vegetables	BBQ chicken taco Gluten OR BBQ Quorn taco Gluten Egg with jewelled rice, carrot & cucumber sticks	Bangers & mash Gluten Sulphur Dioxide OR plant based sausage Soya Sulphur Dioxide with seasonal vegetables & gravy Featuring our Nottinghamshire sausage from local butchers Maloney's	Roasted gammon OR Quorn Milk Egg with jacket wedges, roasted summery vegetables & gravy	Fish finger cob Fish Gluten Sesame OR Fishless finger cob Gluten Sesame with oven chips, baked beans & peas
Pudding	Gingerbread cookie Gluten	Pancakes Gluten Milk Egg & honey	Butterscotch Shortcake Milk Gluten	Cherry iced bun Gluten Egg Milk Soya	Strawberry fairy cake Egg Gluten

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My School Menu

Spring/Summer 2025

Week 3

Week commencing
5 May, 26 May,
16 June, 7 July,
28 July, 15 Sept,
6 October

Fakeaway Fridays

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Cheesy BBQ pizza Soya Gluten Milk with potato balls & sweetcorn	Beef Bolognese Mustard Soya Gluten OR Quorn Bolognese Mustard Soya Gluten Egg with garlic bread, Gluten Milk Soya carrot & cucumber sticks	Chicken enchiladas Milk Gluten OR Quorn enchiladas, Milk Gluten Egg with rice & tomato salsa Sesame	Roast meat of the day filled cob Gluten Sesame (pork or gammon) OR Quorn Egg Milk with jacket wedges & roasted summery vegetable	Hot Dog Gluten Sesame Sulphur dioxide OR Plant based sausage Soya Sulphur dioxide Gluten Sesame with tomato ketchup, peas & french fries
Pudding	Golden syrup flapjack Gluten	Fruit ice lolly	Strawberry mousse Milk with crushed meringues Egg Milk & raspberry sauce	Jam Roly Poly Gluten Milk Sulphur Dioxide Egg with custard Milk	Donuts Soya Milk Gluten Egg Sesame

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Jigsaw's Community Grocers

Every Friday (TERM TIME and CASH ONLY)
from 7 March 2025 between
1pm and 2.30pm at:

**Killisick Community Centre, Killisick Road
Arnold, Nottingham NG5 8DB.**

Only £4 per household per week for people living within a 2 mile radius of the Centre.

Please bring your own bags and have the correct money with you if possible.

For more information and to register please contact
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On the horizon...

On the horizon

19 May	MONDAY · SCHOOL EVENT	Yr6 Trip to Holocaust Centre **All day**
19 May	MONDAY · SCHOOL EVENT	Year 4 Multiplication Times table Check - Parent / Carer Meeting **15:30 - 16:00**
20 May	TUESDAY · SCHOOL EVENT	Yr6 NCMP (National Child Measurement Programme) **13:00 - 14:00**
21 May	WEDNESDAY · SCHOOL EVENT	DCP Drumming Performance - parents/carers by invitation **09:00 - 09:30**
22 May	THURSDAY · SCHOOL EVENT	Mental Health Awareness - Parent/ carer coffee & cake morning **09:15 - 10:15**
23 May	FRIDAY · SCHOOL EVENT	NON UNIFORM DAY- WEAR IT GREEN FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS **All day**
26 May	MULTI-DAY · SCHOOL EVENT	KJS - May Half Term - School Closed **26 May - 30 May**
2 Jun	MONDAY · SCHOOL EVENT	KJS - INSET Day - School Closed **All day**

