

Dates for your Diary

November

Thursday 10th - Help Yourself - Food & Clothes Event, 3pm-4pm (Sports Hall)

Friday 11th - Remembrance Day Assembly

Anti Bullying Week—Monday 14th - Odd Sock Day

Monday 14th - Year 1, Windmill Gardens

Friday 18th - Children In Need

Monday 21st - Year 3, Windmill Gardens

Tuesday 22nd - Canning Circus Christmas light switch on

Wednesday 30th - Year 1 Library visit

December

Friday 2nd - Parents Coffee Morning (Run by parent Governors)

Tuesday 6th - Dick Whittington Pantomime.

Friday 9th - Year 1 & 2 Christmas Breakfast

- Christmas Jumper Day
- School Christmas Fayre
- Christingle at St Peters Church (TBC)

Monday 12th - Yr R, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Southwell Minster for Christmas

Wednesday 14th - KS1 Nativity

- School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 15th - KS2 Christmas performance

Tuesday 20th - Christmas Carols, Year 6 assembly

Wednesday 21st - Last Day of term, Class Christmas Parties

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY

1st Term Attendance - Week Ending 14th October

Attendance is very important at Radford Academy and has dropped below Governments minimum expectation of 95%. We will be monitoring this closely and any holidays taken in term time will be referred to EWO.

Our Attendance Officer, **Andreas Houston** is here to help with any issues or queries about your child's attendance. You are able to contact Andreas on **0115 9155810**.

Please help us to improve attendance - it really does matter!

Group	Possible	% Attend
R	100	96.5
1	100	94.9
2	100	94.7
3	100	96.2
4	100	93.3
5	100	93.5
6	100	94.9
Totals	100	94.8

Lates

We still have a few children arriving after registration closes at 9.05am. The start of the day is very important as this is where children get all their information from the teachers. When children arrive late, they are missing valuable time, it also disrupts the class and takes time away from the teacher as they will then have to repeat the lesson objectives again.

Children must arrive at school for 8.45am and be ready in the class line for teachers to take them in at 8.50am. Children who arrive after this time will receive a Late mark. Children arriving after 9.05am more than 10 consecutive times will be referred to EWO.

Medical Appointments

Reminder for all medical, dental and other appointments to be made out of school time whenever possible. Any children being taken out during the school day will need proof of medical appointment for this to be authorised.

Packed Lunches

We understand that some children will still prefer to bring their own lunch to school, however, sometimes these lunches are made up of unhealthy snacks such as cakes, chocolates, crisps and biscuits. Whilst it's nice to have a little treat this is not suitable for your child's packed lunch. This should be made up of healthy foods such as sandwiches/wraps and snacks such as veg sticks. Please follow this link to the [Lunch-box ideas and recipes - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/healthier-families-ideas/) to find out about some simple and delicious packed lunch ideas.

If we notice children with unhealthy snacks in their lunchbox, we will contact parents to remind them of our policy.

THURSDAY 10TH HELP YOURSELF TO FOOD AND CLOTHES



We have a range of good quality secondhand clothes for all ages which we would like to offer to anyone who could make use of them. We also have a range of non-perishable food items that have been donated for any of our families to take. We have all these things set up in the sports hall on Thursday 10th at 3pm for you to come along and help yourself.



Children In Need

We will have biscuits on sale for 50p and children can come to school wearing something yellow, spotty or just some accessories.



Parents Coffee Morning

Our Governors are planning a meet and greet coffee morning on Friday 2nd December, 9am in the sports hall. All parents are welcome to come along and meet the governors, ask any questions and share their opinions.



Parent Volunteers needed

We would like to improve the after-school provision for the children and widen the number and types of clubs on offer. If you would like to help support any of these clubs by sparing an hour a week after school or have skills / hobbies that you would like to share with small groups of children please speak to your child's class teacher or Jeanette Topping, office administrator.

We also need volunteers to come in to school and hear children read regularly. Even half an hour can help. If you would like to help but are not sure how best to support a child when listening to them read, we will spend some time with you so you are confident and prepared. If you can spare some time and would like to help, please register your interest with Jeanette Topping.



Parent Support

NottAlone is a dedicated website providing information and support for young people's mental health across Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County. If you are aged under 25, are a parent or carer, or a professional who works with and supports young people, you can find information, advice and where to go to get help.

Go on to the website and browse through the list of topics for advice, guidance and local support services available to you. There is a wealth of information including information on Bullying, Anxiety and Panic attacks, Anger, Gangs or Dangerous Situations, Family Separation, Mental Health and Bereavement and Loss.

<https://nottalone.org.uk/>



Christmas Information



Christmas Light switch on



Everyone's invited, bring along the family. A group of our children will be singing a carol.

Please let us know if your child would like to take part in the singing.



KS2 Pantomime visit, Nottingham Playhouse

Look out for letters in your child's bookbag! We have managed to subsidise this as we feel it's important that all children get this experience. Therefore the cost per child for this will be just £5.00.



Christmas Jumper Day

Children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers if you would like to make a donation of 50p please give to the class teacher.



Christmas Breakfast Year 1 & 2

Please look out for more information coming regarding this. Payments will be set up on School Gateway.



Christingle



We will be taking the children to St Peters Church in December to learn about Christingle, they will all make a Christingle orange to bring back to school.

Class Topics for this term

Class R

This half term our topic is 'Celebrations'. We are exploring Bonfire Night, Diwali, Birthdays, Harvest and Christmas. On the 4th November we had a visitor from St John's Ambulance who taught us all how to stay safe around fireworks. We all had a sparkler and used what we had learnt to stay safe and hold the sparkler safely.

Please look on Class Dojo for our upcoming events and activities.



Class 1

Our topic this term is Autumn and our local area. We will be basing some of our work around the book A Pipkin of Pepper by Helen Cooper. Click on the link to hear the story at home.

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We will be going to Windmill Gardens on Monday 14th November and cooking with pumpkins as well learning more about Autumn and seasonal changes.

This half term we are also going to be learning about our local area. We will let you know when we plan the walks as we would appreciate some parent helpers.

The children will be listening to traditional tales over the year. This half term it will be Rumpelstiltskin, The Enormous Turnip, The Snow Queen, Frog Prince Little Red Hen and Dick Whittington. It would be helpful if you can share these or any traditional stories with your child or watch on the internet.

Please remember to sign your child's reading diary each evening after they have read their book. We will be sending phonics videos of the sounds that the children are learning each day. They are only a few minutes long. Please could you ensure your child watches it each evening.

We are looking forward to taking the children to Southwell Minster next month as part of our R.E topic. The children will be taking part in drama, storytelling and craft-based activities as well as have the fantastic opportunity to look around the Minster and artefacts.

Class 2



Our topic this term is Could a dragon have started the Great Fire of London?

Our class book is The dragon machine <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/the-dragon-machine/>

The children will be learning about the Great Fire of London in History and Materials in Science.

We are looking forward to looking at the artefacts from our Great fire of London loan box and our author visit on the 11th of November. Homework will be about our math's topics and focusing on our key skills in English writing and using and applying grammar.

Please remember, this term we have PE on a Wednesday and a Thursday.

Class 3

Our topic this term is North America and forces and magnets.

Our class book is The Iron Man [The Iron Man text.pdf - Google Drive](#)

The children will be learning to make moving pictures.

We are looking forward to our visits to Windmill Gardens and to The pantomime.

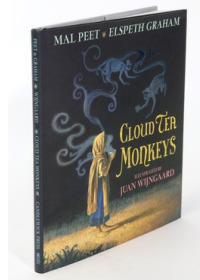
Homework will be handed out each Friday. One piece of Topic homework needs to be completed each week. Children can access TTRS, sumdog and letterjoin at home.

Please remember, this term we will be focusing on preparing for our Christmas performance.

Class 4

Year 4 are learning about rivers, changing state and the water cycle this half term.

We are reading 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' by Mal Peet and will design and make our own tea packaging in D&T.



Anti-Bullying Week

This ANTI-BULLYING WEEK we are holding an Odd Socks day on Monday 14th November. Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all **UNIQUE!**



Prizes for the most interesting combinations! Lots of activities and lessons during the week to help everyone understand how bullying affects people, what to do if you're worried about bullying and why it is important that we all celebrate our uniqueness.

Class 5

Our topic this term is 'Life Cycles'.

Our class book is 'Cicada' by Shaun Tan. This is an extraordinary picture book, with beautiful artwork and a very poignant ending which both shocks and inspires – no more spoiler alerts! Follow the link to see some of the fantastic images from the book

<https://www.shauntan.net/cicada-book>

The children will be learning why authors choose to use non-standard English and will develop their narrative writing skills. They will also learn about the life cycle of a cicada and will know how to show this in a cyclical diagram. They will look at other life cycles in their science lessons.

Closer to Christmas, we will be working from the picture book 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs. You can watch the film of the book here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZE9KpobX9J8>

Autumn 2 Homework is on Showbie in our homework folder. One piece of work should be uploaded each week. If you cannot upload from home, please bring your work into school and we can upload it here.

Class 6

Our topic this term is Christmas.

Our class book is A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens (Read the story at: [A Christmas Carol \(ibiblio.org\)](http://AChristmasCarol(ibiblio.org)) and watch an animated version at: [\(2\) Charles Dickens: A Christmas Carol - An Animated Classic - YouTube](http://(2)CharlesDickens:AChristmasCarol-AnAnimatedClassic-YouTube)

The children will be learning to write narratives building tension in the style of Charles Dickens. They will continue to work on multiplication and division, and fractions in maths. They are exploring electrical circuits in science. In D&T, class 6 are making their cam toys. They will learn about the artwork of Hannah Hoch. They will understand more about Christmas traditions in RE.

We are looking forward to the Pantomime, Christingle service and A Christmas Carol performance,

Homework is given out on Friday and due in on Wednesday. It is available on Showbie or paper. Children should also continue to access Times Tables Rockstars, Numbots and Sumdog regularly as well.

We have PE on a Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning. We will be preparing for our 'A Christmas Carol,' performance over this half term. Please keep a look out for your child's lines coming soon. We would also appreciate your help with providing a costume. (Further details to come)

Year 6 Focus Week

Every year, class 6 have the brilliant opportunity to attend a 'Focus Week' as part of our partnership with Into University. From 10th-14th October, year 6 took part in a week of carefully planned activities to develop their knowledge of evolution (part of the science curriculum) as well as learning more about university and thinking about their own future aspirations. The week was packed full of activities including: practical science activities, research and teamwork about a particular scientist, Nottingham University workshop about adaptation and natural selection, trip to Stonebridge City Farm, writing and presenting our own future aspirations and a university campus tour. All this work was shared with parents during the final graduation ceremony held at Nottingham University.



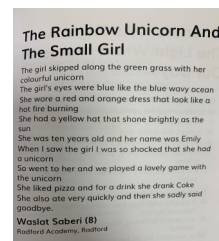
Head Boy and Girl

Congratulations to our newly appointed Head Boy Mazin And our Head Girl Anaya.



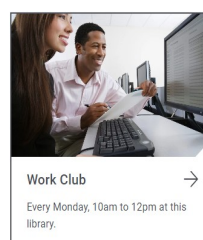
Young Writers

Congratulations to Waslat who's Poem 'The Rainbow Unicorn And The Small Girl' was chosen to be published in the 'This Is Me' Young Writers book.



Lenton/Radford Library

Councilors are supporting to keep Lenton/Radford Library open. Please make as much use of this as possible. The more people that use the services the better chance it has of staying open. Below are the opening times and a work club that may be of interest to some parents.



Work Club
Every Monday, 10am to 12pm at this library.

Opening Times

Monday	- 9am - 1pm
Tuesday	- Closed
Wednesday	- 9am - 6pm
Thursday	- Closed
Friday	- 9am - 1pm
Saturday	- 9am - 1pm
Sunday	- Closed
Bank Holidays	- Closed