



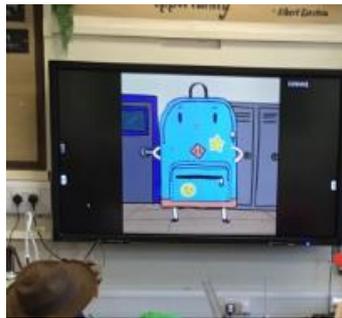
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Executive Headteacher – Mrs P Atwal

Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy term so far and Easter is fast approaching. We have had some wonderful experiences here at school, which the children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed. World Book Day was a fantastic success with a sense of joy and excitement throughout school with dressing up, reading bedtime stories, reading favourite books and our 'Masked Reader' competition in school. Thank you to all of our children who have made wooden spoon book characters – their prizes have been given out – and we are looking forward to seeing these decorate our library soon. East Midlands Railway have worked with our children in Year 4 on the train to read their book 'An Adventure Through Railway Past, Miles' Magical Journey' which they have very kindly donated a copy of to each child in school. Thank you to all of our parents and families who attended the pop-up library last week. It was great to see our children enjoy reading with all of you here at school.



Forest Schools

Year 3 children have thoroughly enjoyed their forest school experience at Horsley Woodhouse. Mrs Flint is keen to continue some of these activities back at school so watch this space! Our Forest School club has begun today with Mr Redmond. We are so delighted to be able to offer this experience to our children.

Clubs

Next term, we will be introducing a Choir Club to Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children - details to follow.

Mrs Mason will be running the Key Stage 2 club and Mrs Ellis will be running the Key Stage 1 club - we can't wait to hear some beautiful tunes!

Clubs next half term:

- *Monday – Key Stage 1 Multi Sport*
- *Tuesday – Key Stage 2 Summer Sports (cricket, athletics, rounders) & Key Stage 1 Choir*
- *Wednesday - Key Stage 2 Choir*
- *Thursday – Key Stage 1 Forest Schools Club*

Summer Term Trips

School trips coming up:

- *Class R – Bluebells Farm*
- *Class 1 – Sudbury Museum of Childhood*
- *Class 2 – Peak Wildlife Park*
- *Class 4 – Bestwood Education Centre – Romans*
- *Class 5 – National Space Centre*

Class 3 have already had their school trip to Chatsworth House and have enjoyed their Forest School days. Class 6 have attended Cromford Mill and will also be attending PGL in a few weeks' time.

Local Governing Team

Our governing team has a new member, Tracey Mosley, who will join us from next week. She will be a valuable addition to our dedicated team of governors and we look forward to welcoming her to the team.

Red Nose Day – Friday 21st March 2025

Next Friday, we are celebrating Red Nose Day in school (please see the letter sent on TheSchoolApp or via this link [Red Nose Day 2025](#)). We are coinciding this day with our **rescheduled TTRS Rock Star day**. Donations will be welcomed via ParentPay - thank you for your continued support.

Message from Mr Redmond

I am very sad to share the following news with you regarding Mr Redmond, who has written the message below to share with you all:

As many of you will be aware, I have spent the past few years facing on going health complications due to vocal palsy. It is for this reason I am regretfully leaving my post as class teacher at Easter. I want to express my deepest gratitude for the support and understanding the entire school community have shown me throughout this time. 'Family' is one of our key Embark values and it is one I believe this school embodies to the fullest. It has been a pleasure to work alongside a group of professionals who I know care deeply about everyone who steps through our school gates. During every step of what has been a difficult couple of years, I have felt uplifted by not just the team around me but by my classes, the children around school and parents of them.

I have worked at Richardson Endowed for nearly a decade now and teaching the children of this community has been an incredibly rewarding experience. From seeing young people discover and develop a love of learning; giving and getting book recommendations from avid readers; to watching computing experts code their own algorithms – I have cherished every moment. The children of our school are caring, talented, and full of potential, and it has been an honour to be a part of their educational journey.

Yours gratefully,

Mr Redmond

I am sure you will all understand Mr Redmond's reluctant decision and share in our sadness at his departure; he has been a huge part of our school team and will be sadly missed. I know you will join us in thanking Mr Redmond for all of his hard work over his many years at our school. As you would expect, our focus will be on our Year 5 children and we are currently organising a replacement teacher for the summer term to ensure consistency and continuity for the children in the class. Please rest assured that we will continue to do everything we can to ensure the educational experiences for all our children remain of the highest quality.

Kind regards,

Mrs P Atwal
Executive Headteacher

Key Dates:

Easter Holidays	Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April
First Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
May Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 5 th May
SATs Week – Year 6	Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May
Mental Health Awareness Week	Monday 12 th May to Sunday 18 th May
Year 1 class trip – Museum of Childhood Sudbury	Tuesday 20 th May
Year 4 class trip – Bestwood Education Centre	Thursday 22 nd May
Half Term	Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd June
Reception class trip – Bluebell Farm	Wednesday 4 th June
Year 2 class trip – Peak Wildlife Park	Monday 9 th June
JS Photography – Groups and Leavers	Thursday 12 th June
Embark Inset Day	Monday 23 rd June
John Flamsteed Transition Days – Year 6	Tuesday 24 th June to Thursday 26 th June
John Flamsteed Parent/Carer Evening – Year 6 * At John Flamsteed Community School	Thursday 26 th June (6.00pm → 7.30pm)
Year 5 class trip – National Space Centre	Monday 30 th June
Heanor Gate Transition Days – Year 6	Wednesday 2 nd July → Friday 4 th July
Heanor Gate Meet the Tutor Evening – Year 6 * At Heanor Gate Spencer Academy	Thursday 3 rd July
Tough Runner	Thursday 17 th July
Last Day of Term	Thursday 24 th July
Summer Holidays	Friday 25th July to Wednesday 3rd September
First Day of Autumn Term	Thursday 4 th September
Inset Days	Thursday 4 th September and Friday 5 th September
Pupils Return to School	Monday 8 th September