



*Learning happily together*

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Wednesday, 1 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe another week has flown by, thank you to everyone who came to the "Meet the Teacher" event on Thursday evening. If you weren't able to attend you will still get the chance to talk to your child's teacher this term as we are holding more formal Parents' Evenings after the half term holidays.



### **Parent Governor Nominations**

Unfortunately, at the close of nominations on Monday morning, nobody had come forward to be a Parent Governor at our school. We actually have two vacancies, so would really appreciate it if anyone felt able to support our school. If you are interested in being a Governor please let me know.



### **FSA News**

Big Fat Quiz of the Year & AGM: The Quiz is on Friday, 10 October at 7pm in The Final Whistle on Station Road. Tickets are selling well, and cost just £5. You can either enter a team of six, or we can organise for you to join a team on the night, if you would like tickets please call into the School Office.

Y1 & Y2 Disco: The children will bring home a letter today about the end of term discos for Y1 and Y2 children. Disco tickets are £5 and include glowsticks, temporary tattoos, drinks and a "party bag" to take home. There is a slip at the bottom of the letter for you to complete if you child would like to attend the disco.



### **Special Menu**

A reminder that tomorrow (Thursday, 2 October) there is a special "American Diner" themed menu. The children will be served a BBQ Burger, or a Quorn Burger with smoky wedges and beans and pudding will be a S'mores cookie bar. The usual jacket potato and "pick and mix" options are also still available.



### **Mental Health Workshops for Y1 Children**

As a school we are really pleased to continue our involvement with the Nottinghamshire Mental Health Support Team. This team links directly with Nottinghamshire CAMHS teams and provides in school sessions to promote positive mental health.

As part of the support we receive in school from the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) the Y1 children will be taking part in a 45 minute workshop tomorrow afternoon, (Thursday, 2 October).

The session will be led by Taylor Irving and Tilly Fisher, who are support workers trained in leading workshops for young children. Each class will have a 45-minute session all about 'Naming Emotions'. This will include stories, movement and discussions which link to the Year 1 PSHE curriculum this half term.

## **SCARF** SCARF Workshops for F2 & Y2 children

At Lowe's Wong Infant School we deliver our PSHE lessons through a scheme called SCARF. With this newsletter there is a letter from the Coram Life Education Team about the SCARF scheme. The children in Y2 and F2 will be participating in SCARF workshops next Tuesday (7<sup>th</sup> October). The Y2 workshop will focus on 'Feelings' and the F2 workshop will focus on 'All about me'. Both of the workshops will be delivered by a member of the SCARF team.



### **Boxes Please!**

You may have noticed that the children in our F2 (Rainbow & Yellow Rooms) love box modelling! We would therefore be very grateful for any donations of cardboard boxes and cartons (not egg boxes or anything that has contained nuts) for our creative area, thank you.



### **Harvest Festival**

On Monday, 6 October we will be holding our Harvest Festival in Southwell Minster at 9.30am. Parents, carers, and other family members are welcome to meet us in the Minster and join us for the service, (if you arrive before the children please will you sit at the back or at the side of the Minster, allowing us to seat the children at the front).

This year our chosen charity is the Newark Foodbank, and at the moment they would particularly appreciate donations of:

- Tea bags
- Tinned meat soup
- Instant mashed potato
- Tinned potatoes
- Tins or jars of hot dogs
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned fish
- Sponge puddings – tinned or microwaveable
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meatballs
- Tinned rice pudding
- Large bags for life

Please send any donations on the day. If parents and carers are not able to get hold of any of these items, or would prefer to make a cash donation, we know that the charity appreciate anything you are able to give.



### **Bramley Apple Day – Friday, 17 October**

As part of Southwell's Bramley Apple Festival, we will once again be holding our "Bramley Apple Day". On Friday, 17 October (the day before the half term holiday), we would like the children to come to school in 'apple themed' fancy dress! In the past, we have had apple kings and apple queens, apple fairies and apple witches, chefs baking apple pies and even "New York – The Big Apple" - so anything goes! We will parade around school at about 9.15am so that parents and carers can admire all of the creations, so please feel free to wait on the playground after drop off.

There will be a prize for the best fancy dress outfit in each class, and the Bramley King and Queen will be chosen from those prize-winners.



### Scarecrow at Maxey's Farm Shop

You might have seen on our Instagram page that we have entered the Scarecrow competition at Maxey's Farm Shop. Our "Bat Scarecrow" will be in the pumpkin field at Maxey's from 4<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October – so do go and have a look if you are visiting the shop or picking a pumpkin, and please don't forget to vote for us!



### Reading Helpers Please!

Are there any mums, dads, grandparents or other relatives who could spare a little of their time to hear readers in school? We would really appreciate some help with reading – particularly in the Y1 classes. If you are interested in helping in school please contact the School Office or speak to your child's teacher, thank you.

### SPAGHETTI MATHS

#### Spaghetti Maths After School Club for Y1 & Y2

The children will bring home a flyer today about "Spaghetti Maths", a fun after school maths club for children in Y1 and Y2. The information about booking on to the club is on the flyer. If your child is entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant and would like to do the club, please contact the School Office as you are entitled to pay an reduced cost.



### Midday Supervisor Vacancies

We are currently advertising for new Midday supervisors. If you would like more information about the post please feel free to contact me, either by e-mail [head@lwi.org.uk](mailto:head@lwi.org.uk) or telephone 01636 812207, or call into the School Office for more information.

Finally, with this newsletter there is the flyer from the Coram Life Education Team about "SCARF".

Thank you for your continued support,

*A.E. Speed*

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Headteacher



### Dates for Your Diary

**Thursday, 2 October**

**Monday, 6 October**

**Tuesday, 7 October**

**Thursday, 9 October**

**Friday, 10 October**

**Friday, 17 October**

Mental Health workshops for Y1 classes

Harvest Festival in Southwell Minster

SCARF (PSHE) workshops for F2 & Y2 children

Newark Advertiser taking F2 class photos

3.30 – 5pm Open Evening for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2026

FSA AGM & Quiz for parents and carers

Bramley Apple Day!

*Break up for the half term holiday*

<b>Monday, 3 November</b>	School re-opens for the second half of the Autumn Term
<b>Friday, 7 November</b>	Grandparents' Day
<b>Tuesday, 11 November</b>	Mansfield Toy Museum workshops for Y1
	Parents' Evening 3.45pm – 6.15pm
<b>Thursday, 13 November</b>	Parents' Evening 3.45pm – 6.15pm
<b>Friday, 14 November</b>	Children in Need Day
<b>Tuesday, 25 November</b>	3.30 – 5pm Open Evening for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2026
<b>Friday, 28 November</b>	Christmas Craft Day
<b>Tuesday, 9 December</b>	4pm School Choir Concert
<b>Friday, 12 December</b>	School closed for INSET
<b>Monday, 15 December</b>	5.15pm Y1 Christmas Concert
<b>Tuesday, 16 December</b>	2pm Y1 Christmas Concert
	5.15pm F2 Christmas Concert
<b>Wednesday, 17 December</b>	2pm F2 Christmas Concert
	5.15pm Y2 Christmas Concert
<b>Thursday, 18 December</b>	2pm Y2 Christmas Concert
<b>Friday, 19 December</b>	Party Day
	<i>Break up for the Christmas Holidays</i>
<b>Monday, 5 January 2026</b>	School re-opens for the Spring Term



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