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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children observed the two-minute silence beautifully this morning, we went into the hall and watched the BBC images from around the UK. There are photographs on our Facebook and Instagram pages of the beautiful poppy wreath made by Green Room.



Christmas Jumpers

Thank you to those parents and carers who have sent in donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers/tops/dresses for the stall at Southwell's Late Night Shopping Event.
If anyone has any more jumpers or tops to donate, please could they be handed in to the School Office before Thursday 26th, thank you.



Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who came to Parents' Evening last night. If you haven't yet made an appointment, the teachers do still have a few slots available for tomorrow night, so please see your child's teacher if you need to book an appointment. A reminder that this is an evening for parents and carers, so please do not bring your children to the meeting, thank you.



Nottinghamshire Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

As a school, we are really pleased to continue our work with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). The MHST is a team of professionals who help bridge the gap between health and education, working closely with Senior Mental Health Leads in schools across Nottinghamshire. The team provides early intervention support for children, young people and families experiencing emotional wellbeing difficulties, such as anxiety, low mood, managing emotions and sleep difficulties. They also work closely with Nottinghamshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).
The MHST will have a stand in the dining room at tomorrow night's Parents' Evening, so pop along, have a chat, and find out more about the support available.



Puzzles and Games Please!

The School Council would like more puzzles and games for Y1 to use in the Gallery please. If anyone has any good condition pre-loved puzzles or games suitable for Y1 children to play with independently, please could they bring them to the School Office – thank you!



Children in Need – Friday, 14 November

It is "Children in Need Day" on Friday, 13 November, so in honour of Pudsey and Blush we would like the children to bring their bears to school on Friday!

The children should come to school in their uniform on Friday, but of course they are also welcome to wear any Children in Need merchandise they have too (such as wristbands, badges or even Pudsey or Blush ears!)

If anyone wants to donate cash to Children in Need then please send the money in to the School Office, thank you.



MDSA "Superstars" Award

I am delighted to tell you that the winners of the MDSA "Superstars" Award for last term were **Rainbow Room**, they won 15 stars for good behaviour and lovely manners at lunchtimes. For their treat they are going to have a little "disco" in the school hall!



Anti-Bullying Week 2026

Next week is Anti-Bullying week, and the theme this year is: ***Break the Silence*.**

The theme focuses on encouraging children, young people, and adults to:

- **Speak up** when they experience bullying
- **Report concerns** when they witness bullying
- **Listen carefully** when someone shares their experiences
- **Take action** rather than ignoring bullying
- **Create open conversations** about bullying in schools, homes and communities

If you would like any resources to help discussions at home, they can be found here: Parent and carer pack

We will start the week by celebrating '**Odd Socks Day**' on Monday, 16 November, and we would love the children (and staff!) to wear odd socks to school on that day to celebrate what makes us all different and unique!



Road Safety Week

Next week is also National Road Safety Week, so we will be talking to the children about staying safe near roads and traffic. We will also look at reflective materials that can be worn in the darker mornings and evenings in Autumn and Winter.



KS1 Local Walk

As part of their Geography work, KS1 (Y1 and Y2) are going to go on a walk around Southwell and look at human and physical features of the town. **Orange** and **Green** Rooms are going on their walk on Tuesday, 24 November and **Violet** Room are going on their walk on Wednesday, 25 November. We do need a few parent helpers to accompany us on the walks, so if you can help please see your child's teacher, and talk to Mrs Butler in the School Office about obtaining a DBS certificate.



National Child Measurement Programme

The National Child Measurement Programme team are in school on Monday to do height and weight measurements with our F2 (Reception children). Informtaion about the programme has already been sent out, but if you have any questions do pop and see Mrs Butler in the School Office, and she will try to help with your enquiry.



Country Dancing Display

The Y2 Country Dancing Club will be doing a display during assembly at 10.10am on Friday, 20 November in the School Hall. Parents and carers of the children in that club are invited to come to the assembly watch the display.

Finally, with this newsletter there is a flyer from Next Level Sports about their Christmas Holiday Camps, and a flyer from Southwell Rugby Club about Girls' Rugby.

Thank you for your continued support,

A.E. Speed

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Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday, 12 November	3.45pm – 6.30pm Parents' Evening (***appointments still available***)
Friday, 13 November	Children in Need Day
	FSA Quiz Night
Monday, 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
	Road Safety Week
	NCMP checks for F2 pupils
Friday, 20 November	Country Dancers performing in assembly
Tuesday, 24 November	Green and Orange Room – local walk ****new date***
	4pm – 5.30pm Open Evening for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2027
Wednesday, 25 November	Violet Room – local walk ****new date***
Thursday, 26 November	Choir performance at "Late Night Shopping"
Tuesday, 1 December	Christmas Craft Day (Christmas jumpers may be worn)
Wednesday, 2 December	Y2 visit to Southwell Minster
Friday, 4 December	Y1 visit to Bestwood
Monday, 7 December	"Little City Christmas" visiting Foundation
Wednesday, 9 December	Christmas Lunch (Christmas jumpers may be worn) ****new date***
Monday, 14 December	5.15pm Y1 Christmas Concert
Tuesday, 15 December	2pm Y1 Christmas Concert
	5.15pm FS Christmas Concert
Wednesday, 16 December	2pm FS Christmas Concert
	5.15pm Y2 Christmas Concert
Thursday, 17 December	2pm Y2 Christmas Concert
Friday, 18 December	Party Day!
	Break up for the Christmas Holidays

Monday, 4 January 2027 School re-opens for the Spring Term

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