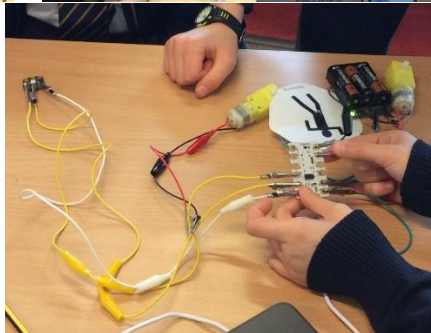
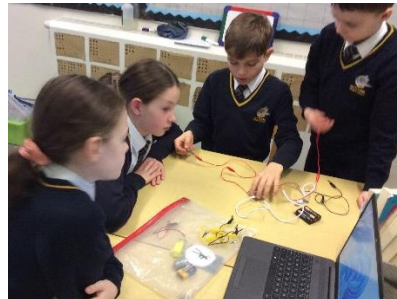
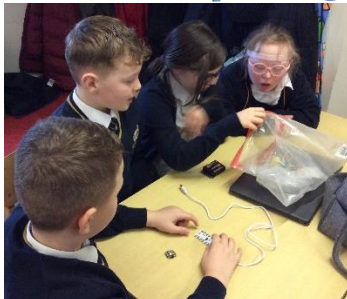


'Being the best we can be together!' Chestnut's visit to Nottingham Castle and Brewhouse Yard.



This term, Chestnut class has visited Nottingham Castle and Brewhouse Yard to support their learning about castles and other history topics. They had an amazing time!

Computing in Cedar Class



In Computing, year 5 have been learning how to use a crumble micro-controller to control lights and motors.

Rattle and Roll Wraparound Update

As you will already know, Rattle and Roll will open our new wraparound provision in September 2024, wraparound means before and after school care. You will probably have seen the new banner on our school fence.

If you wish to register a place for your child they have a dedicated phonenumber which is open from 8am to 6pm: 07722014301 or you can email on

enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com



Is your child entitled to Free school meals, trips and additional school funding? Find out if you're entitled

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Updated National Framework for Penalty Notices

As many of you will already have heard in the news, the government have updated their framework for fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absence. The updates come into force from **August 2024**, I am letting you know now so that you are aware when booking family holidays. In September, our attendance policy will be updated to include the following information.

- Under the new national framework, fines will be considered when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.
- The fine for unauthorised school absences across the country will be **£80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.**
- If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.
- Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.
- If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.
- Money raised via fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

Please bear in mind when booking holidays, that no holidays are authorised unless there is an exceptional circumstance. Fines are per child, per parent. From September, holidays will be looked at over a 3-year period.

NottAlone Live



Our head boy and head girl attended NottAlone live with Mrs Kenny and Mrs Magirr. This was part of Children's Mental Health week and gave the children the opportunity to attend a range of exciting workshops.



Chess Club

Every Wednesday the Humphrey's family volunteer to run a KS2 chess club alongside Miss Allen. This term, chess knowledge has developed well and we have attended a tournament at The Elms school. Next term, there will be another tournament at Fernwood Primary School.



Sporting Endeavours

During the spring term, we have travelled to a range of schools for basketball and football matches as well as hosting some football fixtures too. The basketball team has played at Millside Spencer Academy and one match at South Wilford Primary School. Their team spirit and sportsmanship is a pleasure to watch. The most recent match saw us win by 13 points to 10. Below is the team that played in the most recent match.



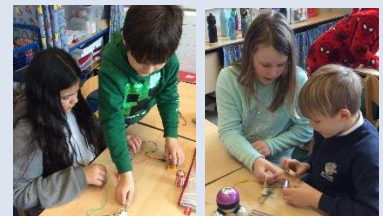
The boys' football team have had some amazing successes over the term and, as I type, the girls are playing a match in Cotgrave. Further news on this to follow.

Sewing and Circuits in Sycamore

This term, year 3 and 4 have developed their sewing skills in DT.

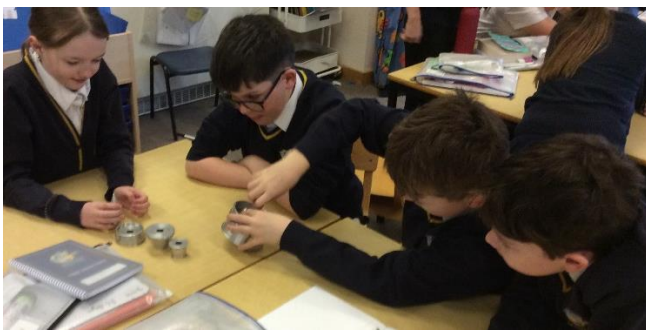
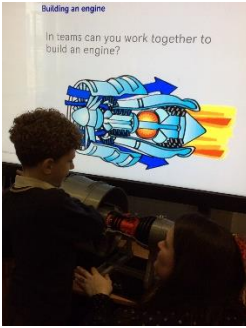
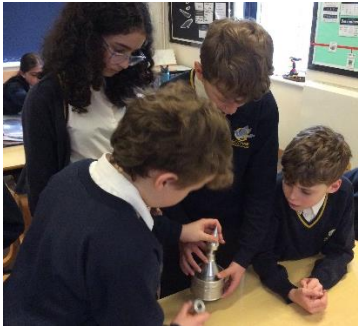
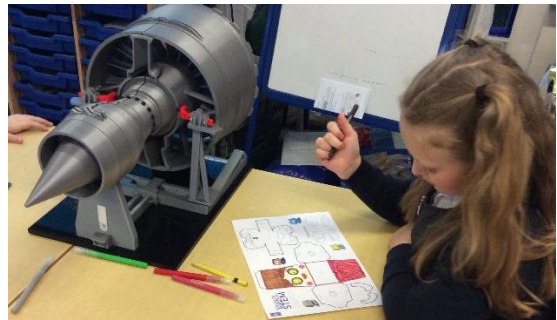


They have also learnt about circuits in science.



Science Week

During Science week, Nicole – one of our lovely parents - came into school to share her knowledge of engineering and science. The children learnt all about jet engines and even got to assemble one themselves!



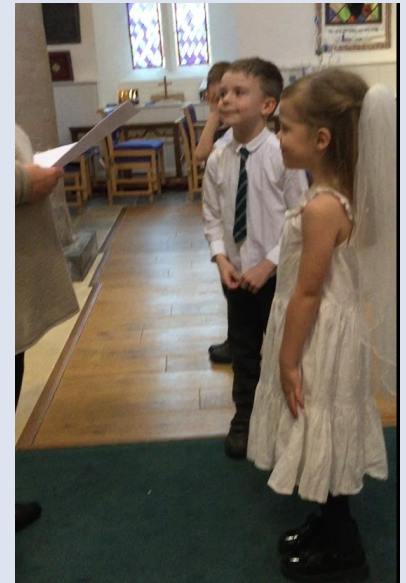
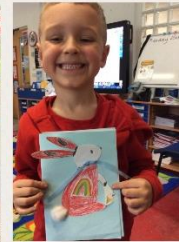
Oak Class Learning

Oak class have had an amazing term, they have developed their cycling and co-ordination on balance bikes, found out about Chinese New Year and written all about the discovery of dragon eggs in school.



Beech Class Learning

The year 1s have had a busy term, they have been learning about capacity in maths. In science, they have been on a plant hunt, in English they have written instructions on how to make an Easter card and finally in history, they have built and labelled a castle.



Congratulations to Miss Terry

During the holidays, Miss Terry will be getting married. On our return to school in April, Miss Terry will have become Mrs Almond. We all wish the soon to be Mr. and Mrs Almond great happiness in the future.



Maple Find Dragon Eggs



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DRAGON EGGS



Throughout school, we have been writing about the strange appearance of dragon eggs in the school grounds. Here are Maple class considering what's happened. After Easter, look out for the new writing display in school.

Useful Contacts

www.gothamprimary.co.uk

The school website has the calendar, policies and a range of useful information

@SchoolGotham

Follow our Twitter feed to see activities happening in school.

ndelfino@gotham.notts.sch.uk

Miss Delfino is the best person to contact about absences, medical appointments, pick up arrangements and school dinners.

janetteallen1@gotham.notts.sch.uk

Miss Allen is a good person to contact with any concerns and academic questions.

office@gotham.notts.sch.uk

Mrs Hughes is a good person to contact for general enquiries.

If there is an emergency, please don't rely on email. If we haven't replied to your email, phone the office on 0115 9149751



Upcoming Events

Mon 15 th April	<u>Children return</u>
Mond 15 th – Friday 26 th April	<u>Poetry Fortnight</u>
Thursday 25 th April	<u>Junior Maths Challenge</u> Selected children will be informed
Tues 30 th April	<u>Sycamore Mayan Workshop</u>
Monday 6 th May	<u>Mayday - School Closed for all</u>
May – Friday 14 th June	<u>During May and June, all year groups will complete assessments.</u> It is difficult to give exact timings as they are planned around other school activities and in a way that is most beneficial to the children.
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	<u>Year 6 SATs – DFE statutory tests</u> Please do not book any form of holiday this week. You are not allowed to take the assessments at another time if you are absent due to a family holiday
Friday 24 th May	<u>School Closes 3.30pm</u>
Mon 3 rd June	<u>Children return</u>
All in June	<u>Year 6 SATs Writing Portfolio's Development for Assessment</u>
Friday 7 th June	<u>Year 6 Holocaust Museum Trip</u>
Monday 3 rd – Friday 14 th June	<u>Multiplication Tables Check – DFE statutory tests</u> <u>All Year 4 Children</u>
Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th June	<u>Phonics Screening Week – DFE statutory tests</u> All Year 1 children and some Year 2
Monday 17 th June	<u>Inset Day – Report Writing – teachers</u> <u>English training TAs. No children</u>
Mon 24 th – Thurs 27 th June	<u>Year 5 Bikeability</u>
Mon 1 st – Wed 3 rd July	<u>Transition Days</u>
Wed 10 th July	<u>2.15 Year 5 and 6 performance</u>
Thursday 11 th July	<u>6pm Year 5 and 6 performance</u> Please can all year 5 and 6 children return to school by 5.45
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th July	<u>Sports' and Healthy Living Week</u>
Tues 16 th July	<u>Whole School Quidditch Day - wear sports kit</u>
Wednesday 17 th July	<u>Sports' Day 9.15 – 11.30 (approximately)</u> If the weather is inappropriate today there is a backup date on 24.7.23
Wednesday 24 th July	<u>Back Up Sports' Day 9.15 – 11.30 (approximately)</u> If the weather is inappropriate again, we will cancel and rerun the event within school without spectators.
Thurs 25 th July	<u>2.30 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly</u>
Friday 26 th July	<u>School Closes 2.30pm</u>