



# Parwich Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term (1)  
13 February 2026



## Further Opportunities for Music

Is your child excited by music-making? Wirksworth Music Centre is a friendly organisation, which offers a wide variety of groups, all led by professional musicians and teachers, and designed to suit each group's ability and provide lively and engaging sessions. Take a look at their website, if you believe your child may be interested in developing their musical skills further:  
<https://wirksworth-music-centre.org/>

## Dates For Your Diary

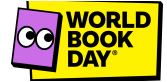
### February 2026

16th-20th - Half Term  
23rd - School Opens for Spring Term 2



### March 2026

4th - Safer Internet Day  
5th - World Book Day



17th - EYFS/KS1 Cluster Sports Fundamentals Event at Waterhouses Primary School  
17th - KS2 Cluster Sports Hockey Event at Waterhouses Primary School  
24th - KS2 Cluster Sports Handball Event at Parwich

### March/April 2026

30th March - 10th April - Easter Holidays



## Spring Term PE Timetable

Both classes (Infant and Junior) will need to come dressed in their PE kits on a Tuesday only, as they will be enjoying separate PE lessons taught by the Primary Stars coaches during the Spring Term, as part of their afternoon timetable.

The Junior Class will also continue swimming lessons until 23 March 2026 at Ashbourne Leisure Centre.



## Lunch Money - Junior Class Only

For parents who wish to pay for their child's lunches for the half term the amount, from September 2023, is **£3.25** a day for **25** days at a total of **£81.25**.

Payment in cash or BACS Payment Reference: Lunches.

If you are in credit/arrears, you will receive a note home.

A reminder to parents who pay weekly: please send payments for dinners to school on Monday morning for the beginning of each week. Also, if at any point you wish your child to swap to or from lunches to sandwiches, we would need a weeks notice.



## Fruit Money - Junior Class Only

Parents can either pay for the whole year at a cost of **£22.50** or in 3 termly instalments, September, January and April at a cost of **£7.50** per term. Payment in cash or BACS Payment Reference: Fruit

## Term Dates for 2025 - 2026

### Spring Term

Monday 5 January 2026 - Friday 13 February 2026  
Monday 23 February 2026 - Friday 27 March 2026

### Summer Term

Monday 13 April 2026 - Friday 22 May 2026  
(Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday)  
Monday 1 June 2026 - Thursday 23 July 2026

### INSET

Monday 13 April & Thursday 23 July

## Term Dates for 2026 - 2027



### Autumn Term

Friday 4 September 2026 - Friday 23 October 2026  
Monday 2 November 2026 - Friday 18 December 2026

### Spring Term

Monday 4 January 2027 - Friday 5 February 2027  
Monday 15 February 2027 - Thursday 25 March 2027

### Summer Term

Monday 12 April 2027 - Friday 28 May 2027  
(Monday 3 May - Bank Holiday)  
Monday 7 June 2027 - Monday 26 July 2027

### INSET

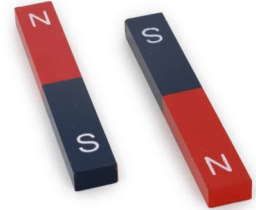
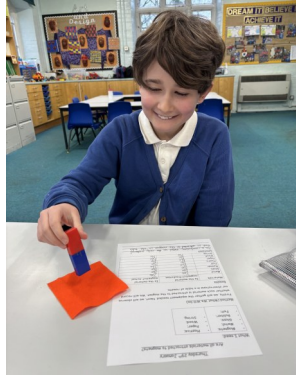
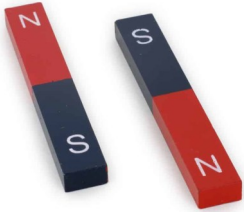
Friday 4 September, Monday 7 September, Monday 26 July & 2 other dates TBC

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## KS2 Science

The Junior pupils have been exploring with magnets this half term. They understand that magnets have two poles (north and south) and that opposite poles attract and same poles repel each other. In groups, the pupils became scientists and devised experiments to answer enquiry questions: 'Are all materials attracted to a magnet?', 'Are all metals attracted to magnets?' They made sure their tests would be fair and were able to draw accurate conclusions from their results.



## Local Cluster Sports Events

It has been a busy half term for sporting events. Both EYFS / KS1 and KS2 pupils have enjoyed travelling to Waterhouses Primary School to participate in a gymnastics event and KS2 pupils have also joined with local schools to practise applying their dodgeball and benchball skills. It is great for our pupils to gain opportunities to play against local schools and develop friendships along the way.



### EYFS / KS1 Gymnastics Event

This provided further opportunities to develop climbing, balancing, jumping and manoeuvring to build confidence.

### KS2 Benchball



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## Wrap Around Care Free Breakfast Club

8:15am start

If your child is interested in attending, please contact Jenny Warner in the school office.

## After School Clubs Spring Term (2)

**Monday (3:15 - 4:15pm)**

**Mindfulness Colouring**



**Tuesday (3:15 - 4:15pm)**

**Traditional Playground  
Games**



**Wednesday (3:15 - 4:15pm)**

**Toys & Games**



**Thursday (3:15 - 4:15pm)**

**Construction**



**Friday 3:15 - 4:15pm)**

**Puzzle**



If your child is interested in attending a club, please contact Jenny Warner in the school office.

Charges for clubs will be £3.50 per session.



The next meeting of the PTA will be held in school on Monday 27 April at 2.30pm.

All parents welcome; contact Lucy Maddocks for more information.

## Parwich Primary School PTA

Thank you to our active PTA members.

The PTA met on Monday 9 February to make plans for future events this year:



- ◆ Easter Quiz;
- ◆ Coffee Afternoon;
- ◆ Wakes Tombola;
- ◆ End of Year Picnic.



**A huge thank you to all who support the school.**

## Infant Art - Messy Modroc

Using Modroc (a versatile, quick-drying modelling material) can be extremely messy and what can be more fun, than messy art?

The Infant pupils listened well, when using the media Modroc, and made tortoise sculptures based on an African story.

Once they dried, they carefully painted their tortoise's patterned shells.



## KS2 Coding/Design and Technology

The Junior pupils have combined their design and technology and computing skills to create Bee-bot counts maps for the Infants.

They had to create maps with a clear theme, start and finish point, a path for the Bee-bot to follow and obstacles for them to avoid.

They had to test their maps and program the Bee-bots effectively, occasionally having to edit and amend their algorithms when they went wrong.



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## Safeguarding / Health & Safety

### Parking Outside School

When dropping off, or picking up your child, we kindly ask that you do not park or drive near to school, as it becomes a danger to pedestrians.

Please, also do not leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running. For the safety of all our pupils, please pass this message on to all adults coming to the school for your children.



### Warm Clothing for Outdoor Breaks & Learning

Please, make sure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing to remain warm during outdoor break time and activities. Named hats and gloves are essential during our colder months.

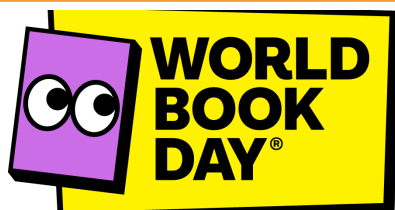
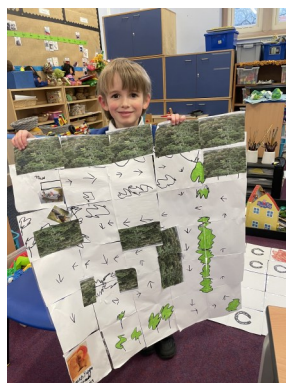
## Programming Bee-Bots

The Infants have learnt how to programme the Bee-bots.

They also got the opportunity to test out and try and complete the Bee-bot maps made by the Juniors. They recorded their algorithms and carefully inputted them into the Bee-bots.



Amazing  
computing!



On Thursday 5th March,  
we will be celebrating  
World Book Day.

- ◆ On this day, the pupils are being encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and will enjoy some fun, book-related activities;
- ◆ A £1:00 National Book Token will be given to each pupil;
- ◆ Also (back by popular demand), over the February half term, each child's challenge is to have their photograph taken by you (the parent) reading in an unusual place. This could be hidden under their bed, at the top of a slide, snuggled in a den or relaxing in the garden. Wherever this may be, they need to have asked permission and kept safe. If brought into school, these can then be shared on 'World Book Day'.

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

5 MARCH 2026

## Useful Websites



Links to all of these can be found on  
our school website.

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