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Friday 13th February 2026

Diary Dates	
February	w/c 15 th – Half term holiday 23 rd – Staff Training Day (School closed to pupils) 25 th – Year 6 SATS Parent Meeting 26 th – KS2 Movie Night
March	2 nd – National Careers Week 5 th – World Book Day 9 th – National Science Week 19 th – Year 4 MTC Parent meeting 25 th – Y1/Y2/Y3 visit to Stapleford Granary 27 th – Last Day of Spring Term
April	13 th – Pupils return to school for Summer term

Parent Teacher Consultations

It was so lovely to see so many of you at this week's Parent/teacher consultations. A high percentage of parents attended which is a super reflection on your positive attitude towards your child's learning. We would like to thank you all for coming and for contributing to some honest and positive conversations.

Thank you as well goes to staff for their input into these meetings.

NSPCC Cake Sale

We are delighted to let you know that we raised £126 for the NSPCC at last week's cake sale. Thank you to the bakers and buyers for your contributions!

Thanks also to the FIPS team for manning the stall!



Anglian Learning Webinars – Mental Health: It's not all in the mind

The Office team sent home an email earlier this week with a letter from Camilla Saunders, Anglian learning Director of Inclusion. The letter outlined the launch of the next phase of the Mental Health: It's not all in the Mind webinar series.

Children's Mental Health Week

During Children's Mental Health Week, we have been focusing on the theme of belonging, 'This is My Place.' In Mrs Lambell's yoga session last week, the children focused on their understanding that their feelings matter and how it feels to work as a team making some shapes that require trust and communication. They also spoke about where they might feel emotions in their bodies. They have been thoroughly enjoying their yoga sessions!



After School Clubs

Just a reminder that all after school clubs will restart after half-term break, during week commencing 23rd February.

Mr Jelliman's Fix-it club have had a productive few weeks this term. They have put up some shelves in the Year 5 cloakroom, learnt how to repair a puncture and ended their training by jet washing some chairs outside in the playground. It is up for debate as to who was wettest, the chairs, the children or Mr Jelliman.

Year 6 SATS meeting

Miss Aboujieb and Mrs Arnold are holding a Year 6 parents meeting at 6:00pm on Wednesday 25th February. They would like to talk to parents about these tests and how the children can best prepare for them. The tests take place for Year 6 children during week commencing 11th May.

Tuesday 17th February

Pancake Day

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, falls during the half-term holiday, on Tuesday 17th February. This is part of the Christian calendar marking the start of Lent. Lent is a 40-day period of fasting and reflection leading up to Easter, celebrated around the world in different ways.

Why pancakes?

Historically, Lent involved giving up rich foods such as eggs, milk, butter and sugar. Shrove Tuesday became the final opportunity to use up these ingredients before the fast began. Pancakes, which can be made almost entirely from these items, were an efficient solution.

We hope you all have fun making, tossing and then eating your pancakes together next week.

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, begins on February 17th, 2026. Each year is represented by an animal, and the Lunar New Year festival involves saying goodbye to the animal from the previous year and welcoming in the next. As we leave behind the introspective and intuitive Year of the Snake, the Year of the Horse gallops in with vibrant and fiery energy, symbolizing adventure, vitality, and momentum.



FIPS Movie night – Thursday 26th February

The FIPS team will be organising a KS2 movie night on Thursday 26th February from 3:30pm to 5:15pm. The cost per child will be £3 which will include popcorn and a drink. Details to book your child's ticket are attached to this email.

EIFA workshops

Samantha Stacey, our Education Inclusion Family Advisor has asked us to distribute her February newsletter. This will be sent to you by the office team alongside this newsletter. Also attached to our newsletter, is a schedule of some online workshops taking place over half-term. These are free and easy to book on the relevant links or QR codes.

Volunteer request for help



You will have been sent a letter home this week, asking for your help with certain areas of school. If you think you are able to support us with a couple of hours or so each week, please drop an email to the office team so that we can discuss how you can help us. Thank you in advance for any time you can give – it is very much appreciated.

National Science week

National Science week also takes place in March – this time from 9th – 13th. We have a wonderful group of scientific parents who are coming together to plan some sessions to take place in school. If you are interested in joining this group of parents to help organise experiments for this exciting week, please contact Caroline, mother of Pietro and Marco (KS1) They are preparing some STEM activities but are open to any ideas for new experiences. They also need volunteers to come to school and assist on the day. Please email Caroline on carolinemarie.gallati@gmail.com

Thank you to all of you for your support with this.



I hope you all have a lovely relaxing week away from school. Please take time to rest and enjoy some family time. There are many free events taking place locally so maybe some of you will take part in these.

We look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 24th February for the second half of the Spring term.