

Headteachers message to families - Summer 2 / Friday 5th June 2026

Belong, Engage, Enjoy!

Welcome back:

Welcome back to everyone following the half-term break. It has been a busy but positive return to school, with pupils and staff quickly settling back into routines. Thankfully, the weather has been a little cooler than it was during the break, which has made the week much more comfortable.

As a football fan, I can also feel the World Cup excitement beginning to build. Our staff sweepstake has certainly created plenty of discussion, with the new 48-team format meaning not everyone was thrilled with their draw!

Outdoor Learning Week:

This week, pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our Outdoor Learning Week. From Forest School sessions and bushcraft activities to den building, outdoor exploration, and teamwork challenges, there have been lots of opportunities for pupils to learn, develop new skills, and have fun outdoors. Hopefully, you have enjoyed seeing some of the fantastic photos shared on Seesaw throughout the week. A huge thank you to Louise and Majella for organising such a successful event and to everyone who helped make it a memorable experience for our pupils.

Nottinghamshire County Cricket:

We are delighted to be welcoming coaches from Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club into school over the next three weeks to deliver Kwik Cricket sessions for our pupils. They will be set up in our school hall on Thursday mornings. We are looking forward to pupils developing their cricket skills and enjoying this exciting opportunity.

Portland College Events:

Our friends at Portland have kindly shared the following events with us, which may be of interest to families. Please see the information below for further details.



FRIDAY NIGHTS AT NEWSTART 25/26
6PM - 9PM £4 entry on the door Carers/supporters FREE

CLUB NIGHT
Dance the night away under the disco lights to non-stop tunes!

SPECIAL EVENTS

12 September	26 September
13 February	31 October
27 March	14 November
17 April	30 January
15 May	21 February
19 June	13 March
10 July	29 May

Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult. If you are 18+ you will need to bring a valid ID. Food and drink will be available to purchase from our licensed bar.

Please note: starred events may include alterations such as additional games, decorations or fancy dress.

For more information or to book your place on any of the sessions, scan the QR code and complete the application form or contact a member of the Newstart Team: newstart@portland.ac.uk or 01623 499111 ext 512

You must become a member before attending any sessions.

NEWSTART ACTIVITIES 2025/26

An inclusive community programme, for beginners to experienced players, to come together through sports and the creative arts.

Outstanding Provider



TRENT BRIDGE COMMUNITY TRUST

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FREE INCLUSIVE OUTDOOR CRICKET SESSIONS

MAY 2026 - OCTOBER 2026 AGE: 7+

MONDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	FRIDAYS
KEYWORTH CC PLATT LANE KEYWORTH NG12 5GJ 5.30 PM - 7 PM	PORTLAND COLLEGE NOTTINGHAM ROAD HARLOW WOOD NG18 4TH 4.30 PM - 5.30 PM	GEDLING COLLIERY CC PLAINS ROAD MAPPERLEY NG3 5RH 6 PM - 7 PM

INFORMATION:
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Sports Day and Summer Fayre:

We are looking forward to our upcoming Sports Days and Summer Fayres. Please see the information below for dates and details of these events. We would also be very grateful for any donations to support our Summer Fayres. Any contributions, no matter how small, will help us make these events enjoyable and successful for all of our pupils and families. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



Father's Day Enterprise Gifts:

Our Woodpeckers Enterprise Team has been busy creating a special Father's Day stall, which is now set up in reception. The pupils have worked hard to prepare a range of gifts, and we would love your support. If you are visiting school over the coming days, please take a look!



Update from the Meds Team:

Please can you make sure that you update your pharmacy labels when changes have been made (from a paediatrician) to medications to be given in school as soon as possible. The meds team will need to see the new dose on the prescription label to follow. If the dose has been increased or decreased after a month this should be written and updated onto a new prescription label.

Creative Arts Week - 15th- 19th June 2026:

We are looking forward to our upcoming Creative Arts Week taking place from Monday 15th June to Friday 19th June 2026.

Throughout the week, pupils will enjoy a variety of exciting activities including:

- E-Music workshops
- Drumming sessions
- A collaborative outdoor art activity
- A live puppet show
- Dance and movement activities
- A special Carlton Brass Band concert

These activities will give pupils opportunities to explore creativity through music, art, dance and performance with both school staff and visiting providers.

Weekly Safeguarding Update - Screen Time and Digital Balance:

As we move towards the summer months, it can be helpful to reflect on our children's use of technology. While devices can be fantastic tools for learning, communication and entertainment, it is important to help children develop healthy digital habits.

Simple steps such as having screen-free mealtimes, keeping devices out of bedrooms at night, and encouraging outdoor play and activities can make a positive difference. Regular conversations about what children are doing online are just as important as setting time limits.

For further advice and support, you may find the following resources helpful:

- NSPCC Online Safety Hub: [NSPCC Online Safety Advice](#)
- Internet Matters – Screen Time Advice: [Internet Matters Screen Time Hub](#)
- Internet Matters Parent Video: [Screen Time Tips for Parents \(YouTube\)](#)

Have a lovely weekend!

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