



NEWSLETTER

14th November 2025

Clubs

Day	Club
Monday	
Tuesday	Dance / Multi-skills
Wednesday	French / Football
Thursday	Young Voices
Breakfast club daily	From 7.30am
After school club daily	Until 5.30pm

FAB AWARDS

- ★ Maddison
- ★ Archie
- ★ Annie
- ★ Alex
- ♥ Emmelina
- ♥ Esther
- ♥ Amber
- ♥ Edie

**Children achieving
100% this week
across school
97.2%**

Quick glance dates...

NOV	Event
14th	Children in Need
27th	Edwinstowe light switch on

This week we wish Happy Birthday to...
Marsali & Faith



This week at St Mary's...

A super week at St Mary's this week with children showing their respects by observing the 2 minutes silence to remember those who have fought and continue to fight in wars. Our house captains represented the school at the village memorial whilst Rev Claire talked to the school about our memories and how these are important to reflect upon.

We have thought about anti-bullying this week with a reminder of how to access help if children are worried about themselves or others being bullied. Children have also been busy raising money for Children in Need by completing acts of Kindness in different ways, dressing up and accessing sports activities within school. As a school we raised a fantastic £237 with one child in school raising £120 individually! What an amazing achievement!

House Leaderboard



Oak

283



Birch

277



Pine

276



Willow

239

Our week in photos!

Reminder that photos accessed on Class Dojo are not to be shared on any social media.





RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

A **HUGE** well done to **Loxley in Class 1**, who has raised an incredible **£120** through her wonderfully kind acts around the village.

Head over to our Facebook page to see the lovely video celebrating all of the thoughtful things she has been doing!

We are extremely proud of Loxley's achievements and for **'Showing Love'** in the St Mary's Way throughout our community.



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

It was wonderful to share all the additional achievements this week with our children. It was great to hear about children's swimming and football successes.

How great to see children also flourishing outside of school.

🎄 Friends of St Mary's Stall –
Edwinstowe Light Switch On 🎄

Please add any remaining donations fo bottles to our **box in the school entrance hall by Friday 21st November**. It has been great to see people offering their support for this. Please come and see us on the evening to support the stall.

Thank you so much for your continued support



Friends of St Mary's



Edwinstowe Village Hall

Christmas

Market

Santas Grotto
Craft Market
Tombola & Games
Hot Drinks & Mulled Wine

27th November | 4:30pm onwards
part of the Edwinstowe Light Switch On



Edwinstowe
VILLAGE HALL

TODAY TOMORROW. ALWAYS
Registered Charity #515689

🎄 Edwinstowe Light
Switch On 🎄

Please support our children who will be singing at the Christmas light switch on from 4.30pm.



Nottinghamshire
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SEND Inclusion Service Communication & Interaction Team



PINS PROJECT PARENT WORKSHOPS

SCHOOLS

As part of the **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity In Schools Project** **Parents/Carers** of Neurodivergent children from **PINS Schools** are invited to attend **FREE on-line training** to **refresh and reframe your understanding of Neurodiversity** (no diagnosis necessary)

The session will last for approximately 2-hours. There will be opportunities for selected Q&A's during the session

Workshops include the following:

Developing consistent approaches from home and school to ensure neurodiverse children are happy, healthy, supported and ready to learn and able to engage in the classroom, including:

- masking
- boundaries/demands
- transitions, including the transition between home and school

All events below are identical, so you only need to attend one session

These sessions will be delivered by PINS Project Lead - Louise Whitehead

The sessions are taking place **On-line via Microsoft Teams**

To book **CTRL & Click** only one of the Links below:

Friday, 28th November 2025

at 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (morning)

<https://notts-parent-event-pins-project-parent-workshop-28-Nov-25.eventbrite.co.uk>

Monday, 8th December 2025

at 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (afternoon)

<https://notts-parent-event-pins-project-parent-workshop-08-Dec-25.eventbrite.co.uk>

Wednesday, 21st January 2026

at 4:00 p.m. – 6 p.m. (twilight)

<https://notts-parent-event-pins-project-parent-workshop-21-Jan-26.eventbrite.co.uk>

Attend only

1

session

COST

FREE

Paid for by the
PINS PROJECT

The Deaflympics begin!

The Deaflympics are about to begin in Tokyo, Japan! From 15th – 26th November, deaf and hard of hearing athletes from all around the world will come together to celebrate sport. The Games are organised by deaf people and take place every four years. They give athletes the chance to compete and show their skills on a world stage. To take part, athletes must have hearing loss of at least 55 decibels. Hearing aids and cochlear implants are not worn during events, so everyone takes part in the same way. Races and games use lights and signs instead of sound. A bright flash starts the runners, and referees



Picture: Swimming is one of the sports at the Deaflympics. **Source:** Canva.

wave flags instead of blowing whistles. There will be 21 sports this year, including football, swimming and athletics. Swimmer Charlotte Gower said, 'I feel proud to represent Team GB and can't wait to meet other deaf athletes from around the world.'

The first Deaflympics were held in Paris in 1924.

Nature's Rarest Colour

Blue might fill the sky above us, but it is one of the hardest colours to find in nature. You can spot green grass, red flowers, and yellow on bees, but blue is much rarer. Many colours come from something called pigment. Pigments are what give things their colour, but most plants and animals

don't have a blue pigment. That's why blue is so special! Some animals, like the kingfisher or the blue morpho butterfly, only look blue because of how the light shines on them. Their feathers or wings reflect the light in a clever way. Dr Cerys R Jones, a researcher at University College London, explained, 'The blue feathers down the back of the kingfisher are actually brown.' Purple and violet colours are also rare, but some flowers, like violets and lavender, can make their own purple pigment.

What's your favourite colour to spot in nature?



Picture: A kingfisher and its bright blue feathers. **Source:** Canva.

What makes someone worthy of a Nobel Prize?



Someone who achieved something that helps the world, and not just themselves.
Ashton

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Funny Photos

The finalists of the Nikon Comedy Wildlife Awards 2025 have been announced. The shortlist for the 'Funniest Wildlife Photo of the Year' includes an array of different animals in interesting positions! Among the pictures are a flying squirrel, a frog protecting some grapes, a dancing gorilla, an expressive lemur, a lounging yellow-cheeked gibbon, a grey squirrel having a bad hair day, and hugging monitor lizards.



Picture: Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards finalist, Alison Tuck's 'Now which direction is my nest?' **Source:** Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards on Facebook.

'These images combine wit and wonder to celebrate nature's character, while emphasising the urgency of conservation,' said Stefan Maier from Nikon. 'At Nikon, we're proud to support a competition that sparks joy, while reminding us why our wild world is worth protecting.' All of the finalists' photographs can now be seen on the competition's website, and will be displayed in a free exhibition at OXO Gallery, London, from the 10th-14th December. The winners will be announced at a special ceremony at the gallery on 9th December.

Which of the photographs are your favourites? Do you like taking photographs?



Picture: Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards finalist, Stefan Cruysberghs' 'Squirrel airborne surrender mode'. **Source:** Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards on Facebook.

Prize-winning Portugal

Portugal was voted 'best destination in Europe' for 2025! The 32nd World Travel Awards were handed out at a ceremony that took place in Sardinia, Italy. Portugal took the title (that it has won six times already since 2017) back from Greece. Other countries in the competition included Austria, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey. Pedro Machado, Portugal's Secretary of State for Tourism, Trade and Services, said that winning the award, 'reflects the work, dedication and quality of all the professionals who, on a daily basis, make tourism



Picture: Saint George castle in Lisbon in Portugal. **Source:** Canva.

one of the main pillars of our economy.' Portugal is about the same size as the United Kingdom in land area. The country has a population of about 10 million, with about one third of these people living in the capital city, Lisbon. Lisbon was designated as 'the place to consider for city breaks' at the awards. More national regions were also winners, with Madeira named 'best island destination in Europe' and Porto 'best urban destination on the continent'.

Do you know any facts about Portugal? Where in Europe would you like to visit?

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I think it's someone who listens to people, understands what they want, and has lots of patience.
Gemma

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TAKEHOME

10th – 16th
November



What would you tell the world leaders if you were at COP30?



In the news this week

The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil, from 10th to 21st November. At the meeting, country leaders and experts will discuss how to protect the planet by reducing pollution, saving forests and working together. After the meeting, countries will need to share how they will keep the climate promises they made, and stay on target to meet their goals.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about what they know about COP30.
- What do you know about climate change?
- If you could speak to the leaders at the COP30 summit, what would you say?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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