



Thank you to all the families who have been so kind with the food bank donations. Our kindness ambassadors are organising them ready for the food bank.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS MARSHALL

- The children have loved watching the duck eggs hatch.
- They are now teaching the ducklings to swim! They will be off to live at the farm in the school holidays.
- The Key Stage One children had an amazing VR experience in which they were transported to the wilds of Africa and the animals they may see and the deep oceans around the world.
- This experience supported the understanding of animal habitats.
- This week we talked about keeping physically and mentally healthy through walking to school (all or part way) and keeping our teeth healthy for National Smile Month.
- Our assemblies have focused on learning about healthy choices.

School Emails!

- ☑ We have had an issue with our school emails and we are aware they are going into some people's junk folders.
- ☑ We are talking to our IT provider for a solution.
- ☑ Please regularly check your email junk folder until we can resolve this issue. We do send out important messages.

UPCOMING DATES

- **22nd May**- Break up for the half term holiday
- **2nd June**- **Children return to school and nursery**
- **3rd June** - Sports day for all classes Reception - Year Two. See timings below
 - **Reception** 9.05am- 9.50am
 - **Year One**- 10.15am-11am
 - **Year Two**- 11.15am-12noon
- **5th June** - Wear your own clothes day! Bring a donation of sweets or chocolate and wear your own clothes!
- **8th-19th June** - **Phonics screening** for Year ones and some year twos. It is important that children are not absent from school during this period as they work 1:1 with their teacher for this assessment.
- **8th June** - Year Two Trip to The Think Tank to learn all about science and history!
- **8th - 12th June** - Healthy Eating Week
- **12th June** - Sweet and chocolate tombola
- **9th June** - Healthy eating workshop for parents
- **9th June** - after school for new reception children. Look out for more information

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
AT IRTHLINGBOROUGH NURSERY AND INFANT SCHOOL
BE IN SCHOOL. ACHIEVE MORE.

Every day in school counts.
Good attendance helps your child learn, build friendships and achieve their best.
Missing school means missing out.

HOW ATTENDANCE AFFECTS YOUR CHILD

ATTENDANCE ++	DAYS ABSENT (APPROX.)	LESSONS MISSED (APPROX.)
100% EXCELLENT	0 DAYS 0 weeks	0 LESSONS
98% VERY GOOD	4 DAYS 1 week	20 LESSONS
95% GOOD	10 DAYS 2 weeks	50 LESSONS
90% WORRYING	20 DAYS 4 weeks	100 LESSONS
85% SERIOUS CONCERN	29 DAYS 6 weeks	145 LESSONS
80% VERY SERIOUS CONCERN	40 DAYS 8 weeks	200 LESSONS

DID YOU KNOW?
If your child's attendance is 90% or below, they are classed as a **persistent absentee**.

Research shows that **higher attendance** leads to better progress, better results and more opportunities for your child.

GOOD ATTENDANCE TODAY, BRIGHTER FUTURE TOMORROW.
Let's work together to give your child the best start in life.
IRTHLINGBOROUGH NURSERY AND INFANT SCHOOL



The children in Year Two had an amazing experience of learning with the RAF museum online. They have been learning all about the history of flight and have enjoyed finding out lots of facts this term.



Phonics Screening

- The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short reading assessment used in all schools.
- It helps teachers understand how well children can recognise letters and sound out words using phonics skills.
- Children read a mix of real and made-up words in a friendly, one-to-one setting with their teacher.
- If a child does not meet the expected standard in Year 1, they will have another opportunity to take the check in Year 2.
- Please work with your child on the phonics pack which has been sent home.
- If you have any questions please ask your child's class teacher.
- For support with letter sounds [click this link](#)

Kindness Ambassadors

- Our Kindness ambassadors have gathered a range of produce.
- Thank you to all the parents and carers who sent in jars, cans and packets.
- The children decided to write kind messages on some of the items for the food bank to spread the kindness further.
- The children hope that the food they have sorted and the messages they have written will spread kindness and support to some of our community members.
- We are very proud of these school leaders and the thought that has gone into this project.
- Miss Basnett has supported the children along the way but all the ideas have come directly from the children.

Key Stage One VR experience



The children in Key Stage One had the most amazing experience using the VR equipment. The experience took some of the children on an adventure deep into the oceans, finding out all about how the creatures live. There was also the opportunity to follow animals in Africa.





We had Dan the firefighter in school last week to talk to the Reception children about fire safety. At school we practise fire safety in our fire drills, the children all know how to exit the building safely. We also practised our lock in procedure with the children, which just means we stay in the building instead of exiting, and using a different alarm. The children all managed these practises very well and are guided by the staff through every step.



National Smile Month

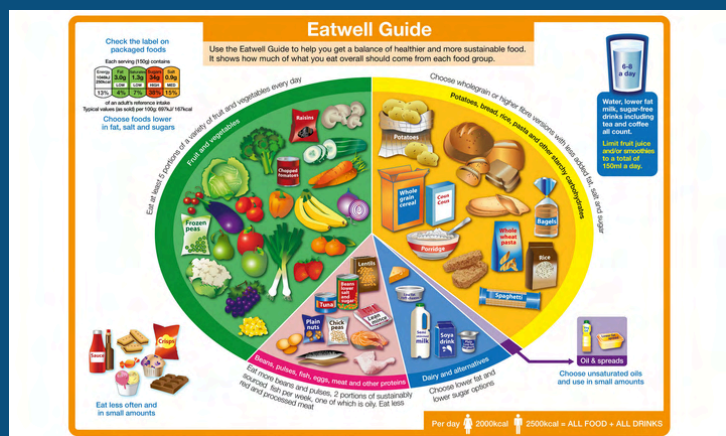
We have been taking part in National Smile month and learning how to look after our teeth! Take a look at this [advice](#) on brushing your teeth. The children have been learning about how their diet can affect their smile. Click [here](#) for further information on how sugar affects your smile.



Your child should visit a dentist regularly. Click [this link](#) to find an NHS dentist

Healthy Eating Workshop

Please sign up on Arbor for our Healthy Eating workshop for parents on **Tuesday 9th June 2-3pm**. This will be led by a Healthy Lifestyle Advisor and will cover the Eatwell plate, fussy eating, healthy snacks and reducing sugar intake. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and to discuss further support from the healthy lifestyle team.



A letter from our School Council:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our healthy school's gold award project we are inviting all children to take part in a fun vegetable photo challenge competition!

We would love for you to send in a photograph of your child:

- eating a vegetable in an unusual or funny place, or
- trying a new vegetable for the very first time.

Here are a few examples:

- eating carrot sticks in the garden, at the park, or even while wearing fancy dress!
- trying avocado, asparagus, or sugar snap peas for the first time.
- enjoying cucumber slices during a picnic or broccoli at the beach.

Please send your photographs with your child to school or to your child's class email address by **Friday 5th June**.

We cannot wait to see all of the creative and adventurous vegetable moments! Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,
School Council





Half term activities

MAY HOLIDAY COURSES

26-29 (incl.) May
£25
COMMUNITY O.N Chenecks

Book Now

PR FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL

STUCK FOR IDEAS TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN ENTERTAINED AND ACTIVE THIS HALF TERM?

from £12 a day. Booking and stock booking discounts available

RA qualified, DBS checked, experienced coaches

Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May
10am - 3pm

Nuxlaw Academy, Irthingborough

5 - 14 YEAR OLDS ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

FOR BOOKINGS AND MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.PRSPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK

DODGEBALL & NERF HOLIDAY CLUBS

Thurs 28th May
St Marys, Burton Latimer
Fri 29th May
Irthingborough Junior School

5 - 14 YEAR OLDS
10AM-3PM
FROM £10 PER DAY

FOR BOOKINGS AND MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE: PRSPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK

- Check out the adventures in our local country parks this half term break. **Click the link to see more.**
- There are a number of exciting activities in places locally over the half term break. **See the link here.**

Safeguarding Support

We are here to help. You can contact any member of our school safeguarding team on our usual school number **01933 654900**.

If you have a concern or have seen any Safeguarding issues that you are worried about, Mrs Marshall is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and here are her safeguarding deputies, who are always ready to listen. Please ask at the office to speak to them in confidence or call 01933 654900.



If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holidays or weekends, please contact the local authority on 0300 126 7000 or phone 999, if you feel the child is in immediate harm.

Who are we?

The purpose of the partnership is to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Northamptonshire. This is done by coordinating the work of those people and all organisations working in the county ensuring that what they do is effective.

Our Mission Statement

For the children and young people of Northamptonshire to be as safe as they can be from harm, exploitation and neglect.

Worried about a child?

If you feel that a child is in immediate danger call 999. If you are worried or concerned about a child, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 126 7000.

Scan the QR code and find more information about local and national procedures.

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

www.northamptonshirescp.org.uk @NorthantsSCB

Activities for families with SEND children

For Parents of SEND children- this is for you!

We're delighted to have secured another reduced-price Spa Session at
the Holiday Inn Corby Spa

4th June 2026

Holiday Inn Corby

Two hours of relaxation

Just £15.25 per person

Enjoy full access to:

Swimming pool

Jacuzzi

Sauna

Steam room

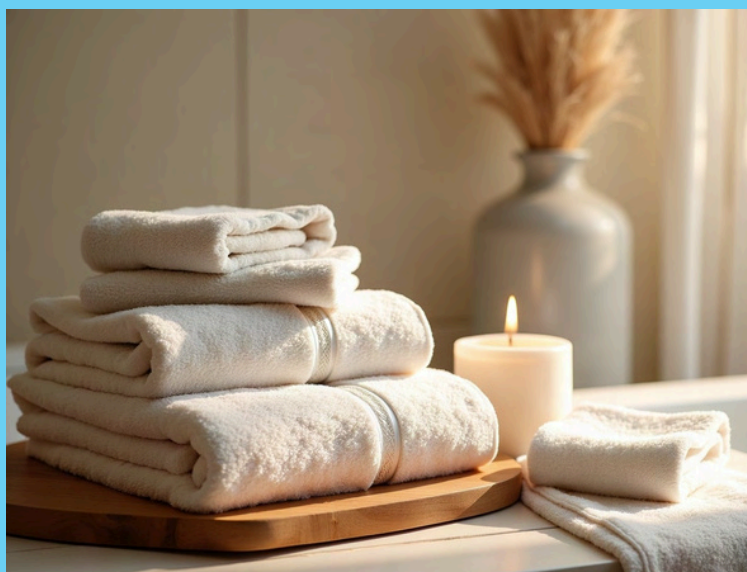
Whether you'd like to chat and connect with other parent carers, or simply take some quiet time for yourself, this is your opportunity to switch off, unwind and recharge.

Because sometimes, a little time just for you makes all the difference

Book your place here: <https://npcv.co.uk/book-a-service%2Fevent>

There are a number of activities available to book on the link above.

(Open to all parent/carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities SEND aged 0-25.)



Use the QR
code to
take part...



Parent/Carer

HEALTHY LIVES SURVEY

We want to better understand what helps families lead a healthy lifestyle, what challenges they may face, and what support or information they would find most useful.



This survey closes at
23.59pm on 19th June
2026



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