

### Fundraising:

During the term we will keep you updated with fundraising opportunities in FS.

### Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
September – INSET DAYS.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - First day of school.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September –  
Welcome Mass 2:00pm

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
October – Parent Consultations  
(FS2) Communication will be sent out at a later date regarding timings.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October –  
Half Term.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - INSET DAY

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Teddy Bears Hospital (more details to follow)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November –  
Remembrance Liturgy 10:45am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – FS1 Stay and play.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – FS1 & FS2 Nativity 9:30am

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – FS TRIP,  
more details to follow

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day and Carols Around the Tree

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December –  
Advent Mass 2pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – last day of the Autumn term



## Foundation Stage Autumn Term 2025

Ms Chapman, Miss Matthews, Mrs Chahal and all the staff in the foundation stage offer the new children starting this term a very warm welcome, we look forward to seeing you learn and grow this term. Welcome back to our existing children. We hope you had a lovely break.



This year our annual theme will focus on our spiritual treasure within: our own qualities and the qualities of others. We will show human dignity to all, for we are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God.



Matthew teaches us that what we value the most is what our hearts are drawn to. What we treasure is what will become our life's focus.

We are very excited to announce that our new topic is:

### **I am Special. I am Unique. I am me!**

We are going to have a very strong focus on themselves and their relationships with others:

- \* knowing that we are all unique, but we all have similarities
- \* being able to identify feelings and emotions and learning how to deal with them
- \* being able to say sorry and know that they can forgive and be forgiven.

Activities will include learning poems, singing and playing music, sharing stories, looking in mirrors, exploring colour, learning about other faiths, games where things must be shared fairly and creating a celebration display of all the wonderful things we have noticed.

This leads, perfectly, on to our RE learning, during which we will be thinking about:

**Creation and Covenant** – Know that God made me, he made my family; Know that I am part of God's family (Baptism), Know that God made the world and everything in it; understand that I should care for all God's creation.

**Prophecy and Promise** – Know that Mary was chosen by God to be Jesus' mother; Know that Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem; Know where Jesus was born; know that Shepherds visited Jesus; Know that Advent is a time to get ready for Jesus' birth, know that Jesus came for the whole world.

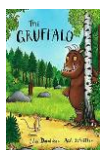
## How can you help support our topic.....

We will be sharing stories by the best children's authors —please read them at home as well so that your child can practise and show-off their learning. They are:

The Gruffalo – [The Gruffalo - Animated Read Aloud Book](#)

The Very hungry Caterpillar – [The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Official Animated Film](#) | [Made For Kids](#) | [Eric Carle Book](#)

We're Going on a Bear Hunt - [We're going on a bear hunt - Animated and Read aloud!](#)



We will also be learning about our five senses - leading to an investigation where we find out what is hidden in a box!



We would also like to look at similarities between ourselves and others. To do this we would love to have picture of your child as a baby and a most current one (please label these with your child's name) These can be sent in with your child or emailed into school : [admin@brw.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@brw.nottingham.sch.uk)

Our role play areas will change from a Hairdressers to a Bakery to a Train Station and even a Christmas shop!



As usual, Forest School sessions at Glapton Wood led by both Miss Chapman and Miss Matthews will continue to run for all FS2 children and for the older children in FS1 this term. The younger children in FS1 will join in later during the year once they are settled within the Unit.



Forest Schools is a unique and powerful opportunity for children to develop their relationships, resourcefulness, resilience and their ability to reflect in an outdoor, open-ended environment.

**You will receive a letter when it is your child's turn to go, please make a note of the dates** that they will need to come to school prepared and in their own clothes.

We will continue to keep you informed throughout the Autumn term via our weekly updates which will be sent through email. You can also check out our FS Blog on the school website: <http://brwacademy.com> here we share and celebrate children's work and successes. Please as ever come and talk to us if you have any questions.

## Helping at Home — Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Encourage your child to:

- say please and thank you.
- 'have a go', 'make a good choice'.
- take his/her own coat on and off and do up their zip.
- get dressed by themselves.
- share their toys when playing
- go to the toilet unaided.
- talk about their feelings.



Try these links for ideas on how to help children talk about their feelings:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z7xmmfr>

<https://www.happilyfamily.com/7-ways-to-get-kids-to-talk-about-their-feelings/>

