

Autumn Term Diary Dates 2026:

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd
September – INSET DAYS.

Thursday 3rd September - First day
of school.

Wednesday 9th September –
Welcome Mass 2:00pm

Parent Consultations (FS2) Date
TBC. Communication will be sent
out at a later date.

Wednesday 14th October – Harvest
Mass

Friday 16th October – INSET DAY

Monday 19th October to Friday 30th
October – Half Term.

Monday 16th November – FS1 Stay
and play.

Friday 20th November - INSET DAY

Wednesday 9th December –
Christmas Dinner

Thursday 10th December –Nativity.
Time TBC

15TH December –Carols Around the
Tree

Wednesday 16th December –
Advent Mass 2pm

Friday 18th December – last day of
the Autumn term

Nottingham Castle Trip – 9th November.

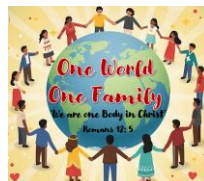
We are looking forward to
visiting Nottingham Castle
during the Autumn term and we
would love lots of parent
helpers. If you are interested in
helping, please let us know.

More information will follow
during the term.



Foundation Stage Autumn Term 2026

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 (and beyond) our annual theme will be: One World One Family. We will focus on being a team, a family in solidarity. We will work with each other and for each other, locally and globally, so that we can build a hopeful future.



St. Paul teaches us that we are united and equal, connected by our shared faith in Christ.

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

Me, Myself and I!

We are going to have a very strong focus on ourselves and our 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 Advent; 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

Our role play areas will change from a Hairdressers to a Castle and even a Nativity!



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 — Communication and Handwriting

Encourage your child to:

- Talk about their day – ask what they enjoyed, what they noticed and what they would like to do
- Play 'Story Detectives,' – share a favourite story and pause to ask 'what do you think will happen?' or "why did they do that?"
- Silly Sentences – make up funny sentences together. E.g "the enormous pigeon went shopping for..."
- Retell a story – encourage your child to use toys, puppets or even drawings to act out a familiar story



- Build hand strength – encourage your child to use playdough to squash, squeeze and roll. Encourage them to make shapes, letters or simple objects
- Peg out the washing! – Encourage your child to help peg out the clothes to develop their hand strength and dexterity. It's a fab activity the develop their finger strength and helps you with jobs around the home!
- Patterns – practise drawing lines, circles, zigzag's, wiggles etc using different tools e.g. pencils, chalks outside, using sticks in mud etc
- Name writing – encourage your child to recognise and write their name, focusing on letter formation (ensuring capital letter to start their name and lower-case for the remaining letters)