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Attendance

Attendance is a huge priority for us currently, along with schools nationally as we aim to get attendance figures back to pre-pandemic levels. Here are last week's percentages:

Class	Attendance
Nightingale	92.3%
Kingfisher	94.4%
Goldcrest	93.4%
Magpie	95.1%
Dove	90.3%
Jay	96.6%
Kittiwake	90%
Woodpecker	96.2%
Swift	96.9%
Siskin	97.1%
Robin	93.2%
Puffin	79.5%

A huge 'well done' to Siskin for last week's best attendance. Our target is for 97% across the whole school – come on everyone, we can do it!

Nottingham University

Year 2 had the opportunity to become "University Detectives" after their recent visit to the University of Nottingham campus. They had a campus tour and were able to talk to real students about their life in Further Education. It was wonderful to see them engaging and asking lots of questions and then using the reflection sessions to start to investigate how they might use a degree for their future careers – very exciting.



Parent Courses

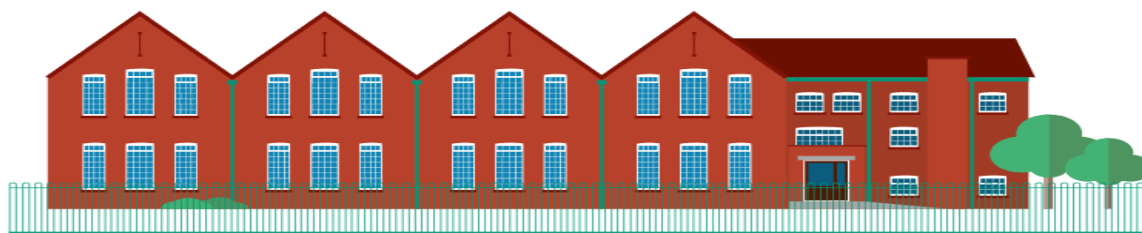
We have been contacted by The AIM Group who deliver Free Online Level 2 Accredited Courses to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing your own careers.

Here's some of the most popular subjects available:

- Neuroscience in the Early Years
- Children and Young Peoples Mental Health
- Understanding Autism
- Specific Learning Difficulties
- Bullying in Children and Young People
- Nutrition and Health
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Mental Health Awareness
- Counselling
- Team Leading
- Business Administration
- Lean Organisation Management
- Customer Service

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Functional Skills - Maths
Functional Skills - English
Level 3 Diploma - Children and Young People's Workforce (Must be in TA/LSA role)

These are just the popular qualifications, but they have over 30 available!
The qualifications are completed within a 6–12 week period at your own leisure. They are equivalent to a GCSE Grade C. You can do as many as you like, however you can only do one at a time.

The only criteria you must meet to be eligible, is:
Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2023;
Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years;
Not already on a Government funded course.

If you are interested in undertaking one of these free online courses or would like further information, then please complete the following link ASAP. This will then allow The AIM Group to contact you to discuss and get you started on your chosen course: [here](#)

Valentines Disco

Tickets are still available at the office for the disco on Wed 8th Feb. The £3.50 ticket price includes 2 slices of pizza and a



drink. The pizza is from The Windmill Fish Bar so it is extra tasty! The theme is to wear something red.

Timings are as follows:
Reception/KS1- 3:15-4:30pm (Children to get changed at school)
KS2- 4:45-6:00pm
Drop off/collection will be via the KS1 doors – thank you.

Parking

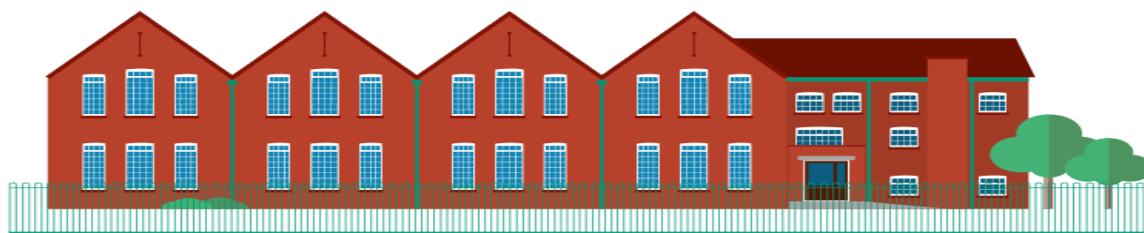
Our new signs are now out morning and afternoon to deter those parents and carers who have previously chosen to ignore the yellow zig-zags and park dangerously, impacting upon the safety of our children. If we can also remind parents and carers to consider our neighbours when parking, as parking across driveways is unacceptable.

Diary Dates		
01.02.24	SATs meeting Y6 parents/carers	3:15 – 3:45 pm
02.02.24	Library visit Nightingale	
06.02.24	Y5 & 6 Parents' Evening	
07.02.24	Y5 & 6 Parents' Evening	
08.02.24	Valentines Disco	
12.02.24 – 16.02.24	Half term	
23.02.24	Y3 & 4 visit to Perlethorpe	

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MONDAY 29TH JANUARY



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14.03.24	Y3 & 4 Bring Your Grown-up to...	2 – 3 pm
15.03.24	Y5 & 6 Bring Your Grown-up to...	2 – 3 pm
22.03.24	Reception visit to White Post Farm	
26.03.24	Easter Service at St. Peter & St. Paul's church	9:45 am

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