



'Dream, believe, achieve together'

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A Message from Mr Nash	<p>The last day of term is this Friday 13th February 2026 and thank you to the PTA for arranging a Break The Rules day. More information can be found in the PTA section at the end of the Bulletin. We look forward to seeing all of the children back at school on Monday 23rd February 2026.</p> <p>It is worth noting that we have reached our first anniversary of being part of Equals Trust. As I sit typing this it is good to reflect on what we have achieved and with the continued support the Trust has given us we are proud to be delivering a good quality education for our children.</p> <p>Next half term, we have a variety of exciting activities planned, including some fundraising events. As always, all children are welcome to take part, and any donations are completely voluntary. We carefully plan activities to ensure families aren't burdened with unnecessary costs - our main focus is having fun while supporting good causes.</p>
Staffing update	<p>We wrote to parents/carers in Bluebells and Rabbits in December with a staff update and are pleased to confirm that Mrs Dowsett has returned from Maternity Leave during this half term and is working in Bluebells on a Wednesday and Rabbits on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Dowsett is also returning to her KS1 Phase Leader role alongside Mrs Johnson. We would like to thank Mr Khalique for carrying out this role during the last year and Mrs Graham for teaching in the Rabbits class.</p>
NEW Safeguarding Tips for Parents and Carers	<p>Within each Bulletin we will be adding a topical safeguarding update aimed at supporting our families.</p> <p>These updates cover a range of aspects of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of pupils, including information on where to go for support for parents and carers. This week the spotlight is on the NSPCC's guidance for children staying 'Home or going Out Alone'. Click the link for the update... Safeguarding - Round Hill Primary School</p> <p>The article provides practical tips and advice to help parents and carers decide what is best for their child when it comes to staying home alone or going out alone. It covers some of the risks parents should consider before making a decision, such as how their child feels about the idea and who they should contact in an emergency.</p>
Reading for Pleasure	<p>Check out our Reading for Pleasure page on the school website!</p> <p>This month we are excited about the launch of 2026 as the National Year of Reading and are looking forward to World Book Day. In addition, please visit our Reading for Pleasure where you can try The Open University 'Reading Together Treasure Hunt' at home with your family and friends. Together, you'll become reading detectives – hunting out advertising, messages, comics, reading that makes you laugh and much more. You may well be surprised how much reading surrounds us every day!</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Story Telling events in school last week, it was wonderful to see so many parents/carers in school.</p>
SciTech Competition – Egg Brake	<p>We are excited to share that the annual SciTech competition is coming up next half term.</p> <p>This year's challenge is to design and make a self-propelled vehicle (buggy) that can carry a raw egg, travel a set distance, and then stop safely. Details on how to make the buggy and the rules can be found on the Science Curriculum page on our school website.</p> <p>Key Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This year is a 'make it at home' competition, so participation is optional.• Children may work individually or in groups of up to 6 within their year group/phase.• Completed entries must be brought into school by Friday 6th March.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After entries are collected, we will run phase heats followed by a Round Hill final. Winners from each phase will go on to the Grand Final at Heymann Primary School on Friday 24th April, competing against winners from other local schools. <p>Alongside the overall winners, we will also be awarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most ingenious buggy Best aesthetically designed and finished egg buggy <p>We can't wait to see the children's creativity, problem-solving and engineering skills come to life. Good luck to everyone taking part!</p>
Le Club Francais – EYFS Lunch Time Club	<p>We are pleased to confirm that Sara from Le Club Francais is starting a new lunch time French club for children in EYFS. This is a club paid for by parents directly to Le Club Francais and will take place every Tuesday lunchtime at school. To find out further information or to register your child, please email Sara directly at: leclubfrancaisnottingham@gmail.com</p>
ACE Sports Holiday Club	<p>A reminder that ACE Sports Holiday Club will be holding their holiday club at Round Hill during half term on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th February 2026. A copy of their flyer can be found on the Community Leaflets page on our website or to book a place, please visit:</p> <p>ACE Sports Coaching – How to book</p>
Theme Day Menus	<p>Throughout the school year, our school chef is going to start introducing some Theme Days with special themed menus. The next Theme Days are as follows and the menu's can be found on the school website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 26th February 2026: National Pizza Day Lunch Friday 6th March 2026: Klug's World Book Day Lunch
Parents Evenings in March 2026	<p>Further to our letter yesterday, you will have seen that Parents Evenings will take place soon after half term. A copy of the letter is available on our school website. To make an appointment, use the Arbor app by Friday 27th February at 6.00 p.m.</p>
World Book Day - Friday 6th March 2026	<p>You will have seen on the School Calendar that we will be celebrating World Book Day at Round Hill on Friday 6th March instead of the official date.</p> <p>Our main focus is to promote a love of books and the joy of reading. To celebrate, we invite all children to bring in their favourite book to share and/or dress up as their favourite book character.</p> <p>Please note, this is not a fundraising event - just a fun way to enjoy and celebrate reading together! Please do not feel any pressure to purchase a new costume, especially if you have multiple children in school – there are a couple of suggestions of how your child can get involved below:</p> <p>Suggestion 1) Why not organise a costume swap with other families in school. Suggestion 2) Use other local social media swap pages such as Beeston Free Recycle. Suggestion 3) It could be as simple as your child coming in their pyjamas with their favourite book.</p> <p>We will also be sending home the World Book Day tokens in the first week back after half term so they can be used in the run up to World Book Day.</p> <p>To join in with the celebrations, our school chef will be making a special Klug's World Book Day lunch on Friday 6th March with Fantastic Mr Fox Chicken Nuggets or BFG's Vegetable Nugget Bites. The full menu for the day can be found on our school website.</p>
Comic Relief – Friday 20th March 2026	<p>Red Nose Day is back on Friday 20th March 2026. The theme this year is 'Take Yourself Funny for Money'.</p> <p>Children are able to wear non-school uniform and hopefully a splash of the colour red for a small donation to this good cause. More details will follow in the next bulletin, but note, we do not expect anyone to have to buy anything new for Comic Relief.</p>

Parking Around School	I recently wrote to parents who use Roundabout to remind them that the School Car Park is strictly for staff only. I thought I'd use this opportunity to remind all parents about this to help to keep our children safe. Please do not use the school car park by following a staff member into school. A reminder that parents/carers are able to park in Lidl car park and enter the school via the gate directly onto the school field. Thank you for your support with this.
Packed Lunches	We are aware that a number of packed lunches are being left in school on a daily basis. Please ensure that if your child brings a packed lunch into school that they take this home with them each day to ensure any left over food can be removed. We will be deep cleaning the area where packed lunches are stored over the February half term so if any packed lunches are left in school after Friday 13 th February, this will be thrown away over half term.
Donation to Cancer Research	Cancer Research UK has been in touch as due to the sales of the school photographs that were taken before Christmas, we raised £109.50 for their charity.
Cool Milk	Please note there will be no Cool Milk delivery on the first day back after half term on Monday 23 rd February.
Hot Topic/s for E-Safety: Safer Internet Day And Mental Health week	<p>1) It's safer internet day today, Tuesday 10th February, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.</p> <p>The remarkable growth of generative AI tools like ChatGPT has opened up exciting new opportunities for young learners. Used wisely, AI can be a powerful ally in boosting creativity, learning and problem-solving skills. However, without proper guidance, young people may stumble into challenges including inaccurate information, data security risks, and a growing reliance on AI over their own critical thinking.</p> <p>Click here to see the parental guide to using AI - from setting clear usage boundaries to teaching digital hygiene and promoting independent thought, this guide offers parents and educators practical advice on the safe, positive use of AI. With the right understanding and guidance, you can ensure that generative AI becomes a positive influence, rather than a potential pitfall in young people's digital lives.</p> <p>2) It's also Mental Health Week and I have been talking to the children about setting appropriate boundaries for their online use.</p> <p>Children and young people are increasingly turning to social media for mental health advice, but much of what they encounter online is unverified, oversimplified or misleading. This guide explores why platforms like TikTok and Instagram have become go-to sources, and how misuse of clinical language and viral trends can distort children and young people's understanding of mental health.</p> <p>Click here to see the parental guide for Mental Health Misinformation Online - aimed at parent and educators, it offers clear, expert-led strategies to counter misinformation. The guide looks at topics such as encouraging open conversations, identifying reliable sources, and strengthening school-home collaboration. Use this information to build young people's critical thinking, resilience and confidence in seeking appropriate professional help when needed.</p>
Diary Dates and Reminders	<p>Important - we rely on parents checking the School Calendar regularly. As a general rule, we deliberately do not remind parents about events choosing instead to encourage everyone to check the school calendar regularly.</p> <p>School Calendar – Diary dates for the rest of the Spring Term 2025-26 are on the school website. Summer Term dates will continually be added to over the coming weeks.</p>
Community Leaflets	A reminder to regularly visit the Community Leaflets page on our school website which we update as and when we receive new flyers.

PTA Update

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It has been a busy start with the Family Quiz, which was a fun evening! Thank you to the team and helpers for organising. Also a thank you to the families who came and who helped with a record tidy up at the end!

We have lots more to come and we are looking at planning ahead for the whole term, some details may change along the way but here is how it is looking so far.

Break the Rules: 13th Feb:

Please see the link attached and one of the team will be in the playground with the card machine on Friday morning. You can also send the money in with your child and this will be collected. We hope the children have lots of fun on the last day of this half term.

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/btr-feb26?utm_medium=CA&utm_source=CL

School Discos:

12th March - EYFS 3.45-4.30pm / YR 5&6 5-6PM

16th March - Quiet disco - in school time (your child will be invited by school) YR 1&2 3.45- 4.30PM / YRS 3&4 5-6PM

We are excited to say we have a new company doing the discos for us this year. The permission letters from school will be out very soon and here is a link here to buy the tickets. We do need the permission letter from school as this gives the teachers/PTA/Roundabout the important information we need to dismiss your children after the discos. We would like to make this as inclusive as we can for all children so any questions please just ask.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/roundhillpta/?event=event&eventId=111953>

Fun Run: 8th May

This is in school time and it will take place in the afternoon this year, we will send the just giving link for sponsorship nearer the time. Also we do ask for parent volunteers so pencil in the date and we will be in touch with more details.

Circus 16th May:

We are excited to say we have the National Festival Circus coming to Round Hill, they will do 3 shows during the day and this will be fun for all the family. We will let you know more details soon.

Summer Festival – It's looking like Friday 3rd July:

Our plan is to combine the fair and the festival this year, this is for a number of reasons; one is the availability of school and the other is the fact the circus is an added extra weekend event. I hope you understand it is hard for our small team to commit to another weekend as these are big things to organise....but we have a plan! This is to have the yr6's with their stalls at the beginning of the evening and they will pack away so families can enjoy the rest of the evening together with friends. We will have a band playing, and a new addition of the pizza truck this year, there will be refreshments as usual (of course families will still be welcome to bring their own). The popular ice cream van will be booked and a mixture of our usual things on to entertain the children. More details will follow as our plan comes together.

Ways to raise funds at no extra cost to you:

Easyfunding:

If you are thinking of booking a holiday online or perhaps buying train tickets there are so many companies linked to easyfunding - all you have to do is go on the link the join and find the website and shop as normal and they will donate a % to the pta.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=361348&invite=obz9wc&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=share-tray

Stikins labels.

<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

If you need any labels this half term just click on the link above and use the code 17133 for Round Hill school, and Stikins will donate a % to the pta.

Keep up to date with our socials.

As always we update our social media pages when we have events on and we do try and share on the various WhatsApp groups.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1426534711004482/?ref=share_group_link

https://www.instagram.com/round_hillschoolpta?igsh=bGRvYXdvMGdxcms4&utm_source=qr

Have a lovely half term everyone.

Helen & The PTA team.