

NST Newsletter: Monday 3rd March 2025

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Site Manager Vacancy at Crabtree Farm

Crabtree Farm are advertising for a Site Manager vacancy – further information about the role can be found on the school's website here:

<https://www.crabtreefarmprimary.com/ourvacancies>

Please share these details with anyone you know who may be interested in applying.
Thank you!



Here to Help Fayre at Rosehill School – Thursday 22nd May

Please find attached a flyer regarding Rosehill School's Here to Help Fayre, which is taking place on Thursday 22nd May. A couple of places are still available for SENCOs from NST schools to attend, on a first come first served basis.

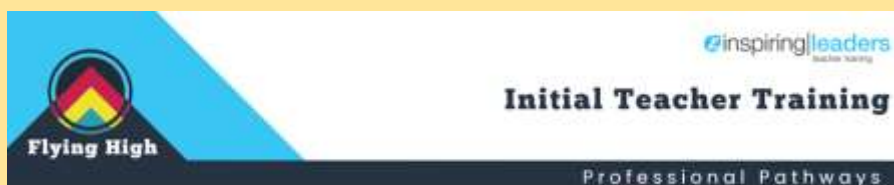
Places can be booked by clicking the link at the bottom of the flyer.



Newline Screen for Sale at Snape Wood

Snape Wood are still looking to re-home a nearly new Newline 65 inch screen and stand for sale – please see the attached document for pictures/further details. The cost is shown as £2,500, but they are happy to accept offers!

If this is of interest to you, please contact Alison Howarth (School Business Manager) asap, at a.howarth@snapewood.nottingham.sch.uk



Assessment-Only Route to QTS Seminar for Headteachers

Are you looking to strengthen your teaching team by helping your talented, unqualified teachers achieve **Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)**?

We invite you to our **free online seminar**, hosted by **Dirk Smith, SCITT Director**, where we will introduce our **Assessment Only Route to QTS** —a 12-week pathway designed to recognise and formalise the skills of experienced but unqualified teachers. By supporting them through this process, you can build a stronger, more qualified teaching workforce without disrupting their current role in your school.

Online Seminar Details:

📅 **5th March 2025**

🕒 **4pm - 5pm**

📍 **Online** (Link provided upon registration).

Why Attend?

- **Strengthen your teaching team** by enabling your skilled staff to gain QTS.
- **Retain and develop** the teachers already making a difference in your school.

- **Understand the process** and how your school can support candidates through assessment.
- **Ask questions and receive expert guidance** on how this route can benefit your staff and pupils.

This is an opportunity to recognise and reward the dedication of your teachers while ensuring the highest standards in your classrooms.

[Register now to secure your place!](#)

Priority Literacy Newsletter – February 2025

Please find attached the latest Priority Literacy newsletter.

Nottingham Music Hub Open Classrooms Project

Music Leads have an exciting opportunity to connect and share best practices in music education! Please see the link below for details of opportunities for primary and secondary Music Leads to visit Lead Schools for Music, to observe a selection of lessons and to have a 'Teach Meet', to collaborate and exchange ideas.

<https://www.nottinghammusic hub.org.uk/schools/lead>

To book a place, email claire.nichols@nottinghammusic hub.org.uk

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March 2025

Michael Rosen is hosting an inspiring free 45 minute [online event for KS2](#). Michael will perform some of his poems, talk about the importance and joy of poetry and give tips on how to start writing your own!

BBC Teach have many ideas on their [BBC Bitesize](#) pages plus a [Live Lesson](#) and full [Assembly](#) plan for the day itself or just before.

National Literacy Trust also has a premier-league inspired [Live Lesson](#) including quizzes with questions pitched by your footballing heroes plus lots of other [ideas for the day](#) and to help develop reading for pleasure [throughout the year](#).

Free Level 2 Training Opportunity – Encouraging Vaccination Uptake

Nottingham City has a significantly lower uptake of routine childhood vaccinations than the average for England, the East Midlands, and our Statistical Neighbours. Data for Nottingham City shows that uptake percentages for the MMR vaccination and for the Dtap and IPV booster are well below the 95% World Health Organisation target required to sustain elimination of diseases such as measles and rubella.

As part of our response to this low uptake, thanks to funding provided by NHS England, we are offering a free, interactive training course titled "Encouraging Vaccination Uptake"

designed to increase vaccination uptake rates in Nottingham. The course is open to anyone in Nottingham working or engaging with young people. It is available as a one-day session, two half-day sessions, or in short burst of 3 x 2.5 hours. The training provides participants with the knowledge and confidence to discuss the importance of vaccinations with colleagues, volunteers, parents, young people aged 14+ and the wider community.

Upon completion, participants receive a Level 2 Award in Encouraging Vaccination Uptake from the Royal Society for Public Health. This training is available both in-person and online.

Please see attached flyer for more details.

UoN Primary Education Network (PEN) Invitation - Thursday 06.03.25 (Online)

Free online professional development events: The University of Nottingham's Primary Education Network for 2024-25

For some years, our partnership work has included the Primary Education Network (PEN). This is an opportunity for school colleagues to come together for free events that offer both professional development and local networking. In the past, meetings have focused on topics such as memory, refugee education and the use of technology to support children's writing.

The current format is an hour's online session (MS Teams) featuring some expert input and the opportunity for questions and discussion afterwards.

This term's event focuses on creating a diverse, representative primary curriculum and will be led by Helen Richardson, Deputy Headteacher at Seely Primary and Nursery School:

What happens when children in your primary classroom do not see themselves represented in your curriculum?

In this session we will discuss the impact of the lack of representation in the primary curriculum, the importance of including everyone's history in the primary curriculum and how to create a diverse curriculum where everyone is included. We will look at why it's not enough to teach our children to be tolerant, but the entire basis of our curricula should be shaping accepting and respectful citizens of the future.

This event will take place online, through MS Teams on **Thursday 6 March, from 4pm-5pm**. If you would like to come, please indicate by clicking on one of the following links and we will send you an invitation and link.

Feel free to forward this to any other colleagues who you think may be interested.

[YES I will be attending the PEN event on Thursday 06.03.25](#)

[NO I will not be attending the PEN event on Thursday 06.03.25](#)

So that you can hold the dates, please note that our summer term event will be at the same time on **5 June 2025**. We hope to see you there!

Finally, you may also be aware that another aspect of the PEN is our primary blog, which has covered a multitude of primary-related themes with over 80 posts. All of the posts are available to read here: <https://blogs.nottingham.ac.uk/primaryeducationnetwork/>. If you are interested in discussing a contribution, please contact rupert.knight@nottingham.ac.uk

Best wishes,

The University of Nottingham Primary Education Team

Ramadan Guidance for Schools 2025

Nottingham Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) celebrates the diversity between and among the city's faith communities. It is also aware that religious and cultural differences can provide challenges, to a greater or lesser degree, to the life of schools in Nottingham.

Please find attached a briefing paper and advice document from Nottingham City SACRE concerning Ramadan, which began on 28th February.

Head teachers, and school leaders are welcome to seek support, knowledge and guidance from Nottingham SACRE and its membership. For more information, please email Heidi.shewell-cooper@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Spring Term Subject Leader Network Meetings

The following Subject Leader Network meetings are now available to book via our booking platform, Universe. Click on the hyperlinks below for further details/to book in:

- Design and Technology Network – [Tuesday 4th March, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Assessment Leads Network – [Thursday 6th March, 9.00am to 3.00pm](#)
- Inclusion Network – [Thursday 13th March, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- Science Network – [Monday 17th March, 1.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Art Network – [Thursday 20th March, 1.30pm to 3.30pm](#)

If you have any queries or if you experience any issues when using these booking links, please let [Emily](#) know.