



Newsletter – March / Easter Edition

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Message from the Head Teacher

What a busy half term it has been!

A huge thank you to everyone for your hard work. We are incredibly proud of all the children, especially during their assessment week. They always try their very best and continue to make themselves, and the school, proud.

Take a look below to see everything we've been up to, as well as some important upcoming dates.

Have a fantastic Easter break and thank you for all the donations, chocolate, and support — it means a lot to us all.

SATs Meeting

Mrs Busby would like to invite all Year 6 parents and carers to a SATs Information Meeting straight after school on **Tuesday 14th April**. We will be sharing plans, timetables, and how you can support at home.

SATs Week is: Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May.

Rise Voices – Tickets Now Available

We are delighted to share that Rise Voices tickets are now on sale!

This event is always a real highlight in the school calendar, and our year 4 children have been working incredibly hard to put together a fantastic show.

The performance will take place at the Mattioli Arena, Leicester, on Thursday 23rd April. Doors open at 5:15pm and the event begins at 6:15pm. Tickets cost £12.50 each, and you can purchase them using the QR codes or link on the attached poster.

It promises to be a wonderful evening celebrating music, teamwork and our brilliant young performers. We hope to see many of you there!

Thank You – Easter Church Service

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Easter Church Service. The children worked really hard and we think it showed! A massive well done to them all.

Scholastic Book Fair

We hope you enjoyed visiting the Book Fair over the last few days and managed to pick up some new reads! As always, the school receives free books based on sales, so we really do appreciate your support.

We will share the total raised after Easter. Thank you again!

Chocolate Donations

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated chocolate for our Easter Bonnet and "Decorate an Egg" prizes. The children did an egg-cellent job

Photos of this year's entries and our winners are available on our website

Festival of Words

This year's Festival of Words was a great success! Jonathan Sellers was a fantastic hit with the children once again. Pictures of his visit — and the letter "Imagination," which were on show at Sharpe's Pottery Museum — are available on our website.

Chocolate Bingo

Because of your incredibly generous chocolate donations, we were able to hold Chocolate Bingo today! It was great fun and the children were fully involved — Gala better watch out!

We hope your child managed to win something sweet (and maybe even shared it!).

Residential Trip Deposits

A reminder that deposits for next year's Residential Trip are due by 12/04/2026.

This is open to current Years 4 & 5 students for next academic year. Deposit required: £50.

School Leavers' Jumpers

School Leavers' Jumpers are now available to order from [Pupils Schoolwear, Swadlincote](#).

Letters have been sent home this week with full details. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Swimming – Year 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 will begin swimming sessions from Tuesday 15th April, straight after lunch.

Please ensure you have given consent on Arbor if you haven't already.

Sunshine & Hot Weather Reminder

As brighter weather approaches and the children may be eating lunch outside, please remember:

- Children should have named sun hats
 - Sunscreen must be applied by the children themselves where needed
- Thank you for keeping everyone safe in the sunshine!



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Community Poppy Project

We are excited to be taking part in the Community Poppy Project to create a large handmade poppy display for the Remembrance Garden at the Clock Tower in Coalville.

Families are welcome to help!

You can make poppies by:

Using recycled plastic bottles

Knitting

Crocheting

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Or any other weatherproof method you prefer. Click [here](#) for some ideas

We will begin making poppies in school after the Easter break, but if you would like to support from home, that would be wonderful.

(I have attach PDF patterns for the knitting and crocheting.)

Please can all completed poppies returned to school by Friday 18th September.

Thank you for helping us support this important community project.

Blackfordby Community Easter Egg Hunt Trail

The Blackfordby Community Group is running an Easter Egg Hunt Trail from Saturday 28th March through Easter weekend.

Every child who takes part receives an Easter Egg

Completed and correct entries go into a prize draw

Trail booklets can be collected from either:

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The bus shelter on Main Street (next to the football field), or

The starting point on the corner of Fenton Avenue/Butt Lane

If booklets run out, families can use the QR code (attached on the newsletter) or this link to access the digital booklet:

[Easter Trail 2026](#)

Completed entries go in the post box at the Village Hall. Eggs can be collected on Easter Saturday between 2–4pm.

If you have any questions, you can contact Donna on 07504 758634.

The Blackfordby Community Group wishes everyone a very Happy Easter!





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April

12th Deposit deadline for year 4
& 5 upcoming residential trip
13th School Reopens
14th Year 6 SATs Meeting
17th Deadline for ordering
Leavers Jumpers
23rd Year 4 Rise Voices

May

4th May Bank Holiday
11th - 15th Year 6 SATs
22nd School Closes for Half
Term

June

1st School Reopens
5th - 6th Space Centre Sleepover
Years 3 & 4
18th Youth for Christ Assembly
24th Life Education Visit in
School
30th Year 6 Granville Transition
Day

July

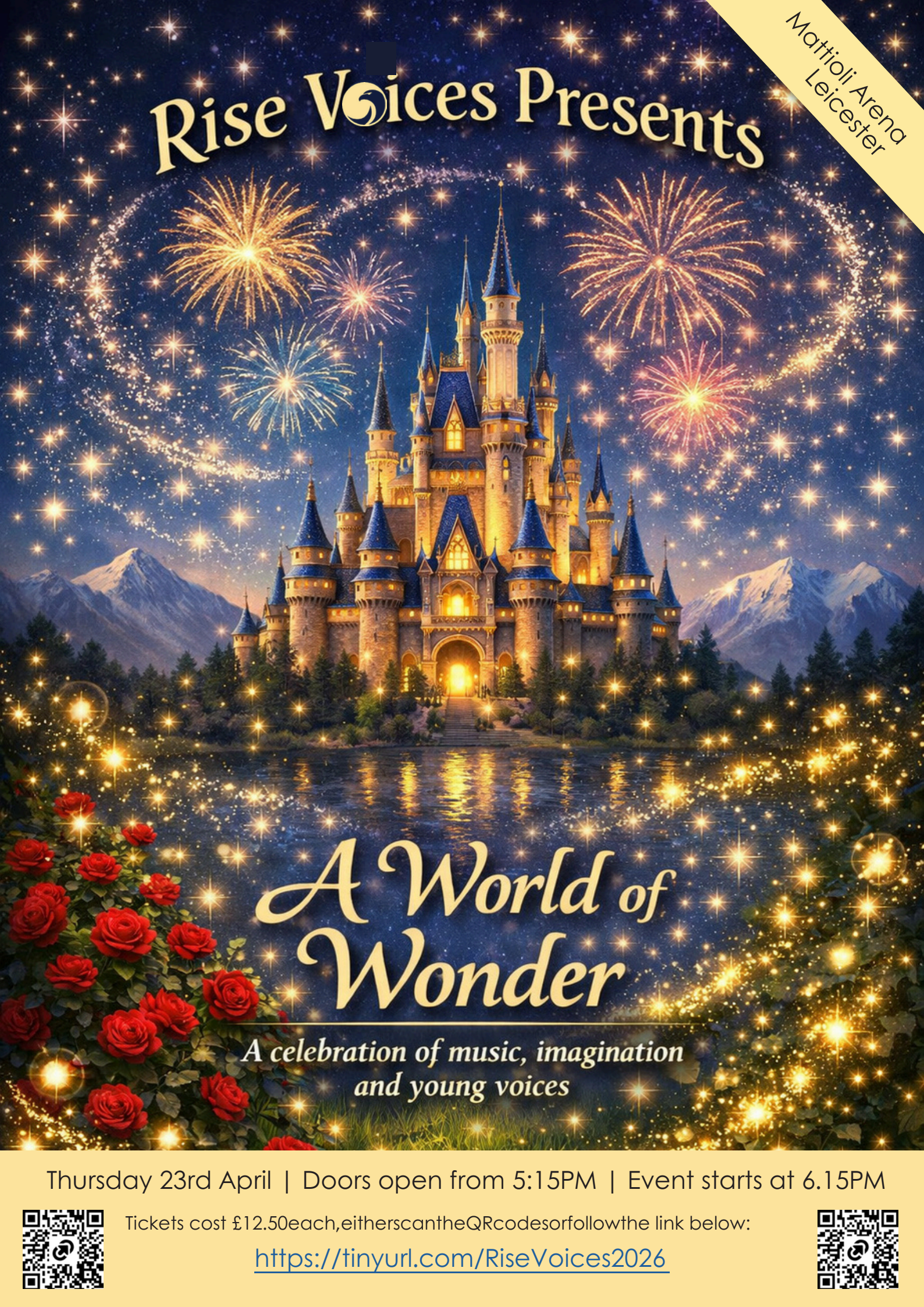
1st Year 6 Granville Transition
9th School Closes for Summer

Other upcoming Dates

20th & 21st August Inset Days
24th August School reopens
16th October Inset Day
19th -23rd October Half Term
30th September - 2nd October Year 5&6 Residential
Information to follow

Rise Voices Presents

Mattioli Arena
Leicester



A World of Wonder

*A celebration of music, imagination
and young voices*

Thursday 23rd April | Doors open from 5:15PM | Event starts at 6.15PM

Tickets cost £12.50 each, either scan the QR codes or follow the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/RiseVoices2026>





Blackfordby Community Group

Easter Trail

A fun village themed trail for all the family

**From Saturday 28th March
through till Easter Weekend**

The Easter Bunny is busy working on the details with
an Easter Egg for every child in each family that
joins in

All entries will be entered into an Easter Prize Draw

To help the Easter Bunny please register your interest with:
eventsblackfordby@outlook.com or contact Donna on 07504758634

Crochet Poppy Pattern (no sew)



Black centre of poppy

1. Magic circle with 13 single crochet
2. Close with slip stitch
3. Change yarn to red

Guidance

- Use a 3.0/3.5 mm hook
- Tunisian-style crochet

Red petal one

1. Chain 3
2. Insert into 2nd chain from hook and pull through and repeat for 3rd chain, (you should have 3 stitches on your hook)
3. Insert into base stitch and pull through (you should now have 4 stitches on your hook)
4. Yarn over and pull through 2 loops, repeat until you have 1 stitch on the hook and chain 1
5. Insert hook into loop on the front and pull yarn through, and repeat on the second (you should have 3 stitches on your hook)
6. Insert hook into next chain in magic circle and pull yarn through (you should have 4 stitches on your hook)
7. Yarn over and pull through 2, repeat until you have 1 stitch on your hook, and chain 1
8. Repeat steps 5-7, 5 times
9. Slip stitch into 1st and 2nd loop, and into base stitch in the magic circle



Refer to step 5 of instructions



Newmarket Community Poppy Project Team Pattern

Size 4 or 8 pins

Cast on 80 stitches in red

Knit 7 rows

Change to black, knit 2 together to the end for three rows

Cut off wool, thread through the last row of stitches and pull tight

Sew up and leave along black end

About 30cms