

Nottingham Primary Newsletter

January 2025

Round-up of Arts & Cultural
opportunities for schools



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Welcome back and very best wishes for the year ahead!

In this issue you'll find a host of varied opportunities for you and your pupils, including professional development to support your creative curriculum. There are lots of in-school and extra-curricular sessions to take advantage of, and some early dates to help your planning.

If you missed the last Primary Culture Meet on Tuesday 21 January 4-5pm you can [watch the recording here](#).

Check out our short film about the Cultural Guarantee Pilot - with a glimpse into sessions at Lakeside Arts, UoN Museum, Wollaton Hall and Papplewick Pumping Station. [See film](#) (12 mins)

We are looking forward to connecting with more schools, staff and governors and celebrating our tremendously talented children and young people.

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Cultural Rucksack - create, connect and collaborate!

The Cultural Rucksack Directory brings you over 40 arts organisations and programmes to connect with in Nottingham. You'll find the details of each organisation's core offers, including visits, in-school workshops and resources, to support the planning and delivery of creative and cultural experiences in your school.

Download the PDF version [here](#) and [browse the ChalleNGe website](#) to find ideas and resources.

Join the Cultural Rucksack programme [here](#).



Teacher networks and events





Primary Culture Meets
21 Jan & 24 April
4-5pm online

challenge
Nottingham Cultural
Network and Partners

Free twilight sessions to meet and hear from arts providers in Nottingham. Join the Challenge network of teachers!

21 January and 24 April 2025

4-5pm
Twilight network online

Primary Culturemeets

Free

Our termly networking sessions keep you up-to-date with opportunities from arts offers for your school! Watch the recording to hear 5 min presentations from:

Catriona Kelly, [Ignite!, Festival of Science & Curiosity](#) (10-21 Feb); & [Primary Parliament](#)

Adam Pepper, [Silverscreen](#)

Sarah West, [Nottingham Playhouse](#)

Rebecca Hart, [Dance Equation](#)

Alice Veldtman, [Young Creative Awards](#)

Rick Hall, [Nottingham Games](#)

Claire Nicholls, [Nottingham Music Hub](#)

Jo Ayris, [National Justice Museum & City of Caves](#)

Liz Muge, [Mishmash Productions](#)

Catherine Kirk, [Achieve Well](#) (NCC);

Ekua Ghansah, [Child Friendly Nottingham](#)

Amanda Briggs-Goode, [NTU \(staff profile\)](#)

An inspiring hour! **Register** for **Thurs 24 April, 4-5pm. All teachers welcome!**



LET'S CELEBRATE!
Music in Cultural Celebrations

30 January 2025

music hub
by nottingham music service

2-4pm
Nottingham Nursery and Training Centre
Free

Nottingham Music Hub Primary Music Network for teachers

Music Network Meetings are a chance for Primary Music Leads and teachers to meet and discuss the delivery of music in schools. The meetings aim to provide CPD, resources and networking opportunities for teachers to share best practice and discuss developments in music education.

[Find out about Nottm Music Hub](#)

[Click here to book](#)



6 February 2025

4.30-6.30pm

Nottingham Contemporary Teacher Session

To learn more and get ideas about bringing pupils to see the latest exhibitions at Nottingham Contemporary, join the learning team in early February for the Teacher Session where you'll have a chance to preview the exhibitions, share practice and enjoy some art-making.

Email

learn@nottinghamcontemporary.org

to book your place.

[Find out more about Daniel
Lind-Ramos HERE](#)



12 March 2025

4-5.30pm

Whitemoor Academy,
Bracknell Crescent, NG8 5FF

Art and Wellbeing CPD ChalleNGe & Achieve Well Team

There is strong evidence for the importance of arts and creativity to children's health and well-being. Following the launch of the Nottingham Healthy Child vision in November 2024 we invite you to join us for a practical session exploring ways to integrate creativity into classroom practice. You'll find out about practitioners and artists with relevant interest and experience that you can connect with to enhance your work, and have chance to share and learn from each other.

This session is aimed at any member of staff and is particularly relevant for staff with mental health and well-being responsibilities.

[Art & Well-Being Booking Form HERE](#)



7 May 2025

1.15-3.15pm

Old Basford Primary School,
Percy Street, Basford, NG60GF

Free, for all staff

BeatFeet (Primary CPD) Bringing West African Rhythm to the Classroom: Djembe Drumming with Sidiki Dembélé

Sidiki Dembele is a fantastic facilitator and will inspire you to take steps in confidently including West African percussion in your own teaching and learning settings. This hands-on session will give you the confidence to bring the powerful rhythms and songs of West Africa into your classroom.

You'll leave with practical tools, techniques, and newfound confidence to incorporate West African drumming into your curriculum, energising your students with the vibrant rhythms of the djembe. Explore ways to use drumming as a tool for teamwork, coordination, and musical expression, while adapting the content for different age groups and abilities. Suitable for all staff, come and be energised!

[Djembe Drumming CPD
Booking Form HERE](#)



27 June 2025

Albert Hall, Nottingham
Early Years to Key Stage 2 Staff

£80 per person

Music Education Hubs East Midlands (MEHEM) Cultivating Creativity through Music: Conference 2025

Discover creative approaches to music education at the MEHEM Conference for Music Education. Explore new ideas on inclusivity, innovation and stretching the boundaries of creativity within the school curriculum. The day includes workshops for primary, secondary and SEND settings from leading experts, as well as opportunities to network with school and music hub colleagues from across the region.

Content includes: Capturing creativity in KS1 with story maps, Creative approaches to active listening, mixing, sequencing and DJing with music technology, exploring strengths and challenges of neurodiversity with creative and inclusive design and progression into creative industries.

[Find out more about Cultivating
Creativity through Music](#)

[Complete this form to express your
interest in attending](#)

Pupil Voice





Deadline: 21 February 2025

Child Friendly Nottingham: Pupil voice: Survey

Nottingham is working towards international recognition as a Child Friendly City. This means that the city is committed to improving the lives of children and young people by fulfilling children's rights as articulated in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

To do this, we need to know what children and young people who live, work or study in the city think about their experiences now.

Please share the link to the survey to children in your school and their parents.

It should take about 10-minutes to complete. Thank you!

[Primary Age: Complete the Survey HERE](#)

[Guidance document for teachers](#)



ChalleNGe Nottingham & Child Friendly Nottingham Voice Box Project

Key Stage 3

The Child Friendly Nottingham team want to support schools to promote pupil voice through engaging and creative Voice Boxes. This supports Article 12 of the UNICEF Rights of the Child: Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and for these to be taken seriously.

A Voice Box is a fun, uniquely designed post box to encourage pupils to share thoughts, ideas and feedback, anonymously if needed. It is anticipated school leaders will respond to letters demonstrating that children's views are taken seriously. Make your Voice Box in any material you choose.

There is also an option for schools to submit a character/front panel design that can be cut out of wood (£110) or cardboard (£85) for schools to decorate (Max size: 4ft x 4ft).

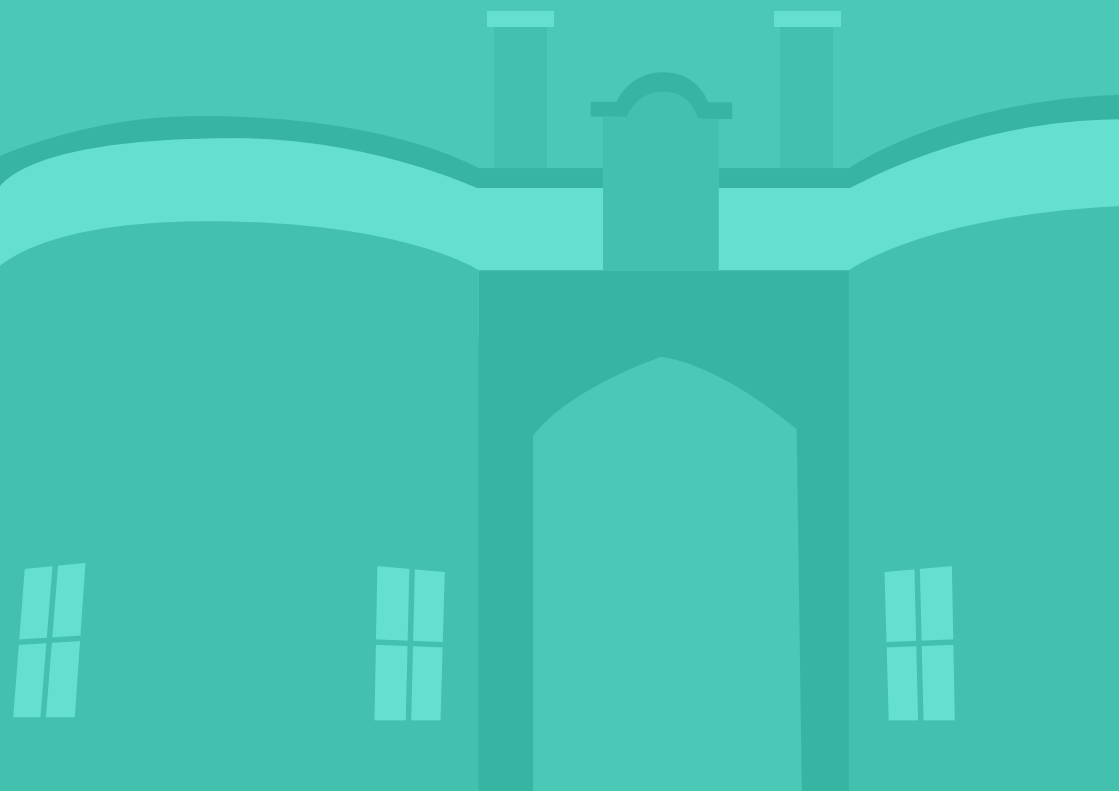
Please capture how your Voice Box is used and any changes your pupils make to their school and/or community. Child Friendly Nottingham would love to hear your impact stories.

[Find out about Children Friendly Nottingham](#) and [UNICEF, for every child](#)

Contact: Cathy.mahmood@ntu.ac.uk or Heidi.shewell-cooper@ntu.ac.uk for more information or to book a Voice Box.

If cost is an issue, please let us know.

Exhibitions, tours & workshops





Until 27 April 2025

Nottingham Castle Impressions

KS2, 10.30-12noon or 1-2.30pm

**£180 per session available
from January 2025**

Explore first hand Paintings by world renowned Impressionist artists Monet and Pissarro. This session will give the group a chance to understand the revolutionary impact of the Impressionist art movement and why their work was so influential. A unique opportunity to explore the mark making and use of colour and light that made these works original and distinctive.

The group will look in depth at the techniques used in these paintings and discuss how they evoke the changing landscapes and seasons through discussion and practical activities. The group will also be able to explore paintings by British artists inspired by the Impressionist movement and painting outdoors, and decorative objects, costume and textiles which evoke a feeling of springtime.

The group will then use their learning to create an Impressionist inspired landscape artwork. To book email school.

programmes@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Teacher Led Visits to Nottingham Castle £5 per pupil. This includes space for your bags, lunch space and full day access to site.

[Book a Teacher Led session.](#)

[www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk/
impressions-landscapes](http://www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk/impressions-landscapes)



Until 4 May 2025

Nottingham Contemporary Daniel Lind-Ramos

Dates by arrangement
EYFS, Primary, Secondary & SEN/D
Self-led sessions are free

**£150 for a single class or £250
for 2 classes at the same time.**

In the spring term Nottingham Contemporary presents exhibitions by Brazilian artist Allan Weber and Afro-Puerto Rican artist Daniel Lind Ramos, who use objects and assemblage to tell stories about community, activism and climate change. The exhibitions can be used to explore oral traditions of storytelling, storytelling through objects and connect to important contemporary debates. A visit can support critical reading, spoken language skills and confidences and build cultural capital.

Self-led visit: Use the resources to plan activities around the galleries. Contemporary staff will help you plan your visit step by step.

Workshops: The Artist-Experience workshop is a bespoke creative session that connects students to exhibition themes through making. There are no set times for workshop sessions, they are often 10-12 or 1-2.45pm but can be adapted. The Galleries can be opened earlier with notice if that works better for schools.

To learn more and get ideas about how to use this opportunity attend the **Teacher Session: Thursday 6 Feb 4.30-6.30pm**

This is a chance to preview the exhibitions, share practice and enjoy some art-making.

Email learn@nottinghamcontemporary.org to book your place or [register here](#).

[Find out more about Daniel Lind-Ramos](#)

*Image Credit: Daniel Lind-Ramos. El Viejo Griot (The Elder Storyteller). 2022-2023. Installation view at MoMA PS1 from April 20–September 4, 2023. Photo: Steven Paneccasio.



January to April

Lakeside Arts: Cosmic Titans

Workshops for KS2

£150 for one workshop over a half-day, led by one artist. **£250 for two workshops** over a full day led by one artist. Maximum of 60 students on one day, split between two 30-student workshops. Whilst one group works with the artist, the other group will have a teacher-led session.

2025 has been designated as the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology, marking 100 years since the initial development of quantum mechanics. In recognition of this, the University of Nottingham is hosting Cosmic Titans: Art, Science and the Quantum Universe. This exhibition visually explores scientific research from everything from black holes to the big bang!

Alongside the exhibition Lakeside are running workshops to inspire pupils to become creative scientists. These will

explore how to draw and mark and make in new and exciting ways to illustrate ideas and experiences. Playful and experimental, this session uses the senses to create visual illustrations, inspired by the work within the Black Holes exhibition.

Exercises include:

- Drawing from sound
- Light and shadow
- Exploring the gallery with torches
- Drawing to understand/communicate
- Snowflake cut outs

Contact for more information:

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[Find out more about Cosmic Titans HERE](#)



Arrange Dates

Nottingham Cathedral - School tours

Nottingham Cathedral, the historic Cathedral Church of St Barnabas, is a Grade II* listed building in the heart of Nottingham City Centre.

Designed by the renowned architect Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin, it was dedicated in 1844 and raised to the status of Cathedral in 1850. Pugin, a key pioneer of the Gothic Revival architectural style, also helped design the interiors of the Houses of Parliament. His works sought to bring the richness, colour and detail of the Middle Ages back to life, in the early Victorian period.

Tours can be offered throughout the week by pre-booking-
cathedral@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Tours are free and can be supported by arts based workshops and activities by arrangement.



Arrange Dates

National Justice Museum Key Stage 2 & 3, ages 9-14

Free (£100 travel contribution also available)

Choices and Consequences

Award winning anti-knife crime prevention workshops for KS2 upwards, specifically aimed at young people who are unlikely to have considered carrying a knife. Choices and Consequences is proven to encourage positive behaviours and attitudes against carrying knives.

With Choices and Consequences, Nottingham mirrors the ground-breaking prevention approach to combating knife crime pioneered by The Ben Kinsella Trust in Islington, London.

It tells the story of Ben Kinsella, who was tragically killed in 2008 aged just 16, and is a vehicle to encourage young people to think about the consequences of carrying a knife and the choices they can make to avoid becoming impacted by violence.

[Find out more](#)



NOTTINGHAM CENTRAL LIBRARY

Arrange Dates

Tuesdays & Fridays -
dates by arrangement
Nottingham Central Library
EYFS – Y6

Free

Nottingham City Libraries Themed class visits

Nottingham City Libraries now offer free themed class visit sessions suitable for primary aged children at the Central Library. These involve a variety of stories, crafts, and games in the futuristic immersive room as well as the chance to explore the children's library and the extensive book stock. Themes for 2025 are:

- Shark in the Park for FS1 and FS2
- Dinosaurumpus for Years 1, 2 and 3
- World War 1 or World War 2 for Years 4, 5 and 6

Contact
hannah.clover@nottinghamcity.gov.uk
for more information or to book.



Arrange dates

Central Library
EYFS-Y6

Free

Nottingham City Libraries Bespoke sessions

Schools are welcome to contact Central library to discuss sessions based on individual topics/requests, with as much notice as possible as the ability to respond will depend on their workload.

However, schools can access a range of topics with interactive touchpoints and video, narration and activities already through their immersive room (History, Geography, Maths, English, Science, Music and RE)

See here for information:
[Immersive-Room-Educational-Content.pdf](#)

Contact Hannah Clover
hannah.clover@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Resources & In School workshops





10-21 February 2025

Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity 2025

F1 to KS5

Schools programme:

Mon 10 - Fri 14 February 2025

Public programme:

Sat 15 - Fri 21 February 2025

Across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire

Free

The Festival of Science and Curiosity will be running for the tenth year this February (Monday 10th - Friday 21st) with a week of activities with pre-registered schools followed by [free half-term activities](#) for families across the county.

Free Magazines for Years 5/6 and Year 7:

The magazine is filled with articles, puzzles and activities all produced by local scientists and researchers and is designed by students from Confetti.

[Download here](#)

KS2 / Year 7 Activity:

Today's Dinosaurs need your help. So join in the fun by putting your students' creativity and imagination to the test in free hands on activities with LEGO® bricks at Wollaton Hall. [Find out more](#) or contact sue.mallender@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

More free resources: This year we've produced [some self-guided resources](#) that could be delivered by teachers in schools or by families at home.

Full details about the festival can be found on the website www.nottsfosac.co.uk.



Nottingham Music Service: MusiQuest

Key Stage 3-5

Free: [Online resource](#)

MusiQuest is an online interactive music challenge for schools. Working as a class, pupils take on challenges, answer questions and unlock the clues! Classes will explore a range of musical concepts, taking part in interactive musical quests to take them through each stage. Anyone is welcome to join in and taking part is completely free!

MusiQuest covers many areas of the Model Music Curriculum and can be used as a comprehensive and engaging learning and assessment tool. The Music Hub hope that schools will join the Guardians of Music and make it to their boss level!

[Watch the MusiQuest trailer](#)



Arrange dates

In school and/or at
Broadway Cinema, Nottingham
Key Stage 1 & 2

£295 per day, including
production of final film

SilverScreen Primary Education: Adam Pepper, Film workshops: curriculum development

For the last fourteen years, SilverScreen Primary Education has been working across the UK, supporting schools' English and topic curriculums through a range of film-driven workshops. The workshops are delivered and differentiated using the current objectives in the National Curriculum and are designed on a bespoke basis to match pupils age, abilities, interests, stage of learning and potential written/topic/creative outcomes. Many of the school projects delivered result in an afternoon of film-making, designed to celebrate and consolidate the children's learning across the morning sessions. The workshops are useful CPD for staff too.

Contact Adam Pepper for more information and to book:
silverscreenprimary@gmail.com



Arrange dates

EYFS and Key Stage 1, 4-8 years
Dates and times to be arranged
with schools

£200

Dance Equation

Dancing Digits for Schools: Workshops,
live show, staff CPD and resources

"Children dance, count, and bounce to music, building positive associations with maths," says Rebecca, Dance Equation.

Bring your Maths teaching to life through movement and music. Dancing Digits blends curriculum-based maths concepts with engaging physical activities, helping children build confidence, recall key number facts, and develop spatial thinking. Recently researched with the Education Endowment Foundation, each session is carefully crafted to promote active learning through music, brightly coloured props, and a vibrant number line! These workshops are ideal for making maths enjoyable and reinforcing numeracy skills in a fun, inclusive environment.

[Find out more](#)



Arrange dates

Foundation Stage 4-5 years

Dates, times and costs to be agreed

Dance Equation: Happy Maths

Calling All Nottingham Schools! Dance Equation are excited to offer Nottingham schools a special opportunity to join the Happy Maths programme for Foundation Stage classes. Recently researched through the Education Endowment Foundation with 12 primary schools, Happy Maths has proven to boost confidence and engagement in maths through interactive staff CPD and resources.

Now focused on Foundation Stage pupils, this programme combines movement to music and foundational maths skills. Nottingham schools can join at a reduced rate, gaining access to expert-led training that makes maths memorable and fun!

Contact: Rebecca Hart
rebecca@dance-equation.co.uk

[Find out more about Dance Equation here](#)

NEW PERSPECTIVES

Dates TBC

This is available for a limited period
5-9 years

£100 This includes a teacher PDF and PowerPoint pack including the 6 postcards and an activity sheet to accompany each card, plus 30 sets of the six postcards for teachers to create a lesson plan and explore in the classroom.

New Perspectives Theatre Company Fair Play: A Postcard Adventure

When puzzling postcards start arriving through your letterbox asking for help, only you can crack the code and figure out who the mystery writer is.

A great creative adventure in the classroom. Following a successful postcard drama format, Nottingham's famous Goose Fair has inspired this latest series, Fair Play. This is a six-part postcard adventure for children aged 5-9yrs to enjoy together. Each card contains a secret code to crack, a mystery letter to help detect the writer of the cards, plus a QR code on each postcard to download with an activity sheet to explore a variety of fun creative challenges!

Please note: this is NOT a live performance.

If you would like to place an order or require any further information, please call New Perspectives 0115 927 2334 or email info@newperspectives.co.uk

Schools' packages will be sent out within 5 working days of placing an order, including an accompanying teacher PDF and PowerPoint pack.



Deadline for £150 bursary: 31 January

Nottingham Trent University Fashion Fictions for Children Resource Pack

School of Art and Design:
Amy Twigger-Holroyd & Sally Cooke
Key Stage 3 (7-14years)

Bursaries of £150 are available
for teachers and facilitators to try
out Fashion Fictions activities.

Fashion Fictions for Children is a free resource pack for teachers and facilitators working with children aged 7-14. Fashion Fictions brings imagination, playfulness and hands-on exploration to education for sustainability by inviting participants to imagine and enact fictional worlds in which people live differently with their clothes. Through these creative activities, children learn new skills and identify possibilities for real-world action.

The resource, written by researchers at Nottingham School of Art and Design, is informed by a pilot project involving Ignite!, Bulwell Arts Festival and six Nottingham primary schools, which was documented in a short film. Activities within the resource pack can be combined to suit different age groups, timescales and settings.

[Download the Fashion Fiction resource](#)
[Apply for a Fashion Fiction bursary](#)
[Watch the pilot project film](#)



Arrange Dates

Year Round
Your School/Setting
Key Stage 2, ages 7-11

Freedom Foundation Factory Programme

Freedom Foundation work within schools and the community in the city and the county, working with young people around their mental health and wellbeing, using the creative arts such as dance, singing, song writing and spoken word. Freedom Foundation are currently focusing on transition, supporting year 6 pupils through the Factory programme to Primary Schools. This 12 week programme is suitable for children aged between 7-11. They focus on topics such as:

- Social Media and me
- Self worth/Self care
- Rebuild & Reboot
- Big school I'm ready
- What challenges do I face?
- Just look at me now

Contact Simon Green,
Operations Manager
simon.green@freedomfoundationuk.org
[org](http://www.freedomfoundationuk.org) for more information.



In your setting

Nottingham Playhouse Speech Bubbles

Speech Bubbles is a targeted, evidence-based intervention for children in KS1 who have a Speech, Language and Communication Need, made in conjunction with speech and language therapists.

Speech Bubbles sessions are a different kind of experience to a clinical intervention, practitioners work to create a space which is **collaborative, playful** and **fun**.

It is a 20-week (10 per term) workshop programme which supports children while also enhancing the skills of a member of school staff (a high-level TA, Learning Mentor or SENCo, for example) to run small group creative work.

The full cost of the programme is **£3000+VAT** across the 2 terms per school.

If you are interested in learning more about the programme, Nottingham Playhouse have a small number of free 90-minute teacher inset sessions available, that can be delivered as an introduction, on a first come, first served basis.

Please email participation@nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk to register your interest.

[Find out more](#)



Early Years to Key Stage 2, 3-11 years

National Literacy Trust Marking Special Dates in the Year

The National Literacy Trust supports schools and early years settings with literacy teaching resources to help enrich lessons to mark special days throughout the academic year.

[Literary Trust Events Calendar 2024/5](#)

Holocaust Memorial Day

Date: 27 January 2025

This reflective moment could have a number of creative responses. The National Literacy Trust has a range of resources developed in partnership with trusted experts, like Tom Palmer, author to support students to understand the terrible impact of the Holocaust, and reflect on actions we can take to secure a safer future. [Holocaust Memorial Day](#)

Lunar New Year/Chinese New Year

29 January 2025

Celebrate the lunar new year with our flexible and fun literacy ideas.

[Hot Topic - Chinese New Year](#)

National Storytelling Week

1 to 9 February 2025

A week-long celebration of stories – spoken or written – encouraging creativity and self-expression enabling children to tell their own stories.

[National Storytelling Week](#) - resources and events from early yrs through to KS3.

Children's Mental Health Week

3 to 9 February 2025

Help pupils write creatively to support their well-being. This week spotlights children's mental health, and building on research findings that link literacy engagement with wellbeing.

[Children's Mental Health Week](#)



Until 28 Feb

Key Stage 2

Free to enter

National Literacy Trust Be the Change: Wicked Writers Competition

Could your students 'be the change' in their local community? This competition challenges students aged 9 to 14 to write persuasively about a positive change they would like to see. It supports the Child Friendly Nottingham child-centred approach so do consider capturing the impact your children make as a case-study.

This is fully supported by classroom resources and there are also fantastic prizes on offer.

Find out more:

[Get involved in Wicked Writers](#)



Year Round

Primary Outreach Programme,
Nottingham Trent University
Your School/Setting
Ages - Primary

Centre for Student and Community Engagement

CENSce offers outreach activities to local primary schools, raising awareness of the educational journey to higher education.

They particularly work with free school meals pupils and years 5 and 6. Schools can book free workshops in school and book campus visits to University. Some travel costs can also be reimbursed. The department also has a volunteering team who coordinate staff and student volunteering.

If anyone would like to have a further conversation or see if we can help with a query for any on campus visits to NTU, please email ose@ntu.ac.uk

[Find out more](#)



Dates TBC

Year 4-6

£100, 2 hour workshop

Circus Hub

Creative drama workshops around social model of disability

Circus Hub's Lost Performers Club is a group for disabled and / or neurodivergent performers. They are creating a new show which is based around the social model of disability & reimagining our world to be fit for everybody. They are looking for schools and pupils to be part of this reimagining, so that the next generation co-design this world. This will feed into the story, design and creation of the new circus show which will then be performed at free events throughout the city this summer.

The workshop is drama and design based, pupils will creatively explore the themes of disability, inclusion and society with pupils creating seeds for change to enable them to help reimagine and redesign the world together.

Email circushubnotts@gmail.com

[More information about Circus Hub](#)

Performances





28 January to 1 February

Coming to England

Theatre Royal

Age Guidance: 7+ Note: This production includes strong language and historically accurate racially abusive language

School Groups: **All tickets £16.50** with 1 free teacher per 20 seats booked. Available for Tuesday 11am & Thursday 11am performances.

An inspirational story of hope, determination and triumph. Floella Benjamin's award-winning and iconic book *Coming to England* comes to life in this joyful stage adaptation with music, storytelling and song.

Coming to England tells Floella's own story of moving to England as a child. Aged just 10, she and her siblings left Trinidad and sailed alone to join their parents. But Floella's excitement for her new life in England is short-lived, with her family subjected to racism and

intolerance in 1960s' London. Guided by her mother, and working twice as hard as her classmates, *Coming to England* tells the story of how a young Floella overcame adversity and grew to become Baroness Benjamin of Beckenham. A vibrant and energetic musical, adapted for the stage by David Wood ("the national children's dramatist" - *The Times*). [Find out more](#)



20 March

Opera North: The Magic Flute Lite

Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall
Suitable for KS3-4 (ages 11-16 Schools
groups only)

School Groups Tickets **£8 per student**
with 1 free teacher per 10 pupils.

In addition schools can book a half-day
in-school workshop for students. This
fun and engaging session explores the
music, plot, and characters in Mozart's
opera, led by a vocal animateur and
drama practitioner from Opera North's
Education team. To find out more and
book, email: schools@operanorth.co.uk

Sung in English with English subtitles this
special matinee performance packs all
the drama, magic and music of Mozart's
magical fairy tale into a perfect show
for schools (Key Stage 2-4), families and
anyone wanting a shorter version of the
opera.

With some of the greatest operatic music
ever written, the dashing prince Tamino
is on a quest to find love and happiness.
With the bird-catcher Papageno at
his side and armed with a magic flute,
he must battle dangers, trials and an
evil sorcerer to rescue the imprisoned
Pamina. Yet, just when success seems
within reach, the Queen of the Night has
a final surprise in store.

[Find out more about The Magic Flute](#)

Please call 0115 989 5555 to book.



4 - 8 November

Theatre Royal and Royal Centre
6years+
School groups 20+ **All tickets £18**
with 1 free teacher per 20 seats
booked - available for Tuesday 7pm
and Wednesday 2pm & Thursday 2pm
performances in the Stalls, Upper
Circle & Balcony.

The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe

Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime as the West End smash-hit production of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe comes to the Theatre Royal. Chance to step through the wardrobe into the magic kingdom of Narnia where a world of wonder awaits. Join Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter as they meet new friends, face dangerous foes and learn the lessons of courage, sacrifice, and the power of love. A spectacular production which is guaranteed to delight all ages.

Please contact the Group Sales team on 0115 989 5555 to book.

[Find out more about The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe](#)



28 Nov to Jan 2026

Theatre Royal
Early Years to Key Stage 2 (3years+)
Schools and Groups of Under 16s -
All tickets £17.50 for green & orange
midweek performances plus 1 free
teacher's seat for every 10 seats if
booked before 31 March 2025.
Tickets **£18.50** from 1 April 2025

Cinderella

You shall go to the ball with the spectacular family pantomime Cinderella. Next Christmas Craig Revel Horwood will lead the Theatre Royal Nottingham panto cast as the Wicked Stepmother in a production packed with laugh-out-loud comedy, stunning scenery, beautiful costumes and plenty of boos and hisses! Join Cinders as she goes from rags to riches, outwits her very wicked sisters and meets her Prince Charming.

The clock is ticking, so book your tickets early! [Find out about Cinderella](#)

Please email the Group Sales (group.sales@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) team or call 0115 989 5555 to book.

**Coming soon
& Don't forget**

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18 & 19 March 2025

Spring Term dates: 18 & 19 March 2025 at the Council House, 20 March online.

Free

Primary Parliament Spring 2025

Primary Parliament is a termly opportunity for pupil representatives of primary schools across Nottingham City to come together and have their voices heard.

Pupils explore a range of global and local issues that matter to them. They work with partners from cultural and educational organisations to learn and present creatively. More information here:

[Download the Schools pack.](#)

If you're interested in being involved in Primary Parliament, please complete this [registration form.](#)



26 March 2025

Nottingham Albert Hall
Year 4

Free

Great Orchestra Experiment Nottingham Music Hub

The Great Orchestra Experiment is a fantastic opportunity for children in Year 4 learning an instrument to take part in an exciting day of music making with the flagship Robin Hood Youth Orchestra.

Open to year 4 children who are taking part in WCET, children will experience an interactive and imaginative performance, where they will be taken on a musical journey. It is also a great learning opportunity for teachers too.

[Read more](#)



Deadline: 24 March 2025

Entries are now open
Year 6, 11 years+

Free to enter

Young Creative Awards 2025

Entries are now open. With 10 creative categories, including creative writing, photography, film and music, and 3 age groups per category, this annual event showcases and celebrates creative talent across Nottingham. Now in it's 18th year, the awards have been a springboard for some of Nottingham's brightest talent entering into creative careers. Entrants must be living or studying in Nottingham Urban Area.

The Young Creatives Award ceremony is set for Wed 4 June 2025 at Nottingham Playhouse, a wonderful occasion for young people to have their work seen and celebrated. Pupils aged 11+ can enter.

[Find out more about the YCA categories](#) and [Click here to enter.](#)



Key Stage 3, 4 & 5, up to 21 years
for City of Nottingham residents

Bursaries available to individuals only

Nottingham Education Trust

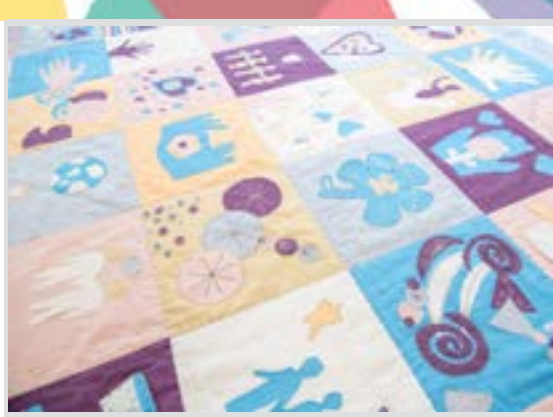
Did you know that young people who pursue interests and hobbies outside of school can benefit from funding?

The Nottingham Education Trust is a locally managed trust which exists to support young people, under the age of 21 and permanently resident in the City of Nottingham, to pursue activities outside of formal education, particularly in Music & the Arts, the Sciences, Languages, Travel and Cultural Experiences, Sports and Outdoor and Adventurous pursuits, who would otherwise not have the opportunity.

Eligible young people can apply for bursaries up to £800 in total to fund their projects and the application process is straightforward.

[More information - read about the impact for previous recipients](#)

[Online application](#)



Parents and Carers Enews

ChalleNGe has a regular enewsletter that is sent to subscribers before half terms and holidays, sharing low-cost creative opportunities for families.

Please share the Parents and Carers Enews [sign up link](#) within your parents communications and on your website. You can also visit the ChalleNGe website page [Activities and Groups](#) for information that you can signpost your pupils to outside of school.

Teachers Enews

ChalleNGe produces bi-monthly e newsletters for Primary teachers and Secondary teachers. [Sign up](#) to keep up-to-date with the latest news and opportunities for schools.



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