



# South Normanton Nursery News

14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## IF YOU WERE AN **ENGINEER** WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You may remember that in the Autumn Term we took part in The Primary Engineering Award; learning about what an engineer is, the kinds of things that they do and how important they are. The children looked at an alternative way of making Santa's sleigh move, as the reindeers were on holiday. Our designs were sent away to be judged and we have now received certificates for the children who took part. They will be bringing them home next week. Well done to Oscar H, Mason P, Myles and Reuben, who have been shortlisted for the East Midlands Regional Awards. The result of this is yet to be announced.



Next week is Travel Smart Week. The theme this year is linked to the national year of reading. This week is a great opportunity to try and come to nursery through walking, scooter or balance bike or through park and walk. Please take the time to mark on the charts outside of Foxes and Badgers entrances, how your child came to nursery.



In the coming weeks, children who are leaving us to go to Infant School in September will receive a pack containing 'Mouse'. This will be used in the same way as we have used 'Monkey' in supporting your child's transition into their new class. We have worked alongside the infant schools in developing these and are providing them as your child's leaving gift from us. We hope that they will support your child in moving to Reception.



Peter has taken the decision to retire as Headteacher of the nursery from the end of December 2026. The Governing Body are in the process of finding a new Headteacher to start in January 2027. They will notify you when an appointment has been made.



**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Travel Smart Week

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Nursery closes at 3:45pm for the half term break.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Nursery re-opens to children.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Rob Bound will be in doing Balance Bike training with the children. If you would like to take part, then please let Moira know.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Activity Day – more information to follow.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – We will be holding our Leavers celebration at The Post Mill - more information to follow. **There will be no nursery sessions on this day.**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – INSET Day. School will be closed to children for staff training.

**Nursery will reopen to children on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**



Playing together, learning together, growing together