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Dear Parents/Carers and our children,

Celebrating Teachers Awards – Nominations open

We have been made aware of an opportunity to take part in a University of Nottingham 'Celebrating Teachers Awards' in partnership with Notts County Football Club.

The Awards programme is inviting nominations for professionals within schools to be nominated for their work on inclusion, care and belonging.

Our community are extremely kind at recognising the work of our school staff, and therefore, I know many will be pleased of such an opportunity to nominate others.

Nominations can be made by anyone; parents, carers and our children and colleagues. I have attached the required information overleaf.

Kindest regards,

Miss Johnson
Principal

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Celebrating Teachers Awards

We are delighted to invite your school or setting to take part in our Celebrating Teachers Awards, an event dedicated to recognising teachers who help learners feel that they truly *belong*. In partnership with Notts County Football Club, we aim to celebrate the incredible work of teachers and education professionals across the region for the difference they make in the lives of children and young people.

Joe Palmer, Chief Executive of Notts County, said:

"Teachers play a vital role in shaping lives and communities, and we're proud to join forces with our partners, the University of Nottingham, to honour their dedication. By celebrating those who help young people feel valued and included, we hope to shine a light on the power of education and inspire the next generation of teachers."

We are inviting nominations across four categories:

- **Primary**
- **Secondary**
- **Further Education (FE)**
- **Alternative Provision**

Nominations are open to students, parents/carers, and colleagues, and are based on one simple question:

How has this teacher made you (or others) feel that you belong?

To ensure fairness and equity, nominations will be shortlisted by category and reviewed anonymously. This approach ensures that schools and settings of all sizes have an equal opportunity to be represented.

The four winners will be honoured as guests at the Sky Bet League Two home fixture against Cheltenham Town on Saturday, 21 March 2026. They will be introduced to the crowd and enjoy hospitality, and a number of match tickets will also be provided to local pupils and schools.

We would be grateful if you could:

- Share the nomination opportunity with your students, families, and staff
- Encourage nominations that highlight inclusion, care, and belonging

You can access the nomination form via this link **Nomination Form** or by scanning the QR code below. Nominations will close on **Friday 13 February 2026 at 5pm.**

Thank you for helping us celebrate those who make a real difference.