

# NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the vibrant days of the summer holidays beckon, it feels almost magical how quickly another academic year has unfolded and drawn to its close. Time, indeed, has a wonderful way of flying when we are immersed in learning and growth. Our children have already begun their exciting journey of transition, spending valuable time getting to know their new classes and future teachers. We are confident that they are not only well-prepared but also brimming with enthusiasm to embrace the next wonderful chapter in their educational adventure come September.



This academic year has been a testament to the remarkable dedication and unwavering commitment our pupils have shown to their learning. We are immensely proud of their achievements, which shine brightly in the positive outcomes across our school. As you saw in last week's newsletter, our Key Stage 2 results have truly soared, exceeding national averages across all areas – a magnificent accomplishment!

Beyond these fantastic Key Stage 2 results, we are thrilled to share other highlights that underscore the incredible progress across our school: 77% of our Early Years Foundation Stage children reached a Good Level of Development, a wonderful start to their learning journey. A phenomenal 97% of our Year 1 children successfully passed the National Phonics Screen, demonstrating their strong foundational literacy skills. And our Year 4 children achieved an impressive average of 24.1 out of 25 on the multiplication tables check. These statutory results are all significantly above national averages, truly showcasing the fantastic learning and dedication at Hucknall Flying High Academy. For these outstanding achievements, my heartfelt thanks go to our diligent children for their hard work, to you, their parents, for your invaluable support at home, and to our dedicated staff whose unwavering commitment to our children has been nothing short of inspiring.

As our wonderful Year 6 pupils prepare to embark on the next exciting chapter of their educational journey, I want to take this special opportunity to express our deepest gratitude for their invaluable contributions to our school community. This exceptionally hard-working and wonderfully motivated year group has left an indelible mark and will be deeply missed by staff and pupils alike. We extend our warmest wishes as they transition to secondary school, and we are sure that the strong foundations of learning, values, and friendship laid at Hucknall Flying High Academy will serve them admirably as they continue to flourish in their futures.



We also wish to express our sincere gratitude and best wishes to Mr Smart, who will be departing Hucknall Flying High Academy at the end of this academic year. His unwavering dedication to our school community has been truly inspiring since he first joined us as a Teaching Assistant when our school opened its doors. Mr Smart's invaluable contributions to the children at Hucknall Flying High Academy have enriched countless lives, and his passion for learning

and creativity will be fondly remembered. We wish him every success and joy in his new role as Year 1 class teacher at Ernehale Flying High Academy, where we know, he will continue to make a wonderful difference.

So, as we gracefully draw this academic year to a close, I want to extend my personal thanks to every one of you for your unwavering support of Hucknall Flying High Academy. Your partnership in our shared educational journey is truly invaluable, and it is this collaboration that makes our school community so special.

The past year has been marked by a series of extraordinary accomplishments and memorable moments, from captivating showcases and joyous celebrations to the resounding success of our Christmas and End of Year productions – truly a highlight for us all! Beyond the academic sphere, our children have excelled in various sporting encounters, demonstrating exceptional sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination on the football pitch, in the swimming pool, on the basketball court, and athletic track. Furthermore, our enriching educational visits have broadened horizons and fostered a deep love of learning across all year groups.

The residential experiences for Year 5 in Hathersage and Year 6 in Tenby were undoubtedly enriching, offering invaluable opportunities for adventure, independence, and personal growth. Additionally, we have been delighted to enhance our curriculum through the expertise of external providers, whose engaging workshops have significantly boosted our pupils' enthusiasm and motivation.

As ever, our children have exemplified exemplary behaviour, both within and beyond the school gates. Their thoughtful conduct and kindness are a testament to the strong values instilled within our school community, and a credit to their families.

Our annual sports day was a resounding success, blessed with favourable weather conditions. The resilience and infectious enthusiasm displayed by our pupils, coupled with the wonderfully supportive spirit of you, our parents, created an unforgettable atmosphere of joy and healthy competition.

To conclude, your children are a shining testament to your dedication and support, and we are immensely proud of their achievements this academic year. Their hard work and commitment to upholding our school's high standards are truly commendable. We firmly believe in fostering a positive and nurturing environment, and your partnership in this is truly invaluable.

As the school year draws to a close, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the privilege of serving as your Headteacher. Your continued support and collaboration have been instrumental to our school's success, and for that, I am deeply thankful.

I look forward to welcoming you all back to school, refreshed and ready for a new adventure, on **Thursday, 4th September**.

Wishing you all a truly restful, joyful, and well-deserved summer break.

Warmest regards, Mr K Clowery, Headteacher



## Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2025/2026

As we look ahead, we will soon begin the important process of populating our school calendar with the exciting array of events and key dates for the new academic year. We encourage you to keep a close eye on these updates, ensuring you remain fully informed and engaged in our vibrant school life.

2025	
July	
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of summer 2 term
September	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	First day of autumn 1 term for pupils
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day for MacMillan – bring a £1 donation
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am – 10:15am MacMillan Coffee Morning for parents / carers
October	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Magna Science Centre in Sheffield
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the autumn 1 term
November	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of the autumn 2 term
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
December	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the autumn 2 term
January	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the spring 1 term
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Year 3 & 4
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Year 3 & 4
February	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the spring 1 term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the spring 2 term
March	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 depart for Hathersage residential
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 return from Hathersage residential
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the spring 2 term
April	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the summer 1 term
May	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of the summer 1 term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET DAY – School Closed
<b>June</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	First day of the summer 2 term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 multiplication Check Week
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screen Week
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 depart for Wales residential
<b>July</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 return from Wales residential
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Year 6
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Year 6
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Year 6
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Year 6
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School reports
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of summer 2 term

### The Importance of School Attendance



Attendance remains really positive. As I mentioned last week, your collective efforts have been exceptional, as we have not only met but **exceeded our aspirational attendance target of 97% this term**, achieving an outstanding **97.5% attendance across the school**. This is a testament to the dedication of everyone, our families and pupils, and I extend a huge 'well done' to everyone for this remarkable achievement.

To maintain this positive momentum, we kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school punctually and fully prepared, and we take this into the next academic year. If your child is unwell or unable to attend for any reason, please do notify the school office as early as possible on the first day of absence.

Let us continue to work hand-in-hand to cultivate a learning environment where every child feels supported, engaged, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership.



### **Lost Property**

We are having an increased amount of lost property school over recent weeks, and you may appreciate we are unable to store this in school indefinitely due to limited space and storage.

Please could we remind you to ensure that your children's items of clothing/hats/coats etc are clearly labelled with their name. We will keep lost property items until the end of each school term after which time we will donate them to a charity shop if items remain unclaimed. There will be a table on the playground on the last day of each term with lost property items for parents to check and reclaim. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Safeguarding Tips of the Week**

## **Online Safety**



There are lots of positives to being online for children, from staying in touch with friends to learning about the world. There are some challenges, too, and the online world can be tricky for children to navigate.

For some it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends, and the pressure can mount. Noticing how your child is affected by being online is the first step in helping them manage their wellbeing. You can manage the content that your children see, ensure the interactions they have are suitable and manage how long they're online, in balance with other activities. There are many things you can do to help support a child, e.g. using specific apps and checking app settings. For more information see:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

### **Classes Next Year**

The transition day proved to be wonderfully smooth, and it was truly heartening to see our children embrace their new learning environments with such enthusiasm. They are now well-prepared and eager to embark on their next academic adventures in September. We are also pleased to confirm the continuity of key staffing arrangements that have proven beneficial this year: Miss Coley will continue her role in Year 2, expertly covering Miss Castledine's PPA and Leadership time, and Mr. Cartledge will similarly continue to provide excellent support in Year 6, covering Miss Newton's PPA and Leadership time. These consistent arrangements ensure stability and continued high-quality provision for our pupils.

Class structure 2025-2026:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Support (am)</b>	<b>Support (pm)</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Mrs Keen	Mrs Shaw	Mrs Shaw
<b>Foundation</b>	Miss Kenny / Miss Morris	Miss Whitt	Miss Whitt
<b>Year 1</b>	Miss Soar	Mrs Robinson	Mrs Robinson

<b>Year 2</b>	Miss Castledine	Miss Pouncey	Mrs Brown
<b>Year 3</b>	Miss Cawley	Mrs Brown	Miss Pouncey
<b>Year 4</b>	Miss Gerrard / Mrs Hitchen	Mr Chambers	Mrs Wilkinson
<b>Year 5</b>	Mr Nightingale	Mrs Wilkinson	Mr Chambers
<b>Year 6</b>	Miss Newton	Mrs Curtis	Mrs Curtis

### School Games Award

🏆 HUCKNALL FLYING HIGH ACADEMY ACHIEVES GOLD... AGAIN! 🏆

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With over 100 young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



## School Values Reward

Well done to our 'All School Values' winners, who were chosen by the children from their classes for:

*Being Kind - Working Hard - Flying High*

It was an absolute pleasure to take them to Hickory's for their breakfast reward last week. Here are some photos of them enjoying their treat! We will be doing rewards on a termly basis - if you have any ideas for lovely rewards please get in touch and let Miss Newton know.

I wish you all the best over the summer,

Mr K Clowery

