

NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Monday 30th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it? Just four more weeks until we wave goodbye to another fantastic academic year here at Hucknall Flying High Academy! It genuinely feels like time has flown by, which is always a good sign that we've been busy learning, growing, and enjoying every moment of our school journey together.

Speaking of enjoyment, our Summer Fair last week was an absolute highlight! It was such a joy to see so many of our families connecting with the school and with each other – truly a testament to the wonderful community we're building here. A huge round of applause and sincere thanks to our incredible school office team for masterminding such a brilliant event, and to everyone who came along and supported us. Your enthusiasm made it a day to remember.

So, let's make these final few weeks count. We're excited to see all the learning and progress continue right up to the very end of what has already been a truly special term.

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024/2025

2025	
July	
Tuesday 1 st	Year 2 Synagogue trip
Thursday 3 rd	9:30am F2 trip to Pizza Express
Thursday 3 rd	Trust Awards Evening
Friday 4 th	Performance of 'The Secret Garden' to whole school – see below
Tuesday 8 th	Year 1 trip to White Post Farm
Wednesday 9 th	Year 5 trip to Boatyard Boulders
Friday 11 th	Nursery trip to the Butterfly Museum
Friday 18 th	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 22 nd	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Wednesday 23 rd	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Friday 25 th	'Transition Day' into new classes
Tuesday 29 th	2:00pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 29 th	Last day of summer 2 term
September	
Wednesday 3 rd	INSET DAY – School Closed
Thursday 4 th	First day of autumn 1 term for pupils

Classes for Next Year



As we eagerly anticipate a new academic year, it brings me immense pleasure to share with you our refined staffing structure for 2025-26. This carefully considered framework ensures we continue to provide exceptional learning experiences for every child, building on the strong foundations we've collectively established.

First, I wish to acknowledge and celebrate some upcoming transitions within our dedicated team. Please join me in extending our sincerest gratitude and very best wishes to Mr Smart. Many of you will know Mr Smart as a foundational member of our Academy, having been with us since the very beginning as an Early Years TA. His journey exemplifies the growth we champion at Hucknall Flying High: he successfully completed his teacher qualification earlier this year through school-centred training right here at our Academy. Mr Smart has played an integral role in shaping our school into the vibrant, nurturing environment it is today, and we are incredibly proud to see him embark on his next chapter. He has successfully secured a permanent teaching position as a Year 1 teacher at one of our partner schools, Ernehale Flying High Academy, commencing in September. We know he will bring the same dedication and passion to his new role, and we wish him every success.

Looking ahead with excitement, we are thrilled to welcome back Miss Morris from her maternity leave next term. Miss Morris will be resuming her vital role as Deputy Headteacher in a part-time capacity, alongside enriching our F2 provision with her teaching expertise. Her return strengthens our leadership team and brings invaluable experience back into our early years.

With these important appointments now in place, we are delighted to unveil the class staffing structure for the forthcoming academic year:

Class	Teacher	Support (am)	Support (pm)
Nursery	Mrs Keen	Mrs Shaw	Mrs Shaw
Foundation	Miss Kenny / Miss Morris	Miss Whitt	Miss Whitt
Year 1	Miss Soar	Mrs Robinson	Mrs Robinson
Year 2	Miss Castledine	Miss Pouncey	Mrs Brown
Year 3	Miss Cawley	Mrs Brown	Miss Pouncey
Year 4	Miss Gerrard / Mrs Hitchen	Mr Chambers	Miss Wilkinson
Year 5	Mr Nightingale	Mrs Wilkinson	Mr Chambers
Year 6	Miss Newton	Mrs Curtis	Mrs Curtis

As we look ahead to September, a key part of our commitment to your child's continuous progress is ensuring a truly smooth and supportive transition to their next class. Over the coming weeks, we're excited to introduce an **advanced transition programme**, where the children will begin to spend short, engaging periods in an afternoon each week with their new class teachers. This isn't just about familiarisation; it's a wonderful opportunity for them to build early connections, explore their new learning spaces, and get a gentle head start on the exciting journey ahead. This culminates in our dedicated **whole-school transition day on Friday, 25th July**, providing a comprehensive and joyful experience that will leave children feeling confident and prepared for the new academic year.

Year 1 Phonics Results

We are absolutely thrilled to share some truly outstanding news regarding our Year 1 Phonics Screening Check results. Our children have, once again, demonstrated exceptional progress in their early reading journey, with a phenomenal **97% of pupils exceeding the pass mark of 32**. This is not merely a number; it's a powerful testament to their hard work, resilience, and the solid foundational skills they are developing in phonics – the building blocks of reading.



To put this incredible achievement into perspective, the **Department for Education (DfE) national average in 2024 was 80%** (the most recently published national data). Our Year 1 pupils have therefore performed **17 percentage points above the national average**, placing Hucknall Flying High Academy significantly amongst the highest-achieving schools in the country for phonics. This remarkable success is a direct reflection of the dedication and expert preparation provided by our fantastic Year 1 team, who consistently nurture a love of reading and meticulously build the decoding skills essential for fluent and confident readers. A huge well done to them all!

Year 4 MTC Results



Last week brought another moment of pride for Hucknall Flying High Academy with the release of the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) results. And what fantastic news they are!

I am delighted to share that an incredible **83% of our Year 4 children achieved a perfect score of 25 out of 25**. To put this remarkable achievement into context, the Department for Education's predicted national average for a full score stands at approximately 36%. This means our pupils are not just meeting but **significantly exceeding national expectations** in this crucial area of mathematical fluency. Our school's average score, a phenomenal **23.9 out of 25**, further underscores the depth of understanding and recall demonstrated across the entire cohort.

This isn't merely about numbers; it reflects the dedication to embedding foundational mathematical skills that empower our children. Based on last year's national data, this level of performance would have placed Hucknall Flying High Academy firmly within the **top 1% of schools nationwide**. This truly is a testament to the hard work, consistent practice and teaching that takes place in our classrooms. Congratulations go to every single one of our Year 4 pupils for their diligent efforts and determination, and to all the staff for supporting our children.

Lost Property

We are having an increased amount of lost property in 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.

School Performance of The Secret Garden

We are very excited to share that M&M Theatrical Productions will be coming to Hucknall Flying High Academy on Friday 4th July to perform a Classical literature adaptation of 'The Secret Garden' to the whole school. M&M Theatre Company visited our school previously and put on a spectacular show with special effects that wowed children and staff.



The adaptation also comes with follow up sessions to further enrich our children's love of reading and theatre when they return to class with their teachers. **The cost of the production is £3 per child.** This will be a lovely treat to share as a whole school towards the end of another successful academic year. Unfortunately, we do have to stress that if we do not receive sufficient contributions for the cost of the show, we may have to cancel.

If parents are experiencing financial difficulties, please speak to the school office in confidence. Parents whose children are entitled to Free School Meals are entitled to a 50% discount. Along with the payment, please provide consent for your child to attend on School Money.

If you have any questions about the visitors, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kindest regards, Miss Gerrard

Free School Meals

If you think you might qualify for Benefit Related Free School Meals, please call the following number to apply: 0300 500 8080.



It's a quick and easy process and you find out straight away if you are eligible.

Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Safety in the Sun

This week our safeguarding focus is on staying safe when out in the sun. As the weather starts to warm up and the sun is shining, it is important that we protect our skin and our health in general. Here are some top tips for being safe in the sun:

- Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 50 and at least 4 stars for UVA protection
- Reapply sunscreen if you have been in the water
- Wear sunglasses with UV protection
- Wear a sunhat and loose clothing made of breathable material
- Stay in the shade during the middle of the day when the sun is at its strongest
- Drink lots of water to stay hydrated



Year 2 Curriculum – Adult Connections



Last week, our Year 2 class was treated to a truly enriching experience as we welcomed Eva's mum for a special 'Learning Hook' experience! Bringing her invaluable expert knowledge to the classroom, Eva's mum illuminated the critical importance of hygiene in modern hospitals. This visit wasn't just a fascinating insight into contemporary medical practices; it provided an incredibly powerful and tangible point of comparison for the children as they delve into their historical inquiry about sanitation (or indeed, the notable *lack* thereof!) in 1666. Her real-world insights have undoubtedly deepened their understanding of how far we've come, and the significant challenges faced by people in the past, making history truly come alive.

As always, thank you for your support. Let's look forward to the rest of the term ahead.

Best wishes,

Mr K Clowery

