

NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Tuesday 17th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with pleasure that I present this latest instalment of the Headteacher newsletter, and I extend my sincere thanks to each of you for your unwavering commitment and invaluable support to Hucknall Flying High Academy. This year has, so far, been marked by significant successes and a palpable sense of progress across all areas of school life – which I thank all school staff and the wider community for their contributions. It has been particularly rewarding to witness the children's enthusiastic engagement in a diverse array of enriching experiences, from educational school trips that broaden horizons, to authentic learning experiences that embed knowledge deeply, and a rich tapestry of extended school opportunities that foster well-rounded development.

The period preceding the half-term break saw our Year 6 pupils demonstrate remarkable composure as they navigated their SATs assessments. Their calm approach under test conditions was a testament to their preparation and resilience. This was then seamlessly followed by our eagerly anticipated annual sports days, which provided a vibrant platform for celebrating teamwork and individual achievement.

Upon our return from the half-term break, our Year 6 pupils embarked on their residential trip to Tenby in Wales. This immersive experience was designed to cultivate independence, foster collaborative skills, and provide invaluable opportunities for personal growth beyond the traditional classroom setting.



The following week, it was with immense pride that we observed our Year 1 pupils undertaking their Phonics Screening Check, alongside our Year 4 pupils completing their Multiplication Tables Check. In both cohorts, our children demonstrated remarkable focus, resilience and engagement with the assessments. Their diligent application is a true testament to their hard work and developing confidence.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all staff members whose expert preparation, meticulous planning, and unwavering dedication were instrumental in equipping our pupils thoroughly for these important milestones. These foundational assessments are crucial indicators of the robust progress our children are making in essential literacy and numeracy skills, laying vital groundwork for their continued academic journey. The positive atmosphere and preparedness witnessed during these checks reflect the strong partnership between home and school, and the nurturing environment we cultivate.

Last week, we were delighted to host our Family Breakfast, a truly heartwarming occasion that underscored the strength of our school community and the vital partnership we share with our families. These moments of collective celebration are integral to the nurturing environment we strive to create.

As the academic year progresses, we are committed to building upon these successes, particularly in strengthening our ties with the wider community. We eagerly anticipate our upcoming Summer Fair, which promises to be another wonderful opportunity for connection and celebration, further solidifying the strong bonds that define Hucknall Flying High Academy.



Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024/2025

2025	
June	
Tuesday 17 th	Year 6 trip to Nottingham Trent University
Wednesday 18 th	Year 4 trip to Leicester Museum
Thursday 19 th	Army Royal Lancers Regiment to visit school to run workshops
Monday 23 rd	INSET DAY – School Closed
Friday 27 th	4:00pm – 6:00pm Summer Fair
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	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



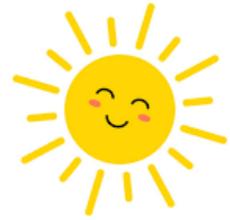
Classes for Next Year

We are currently finalising staffing plans for the 2025/2026 academic year. We will confirm this very soon – so watch this space!

On Friday 25th July we will be running a transition day, so children have the chance to get to know their new teachers and spend time in their new classes. The children will return to their current classes for the final 2 days – 28th and 29th July.

Warm Weather

With the continued warm weather, please make sure to send children to school with a sun hat and sun cream applied, this should be done at home to last for the whole day.



Year 1 Phonics

Last week, our Year 1 children tackled their Phonics screening tests! Mrs Hitchen, Mr Smart and Miss Pouncey have been working diligently with each child, creating a supportive and encouraging environment for them to showcase their growing phonics skills. We have been truly impressed by the remarkable progress the children have made in mastering these foundational literacy skills.



The Phonics screening tests play a crucial role in identifying areas where each child excels and where they may benefit from additional support. While we eagerly await the official results, we want to take this opportunity to celebrate the dedication and hard work demonstrated by both our children and staff. Seeing their confidence blossom as they tackle new challenges is truly rewarding.

We will be sure to share the finalised results with you as soon as they are available. In the meantime, please join us in acknowledging the fantastic achievements of our Year 1 students!

Year 4 Multiplication

Also, a huge well done to our Year 4 children who have completed their multiplication checks last week. The purpose of these checks is to determine whether children can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. All children have worked extremely hard to improve their fluency and rapid recall of facts and have done themselves, their teachers and you proud. Well done and thank you for your supporting your children with this work this year.



Summer Fair



Our Summer Fair is fast approaching!

As in previous years there will be stalls available for parents, friends and families to run and sell their own products, these can be booked through the school office now for a payment of £20.

Our two non-uniform fundraising days this year are as follows:

Friday 20th June - Non-uniform day 1, donations of bottles (KS2) / sweets & chocolate (EYFS & KS1) please for the tombola.

Friday 27th June - Non-uniform day 2, donations of £1 please to maximise our fundraising effort.

Raffle tickets have been sent home with children, so if you can help with selling these to friends and family we would be most grateful.

We absolutely welcome any help with donations of raffle prizes and physical help on the day with setting up the fair and clearing away. If you have any suggestions or can offer help in any way, please call by the school office, we are always happy to see you!

Lost Property

We are having an increased amount of lost property found 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.

The Importance of School Attendance



Attendance over the last two weeks is **96.4%** across school – our current attendance for the academic year is 95.8%.

Well done to Year 3 for their excellent attendance over the last two weeks – **98.8%** attendance. Excellent!

By implementing and rigorously maintaining these comprehensive and proactive measures, we are delighted to report that our school's attendance has not only sustained but also **exemplified excellent levels throughout this academic year**. This exceptional achievement was formally recognised and celebrated at the end of the spring term, when our school was presented with an **attendance award**, a testament to the collective commitment of our pupils, families, and staff.



National School Attendance Award

2024/25 Spring Term



Hucknall Flying High Academy

Top 25% of all FFT Primary Schools in England

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

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



Best wishes,

Mr K Clowery

