

NEWSLETTER



Edition 9

Monday 24th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the festive season, it's an exciting time for our pupils and the school community. Thank you to all parents who attended the Parents' Evening sessions—we hope you found the conversations informative and valuable in understanding your child's progress.



In this newsletter, you'll find updates on key events, celebrations, and important information about what's happening at Hucknall Flying High Academy. There's lots to look forward to, so please read on and stay connected with everything that makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2025/2026

2025	
November	
Wednesday 26 th	Year 5 Flu Vaccination
Thursday 27 th	Whole School Pantomime – Years 1-6
Friday 28 th	Non-Uniform Day – 'Bring Sweets + Chocolate' for the Christmas Fair
December	
Tuesday 2 nd	Non-Uniform Day – 'Bring £1 Donation' for the Christmas Fair
Tuesday 2 nd	4:00pm – 5:30pm Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9 th	5:00pm Year 3/4 Christmas Carol Service
Wednesday 10 th	2:30pm - Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 11 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 11 th	5:00pm Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Service
Friday 12 th	1:30pm Little Mermaid Pantomime at Nottingham Playhouse for Nursery & FS2
Tuesday 16 th	1:30pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 16 th	5:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 17 th	10:00am EYFS Performance
Wednesday 17 th	1:30pm EYFS Performance
Friday 19 th	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 19 th	Last day of the autumn 2 term
January	
Monday 5 th	First day of the spring 1 term
Wednesday 7 th	Year 3 and 4 Bikeability

Thursday 8th	Year 3 and 4 Bikeability
February	
Friday 13th	Last day of the spring 1 term
Monday 23rd	INSET DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 24th	First day of the spring 2 term
March	
Wednesday 4th	Year 5 depart for Hathersage residential
Friday 6th	Year 5 return from Hathersage residential
Tuesday 10th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 11th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 18th	2:30pm – Rocksteady Concert
Friday 27th	Last day of the spring 2 term
April	
Monday 13th	First day of the summer 1 term
Monday 13th	Year 3 trip to Creswell Crags
Tuesday 21st	Year 4 trip to Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
May	
Monday 4th	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
Monday 11th	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 21st	Last day of the summer 1 term
Friday 22nd	INSET DAY – School Closed
June	
Monday 1st	First day of the summer 2 term
Monday 1st	Year 4 multiplication Check Week
Monday 8th	Phonics Screen Week
Tuesday 30th	Year 6 depart for Wales residential
July	
Friday 3rd	Year 6 return from Wales residential
Wednesday 15th	2:30pm – Rocksteady Concert
Friday 17th	School reports
Friday 24th	Last day of summer 2 term

Staffing updates

In December, we will be saying a fond farewell to **Mrs Coley**, who has been a valued member of our team over the past few years, supporting across maternity cover, PPA, and management time—most recently in Year 2. Mrs Coley has secured an exciting new role in Early Years at another school, and while we will miss her greatly, we are thrilled for her next chapter. Thank you, Mrs. Coley, for everything you have contributed to our school community. We wish you every success and happiness in your new position.



To ensure continuity for Year 2, **Miss Castledine** will resume full-time teaching responsibility for the class.

We are also delighted to welcome **Mrs R Kirk** as our new School Business Lead. At the start of the academic year, we went through the recruitment process for this position. Mrs Kirk brings a wealth of experience in education and will be a fantastic addition to our team. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome—she'll be out on the gates getting to know our families when she starts her role in December.

World Kindness Day

Last week we celebrated World Kindness Day by taking part in a kindness assembly with the School of Kindness (www.schoolofkindness.org). Children learnt about how kindness is contagious, the impact kindness has on our physical and mental health and how we all have the power to be kind and change the world! The national Kindness Awards also launched last week – do you know someone who deserves an award? Nominate them here www.schoolofkindness.org/kindnessawards

Christmas Fair - Tuesday 2nd December 2025

We are excited to announce that our annual **Christmas Fair** will take place on **Tuesday 2nd December 2025**, starting at **4:00pm**. School will finish at the usual time, and children will go home as normal. We hope to welcome you all back later in the afternoon to join in the festive fun!

Donation Days & Non-Uniform Days

To help us prepare for the fair, we kindly ask for your support with the following donations, each in exchange for a non-uniform day:

- **Friday 21st November** – Bottle donations
- **Friday 28th November** – Sweet donations
- **Tuesday 2nd December** – £1 donation (also Christmas Fair day)



Hamper Donations

We would greatly appreciate contributions toward our class hampers. Each class is collecting items based on a colour theme. For example, *Spitfires* are collecting yellow items – a rubber duck would be perfect! Please send in your donations by **Wednesday 26th November**.

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| • Nursery – Red | • Year 3 – Orange |
| • Spitfires – Yellow | • Year 4 – Purple |
| • Year 1 – Pink | • Year 5 – Blue |
| • Year 2 – Green | • Year 6 – White |

What to Look Forward To...

In the School Hall

- A variety of festive stalls including: Christmas baubles, glitter tattoos, face painting, pocket money toys, stationery, handmade crafts, wax melts, wooden gifts, and more!
- Visits to Santa Claus
- Hot chocolate and other warm drinks
- A performance by **Believe Dancing** at **5:00pm**
- **Raffle** draw to follow the performance



In the School Car Park

- Santa's sleigh will be parked outside, with Santa meeting children inside the hall
- A hot food van selling delicious food, as always
- An ice cream van
- A fire engine for children to explore

Under the Canopy

- Our popular tombola featuring bottles, sweets, chocolates, books, games, and pick & mix
- Class stalls selling their handmade Christmas crafts

Raffle Information

Each family will receive a sheet of raffle tickets. Additional sheets are available from the school office.

Tickets are £1 each.

Prizes include:

- £75 cash
- £50 cash
- Photography voucher
- Laser tag vouchers
- Climbing experience vouchers
- Various hampers
- ...and many more!

Please return sold tickets and money to the school office.

Volunteers Needed

We would be very grateful for any help on the day. If you're available on **the Tuesday afternoon**, we'd love for you to join us. Set-up begins at **1:30pm**, so please let us know if you can lend a hand. We look forward to celebrating with you on **Tuesday 2nd December!**

Children in Need

We are delighted to share some fantastic news!

Thanks to the incredible generosity and support of our school community, we have raised an amazing **£196.40** for *Children in Need*. This achievement reflects not only your kindness but also the collective commitment we share to making a positive difference in the lives of others.



Every contribution helps to provide vital support for children and young people across the UK, and your efforts will have a real and lasting impact. We are proud to see our values in action and to know that together, we can make a meaningful change.

Thank you for standing with us in supporting such an important cause—your involvement truly matters.

The Importance of School Attendance



Our attendance is currently at 96.3%, **an improving trend across school**. School attendance over the last week was 97.1%, the percentage for each class is listed below:

Class	Attendance last week
Spitfires – F2	94.7%
Lancaster – Year 1	95.6%
Hurricanes – Year 2	99.0%
Hunter – Year 3	98.7%
Harriers – Year 4	99.0%
Mosquito – Year 5	95.2%
Comet – Year 6	98.7%
Overall	97.1%

Hurricane Class – Year 2 and Harrier Class – Year 4 are our attendance champions over the last week – **99.0%** attendance! Well done!



Winter Coat Donations – Supporting Our Community

As the colder months set in, we're launching a **Winter Coat Donation Drive** to support families in our school community who may need a little extra help this season.

If you have any **gently used children's or adult coats** that are clean and in good condition, we would be very grateful for your donations. These will be made available to families who need them, helping to ensure that every child stays warm and comfortable this winter.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office from Monday to Friday during school hours. If you would benefit from receiving a coat, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff in confidence—we're here to help.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Together, we can make a real difference.

Working Together to Keep Hucknall FHA Moving Forward

At Hucknall Flying High Academy, we're always looking for ways to improve and ensure every child receives the very best education. This year (2025-2026), we're focusing on four key areas to help us continue to grow as a school:



1. Making Learning Accessible for Every Child

We're working to make sure all children can fully access our curriculum, no matter their starting point. This means adapting our teaching and support so that every child can thrive and succeed in their learning.

2. Strengthening Writing Across the School

We're placing a strong focus on improving writing, helping all children become confident, fluent writers. We want every pupil to enjoy writing and make great progress, with outcomes that reflect their full potential.

3. Developing Teaching and Learning

We're continuing to refine our approach to teaching through our Lesson Design model. This helps teachers plan lessons that are tailored to each subject and meet the needs of all learners, leading to high-quality outcomes across the curriculum.

4. Embedding Maths Fluency

We're working to strengthen maths fluency across all year groups. This means helping children to recall key facts quickly and apply them confidently, which supports deeper understanding and success in maths.

We're excited about the impact these priorities will have and are grateful for your continued support as we work together to make Hucknall FHA a truly exceptional place to learn.

Elftastic Christmas Party – Join the Festive Fun!

We're excited to share details of a fantastic community event coming up soon! The **Elftastic Christmas Party** will take place on **Friday 5th December** from **6:00pm to 10:00pm** at the **John Godber Centre, Ogle Street, Hucknall (NG15 7FQ)**.

This festive evening promises plenty of fun for all the family.

Tickets are just **£3 per person**, making this a great way to kick off the Christmas season together. For more information, visit <http://www.johngodbercentre.co.uk> or call **0115 963 9633**.



Best wishes, Mr K Clowery

