

# NEWSLETTER



Edition 7

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely half term break. We have certainly got a busy few weeks ahead as we begin to prepare for our Christmas celebrations.



## Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2025/2026

2025	
November	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Trip to Attenborough Nature Reserve
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Odd Socks Day</b> for Anti-bullying Week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Trip to Nottingham Castle
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm (Nursery and Year 6 only)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	F2 trip to Twycross Zoo
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need - £1 donation
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 trip to Mill Adventure Base
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Non-Uniform Day – ‘Bring a Bottle’ for the Christmas Fair
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Flu Vaccination
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Pantomime – Years 1-6
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day – ‘Bring Sweets + Chocolate’ for the Christmas Fair
December	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Non-Uniform Day – ‘Bring £1 Donation’ for the Christmas Fair

<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	4:00pm – 5:30pm Christmas Fair
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 3/4 Christmas Carol Service
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30pm - Rocksteady Concert
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Dinner Day
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Service
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30pm Little Mermaid Pantomime at Nottingham Playhouse for Nursery & FS2
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am EYFS Performance
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30pm EYFS Performance
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Non-Uniform Day
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of the autumn 2 term
<b>January</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of the spring 1 term
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 3 and 4 Bikeability
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 3 and 4 Bikeability
<b>February</b>	
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of the spring 1 term
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	INSET DAY – School Closed
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of the spring 2 term
<b>March</b>	
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5 depart for Hathersage residential
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5 return from Hathersage residential
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30pm – Rocksteady Concert
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of the spring 2 term
<b>April</b>	
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of the summer 1 term
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Year 4 trip to Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
<b>May</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Last day of the summer 1 term
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	INSET DAY – School Closed
<b>June</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	First day of the summer 2 term
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	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
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm – Rocksteady Concert
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School reports
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of summer 2 term

### The Importance of School Attendance



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell, particularly in the winter months when there are lots of seasonal illnesses going around. If you do keep your child at home, please remember to call school on the first day of the absence and keep us updated everyday after that. Wherever possible children should be in school so that they can receive their education. The NHS has produced a useful guide relating to the different illnesses that your child might experience and whether they are able to come to school in each case:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Our attendance is currently at 96%, **slightly below** our target of 96.5%. Attendance for each class so far this academic year:

Class	Attendance this TERM
Spitfires – F2	96.2%
Lancaster – Year 1	95.0%
Hurricanes – Year 2	94.9%
Hunter – Year 3	97.1%
Harriers – Year 4	96.0%
Mosquito – Year 5	94.5%
Comet – Year 6	97.2%
Overall	96.0%



**Comet Class – Year 6** are our attendance champions so far this year – **97.2%** attendance! Well done!

## **Flu Vaccination – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete the online consent form. If you wish to decline, please use the same link to complete the 'No Consent' form.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/824cc059>

The vaccinations will take place at Hucknall Flying High Academy on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025**. The link will close on **23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since September 2025, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.

Due to the Year 5 trip to Attenborough Nature Reserve on Thursday 6th November, the scheduled flu vaccinations for Year 5 pupils will now take place on **Wednesday 26th November**. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the school office.

## **Parent Consultations – Week Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Parent Consultations will be taking place shortly and you are invited to book an appointment to meet your child's class teacher in school – scheduled for the second week back after the half term break. During this appointment, we will aim to discuss and share your child's achievements, targets and progress so far.

Please book your appointments as soon as possible to make sure you get the best timeslot available. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

## **Next Week**

On Monday we have 'Odd Socks Day' to launch Anti-Bullying Week. This is a day where we invite the children to wear odd socks to encourage people to celebrate their uniqueness and stand up against bullying.



On Friday we will celebrate 'Children in Need' where we will invite the children to wear non-uniform (this can be 'Children in Need' themed), along with a donation of £1.

# **NSPCC**

## **Safeguarding Tip of the Week – Home or Out Alone**

As your child gets older, it's likely they'll want a bit more independence. Going out without you is a natural step for them to take — when the time is right. The NSPCC 'Home or Out Alone' guide contains practical tips and advice for parents. It covers some of the risks parents should consider before making a decision and suggestions on who children should contact in case of an emergency.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/home-or-out-alone-guide>

## School Admissions

Do you have a child due to start Primary school **in September 2026?**

If so, please make a note of the following dates:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025** – Notts County Council applications are open for starting school in September 2026.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Closing date for applications.

If your child is starting Secondary school in **September 2026**, the closing date for applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**



## Remembrance

We're pleased to let you know that a selection of poppies and Remembrance Day merchandise is now available for purchase from the school office.

All proceeds will go directly to support the *Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal*.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Bottle donations
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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**.

- **Nursery** – Red
- **Spitfires** – Yellow
- **Year 1** – Pink
- **Year 2** – Green
- **Year 3** – Orange
- **Year 4** – Purple
- **Year 5** – Blue
- **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
- 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:**

- £100 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!**

Best wishes, Mr K Clowery



