

# NEWSLETTER



Edition 10

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over recent weeks, Hucknall Flying High Academy has had the privilege of welcoming several visitors to experience the exceptional learning opportunities we provide for our pupils. Two weeks ago, we were delighted to host the Regional Director from Ofsted, who met with our CEO, Chris Wheatley. He praised the outstanding learning behaviours of our pupils and the positive, purposeful classroom culture that defines our school.

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, we opened our doors to 16 educational leaders from across the country for an open morning, as part of an Inspiring Leaders CPL Event. They observed lessons that showcased the remarkable engagement of our pupils and explored our school's journey, leadership approach, and strategies for sustaining excellence in teaching and learning. Feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive, with comments such as: *"It was a brilliant and really enjoyable morning,"* *"The engagement from pupils was wonderful to see,"* *"We would like to extend our thanks to you, the team and the children for an invaluable opportunity to visit this delightful school"* and *"What a beautiful school, a wonderful learning environment—a school community to be proud of."*

These visits truly highlight the incredible work happening every day at Hucknall Flying High Academy. Our staff consistently go above and beyond for our pupils, and we should all feel proud of the school we have built together.

## Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2025/2026

2025	
December	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 3/4 Christmas Carol Service
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm - Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Service
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm Little Mermaid Pantomime at Nottingham Playhouse for Nursery & FS2
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am EYFS Performance
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm EYFS Performance
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
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>	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>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 trip to the Holocaust Museum
<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>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 3 trip to Creswell Crags
<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
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Phonics Screen Week
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 depart for Wales residential
<b>July</b>	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Year 6 return from Wales residential
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30pm – Rocksteady Concert
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	School reports
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of summer 2 term

### **Parental Engagement – Adult Connections**

Last week, Year 3 were brilliant Hucknall Historians as they travelled back to the Roman era to learn all about why Mount Vesuvius plays such an important part in history. We explored where the volcano is located in Italy, the chronology of the day it erupted, and how, even though it was a disaster, historians can learn so much about that period of time because of what was preserved.



We want to give a special thank you to Theo's mum, Lorna, who very kindly came in as our history expert! Lorna explained to the children what she learned during her visit to Pompeii, shared fascinating photos, and answered all their curious questions. Thank you so much for all the interesting information you gave us.

### **Winter Coat Donations – Supporting Our Community**

With the colder weather now here, we wanted to let you know that we have received a kind donation of winter coats in a range of sizes.

***These coats are available free of charge to any families who may find them useful. Please feel welcome to pop into the school office at your convenience to have a look at our coats rail and take anything you need — just help yourself.***



If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office.

### **Christmas Fair - Tuesday 2nd December 2025**

**What a truly wonderful Christmas Fair we enjoyed on Tuesday evening! It was a fantastic festive occasion that brought our whole community together in such a joyful way. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, excitement, and the spirit of Christmas—thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event.**

A special thank you goes to our incredible office team (Mrs Whitt & Mr Shacklock), Mr Rowlett, and Mrs Bailey for their tireless work behind the scenes to make the fair such a success. Your dedication and attention to detail ensured everything ran smoothly. We are also hugely grateful to Cian, one of our parents, for creating the magical grotto experience for Santa—what a highlight for the children!



Events like these remind us of the strength of our school community and the shared commitment to giving our pupils memorable experiences. This was not only a festive celebration but also another fantastic fundraising opportunity to support our school and enrich the learning journey for every child.

**We are delighted to share that the fair raised an amazing £1249, which will go directly towards enrichment activities for our children.**

Thank you again to everyone involved—you truly made it a night to remember!

### **School Choir**



Our school choir gave a truly captivating performance on Wednesday evening at the Hucknall Christmas Lights Switch-On. Their harmonious voices filled the town centre with festive cheer, creating a magical atmosphere that perfectly captured the spirit of the season. We could not be prouder of every child who took part—not only for their beautiful singing, but for the confidence, enthusiasm and pride they showed in

representing our school. It was a joy to see them contributing to such an important community celebration and spreading Christmas warmth to all who attended.

**Here is a wonderful comment from the event organisers:**

*“The choir were amazing last night—please pass on my thanks to everyone involved. They sang with smiles on their faces and created memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you.”*

**The Importance of School Attendance**



Our attendance is currently at 96.5%, still **an improving trend across school**. School attendance over the last week was 96.8%, the percentage for each class is listed below:

Class	Attendance last week
Spitfires – F2	91.2%
Lancaster – Year 1	98.5%
Hurricanes – Year 2	95.9%
Hunter – Year 3	95.7%
Harriers – Year 4	98.9%
Mosquito – Year 5	94.4%
Comet – Year 6	97.4%
Overall	96.8%



**Harrier Class – Year 4** are our attendance champions over the last week – **98.9%** attendance! Well done!

Best wishes, Mr K Clowery

