

NEWSLETTER



Edition 11

Monday 15th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the year draws to a close, our school is alive with the magic of the season. There's a wonderful sense of festive joy in the air, and it has been heartwarming to see our community come together to celebrate the various events taking place. From the delightful carol performances by Years 3–6 to the charming nativity rehearsals of our younger pupils, the spirit of Christmas truly shines through their efforts.



These festive moments remind us of the awe and wonder that make this time of year so special. A particular highlight was hearing our school choir sing so beautifully at St Mary Magdalene Church in Hucknall during the Holgate Family of Schools concert last week — our children represented the school with pride.

Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2025/2026	
December	
Tuesday 16th	1:30pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 16th	5:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 17th	10:00am EYFS Performance
Wednesday 17th	1:30pm EYFS Performance
Friday 19th	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 19th	Last day of the autumn 2 term
January	
Monday 5th	First day of the spring 1 term
Wednesday 7th	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
Friday 27th	Year 6 trip to the Holocaust Museum
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 Update

We have been delighted to welcome our new Business Manager, Mrs Kirk, to our school community. She has already been incredibly proactive, taking time to get to know the children and staff, and is making a positive impact across the school.

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Stanley, who has been a valued member of our nursery team this year. She has secured a new role in another setting, and while we will miss her, we thank her for her hard work this year and wish her every success in the future.

Parking

We kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring the safety of all children during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please be mindful when parking near the school, particularly:

- ***On the corner of Spitfire Way and Hurricane Road***
- ***Outside the school on Shepherd Street***



Parking in these areas can create hazards for children entering and leaving the school grounds. Clear visibility and safe access are essential to keep everyone safe, not just children but also the general public and other drivers.

We also remind you to take extra care when children are crossing roads and walking between parked cars at the start and end of the school day.

Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe environment for all. *Thank you for your understanding and support.*

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.

The Importance of School Attendance



Our attendance is currently at 96.5%, maintaining a positive **trend across school**. School attendance over the last week was 97.2% (above the current national average)

– Well done! The percentage for each class is listed below:

Class	Attendance last week
Spitfires – F2	99.7%
Lancaster – Year 1	99.7%
Hurricanes – Year 2	98.3%
Hunter – Year 3	97.4%
Harriers – Year 4	93.6%
Mosquito – Year 5	95.7%
Comet – Year 6	98.3%
Overall	97.2%



Spitfire and Lancaster Class are our attendance champions over the last week – **99.7%** attendance! Well done!

Best wishes, Mr K Clowery

