

NEWSLETTER



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Thursday 5th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of January, it has been wonderful to see our children settle confidently into the new calendar year. Classrooms across Hucknall Flying High Academy have been buzzing with curiosity, enthusiasm, and a real readiness to learn. From new topics to fresh challenges, the children have thrown themselves into every opportunity, demonstrating fantastic knowledge, resilience, and a genuine excitement for their learning journey ahead.

Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2026	
February	
Friday 6th	12:00pm – 3:00pm Year 5/6 at Holgate to watch 'We Will Rock You' show
Monday 9th	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10th	Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 10th	5:00pm Year 5 Parent Meeting for Hathersage residential
Friday 13th	Last day of the spring 1 term
Monday 23rd	INSET DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 24th	First day of the spring 2 term
Tuesday 24th	Year 4 trip to Bosworth Battlefield
Thursday 26th	Year 1 trip to Beaumanor Hall
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
Thursday 12th	(1:00pm – 3:00pm) Mother's Day High Tea
Friday 13th	(1:00pm – 3:00pm) Mother's Day High Tea
Wednesday 18th	2:30pm – Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 19th	5:00pm Year 6 Parent Meeting – KS2 SATs information meeting
Tuesday 24th	9:15am EYFS Easter 'Eggs'travaganza 2025
Wednesday 25th	1:00pm Year 3/4 Easter Craft afternoon
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 4 th	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
Tuesday 5 th	5:00pm Year 6 Wales Residential Parent Meeting
Monday 11 th	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Wednesday 20 th	Sports Day 2026
Thursday 21 st	Last day of the summer 1 term
Friday 22 nd	INSET DAY – School Closed
June	
Monday 1 st	First day of the summer 2 term
Monday 1 st	Year 4 multiplication Check Week
Monday 8 th	Phonics Screen Week
Friday 12 th	7:30am Family Breakfast event
Tuesday 30 th	Year 6 depart for Wales residential
July	
Friday 3 rd	Year 6 return from Wales residential
Wednesday 15 th	2:30pm – Rocksteady Concert
Friday 17 th	School reports
Tuesday 21 st	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Wednesday 22 nd	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Friday 24 th	Last day of summer 2 term

Key Stage 2 Multi-sports Festival – An Excellent Display of Teamwork

A couple of weeks ago, on Tuesday 13th January, six children from across Key Stage 2 proudly represented our school at a Multi-Skills Festival at Kirkby Leisure Centre. The children took part in a range of activities including Boccia, curling and cricket, showing fantastic teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship throughout. Well done to everyone involved for being such great ambassadors for our school!



Key Stage 1 Sports Success – Hucknall Flying High Academy Are Champions!

Last week, the Flying High Partnership held its annual sports events, expertly hosted by **Next Level Sports** for both the North and South schools. Our Key Stage 1 pupils headed to **Kirkby Leisure Centre** for an action-packed day of friendly competition, teamwork, and incredible energy.

From start to finish, our children represented **Hucknall Flying High Academy** with pride, enthusiasm, and determination. Every pupil gave their absolute best, showing fantastic sportsmanship and a real love for taking part.



We are absolutely thrilled to share that **Hucknall Flying High Academy were this year's winners!** This is an amazing achievement and a credit to the hard work, effort, and brilliant attitude shown by all our pupils. A huge well done to everyone who took part—you made our school incredibly proud!

Debate Club Success – Hucknall Flying High Academy Through to the Finals!

On Monday, pupils from across the Flying High Partnership took part in the regional Debate Club competitions, hosted at several schools across the trust. Our Hucknall Flying High Academy team – who are part of our Year 5 cohort, travelled to Bestwood Hawthorne School to compete in their heat—where they delivered an outstanding performance.

We are incredibly proud to share that **our team won their heat and have secured a place in the Trust Finals**, which will be held at the Flying High Partnership headquarters in Chilwell on **Thursday 26th February**. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the pupils' hard work, confidence, and commitment in developing their debating skills.

A huge well done also goes to all the schools who took part across the region. The standard of debating was exceptional, and the enthusiasm shown by pupils was brilliant to see. Debate Club continues to give our children invaluable opportunities to build their communication, teamwork, and critical-thinking skills—and we couldn't be prouder of every pupil involved.

We wish our team the very best as they prepare for the finals! Let's cheer them on as they represent Hucknall Flying High Academy on the big stage.

The Importance of School Attendance

Working in partnership with our families is central to creating a nurturing and successful learning environment for every child. One area where this collaboration has a particularly powerful impact is punctuality. Regular attendance and arriving at school on time are essential habits that shape a child's confidence, readiness to learn, and overall achievement.

To help families strengthen these routines, Mrs. Dempsey, our Family Support Worker, has created a clear and informative leaflet offering practical guidance and useful strategies. We hope you find it supportive as we continue working together to ensure every child gets the best possible start each day.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL?

- Children who come in late miss the chance to speak to friends, relax and settle into class with everyone. This can induce anxiety and starts their day off on the wrong footing.
- It impacts your child's education, being only 10 minutes late each day equates to 7 days learning missed.
- It is a legal requirement and an agreement you made with us when your child started school.
- Late arrivals can cause disruption within the class which has an effect on everyone.
- It shows respect.



Kindness Crew

OUR TRIP TO

Harrier House



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A group of children from across the school has been selected to work together to spread kindness throughout our community. We have partnered with Harrier House and will be visiting once a month to take part in fun, meaningful activities with the residents.

To celebrate the Year of Reading, our first visit focused on sharing stories. The children read with the residents and proudly demonstrated their fantastic reading skills. It was heart-warming start to our new partnership, and we're excited for all the wonderful experiences still ahead.



WHY VISITING THE CARE HOME IS GREAT FOR CHILDREN

Our visits bring smiles to everyone involved! Spending time with older adults helps children grow socially and emotionally- while brightening the day of the residents. When generations come together knowledge and stories are shared, friendships form, age stereotypes are broken down and communities grow stronger.

Community Connections

Over the next school year all the children will visit the care home. We plan to take one class a month to sing, craft, read and much more.

Next week Y2 are visiting to do some valentine crafting.

Together We Can!



The children truly showcased why they were chosen for this project, bringing joy and warmth to the residents throughout the visit.

Best wishes,

Mr K Clowery

