

NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high'

Edition 19

Friday 27th March 2026

As we come to the end of another term, it's a good moment to reflect on what has been a busy and rewarding few months. It seems only recently that we were welcoming in the new year and setting our aims for 2026, and since then our school has been full of purposeful learning and many proud achievements – including welcoming the Secretary of State for Education. The positive atmosphere across the classrooms has been wonderful to see.



This term, we also say farewell to Miss Wilkinson as she moves on to a new role as a college assessor. We thank her for everything she has contributed to our school and wish her every success.

Alongside our Easter activities, I've been especially impressed by the depth of thinking shown in our termly enquiries. Our children continue to engage thoughtfully with their learning—asking questions, exploring ideas, and developing confidence in expressing what they know. It is always a privilege to see their progress.

This term has been about much more than completing tasks; it has been about building curiosity and strengthening resilience. The commitment of our staff, the encouragement of our families, and the enthusiasm of our children are all key to creating such a positive environment.

As we head into the Easter break, I hope you are able to enjoy some rest and time together. We look forward to returning refreshed on Monday 13th April and ready for the summer term.

Key Dates

Please keep an eye on the key dates as there will be a few additions for the summer term. Also, looking ahead we will start to populate holidays and INSET days for the next academic year.

Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2026	
April	
Monday 13 th	First day of the summer 1 term
Monday 13 th	Year 3 trip to Creswell Crags
Tuesday 21 st	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 2025
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
Friday 12 th	Y6 Trip Come & Sing (Halle) Royal Concert Hall
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

Year 6 SATs

The children in Year 6 have been working hard to prepare for their SATs which take place from Monday 11th May. As part of their preparations, they will have breakfast, provided by school (free of charge), each morning before their tests take place. Year 6 children will need to arrive at school for 8:00am to take part in the breakfast. Please remember them in your thoughts over the coming weeks.



EYFS Easter Eggs-stravaganza

This week, our Early Years team proudly hosted their annual **Easter Egg-stravaganza**—a much-loved tradition that brings together fun, teamwork, and a shared commitment to improving our outdoor classroom environment. The children took part in a fantastic range of Easter-themed races, all approached with huge enthusiasm (and some very determined balancing of eggs!). Thanks to their efforts, and the generosity of our wonderful community, we are delighted to share that an incredible **£798** has been raised in sponsorship.

We are truly grateful for the kindness and support shown by our families. Your encouragement, donations, and enthusiastic cheering helped create a memorable day for our children—one filled with laughter, excitement, and plenty of proud moments. Events like this remind us how lucky we are to have such a dedicated and supportive school community standing behind our youngest learners.



The funds raised will make a meaningful difference. They will continue to enhance the outdoor learning environment in Early Years, helping us to provide rich, engaging experiences that spark curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning. Whether it's developing new play areas, adding resources for exploration, or maintaining the high-quality spaces our children enjoy daily, this money will directly benefit the Early Years experience for current and future pupils.

Thank you once again for your generosity and for helping us create such a special event. We could not have achieved this without you.

Year of Reading - Book Trust

Are you aware of the Book Trust's wonderful work? They have some wonderful resources on their website.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

The Book Trust transforms lives by getting children and families reading. They are the UK's largest reading charity, and they reach millions of children every year with books, resources and support to get every child reading, regularly and by choice.

They are national in scale and operate in every region in England, Northern Ireland and Wales. They work through every local authority, via children's centres, schools, libraries and health professionals, to reach the families who need them most.

From running the Children's Laureate to giving out books to families and schools, running exciting reading campaigns or celebrating the very best children's books with prizes, everything they do aims to inspire children – from babies to teenagers – to get children started on their reading journeys.

Reading Mornings – Summer Term



As we embark on the summer term, we continue to prioritise a vibrant reading culture within our school community. Our reading mornings have become an integral part of this, fostering a love of literature and nurturing essential literacy skills. To ensure the continued effectiveness and enrichment of these sessions, we have made some subtle adjustments to the schedule for this term.

The specific days designated for our reading mornings this summer term are detailed. We encourage you to mark these dates in your calendars and support your children in preparing for these enriching sessions. We believe that by working together, we can instil a lifelong passion for reading and equip our children with the tools they need to succeed academically and beyond.

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Reading Mornings

Nursery	Tuesday (hall)
F2 - Spitfires	Thursday (hall)
Year 1 - Lancasters	Wednesday (classroom)
Year 2 - Hurricanes	Monday (classroom)



Sports Day – Wednesday 20th May



This year we will be holding our annual Sports Day on Wednesday 20th May. The schedule for the day will be:

9:15am: Nursery and Foundation 2

10:30am: Year 1 and Year 2

12:30pm: Year 3, Year 4,

1:45pm: Year 5 and Year 6

All children will have the opportunity to compete in all events, and the sessions will last between 45 minutes – 1 hour. Entrance for spectators on the day will be via the main entrance and through the school car park pathway. Hopefully you will be able to join us on the day.

Year 6 at Harrier House



Today, our Year 6 pupils visited Harrier House Care Home to share their learning about World War II. They spoke confidently about Hucknall's significant role during the war, performed a selection of well-known wartime songs, and enjoyed spending time with residents over homemade cakes. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to connect with the community and bring their history learning to life.



Easter Wishes

As the school gates close for the Easter break, I extend my warmest wishes to every one of you. We eagerly anticipate welcoming our children back on Monday 13th April. We'll return with renewed energy, ready to embark on a summer term filled with exciting learning experiences and opportunities. Until then, enjoy the break, and may the spirit of Easter bring you peace and happiness.



Best wishes,

Mr K Clowery

