

# NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high'

Edition 21

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

It has been a great first few weeks back and the children are settling in well to their new learning. We are looking forward to an action-packed summer, filled with activity and exciting learning.

At Hucknall Flying High, everyone is equally valued, and mutual respect underpins all relationships — whether between staff and children, staff and parents, or governors and the wider school community. We encourage everyone to be a role model for respect, as positive and supportive relationships are essential for our children's success and well-being.

### *Key Priorities for This Term*

- Strengthen collaborative partnerships between staff, parents, and the wider community to support pupil well-being.
- Maintain a strong focus on safeguarding and online safety education, in light of updated government guidance.
- Promote positive behaviour and mutual respect through assemblies and classroom practice.
- Support staff development and pupil progress through targeted interventions and enrichment opportunities.

### Key Dates

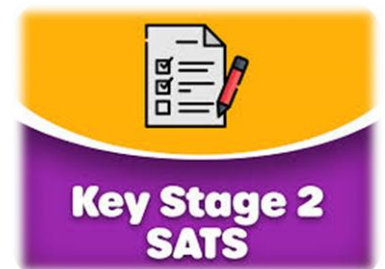
Please keep an eye on the key dates as there will be a few additions for the summer term. Also, looking ahead we will start to populate holidays and INSET days for the next academic year.

Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2026	
May	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	LCH Charity Colour Dash
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 6 Wales Residential Parent Meeting
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 trip to the National Emergency Museum
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day 2026
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of the summer 1 term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET DAY – School Closed
June	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	First day of the summer 2 term

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 trip to Boatyard Boulders
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 multiplication Check Week
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screen Week
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 trip to Royal Concert Hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am Family Breakfast event
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 trip to Nottingham Tennis Centre
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to White Post Farm
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 8 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm – 6:00pm Summer Fair
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm – Rocksteady Concert
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School reports
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



### The Importance of School Attendance



Attendance over the last two weeks is **98%** across school – well above the national average, well done everyone! Our current attendance for the academic year is 96.3%.

Well done to Year 4 for their excellent attendance over the last week – **99.2%** attendance! FANTASTIC!!

We will relaunch the weekly attendance raffle next week – with a range of prizes that the children can choose from throughout the summer term for positive weekly attendance.



- Time spent talking, playing, reading, and interacting with others is far more important for early language, social, and emotional development
- Screens should not replace sleep, physical play, or face-to-face interaction
- Where screens are used, content should be **age-appropriate**, and adults should engage alongside children, talking about what they are seeing.

In school, our Early Years provision reflects this guidance. We prioritise **active play, high-quality adult interaction, storytelling, exploration, and real-world experiences**. Technology is used sparingly and intentionally, always to support learning rather than distract from it.

We encourage families to consider this guidance at home too, particularly around routines, mealtimes, and bedtime. Even small changes — such as turning screens off earlier in the evening or sharing a book instead — can have a significant positive impact.

By working together, we can help ensure that our youngest children develop strong communication skills, emotional wellbeing, and healthy habits that will support them well as they grow.

If you would like further information or practical tips, we will be sharing more guidance with parents during the summer term.

### **Online Communication and Respectful Use of Social Media**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of using online communication and social media channels in a respectful and appropriate way.



Platforms such as WhatsApp, Messenger, and other group chats can be helpful for sharing information, but they are not school-managed spaces. We kindly ask that staff members and pupils are not named or discussed on social media or messaging groups, whether positively or negatively. Naming individuals can unintentionally lead to misunderstandings, misinformation, or upset, and we are keen to protect the privacy and wellbeing of everyone in our school community.

If you have a concern, question, or feedback about school matters, the most effective and appropriate route is always to contact the school directly so that it can be addressed accurately and supportively. This ensures concerns are handled professionally and in line with our safeguarding and privacy responsibilities.

By working together and keeping conversations respectful and private, we can maintain a positive, supportive school community for pupils, families, and staff alike. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and cooperation.

### **Sports Day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**



This year we will be holding our annual Sports Day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 and 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.

### Sensory Garden – Tesco Visit

We had a wonderful visit to Tesco, made possible by a generous £100 provided by our community support worker, Hayley, and kindly organised by parent Mrs O’Hare. A group of children from across the school took part, carefully choosing a range of equipment, plants, seeds, and even a lovely apple tree for our garden.



After returning to school, Hayley spent the morning with us as the children worked hard to weed all the beds and tidy up the garden area, which is now looking fantastic. We are also very grateful to Mrs Kirk for donating tomato and courgette plants.

A big thank you to Tesco and our kind parents for their generous support—we are very excited to continue growing and improving our garden area.

### Summer Fair – Dates for Your Diary

As we build towards our **School Summer Fair on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**, we would really appreciate your support with the following events:



#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Bottle & Chocolate/Sweets Donation Day**

Children are welcome to come to school in **non-uniform** on this day. If possible, we kindly ask that pupils bring:

- A donation of **chocolate or sweets** for our Chocolate & Sweets Raffle, and/or
- A **bottle donation** for our Bottle Raffle

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fair Day**

Children may wear **non-uniform** and are invited to bring **£1** to contribute towards the fair activities. The Summer Fair is always a highlight of the year and plays an important role in supporting school projects and experiences for our children. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and continued support — we look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes, Mr K Clowery

