

# NEWSLETTER



*'Be kind, work hard and fly high'*

**Edition 22**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026

As the summer 1 term draws to a close at the end of this week, with an INSET day on Friday, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to every member of our community for your support this half term.

We wish you all a restful and enriching half-term break when it arrives, and eagerly anticipate welcoming everyone back, refreshed and re-energised, on **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June.**



## Colour Dash Success

We are incredibly proud to share the fantastic success of our recent **Colour Dash**, which raised an amazing **£3,232 (including Gift Aid)**. This is a truly outstanding achievement and a reflection of the generosity, enthusiasm and commitment shown by our pupils, families and staff.

Events like this highlight what makes our school community so special. The energy, teamwork and spirit shown throughout the day were wonderful to see, and the impact of this fundraising goes far beyond the amount raised. We have been recognised as a **"Meaningful Impact School,"** which reflects the difference our community is making in supporting children and families where the need is greatest.

Opportunities like this also provide our pupils with a powerful, real-life way to demonstrate compassion, generosity and strong citizenship, values we are incredibly proud to promote.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, supported and contributed — this was a real team effort and something we can all celebrate.



## School Return – September 2026

To inform family future planning, we would like to confirm that the school will reopen for pupils on **Thursday 3rd September 2026** following the summer break.

## Key Dates

Updated this week is the September 2026 start date – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026.

<b>Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2026</b>	
<b>May</b>	
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Last day of the summer 1 term
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY – School Closed</b>
<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 5 trip to Boatyard Boulders
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Year 4 multiplication Check Week
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Phonics Screen Week
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 trip to Royal Concert Hall
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30am Family Breakfast event
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 trip to Nottingham Tennis Centre
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sports Day – Rearranged Date</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 1 trip to White Post Farm
<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>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Rebecca Lomas Drama Club Performance
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00pm – 6:00pm Summer Fair
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 1 at Hucknall Arc Cinema
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30pm – Rocksteady Concert
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	School reports
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Nursery trip to Sheffield Butterfly House
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	2:00pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of summer 2 term
<b>September</b>	
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	First day of the autumn 1 term

## Year 6 SATs

I would like to take a moment to recognise the exceptional resilience shown by our Year 6 pupils during SATs week. Throughout the week, they demonstrated maturity, determination and a wonderfully positive attitude, approaching each day with focus and confidence.

Coming together for breakfast to start the day played a key role in setting the tone each morning. It was fantastic to see so many pupils attending,



**Key Stage 2  
SATs**

enjoying the opportunity to come together in a relaxed and supportive environment before the tests. There was a real sense of calm, alongside plenty of smiles and encouragement, which helped everyone start the day in the best possible way.

What stood out most was the strong sense of unity across the year group. Pupils supported one another, celebrated each other's efforts and showed genuine care and encouragement. This collective spirit is something we are incredibly proud of and reflects the values we strive to instil in all our children.

Well done, Year 6 — you have been a credit to yourselves and to our school.

### Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 24<sup>th</sup> July at 2:00pm

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to our **Year 6 Leavers Assembly**, which will take place on **Friday 24th July at 2:00pm**. Parents are welcome to arrive from **1:45pm** to allow time for seating. This is always a special occasion as we celebrate the achievements and memories of our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their journey. We look forward to sharing this memorable moment with you.



### The Importance of School Attendance



Attendance over this last two weeks is **95.8%** across school. Our current attendance for the academic year is **96.3%** - still above the national average.

Well done to Year 4 for their excellent attendance over the last week – **98.2%** attendance! The best class attendance for the last 3 weeks running. FANTASTIC!!

### Updated Government Guidance: Digital Use for Children Under 5



The government has recently updated its guidance on screen use and digital exposure for children under the age of five. The guidance recognises that technology is now part of everyday life but emphasises that **how** and **how often** young children use screens is crucial to their development and wellbeing.

Key messages from the guidance include:

- Screen use for young children should be **limited, purposeful, and adult-led**
- 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.

### Spotlight on British Values

## Mutual Respect and Tolerance

This week, we're focusing on how we can all use mutual respect and tolerance!

Mutual respect means treating everyone with kindness, even if they're different from us. Tolerance means accepting those differences.

At school, we can show this by listening to each other, using kind words, and including everyone in our games. Together, we can build a classroom (and a world) where everyone feels safe and respected.



### Sports Day – REARRANGED – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026



The rearranged date for the annual 'Sports Day' will be Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. The schedule for the day will remain the same:

**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.

## 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!

## Football Boot Donation Bin

We are pleased to share that we are now hosting a **football boot donation bin** in the school car park, in partnership with **The Harry Wood Trust**.

This fantastic initiative is built around the belief that football should be accessible to every child, regardless of financial circumstances. By donating pre-loved football boots, our school community can play a part in ensuring that more children have the opportunity to take to the pitch with confidence.

The Harry Wood Trust collects and redistributes donated boots to children who may not otherwise be able to access them, while also supporting the wider work of the charity through community events and transport. Every donation, no matter how small, can make a meaningful difference.



Boots are shared sensitively through trusted adults, including parents, teachers and coaches, ensuring that all support is provided respectfully and safely. If you have any outgrown or unused football boots at home, we encourage you to consider donating. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact and ensure that every child can take part, feel included, and enjoy the game.

Best wishes, Mr K Clowery

