

NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of what has been another busy and rewarding summer term, the enthusiasm, resilience and commitment of our children and staff continue to shine through. The final few weeks of the school year are always filled with excitement, celebration and memorable experiences, and this year is no exception.

Throughout the term, our pupils have benefited from a wide range of educational visits, enrichment opportunities and special events, as well as welcoming many visitors into school. These experiences play an important role in broadening horizons, inspiring curiosity and bringing learning to life. We are particularly looking forward to the many highlights still to come, including Sports Days, our Year 6 celebrations, the much-anticipated Year 6 production, and Transition Day, when children will spend time getting to know their new classes and teachers ahead of September.

A key part of life at Hucknall Flying High Academy is our commitment to the British Value of **Mutual Respect**. It is wonderful to see our children demonstrating respect, kindness, understanding and consideration for others each and every day. We believe that everyone in our school community is valued, and we work hard to foster positive relationships between pupils, staff, parents, governors and the wider community.

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Whether it is supporting learning at home, attending school events, volunteering your time, or simply working alongside us to help your child thrive, your contribution makes a tremendous difference. We are incredibly grateful for the trust you place in us and for the positive relationships we have built together.

Strong partnerships between home and school are vital in helping our children flourish both academically and personally. By continuing to show respect, understanding and kindness in all our interactions—whether face-to-face or online—we can ensure that Hucknall Flying High Academy remains the warm, welcoming and successful community that we are all so proud to be part of. Together, we have much to celebrate, and I thank you for all that you do to make our school such a special place for every child.





Ministerial Reception Recognition

I was honoured to attend the Department for Education's Summer Ministerial Reception at the invitation of the Secretary of State for Education, Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP.



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I was especially proud to represent Hucknall Flying High Academy, as this invitation is a recognition of the wonderful work taking place across our school community. The event celebrated the impact being made throughout the education sector, including improvements in reading, attendance, early years provision and support for children and families. Hearing national leaders acknowledge the dedication and achievements of schools was both inspiring and affirming.

This recognition belongs to all of us—our incredible staff, supportive families, governors and, most importantly, our fantastic children. Thank you for your continued partnership in making Hucknall Flying High Academy such a special place to learn and thrive.

Warm Weather

With the continued warm weather, please make sure to send children to school with a sun hat and sun cream applied, this should be done at home to last for the whole day.



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

Over the next few weeks, we will begin to populate the school dates with upcoming events for the new year.

Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2026 / 2027	
July	
Monday 13th	Year 1 at Hucknall Arc Cinema
Wednesday 15th	2:30pm – Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 16th	Nursery – Year 5 Sports Day
Monday 20th	School reports to parents
Monday 20th	Nursery trip to Sheffield Butterfly House
Tuesday 21st	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Wednesday 22nd	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Thursday 23rd	Transition Day
Thursday 23rd	Year 6 Sports Day
Friday 24th	2:00pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 24th	Last day of summer 2 term
September	
Thursday 3rd	First day of the autumn 1 term
Friday 18th	Year 5 Sleepover (rescheduled date from summer)
Friday 25th	Non-uniform day for MacMillan – bring a £1 donation
Friday 25th	9:15am – 10:15am MacMillan Coffee Morning for parents / carers
Monday 28th	INSET DAY – School Closed
October	
Friday 16th	Last day of the autumn 1 term
November	
Monday 2nd	First day of the autumn 2 term
Tuesday 3rd	School Photographs - Individual
Thursday 5th	F2 Trip to Twycross Zoo
Tuesday 10th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 11th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 25th	Flu immunisation for F2 – Year 6
Thursday 26th	10:00 Year 1-6 at Mansfield Palace Theatre Panto - Cinderella
December	
Friday 18th	Last day of the autumn 2 term
January	
Monday 4th	First day of the spring 1 term
Wednesday 13th	Young Voices Concert in Birmingham – School Choir
February	
Thursday 4th	F2 Trip to the National Space Centre - Leicester
Friday 12th	Last day of the spring 1 term
Monday 22nd	INSET DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 23rd	First day of the spring 2 term
March	
Wednesday 3rd	Year 5 depart for Hathersage residential
Friday 5th	Year 5 return from Hathersage residential
Tuesday 9th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 10th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 25th	Last day of the spring 2 term
Friday 26th	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed for Good Friday
April	
Monday 12th	First day of the summer 1 term
May	
Monday 3rd	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
Monday 10th	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 27th	Last day of the summer 1 term

Friday 28th	INSET DAY – School Closed
June	
Monday 7th	First day of the summer 2 term
Monday 7th	Year 4 multiplication Check Week
Monday 14th	Phonics Screen Week
July	
Monday 19th	School reports to parents
Wednesday 28th	Last day of summer 2 term

Hucknall Flying High Academy Achieves School Games Gold Mark Award for 2026

We are incredibly proud to announce that **Hucknall Flying High Academy** has been awarded the **School Games Gold Mark Award** for the **2025/26** academic year.



The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, which recognises schools for their commitment to providing high-quality physical education, school sport and competitive opportunities for pupils. Achieving the Gold Award is a fantastic recognition of the sporting culture we have created at Hucknall Flying High Academy and the opportunities our children enjoy throughout the year. This is the 4th year in a row that we have achieved Gold Award status.

This award reflects the enthusiasm, commitment and sporting spirit demonstrated by our pupils, who have represented the school with pride in a wide range of competitions and sporting events. We are especially proud of all the children who have participated in inter-school competitions, sports festivals, clubs and leadership opportunities, showing determination, teamwork and resilience along the way.

As part of the award process, schools are assessed across key areas including participation, competition, leadership and workforce development, and extra-curricular provision. Achieving Gold is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff, pupils and wider school community in promoting healthy, active lifestyles and ensuring that sport is accessible to all.

A special thank you goes to our PE coach Mr Ellis, staff, coaches, volunteers, parents and carers who have supported sporting opportunities throughout the year. We would also like to recognise our young sports leaders and all the children who have embraced every opportunity to get involved and represent the school so positively.

This achievement is something the entire Hucknall Flying High Academy community can celebrate, and we look forward to building on this success and applying for the School Games Mark once again next year.

Well done, Team Hucknall Flying High! We are extremely proud of you all.



Summer Fair Success – Thank You for Your Amazing Support!

A huge **thank you** to everyone who supported our Summer Fair and helped make it such a wonderful success. Thanks to the generosity, enthusiasm and community spirit of our families, staff and friends, we are delighted to share that we raised an incredible **£1,141.80**.

This fantastic total would not have been possible without the many ways our school community came together. Whether you attended the fair, purchased raffle tickets, donated bottles, sweets or chocolates for our tombolas, contributed through our non-uniform day, volunteered your time, or supported us behind the scenes, every contribution made a difference.

Most importantly, our children had a brilliant afternoon filled with fun, laughter and memorable experiences. Events like these not only raise valuable funds for our school but also strengthen the sense of community that makes Hucknall Flying High Academy such a special place.

On behalf of everyone at Hucknall Flying High Academy, thank you once again for your kindness, generosity and ongoing support. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a caring and supportive school community, and we are proud of what we can achieve when we work together.

Together, we really do make a difference!

Classes for Next Year - Reminder

As we eagerly anticipate a new academic year, it brings me immense pleasure to share with you our refined staffing structure for 2026-27. This carefully considered framework ensures we continue to provide exceptional learning experiences for every child, building on the strong foundations we've established. As we look forward to September, I will be in post as headteacher and Miss Morris will be in post deputy headteacher, with no class teaching responsibility as I support her transition to headship, ready for January 2027.

Class	Teacher	Support (am)	Support (pm)
Nursery	Miss Soar	Mrs Shaw	Mrs Shaw
Foundation	Miss Kenny / Mrs Hitchen	Miss Whitt / Miss Whysall	Miss Whitt / Miss Whysall
Year 1	Mrs Keen	Mrs Robinson	Mrs Robinson
Year 2	Miss Castledine	Miss Pouncey	Miss Pouncey
Year 3	Miss Cawley	Mrs Brown	Mr Chambers
Year 4	Mrs Maxey	Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Curtis
Year 5	Mr Nightingale	Mr Chambers	Mrs Brown
Year 6	Miss Newton	Mrs Curtis	Mrs Wilkinson

A key part of our commitment to your child's continuous progress is ensuring a truly smooth and supportive transition to their next class. Over the coming weeks, the children will be involved in a **transition programme**, where the children will begin to spend short, engaging periods each afternoon with their new class teachers. This isn't just about familiarisation; it's a wonderful opportunity for them to build early connections, explore their new learning spaces, and get a gentle head start on the exciting journey ahead. This culminates in our dedicated **whole-school transition day on Thursday, 23rd July**, providing a comprehensive and joyful experience that will leave children feeling confident and prepared for the new academic year.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 24th 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.

Great British Summer Savings – Helping Families Make the Most of Summer

We know that the school holidays can bring additional costs for families, so we wanted to share information about the Government's **Great British Summer Savings** scheme, which aims to help reduce the cost of family days out and activities over the summer break.



From **25 June to 1 September 2026**, families can benefit from reduced prices on a range of experiences, with VAT temporarily reduced from **20% to 5%** on:

- Children's meals in participating restaurants
- Family and children's tickets for cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions
- Admission to a wide range of attractions and visitor destinations

In addition, **children aged 5–15 can travel free on buses throughout August in England**, helping families enjoy more affordable days out during the summer holidays.

Whether you are planning a visit to a museum, theatre, local attraction or family restaurant, these savings could help make summer activities more accessible and affordable.

To help families find participating attractions and venues, the Government has launched a dedicated **Summer Savings Attraction Finder**. Simply enter your postcode to discover offers and attractions near you:



www.summersavings.gov.uk

We hope this information is useful and helps our families enjoy a fun-filled and memorable summer while making the most of the savings available.

Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Safety in the Sun

This week our safeguarding focus is on staying safe when out in the sun. The weather is warm and the sun is shining, it is important that we protect our skin and our health in general. Here are some top tips for being safe in the sun:

- Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 50 and at least 4 stars for UVA protection
- Reapply sunscreen if you have been in the water



- Wear sunglasses with UV protection
- Wear a sunhat and loose clothing made of breathable material
- Stay in the shade during the middle of the day when the sun is at its strongest
- Drink lots of water to stay hydrated

Family Fun at The Arc Cinema This Summer!

Looking for the perfect family day out during the summer holidays? The Arc Cinema has a fantastic line-up of family-friendly films showing throughout the break, with something for everyone to enjoy on the big screen!

From Minions and Monsters to the brand-new live-action *Moana*, there's plenty to keep the whole family entertained. Even better, tickets are now available from just **£6.95!**

Don't forget about **Kids Club** too, running every Saturday and Sunday morning, as well as every day during the school holidays. With tickets costing just **£3.50**, it's an affordable treat for families this summer. Featured Kids Club films include *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* and *Hoppers!*

Book your tickets today and make magical movie memories this summer:

<https://hucknall.arccinema.co.uk>

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EVERY FILM*. EVERY DAY.

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Movie	Date
Minions	JULY 1
Moana	JULY 10
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse	JULY 31
PAW Patrol: The Movie	AUG 7
Coyote & Alice	AUG 28
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	AUG 28

*EXCLUDES 3D & ARC LIVE EVENT CINEMA

Best wishes, Mr K Clowery

