

NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, it is hard to believe just how quickly the months have passed. It has been a year filled with learning, growth, achievements and memorable experiences, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year.



This year has been one of remarkable success for our school community. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils and the dedication they have shown to their learning. Their hard work has been reflected in outstanding outcomes across the school. **Our Key Stage 2 results once again exceeded national averages in every area, while 84% of our Early Years children achieved a Good Level of Development, 90% of our Year 1 pupils passed the Phonics Screening Check, and our Year 4 pupils achieved an impressive average score of 23.9 out of 25 in the Multiplication Tables Check.** These achievements are a credit to our children, our dedicated staff and, of course, the support and encouragement you provide at home.

As we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, we do so with immense pride. They have been an outstanding year group whose hard work, determination and positive attitude have made a lasting impact on our school. While we will miss them greatly, we know they are more than ready for the next stage of their education, and we wish them every success and happiness as they begin their secondary school journey.

Yesterday, it was wonderful to see Mrs Keen celebrate our nursery children and their families at the End of Year Picnic. It was a lovely occasion, bringing families together to mark an important milestone in the children's early learning journey.

We would like to thank Mrs Keen for organising such a special event and for her dedication to supporting our youngest learners throughout the year. As we look ahead to the summer break, we wish all our nursery children who will be moving on to other settings every success and happiness as they begin the next stage of their educational journey. We are confident they will continue to thrive in their new schools and look forward to hearing about their future achievements.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Mrs Gerrard** and **Mrs Howard**, who will be leaving Hucknall Flying High Academy at the end of this academic year. Both have made a significant contribution to our school community and have touched the lives of so many children and families. We wish them every happiness and success in their future endeavours.



We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Miss Roberts** and **Mrs McClung** for their support in Early Years and Key Stage 2 during the last half term. Both joined our staff team on a temporary basis and have made a significant contribution, bringing

valuable capacity, enthusiasm and dedication to their roles. Their positive attitudes and commitment to supporting our children have been greatly appreciated by staff and pupils alike. We wish them every success and happiness as they move on to their next roles.

Looking back, there have been so many wonderful moments to celebrate. From performances and celebrations to sporting achievements, educational visits and enrichment opportunities, our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and determination. The Year 5 residential to Hathersage and the Year 6 residential to North Wales provided unforgettable experiences, helping children develop confidence, independence and resilience.

Our Sports Day was another highlight of the year. Despite the unpredictable weather, the event was full of energy, encouragement and team spirit. It was wonderful to see our children showing such resilience and sportsmanship, while families cheered them on with such warmth and support.

Throughout the year, our children have continued to demonstrate the values that make Hucknall Flying High Academy such a special place. Their kindness, excellent behaviour and positive attitudes both in and out of school are a credit to themselves and their families. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

As Headteacher, it is a privilege to work alongside such wonderful children, supportive families and dedicated staff. Thank you for your trust, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Together, we have achieved so much, and I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

For now, I hope you enjoy a well-deserved summer break filled with rest, fun and special family moments. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school, refreshed and ready for another exciting year, on **Thursday 3rd September**.

Have a wonderful summer holiday.

Warmest regards, Mr K Clowery



Key Dates

Over the next few weeks, we will begin to populate the school dates with upcoming events for the new year. See the addition of the ***'Learn, Launch and Look Ahead Meetings'*** in this week's newsletter.

Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2026 / 2027	
September	
Thursday 3 rd	First day of the autumn 1 term
Monday 14 th	5:00pm Learn, Launch and Look Ahead Meeting for Year 5/6 Parents
Tuesday 15 th	5:00pm Learn, Launch and Look Ahead Meeting for Year 1/2 Parents
Thursday 17 th	5:00pm Learn, Launch and Look Ahead Meeting for Year 3/4 Parents
Friday 18 th	Year 5 Sleepover (rescheduled date from summer)

Monday 21st	5:00pm Learn, Launch and Look Ahead Meeting for F2 Parents
Wednesday 23rd	5:00pm Learn, Launch and Look Ahead Meeting for Nursery Parents
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

Year 6 SATs Results

We are absolutely delighted to share the exceptional achievements of our Year 6 pupils in their recent Key Stage 2 assessments. Their dedication and hard work, supported by our outstanding staff, have truly shone through in these results.

This year, our pupils have once again, demonstrated remarkable attainment across all subjects, significantly outperforming national averages as reported by the Department for Education (DfE).



Highlights of our performance include:

- **Reading:** An impressive **93%** of our pupils achieved the Age Related Expected Standard, which is substantially above the **national average of 75%** (DfE, 2026). This reflects our continued strong focus on fostering a love of reading and developing deep comprehension skills from early on at Hucknall Flying High Academy.
- **English, Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling (EGPS):** We are thrilled that **97%** of our pupils met the expected standard, significantly surpassing the **national average of 74%** (DfE, 2026). This result is a testament to the rigorous and effective teaching of foundational literacy skills.
- **Mathematics:** Our pupils excelled in Maths, with **97%** achieving the expected standard. This is considerably higher than the **national average of 75%** (DfE, 2026), showcasing the robust mathematical understanding and problem-solving abilities developed by our children.
- **Writing:** In Writing, **90%** of our pupils reached the Age Related Expected Standard. This is a strong result, exceeding the **national average of 73%** (DfE, 2026), and highlights our commitment to nurturing articulate and effective writers.
- **Combined (Reading, Writing, and Maths):** Crucially, **90%** of our pupils achieved the expected standard in all three core subjects combined. This is a truly fantastic accomplishment, exceeding the **national average of 63%** (DfE, 2026). This combined measure reflects a holistic success across the key areas of the curriculum.

These exceptional outcomes are a direct reflection of the collaborative spirit between our dedicated pupils, committed staff, and supportive parents. We are incredibly proud of all our Year 6 children and are confident they are exceptionally well-prepared for the next stage of their educational journey.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in making these achievements possible.

The table below outlines outcomes for our Year 6 pupils in each of the core areas:

	School Percentage at Age Related	School Percentage at Greater Depth
Reading	93% : 18% above national outcomes	57% : 24% above national outcomes
EGPS	97% : 23% above national outcomes	43% : 13% above national outcomes
Writing	90% : 17% above national outcomes	23% : 10% above national outcomes
Maths	97% : 22% above national outcomes	47% : 21% above national outcomes
Combined	90% : 27% above national outcomes	20% : 12% above national outcomes

The Importance of School Attendance



I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the profound importance of regular school attendance and punctuality, which are truly foundational to a child's academic and social success. Every day in school presents invaluable learning opportunities, both within the classroom and through interaction with peers and staff. Consistent attendance ensures that our pupils build knowledge sequentially, participate fully in discussions, and feel a strong sense of belonging to our vibrant school community. Missing even a few days can disrupt this vital continuity, making it challenging for children to keep pace with their learning and feel fully connected. At Hucknall FHA, we are deeply committed to fostering an environment where every child thrives, and excellent attendance is a cornerstone of this vision.

On that note, I am absolutely delighted to share some fantastic news regarding our attendance over the past year! Your collective efforts have been exceptional, as we have not only met but **exceeded our attendance target for this academic year of 96%**, achieving an excellent **96.1% attendance across the school over the academic year**. This is a testament to the dedication of everyone, our families and pupils, and I extend a huge 'well done' to everyone for this remarkable achievement.

To maintain this positive momentum into the next academic year, we kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school punctually and fully prepared, and we take this into the next academic year. If your child is unwell or unable to attend for any reason, please do notify the school office as early as possible on the first day of absence.

Let us continue to work together to cultivate a learning environment where every child feels supported, engaged, and empowered to reach their full potential. Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

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.

Safeguarding Tips of the Week

Online Safety



There are lots of positives to being online for children, from staying in touch with friends to learning about the world. There are some challenges, too, and the online world can be tricky for children to navigate.

For some it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends, and the pressure can mount. Noticing how your child is affected by being online is the first step in helping them manage their wellbeing. You can manage the content that your children see, ensure the interactions they have are suitable and manage how long they're online, in balance with other activities. There are many things you can do to help support a child, e.g. using specific apps and checking app settings. For more information see:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

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.

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

*EXCLUDES 3D & ARC LIVE EVENT CINEMA

Best wishes, Mr K Clowery

