

NEWSLETTER



Edition 3

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come towards the end of a busy and productive first half term, I'd like to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support throughout the start of this academic year. It's been a pleasure to see our school community come together with such positivity and purpose.

Looking ahead, we're excited for the term to come — one filled with enriching learning opportunities and the joy of the festive season. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 2nd November**, refreshed and ready for the next chapter.

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2026/2027

We encourage you to keep a close eye on these updates, ensuring you remain fully informed and engaged in our vibrant school life.

Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2026 / 2027	
November	
Monday 2 nd	First day of the autumn 2 term
Monday 2 nd	Year 5 Trip to Attenborough Nature Reserve
Tuesday 3 rd	School Photographs - Individual
Thursday 5 th	F2 Trip to Twycross Zoo
Tuesday 10 th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 11 th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Monday 16 th	Anti-bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Friday 20 th	Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need – Dress in Yellow
Wednesday 25 th	Flu immunisation for F2 – Year 6
Thursday 26 th	10:00 Year 1-6 at Mansfield Palace Theatre Panto - Cinderella
Friday 27 th	Non-Uniform Day – Bring sweets, chocolates and bottles for fair
December	
Tuesday 1 st	Non-Uniform Day – Bring £1 donation for the Christmas Fair
Tuesday 1 st	4:00pm – 6:00pm Christmas Fair
Tuesday 8 th	5:00pm Year 3/4 Christmas Carol Service
Thursday 10 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10 th	1:00pm EYFS at Nottingham Playhouse – Cinderella Performance
Thursday 10 th	5:00pm Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Service
Tuesday 15 th	1:30pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 15 th	5:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 16th	10:00am EYFS Performance
Wednesday 16th	1:30pm EYFS Performance
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	
Monday 1st	Children's Mental Health Week
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
Thursday 4th	World Book Day
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 11th	(1:00pm – 3:00pm) Family High Tea
Friday 12th	(1:00pm – 3:00pm) Family High Tea
Monday 22nd	9:00 – 10:00 Year 1/2 Easter Breakfast Event
Tuesday 23rd	9:15am EYFS Easter 'Eggs'travaganza 2025
Wednesday 24th	9:00 – 10:00 Year 3/4 Easter Breakfast Event
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
Wednesday 26th	Sports Day 2026
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
Thursday 10th	Pupil Awards at Royal Concert Hall
Friday 18th	7:30am Family Breakfast event
July	

Friday 9th	6:30pm Year 4 Sleepover
Monday 12th	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Tuesday 13th	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Monday 19th	School reports to parents
Tuesday 20th	Year 6 Depart for Residential
Friday 23rd	Year 6 Return from Residential
Wednesday 28th	Last day of summer 2 term

Arbor App Launch

What a fantastic response to the launch of the Arbor Parent Portal and App! We are delighted that over 64% of parents and carers have already signed up. Thank you for your wonderful support. As we move forward, we will clarify the next steps to help ensure a smooth and straightforward transition for everyone.



Sporting Success

The last few weeks have been incredibly busy and successful on the sporting front, with pupils representing Hucknall Flying High Academy brilliantly across a range of competitions.

Our **Year 3/4 Cross Country Team** were crowned **Hucknall Schools Champions**, demonstrating fantastic determination and resilience throughout the event.

In football, our **Year 6 team** continue to impress and have progressed to the **Quarter Finals of the County Cup** following an excellent victory over **Carnarvon School, Bingham**. Our **Year 5 team** also represented the school superbly, narrowly exiting their local cup competition in a hard-fought fixture against Beardall Fields. Our **Girls' Football Team** showed tremendous progress in their latest cup fixture. After a closely contested match finished 1-1, the game was decided by penalties, with the girl's unfortunate to miss out despite a fantastic performance.



Finally, our **Handball Team** demonstrated remarkable improvement throughout their tournament, finishing in an outstanding **joint first place**.

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who have represented the school with such enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship.

A special thank you goes to Mr Ellis for coordinating our extensive sporting calendar, Mr Nightingale for his work organising and leading our football fixtures, and to all staff who have supported and facilitated sporting opportunities for our pupils so far this year. Their commitment enables our children to enjoy such a wide range of sporting experiences and successes.

Mr Ellis

Also, please join me in congratulating Mr Ellis and his partner on the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, Hattie. Mr Ellis is currently enjoying some well-deserved paternity leave and precious family time as they celebrate this wonderful new addition to their family. We are sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best.

Safeguarding Audit

Last week, we welcomed an external safeguarding auditor - a current Ofsted Inspector - into school as part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the highest standards of safeguarding practice. I am delighted to share that the feedback was extremely positive.



The auditor recognised that school leaders have **clear and effective safeguarding systems and procedures in place**, which help to ensure that pupils feel safe, supported and well cared for. They also noted that pupils are taught how to take responsibility for their own safety and are developing a good understanding of diversity and the importance of respecting others.

This feedback is a testament to the dedication of our staff team, governors and wider school community, who work tirelessly to ensure that safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do. We are proud of this recognition and will continue to build on these strengths to provide the safest possible environment for all of our pupils.

Parent Consultation Evening

A reminder that our **Parent Consultation Evenings** will take place on **Tuesday 10th November** and **Wednesday 11th November**, with appointments available between **3:30pm and 6:30pm**.

Due to ongoing technical issues with our online booking system, appointments must be requested using the paper reply slip sent home. Please return your completed form to your child's class teacher by **Wednesday 4th November**, ticking all available times to help us allocate appointments fairly.



Appointment confirmations will be sent home, **via Class Dojo**, once bookings have been arranged. If you have more than one child in school, please indicate this on the form and we will do our best to arrange convenient appointment times.

We look forward to welcoming you into school to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements.

School Admissions

If your child is due to start primary school in **September 2027**, please make a note of the following dates:

 **Monday 2nd November 2026**

Applications open through Nottinghamshire County Council for children starting school in September 2027.

 **Friday 15th January 2027**

Closing date for primary school applications.

If your child is due to start **secondary school in September 2027**, the closing date for applications is:

 **Saturday 31st October 2026**

We encourage all parents and carers to submit their applications before the deadlines to ensure the best chance of securing a preferred school place.

Safeguarding Tip of the Week



This week's safeguarding focus is mental health. Mental health is about our moods, feelings, and emotions. Recognising the signs that a child may be struggling with their mental health can be hard and it is important that we talk about mental health with our children. Below are some tips to support you with these conversations:

- Make conversations about mental health a normal part of life
- Give it your full attention - be an active listener
- Take it seriously and explore the feelings together
- Offer empathy rather than solutions

For more information see:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>



School Photos – Tuesday 3rd November

The photographer is coming to school on Tuesday 3rd November, to take individual and sibling school photos. Those of you with younger preschool children can come into school from 8am to have photos taken as a family group.

Parking Safely Reminder

We kindly ask for your support in helping us keep our children and community safe by parking responsibly around school.

Being mindful of where we park not only shows respect to our neighbours but is also paramount to the safety of our children at drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for working with us to keep our school community safe and considerate.

Rattle and Roll

Please see the following contact details for the Rattle and Roll provider for breakfast, afterschool and holiday clubs:

Email: enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com

Bookings: www.rattleandrollperformance.com



Thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes, Mr K Clowery

