

# NEWSLETTER



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

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we close the door on another term, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared. It feels like just yesterday we were setting new goals and embarking on fresh adventures as a new calendar year began for 2025, yet here we are, celebrating the culmination of weeks filled with vibrant learning and remarkable achievements. The energy and enthusiasm that have permeated our classrooms have been truly inspiring.

This term, we've witnessed the blossoming of creativity and intellectual curiosity in our children. The explosion of colour and imagination during our Easter activities has been wonderful, exemplified with 'egg-cellent' creations.



Beyond the festive fun, I've been deeply impressed by the depth of understanding and the articulate expression of knowledge displayed during our termly enquiries. It's clear that our children are not just absorbing information, but actively engaging with it, questioning and discovering. Witnessing their growth is a privilege and a powerful reminder of the transformative power of education.

More than just a collection of activities, this term has been about fostering a love of learning, building resilience and nurturing a sense of community. The dedication of our staff, the unwavering support of our parents and the sheer joy of our children have created a special environment, as always.

As we transition into the Easter break, I hope you all find time to relax, recharge and enjoy precious moments with your families. May the warmth of spring bring renewed energy and anticipation for the summer term.

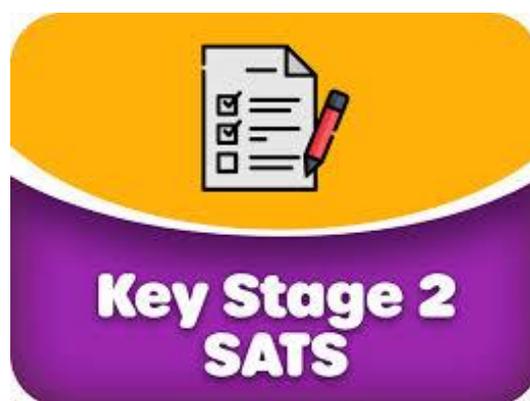
## Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024/2025

2025	
April	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of spring 2 term
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	First day of summer 1 term
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Trip to Creswell Crags
May	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed

<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Class photographs
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 6 Tenby Residential Parent Meeting
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	F1 & Y3 Trip to Gladstone Pottery
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Sports Day 2025
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Last day of summer 1 term
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	INSET DAY – School Closed
<b>June</b>	
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	First day of summer 2 term
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Year 4 multiplication Check Week
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 Tenby residential
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Phonics Screen Week
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Reserve Sports Day
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30am Family Breakfast event
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	INSET DAY – School Closed
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00pm – 6:00pm Summer Fair
<b>July</b>	
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 pupils transition to Holgate School / National School
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:30am F2 trip to Pizza Express
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Reports to Parents
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	'Transition Day' into new classes
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of summer 2 term
<b>September</b>	
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	INSET DAY – School Closed
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of autumn 1 term for pupils

### Year 6 SATs

The children in Year 6 have been working hard to prepare for their SATs which take place from Monday 12<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.



## **OT Food Club Easter Egg Collection**

Our school community spirit of generosity shone brightly this past week, as we rallied together to support the 'OT Food Club' in Hucknall's Easter initiative. This wonderful community-focused project aimed to spread joy and connection by distributing Easter eggs to residents of local care homes and families facing hardship. It's truly heartening to witness the tangible difference we can make when we unite for a common cause.

On Thursday, a group of our students and staff had the privilege of delivering these eggs and the reception we received was lovely. The smiles and expressions of gratitude we witnessed underscored the impact of your contributions.

In a world where isolation and hardship can often feel overwhelming, your generous donations brought a ray of sunshine into the lives of those who need it most. We've not only provided a tangible gift, but we've also sent a powerful message of care and community. This act of giving embodies the values we strive to instil in our children – empathy, compassion and a commitment to making a positive difference in the world around us. Thank you for your support and for demonstrating the true meaning of community spirit.



## **Book Trust**

Are you aware of the Book Trust's wonderful work? They have some wonderful resources on their website.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

The Book Trust transforms lives by getting children and families reading. They are the UK's largest reading charity and they reach millions of children every year with books, resources and support to get every child reading, regularly and by choice.

They are national in scale and operate in every region in England, Northern Ireland and Wales. They work through every local authority, via children's centres, schools, libraries and health professionals, to reach the families who need them most.

From running the Children's Laureate to giving out books to families and schools, running exciting reading campaigns or celebrating the very best children's books with prizes, everything they do aims to inspire children – from babies to teenagers – to get children started on their reading journeys.



## National Kindness Awards

We invite you to celebrate the compassionate spirit of our children by nominating them for the prestigious National Kindness Awards. This is an exceptional opportunity to recognise and honour the acts of empathy, generosity, and thoughtful consideration that enrich our school community. To access the nomination portal and share your stories of their remarkable kindness, please scan the QR code featured in the accompanying image. Let us collectively acknowledge and nurture the values that make our children truly exceptional.



## Reading Mornings – Summer Term

As we embark on the summer term, we continue to prioritise the cultivation of a vibrant reading culture within our school community. Our reading mornings have become an integral part of this endeavour, fostering a love of literature and nurturing essential literacy skills. To ensure the continued effectiveness and enrichment of these sessions, we have made some subtle adjustments to the schedule for this term.

The specific days designated for our reading mornings this summer term are detailed. We encourage you to mark these dates in your calendars and support your children in preparing for these enriching sessions. We believe that by working together, we can instil a lifelong passion for reading and equip our children with the tools they need to succeed academically and beyond.



## Sports Day – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May



This year we will be holding our annual Sports Day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We have again decided to host the event a little earlier than usual, hopefully avoiding the extremely hot temperatures that we experienced a few years ago when we hosted the event in July. 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.

### Year 2 Enquiry Showcase

Our Year 2 historians have been diligently delving into the fascinating 'history of the streets beneath our feet' during their spring enquiry. This has taken them on a journey through time, exploring the evolution of our local area and uncovering the stories hidden within the very paths we walk every day. They have not just been learning about historical events; they've been connecting with our own community's past, discovering how the streets around them have shaped the present.

The culmination of their work is fantastic: a virtual walking tour of the significant streets within our estate. Imagine the dedication required to research, document, and present such a comprehensive project! The children have meticulously gathered information, pieced together historical narratives, and creatively translated their findings into an engaging digital format. Well done Year 2!



### EYFS Easter Eggstravaganza

A huge amount was raised from this event this year, **£811.82**. A heartfelt thank you for your support and sponsorship! This year we are hoping to use the money to continue to improve the learning opportunities outdoors and add to our beautiful outdoor classroom.

### Easter Wishes

As the school gates close for the Easter break, I extend my warmest wishes to every one of you. We eagerly anticipate welcoming our children back on Tuesday April 22nd. We'll return with renewed energy, ready to embark on a summer term filled with exciting learning experiences and opportunities. Until then, enjoy the break and may the spirit of Easter bring you peace and happiness.



Best wishes,

Mr K Clowery



