

# NEWSLETTER



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given to our school community this calendar year. On behalf of all the staff at Hucknall Flying High Academy, we wish you and your families a very peaceful and joyful Christmas.



The last few weeks have proved to be a whirlwind of festive activity at Hucknall Flying High Academy. Last week our children embarked on a magical journey to the Nottingham Playhouse to enjoy a captivating pantomime performance. Meanwhile, our talented choir filled the hallowed halls of St. Mary's Church in Hucknall with their melodious voices. The week culminated with joyous Christmas concerts for Key Stage 2, showcasing the children's musical talents and festive spirit.

This week, the spotlight shifted to our youngest performers as Early Years and Key Stage 1 took centre stage with their Christmas performances. Each performance presented a unique and delightful showcase of singing, acting, and festive cheer, leaving audiences captivated and thoroughly entertained.

Finally, I had the distinct pleasure of hosting a group of esteemed educational leaders for a tour of our school on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. This showcase provided another opportunity to highlight the exceptional achievements of our pupils, the vibrant and engaging learning environment we have cultivated, and the overall positive and supportive school atmosphere. They provided overwhelmingly positive feedback, a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community.

## Gingerbread Capers

### **BREAKING NEWS!**

On Monday morning, Year 3 learned about a curious and suspicious event that occurred over the weekend. After reviewing the CCTV footage, we discovered that a group of mischievous gingerbread men had broken into the school and stolen the Christmas puddings for the children.



Mr. Rowlett, who was first on the scene, shared his account of the incident. When he opened the school early on Monday morning, he was shocked to find gingerbread crumbs scattered across the hall.

After he very frustratedly cleaned up after these cheeky culprits, he eventually noticed that the playground door had been left open —likely their escape route.

To uncover the full story, don't miss Saanvi's detailed newspaper report that will be shared on Class Dojo.

## Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024/2025

<b>December</b>	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of autumn 2 term
<b>2025</b>	
<b>January</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	First day of spring 1 term
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Chinese New Year Dinner
<b>February</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair – up till the 11 <sup>th</sup> of February
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC Numbers Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	National Pizza Day Dinner
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 5 Hathersage Residential Parent Meeting
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of spring 1 term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	First day of spring 2 term
<b>March</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Women’s History Month
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 6 Parent Meeting – KS2 SATs information meeting
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Hathersage residential
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day Dinner
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	International Women’s Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Science Week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dress in red for Comic Relief
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm Family High Tea event
<b>April</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:15am EYFS Easter ‘Eggs’travaganza 2025
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00pm Year 3/4 Easter Craft afternoon
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Dinner
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of spring 2 term
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	First day of summer 1 term
<b>May</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Class photographs

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 6 Tenby Residential Parent Meeting
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports Day 2025
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of summer 1 term
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET DAY – School Closed
<b>June</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First day of summer 2 term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 multiplication Check Week
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Tenby residential
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am Family Breakfast event
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screen Week
<b>July</b>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am F2 trip to Pizza Express
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 pupils transition to Holgate School
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	'Transition Day' into new classes
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of summer 2 term



### **Foodbank Donations**

#### **A Heartfelt Thank You for Supporting Our Community**

The school community has once again demonstrated its incredible generosity through the overwhelming response to our recent food bank collection. We extend our sincere gratitude to all who contributed tins and non-perishable items.

The first batch of donations has been delivered to Under One Roof, a vital local organisation providing essential support to individuals and families in need within Hucknall. The remaining donations will be generously shared with the Nottingham Refugee Forum, further extending our support to those in need within our wider community.

We would like to give a special shout-out to Emmanouil-George (Year 2) and Alabama (Year 6), who went above and beyond by using their own funds to purchase additional toiletry items to include in the donations. These acts of kindness exemplify the compassionate spirit of our pupils and serve as a powerful reminder of the positive impact we can have on those less fortunate. These contributions are particularly meaningful during this time of year, and we are immensely proud of our pupils for embodying the values of empathy and community service that are at the heart of our school.



## School Admissions



Do you have a child due to start Primary school in September 2025?

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025** – Closing date for applications.

## Calling all Adventurers! Join the Hucknall 4th Cubs!

Are you aged between 8 and 10 and looking for an exciting way to spend your Friday evenings? Look no further than the Hucknall 4th Cubs!

# cubs

The Cubs meet every Friday from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, offering a fantastic opportunity for young people to:

- Make new friends and build teamwork skills
- Learn exciting outdoor skills like camping and map reading
- Embark on adventures and take part in a variety of fun and challenging activities
- Develop valuable life skills such as problem solving, communication and self-confidence
- Explore their creativity through arts and crafts activities
- Become more involved in their local community.

No experience necessary! Whether you're a seasoned adventurer or just starting out, the Hucknall 4th Cubs welcome all young people with a sense of curiosity and a thirst for fun.

Ready to join the pack? Contact Malcolm and Denise Swinbourne for more information and to register your interest.

Contact details:

Email: [cubs@4th-hucknall.org.uk](mailto:cubs@4th-hucknall.org.uk)

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Merry Christmas!!

Mr K Clowery

