

NEWSLETTER



Thursday 5th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is racing along and now we are in the middle of our festive season. Please read on for the latest school updates.



Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024/2025

December	
Friday 6 th	Non-Uniform Day – ‘Bring £1 Donation’ for the Christmas Fair
Friday 6 th	4:00pm – 6:00pm Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10 th	5:00pm Year 3/4 Christmas Carol Service
Wednesday 11 th	10:30am EYFS at the Playhouse – Ugly Duckling performance
Thursday 12 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12 th	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 12 th	5:00pm Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Service
Friday 13 th	12:00pm – 4:30pm Year 1-6 at the Christmas Panto - Playhouse
Tuesday 17 th	2:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 17 th	5:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18 th	10:00am EYFS Performance
Wednesday 18 th	1:30pm EYFS Performance
Friday 20 th	Non-uniform day
Friday 20 th	Last day of autumn 2 term
2025	
January	
Monday 6 th	First day of spring 1 term
Wednesday 29 th	Chinese New Year Dinner
February	
Monday 3 rd	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4 th	Scholastic Book Fair – up till the 11 th of February
Friday 7 th	NSPCC Numbers Day
Monday 10 th	National Pizza Day Dinner
Tuesday 11 th	Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 11 th	5:00pm Year 5 Hathersage Residential Parent Meeting
Friday 14 th	Last day of spring 1 term
Monday 24 th	INSET DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 25 th	First day of spring 2 term
March	

Monday 3 rd	Women's History Month
Tuesday 4 th	5:00pm Year 6 Parent Meeting – KS2 SATs information meeting
Wednesday 5 th – 7 th	Year 5 Hathersage residential
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day Dinner
Friday 7 th	International Women's Day
Monday 10 th	Science Week
Tuesday 11 th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 12 th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 21 st	Dress in red for Comic Relief
Friday 28 th	1:00pm Family High Tea event
April	
Tuesday 1 st	9:15am EYFS Easter 'Eggs'travaganza 2025
Wednesday 2 nd	1:00pm Year 3/4 Easter Craft afternoon
Thursday 3 rd	Easter Dinner
Friday 4 th	Last day of spring 2 term
Tuesday 22 nd	First day of summer 1 term
May	
Monday 5 th	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
Tuesday 6 th	Class photographs
Tuesday 6 th	5:00pm Year 6 Tenby Residential Parent Meeting
Monday 12 th	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 22 nd	Sports Day 2025
Thursday 22 nd	Last day of summer 1 term
Friday 23 rd	INSET DAY – School Closed
June	
Monday 2 nd	First day of summer 2 term
Monday 2 nd	Year 4 multiplication Check Week
Tuesday 3 rd – 6 th	Year 6 Tenby residential
Thursday 12 th	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 13 th	7:30am Family Breakfast event
Monday 16 th	Phonics Screen Week
July	
Thursday 3 rd	9:30am F2 trip to Pizza Express
Wednesday 9 th – 11 th	Year 6 pupils transition to Holgate School
Friday 18 th	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 22 nd	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Wednesday 23 rd	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Friday 25 th	'Transition Day' into new classes
Tuesday 29 th	Last day of summer 2 term

Foundation Trip to Sherwood Forest

Last week the children in Spitfire class took a trip to Sherwood Forest, to support their enquiry learning of 'how can we make a difference?' The children have been exploring the features of a local environment and the animals that live within this habitat, deepening their understanding of why the forests in the UK are important. The children have recently been learning about the damaging effects of deforestation across planet Earth and were horrified to see such beautiful environments becoming destroyed. The children therefore participated in a habitats workshop and used natural materials to make safe and cosy places for the woodland animals to live.



The children were also immersed in their Literacy text 'The Great Paper Caper', where their published 'WANTED' posters were spotted on the trees. The children have created wonderful character descriptions to help find the Bear and have finally encouraged him to stop chopping down the trees in the forest.

The trip was a wonderful opportunity for the children to apply their Enquiry and Literacy knowledge and bring their learning to life!

Hucknall Light Switch-on

The pupils' performance at the Hucknall Christmas light switch-on on Wednesday evening was a resounding success. Their voices filled the air with festive cheer, transforming the event into a truly magical occasion. The pupils' dedication and talent, under the guidance of Miss Wheatley, were evident in every note. A heartfelt thank you to all those who attended and supported this wonderful community event.

Rattle and Roll

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

Tel: 07722 014301

Email: enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com

Bookings: www.rattleandrollperformance.com



School Admissions

Do you have a child due to start Primary school in September 2025? If so, please make a note of the following dates:

Monday 4th November – Notts County Council applications are open for starting school in September 2025.

Wednesday 15th January 2025 – Closing date for applications.



Ridewise Bike Donations

We are setting up a collection point at school for old bikes that can be donated to other children for Christmas. These are going to be collected by a member of the Ridewise team on Wednesday 18th December from Hucknall Flying High Academy. If you need to clear your old bikes to make way for the new ones this year – you would be making more than one person very happy by donating them...

Alternatively you can drop them off at Lenton Abbey Park Bike Hub – all details here:



<https://www.ridewise.org.uk/ourworkshops>

If you're unable to drop off, you can book onto the Ridewise FREE collection:

<https://ow.ly/cIMK50Tucg2>

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair takes place on Friday – 4:00pm till 6:00pm. We hope you are able to join us on this occasion. We extend our sincere gratitude to Cian O'Hare for her invaluable contribution in setting up the enchanting grotto for Santa's arrival. Her attention to detail has created a magical space that will undoubtedly delight young visitors and bring the spirit of Christmas to life.



Christmas Tree Festival

Our Year 6 class have created a stunning themed Christmas tree for the Hucknall Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary Magdalene Church, using **your generous gifts of tinned food**.

Firstly, we want to say a huge thank you for all of your donations of tins.

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP! Our tree will be on display at the Mary Magdalene church this week and the winner will get a prize!!



Opening times:

Wednesday, 4th December: 5:00pm (last entry 7:30pm)

Thursday, 5th December: 9:30am - 7:30pm

Friday, 6th December: 9:30am - 7:30pm

Saturday, 7th December: 9:30am - 12:00pm

You can vote at the church - Please help us to win!!

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!

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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

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!

Ella Rhodes and Hattie Duffin Shine in *Cinderella*

We are delighted to announce that Ella Rhodes and Hattie Duffin have been selected to perform in this year's pantomime production of *Cinderella* at the Nottingham Arts Theatre.

The girls successfully auditioned for a place in the children's ensemble back in September, competing against over 200 hopefuls from across Nottinghamshire. Their talent and dedication have secured them a spot in this prestigious production.

The pantomime is now underway, with the girls participating in 10 performances from November 30th to December 15th.



Ongoing Parking Complaints

We are still receiving complaints from residents regarding parking during drop off and pick up times. Can we please again remind all parents that choose to drop their children off by school to be considerate (leave room for pedestrians, wheelchairs, mobility scooters and prams) and do not park on a bend as this block's visibility.

Do not block resident's driveways whilst waiting for your child and do not park opposite an already parked vehicle.

This is a matter of safety for your children and for the public and we appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

Let's continue to work together to support our children in all we do as we enjoy the festive period.

Be kind, work hard, fly high!

Mr K Clowery



Join us for...

**Carols round
the tree**

**Thurs 12th December
6:30pm
Nabbs Park**

**Followed by hot drinks
and mince pies at
West Hucknall
Baptist Church!**

Everyone is welcome!