

# NEWSLETTER



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another edition of the headteacher newsletter. We are now entering the busy festive period – an exciting time of year for our pupils. Please read on for an update on all things happening at Hucknall Flying High Academy.



## Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024/2025

November	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	(pm) Reception – Year 6 flu immunisation
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am F2 trip to Sherwood Forest
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day – ‘Bring Sweets + Chocolate’ for the Christmas Fair
December	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day – ‘Bring £1 Donation’ for the Christmas Fair
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm – 6:00pm Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 3/4 Christmas Carol Service
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am EYFS at the Playhouse – Ugly Duckling performance
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Service
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	12:00pm – 4:30pm Year 1-6 at the Christmas Panto - Playhouse
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am EYFS Performance
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm EYFS Performance
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of autumn 2 term
2025	
January	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	First day of spring 1 term
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Chinese New Year Dinner
February	
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

<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Internet Safety Day
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 5 Hathersage Residential Parent Meeting
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of spring 1 term
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY – School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of spring 2 term
<b>March</b>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Women’s History Month
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 6 Parent Meeting – KS2 SATs information meeting
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5 Hathersage residential
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	World Book Day
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	World Book Day Dinner
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	International Women’s Day
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Science Week
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Dress in red for Comic Relief
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	1:00pm Family High Tea event
<b>April</b>	
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9:15am EYFS Easter ‘Eggs’travaganza 2025
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	1:00pm Year 3/4 Easter Craft afternoon
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Easter Dinner
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of spring 2 term
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	First day of summer 1 term
<b>May</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed</b>
<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>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>	<b>INSET DAY – School Closed</b>
<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>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Reserve Sports Day
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30am Family Breakfast event
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Phonics Screen Week
<b>July</b>	
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:30am F2 trip to Pizza Express

<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 pupils transition to Holgate School
<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

### Miss Oswin

We have some bittersweet news to share about Miss Oswin. After 5 years of dedicated service at Hucknall Flying High Academy, she will be leaving our Nursery on December 6th to embark on a new chapter with TTS.

Since the school's inception, Miss Oswin has been an invaluable member of our early years team, nurturing countless young minds and shaping their early education. Her passion, creativity, and unwavering commitment to child development have made her an exceptional practitioner.

While we will deeply miss her presence, we are excited to see her continue to flourish in her new role. We wish her all the best in this next phase of her career.



### 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](mailto:enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com)

Bookings: [www.rattleandrollperformance.com](http://www.rattleandrollperformance.com)



## **NSPCC** Safeguarding Tip of the Week – Home or Out Alone

As your child gets older, it's likely they'll want a bit more independence. Going out without you is a natural step for them to take — when the time is right. The NSPCC 'Home or Out Alone' guide contains practical tips and advice for parents. It covers some of the risks parents should consider before making a decision and suggestions on who children should contact in case of an emergency.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/home-or-out-alone-guide>

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 **non-uniform days** continue on the next **two Fridays** with donations to support the fair on the respective dates:

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - The sweet tombola – again a great, chaotic success! Donations of sweets and chocolates greatly appreciated!

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** - £1 donation to support with fundraising.

The Raffle – Do you work for a company who would like to donate a prize for the raffle? Can you help with a prize? Any donations are very much appreciated.



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Notts County Council applications are open for starting school in September 2025.

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



## The Importance of School Attendance



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell, particularly in the winter months when there are lots of seasonal illnesses going around. If you do keep your child at home, please remember to call school on the first day of the absence and keep us updated everyday after that. Wherever possible children should be in school so that they can receive their education. The NHS has produced a useful guide relating to the different illnesses that your child might experience and whether they are able to come to school in each case:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Our attendance is currently at 96.5%, in line with our target. Attendance for each class this term:

Class	Attendance this half term
Spitfires – F2	96.8%
Lancaster – Year 1	94.8%
Hurricanes – Year 2	98.9%
Hunter – Year 3	97.3%
Harriers – Year 4	96.9%
Mosquito – Year 5	96.5%
Comet – Year 6	97.3%
Overall	96.5%



**Hurricane Class – Year 2** who are our attendance champions so far this term – **98.9%** attendance! Well done!



### Christmas Tree Festival

**Join Year 6 in spreading Christmas cheer!** They're collecting donations to create a stunning themed Christmas tree for the Hucknall Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary Magdalene Church. **Your generous gifts will help those less fortunate.** Donate at the 'One Stop' shop on Shepherd Street or bring donations to school.

## **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!

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!

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!**