

NEWSLETTER



Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely half term break. We have certainly got a busy few weeks ahead as we begin to prepare for our Christmas celebrations.



Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024/2025

November	
Monday 11 th	Remembrance Day / Anti-bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 12 th	9:15am Year 1 trip to Nottingham Castle
Wednesday 13 th	World Kindness Day
Friday 15 th	9:15am SEND Coffee Morning
Friday 15 th	Non-uniform day for Children in Need
Monday 18 th	Road Safety Week
Tuesday 19 th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 20 th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 22 nd	Non-Uniform Day – ‘Bring a Bottle’ for the Christmas Fair
Monday 25 th	(pm) Reception – Year 6 flu immunisation
Tuesday 26 th	9:15am F2 trip to Sherwood Forest
Friday 29 th	Non-Uniform Day – ‘Bring Sweets + Chocolate’ for the Christmas Fair
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

Welcome to Mr Shacklock

We're pleased to introduce Mr Shacklock, who will be stepping in to support our school office during Mrs. Bingham's absence. With his experience in school administration, he will be handling incoming calls and assisting with various administrative tasks. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Mr Shacklock.

Next Week

On Monday we have 'Odd Socks Day' to launch Anti-Bullying Week. This is a day where we invite the children to wear odd socks to encourage people to celebrate their uniqueness and stand up against bullying.



On Friday we will celebrate 'Children in Need' where we will invite the children to wear non-uniform (this can be 'Children in Need' themed), along with a donation of £1.

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





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>

Christmas Fair

We have planned out the Christmas Fair ready for the 6th December, but need **your** help with the following please.

There will be **non-uniform days** on the following **three Fridays** with donations to support the fair on the respective dates:

Friday 22nd November - The Bottle Tombola – a huge success in the summer with quite a few laughs on the stall too. Can we ask for donations of bottles to be bought into school please - bottles of anything - your favourite tippie or something a little bit different – it all adds to the excitement of the draw!

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

Friday 6th 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 4th November – Notts County Council applications are open for starting school in September 2025.

Wednesday 15th 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/>

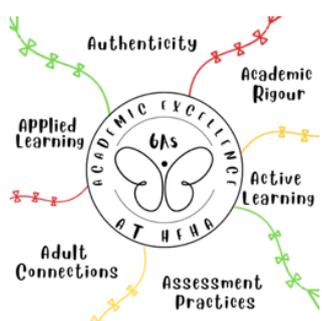
Our attendance is currently at 96.5%, in line with our target. Attendance for each class so far this academic year:

Class	Attendance this week
Spitfires – F2	96.7%
Lancaster – Year 1	96.2%
Hurricanes – Year 2	96.9%
Hunter – Year 3	97.6%
Harriers – Year 4	97.2%
Mosquito – Year 5	96.7%
Comet – Year 6	95.2%
Overall	96.5%



Hunter Class – Year 3 who are our attendance champions so far this year – **97.6%** attendance! Well done!

Spotlight on Curriculum



At Hucknall Flying High Academy our vision is to “Make every day count.” This is embodied through our carefully constructed knowledge-based curriculum which is designed to use every opportunity to prepare our children to be compassionate citizens of the world, building their cultural capital. It reflects the Flying High Partnership’s intent of promoting well-rounded individuals who are prepared for the next stage of their journey. Additionally, they must have an understanding of modern Britain, that celebrates the differences that we all have in our life choices, relationships and opinions.

We define curriculum as the totality of a child's experience at Hucknall Flying High Academy including not only what, but also how, each child learns. Our broad and balanced curriculum has been developed and carefully mapped out across each year to inspire our children through enquiry, addressing the identified barriers to learning, to deliver the skills, cultural knowledge and understanding to achieve every day of their lives. Our curriculum encompasses our trust values of aspiration, confidence, creativity, enjoyment, perseverance, pride, responsibility, and enterprise and promotes our school values to 'be kind, to work hard and fly high!'

It is our duty through our curriculum, to ensure our children are ready to flourish at secondary school and have the capacity to be successful in what they explore in the next stage of their educational journey. For this to happen we aim to support our children to improve in their learning and development, helping them overcome any barriers through the provision that we put in place. Our outcomes in the core areas show that we are supporting our pupils to overcome barriers and achieve their targets and beyond.

As a staff we have developed our curriculum vision which is based on the context and needs of our local community. Our curriculum is rich and varied and provides our children with high quality education and experiences that support the development of the whole child, through an interwoven emphasis on PSHE. We have designed our curriculum through the lens of the 6 As which align closely to the Ethic of Excellence work by Ron Berger.

Let's continue to work together to support our children in all we do.

Be kind, work hard, fly high!

Mr K Clowery

