

NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 8th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the last weeks of this half-term, we reflect on a busy time so far. We are now fully immersed into the academic year, and it has been wonderful to see the progress the children have made and the enthusiasm that they are putting into their learning. I have been particularly impressed by our youngest children in Nursery and Reception who are already demonstrating an excellent aptitude for learning.

Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming our new Director of Quality Assurance, Mr. Coy, from the Flying High Partnership. Mr Coy, along with Mr Wheatley and Mrs Stirland, works diligently to ensure that our school maintains high standards of excellence. During his second visit to Flying High, Mr Coy was thoroughly impressed by our children and their dedication to learning and the remarkable progress they have made. Throughout the year, Mr. Coy will continue to visit our school and collaborate with our team to identify areas for improvement and ensure that we remain at the forefront of educational excellence.

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024/2025

October	
Thursday 10 th	Wear yellow for 'World Mental Health Day' - £1 donation
Friday 18 th	Last day of the autumn 1 term
November	
Monday 4 th	First day of the autumn 2 term
Tuesday 5 th	Individual school photos
Monday 11 th	Anti-bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Monday 11 th	9:15am F2 trip to Sherwood Forest
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
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 10th	5:00pm Year 3/4 Christmas Carol Service
Wednesday 11th	10:30am EYFS at the Playhouse – Ugly Duckling performance
Thursday 12th	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th	5:00pm Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Service
Friday 13th	12:00pm – 4:30pm Year 1-6 at the Christmas Panto - Playhouse
Tuesday 17th	2:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 17th	5:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18th	10:00am EYFS Performance
Wednesday 18th	1:30pm EYFS Performance
Friday 20th	Non-uniform day
Friday 20th	Last day of autumn 2 term
2025	
January	
Monday 6th	First day of spring 1 term
February	
Monday 3rd	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4th	Scholastic Book Fair – up till the 11 th of February
Friday 7th	NSPCC Numbers Day
Tuesday 11th	Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 11th	5:00pm Year 5 Hathersage Residential Parent Meeting
Friday 14th	Last day of spring 1 term
Monday 24th	INSET DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 25th	First day of spring 2 term
March	
Monday 3rd	Women’s History Month
Tuesday 4th	5:00pm Year 6 Parent Meeting – KS2 SATs information meeting
Wednesday 5th – 7th	Year 5 Hathersage residential
Thursday 6th	World Book Day
Friday 7th	International Women’s Day
Monday 10th	Science Week
Tuesday 11th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 12th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 21st	Dress in red for Comic Relief
Friday 28th	1:00pm Family High Tea event
April	
Tuesday 1st	9:15am EYFS Easter ‘Eggs’travaganza 2025
Wednesday 2nd	1:00pm Year 3/4 Easter Craft afternoon
Friday 4th	Last day of spring 2 term
Tuesday 22nd	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

Black History Month - October

We're excited to celebrate Black History Month and make it a truly inclusive event for our entire school community. If you're a parent who'd like to contribute your time and talents to help us create a memorable celebration, please contact Miss Newton on Class Dojo. Your involvement will make a significant difference.

Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day – 10th October

Hucknall Flying High Academy will be joining thousands of schools across the UK and taking part in Hello Yellow in support of YoungMinds on Thursday 10 October (World Mental Health Day) where we'll be holding a non-school uniform day and asking everyone to wear something yellow.



There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need, when they need it. They don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same. No young person should feel alone with their mental health. But together, we can change this.

To take part, students can wear yellow to school, and we'd like to ask parents and carers to consider donating to help YoungMinds keep fighting for young people's mental health. Our suggested donation is £1 which can be donated on the day. Because we stand brighter, together.

Finally, YoungMinds have resources for parents and carers to find help and advice, if you're ever concerned about a child or young person – you can find this on their website: www.youngminds.org.uk/parent.



Nursery Local Walk

Nursery this week have enjoyed a walk around the local community. The children explored the estate, identifying landmarks and even some of their homes. The children had a wonderful time and loved to investigate their local surroundings. It was a great opportunity to use a map and enjoy a trip around our local environment to bring our Enquiry learning to life!



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

This week's safeguarding focus is mental health. Mental health is about our moods, feelings, and emotions. Recognising the signs that a child may be struggling with their mental health can be hard and it is important that we talk about mental health with our children. Below are some tips to support you with these conversations:

- Make conversations about mental health a normal part of life
- Give it your full attention - be an active listener
- Take it seriously and explore the feelings together
- Offer empathy rather than solutions

For more information see:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>

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 Attendance



Last Thursday was a remarkable day for our school, with an impressive attendance rate of 99.2%! This outstanding achievement contributed to an overall weekly attendance of 97.5%, which is a testament to our students' dedication and commitment to their education.

We are incredibly proud of our school community and would like to thank everyone for their continued support in ensuring regular attendance. Can we keep up this momentum and strive for even higher attendance rates in the weeks to come?

Reading Mornings

Just a reminder that the reading mornings for EYFS and Key Stage 1 parents started this week, now the children are settled back in from the summer break. They will take place in the hall for Nursery and Foundation, and in the classrooms for Year 1 and Year 2. They will take place on the following days at the specified times:

Day	Time	Class	Location
Monday	8:45 – 9:00	Nursery	Hall
Tuesday	8:45 – 9:00	Foundation	Hall
Wednesday	8:30 – 8:45	Year 1	Year 1 classroom
Thursday	8:30 – 8:45	Year 2	Year 2 classroom

Flu Vaccines

The School Aged Immunisation Service – SAIS - will be in school on Monday 25th November to offer all children in the following years a Flu Vaccine (Nasal spray):

F2, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

Please look out for the leaflet being sent home with all the details you need to book your child's vaccine. Please note that if you decide NOT to proceed with this, you should send an email with your child's details to the SAIS team direct – not school. Many thanks.

Food Bank Collection

As part of our Harvest Festival Assembly celebrations, we are collecting for our local Food Bank. If you would like to make any contributions, could you please leave them in reception to be collected by our school team taking charge of this. Many thanks for your support with this.

Focus on British Values – Democracy

Children, parents and staff have many opportunities for their voices to be heard at Hucknall Flying High Academy.

Democracy is central to how we operate. An obvious example is our School Parliament. The election of the School Parliament members reflects our British electoral system and demonstrates democracy in action: candidates make speeches, pupils consider characteristics important for an elected representative, pupils vote using ballot boxes etc.



Made up of two representatives from each class, the School Parliament meets regularly to discuss issues raised by the different classes. The group has its own budget and is able to effect change within the school; in the past, the School Council has helped to provide equipment for our school playground, with the support of the School Values team and supported fundraising events.

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.

If your child is starting Secondary school in September 2025, the closing date for applications is 31st October 2024.



School Photos

The photographer is coming to school on Tuesday 5th November, to take individual and sibling school photos. Those of you with younger preschool children can come into school from 8am to have photos taken as a family group.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be taking place shortly and you are invited to book an appointment to meet your child's class teacher in school. During this appointment, we will aim to discuss and share your child's achievements, targets and progress so far.

We are using the Teachers to Parents – Parent’s Evening booking system and you will shortly receive a link to log on and book your appointment. Each meeting will last **ten minutes** and will take place between 3.30pm and 6.30pm on the following dates, all appointments will finish by 6.40pm.

Date	First Appointment	Last Appointment
Tuesday 19th November	3:30pm	6.30pm
Wednesday 20th November	3:30pm	6.30pm

Please book your appointments as soon as possible to make sure you get the best timeslot available. The deadline for booking is Friday November 8th.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Ofsted Parent View

Parents and carers can give their views of our school at any time of the school year and at the time of a school inspection using an online questionnaire called Parent View.



Please register with an email address and a password at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> - Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to complete answers to 12 short questions about our school.

Your views are important in helping inspectors make a decision about our school, and to help us know what is going well and what could be improved. If you do not have a computer or an email address or if you would like help to use Parent View, please come into school and ask at reception.

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

Be kind, work hard, fly high!

Mr K Clowery

