

# NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Thursday 25.07.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the summer holidays draw tantalisingly near, it is almost impossible to believe that another academic year is drawing to a close. Time, it seems, has flown by with remarkable speed. Our children have already embarked on the exciting journey of transitioning to their new classes, spending valuable time with their future teachers. We are confident that they are well-prepared and enthusiastic to embrace the next chapter in their educational adventure come September.

Throughout this academic year, our pupils have demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to their learning. We are immensely proud of their achievements, which are reflected in the positive outcomes achieved across our school. The table below shows the percentage of our children at the end of Key Stage 2 who achieved the expected standard (EXP):

	School Percentage at ARE	National Percentage at ARE
Reading	89% (+15% above national)	74%
EGPS	89% (+17% above national)	72%
Writing	83% (+11% above national)	72%
Maths	89% (+16% above national)	73%
Combined	83% (+22% above national)	61%

In addition to the above results, 77% of our EYFS children reached a Good Level of Development, 97% of our Year 1 children passed the National Phonics Screen and our Year 4 children scored an average of 24.6 out of 25 on the multiplication tables check. These statutory results are all well above national averages, showcasing fantastic outcomes at Hucknall Flying High Academy. For these results I would like to thank: the children for all their hard work, you, their parents, for supporting at home and the staff who have been unfaltering in their commitment to our children.

As Year 6 prepare to embark on the next chapter of their educational journey, I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Year 6 for their invaluable contributions to our school community. This exceptionally hard-working and motivated year group will be deeply missed by staff and pupils alike. We extend our warmest wishes as they transition to secondary school, and we are confident that the strong foundations laid at Hucknall Flying High Academy will serve them admirably in their futures.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Miss Sprutke, Mr Ashton, and Miss Donothey, who will be departing Hucknall Flying High Academy at the end of this academic year. Their unwavering dedication to our school community has been truly inspiring, and their contributions to the children at Hucknall Flying High Academy have been invaluable. We wish them every success in their future endeavors.

Also, I would like you to join me in extending our warmest wishes to Miss Morris as she embarks on her maternity leave – with what is a really exciting time for her family. We look forward to celebrating the joyous arrival of her new addition and will share the exciting news with you all in due course.

So, as we come to the end of this academic year, I would like to extend my thanks to all of you for your unwavering support of Hucknall Flying High Academy. Your partnership in our educational journey has been invaluable.

The past year has been marked by a series of extraordinary accomplishments, from captivating showcases and joyous celebrations to the resounding success of our Christmas and End of Year productions (a real highlight). The pinnacle of these achievements, undoubtedly, was our recent Ofsted inspection. This recognition is a testament to the collective efforts of our entire school community.

Beyond the academic sphere, our children have excelled in various sporting encounters, demonstrating exceptional sportsmanship and determination on the football pitch, basketball court, and athletic track. Furthermore, educational visits have broadened horizons and fostered a love of learning across all year groups.

The residential experiences for Year 5 in Hathersage and Year 6 in Tenby were undoubtedly enriching. These opportunities for adventure and independent learning have been invaluable. Additionally, we have been delighted to enhance our curriculum through the expertise of external providers, whose engaging workshops have significantly boosted our pupils' enthusiasm and motivation.

As ever, our children have exemplified exemplary behaviour, both within and beyond the school gates. Their conduct is a testament to the strong values instilled within our school community.

Our annual sports days were a resounding success, with favourable weather conditions. The resilience and enthusiasm displayed by our pupils, and the supportive spirit of you, our parents, created an unforgettable atmosphere.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Mrs Bingham and Mrs Oswin for their exceptional efforts in organising our recent Summer Fayre. Their dedication and meticulous planning were instrumental in creating a truly memorable event. Furthermore, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all who volunteered their time and support on the day. Your collective contribution fostered a wonderful sense of community, laughter, and enjoyment, while raising a remarkable £1,500 towards our school trim trail.

To finish, your children are a testament to your dedication and support, and we are immensely proud of their achievements this academic year. Their hard work and commitment to upholding our school's high standards are commendable. We firmly believe in fostering a positive and nurturing environment, and your partnership in this is invaluable.

As the school year draws to a close, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the privilege of serving as your Headteacher. Your continued support and collaboration have been instrumental to our school's success.

I look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Mr K Clowery

## Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024 – 2025

We will continue to update the dates list over the coming weeks in preparation for the forthcoming academic year.

<b>September</b>	
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of the new academic year – pupils return to school
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Non-uniform day
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am – 10:15am MacMillan Coffee Morning
<b>October</b>	
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY – School Closed</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of the autumn 1 term
<b>November</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of the autumn 2 term
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Individual school photos
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	(pm) Reception – Year 6 flu immunisation
<b>December</b>	
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00pm – 6:00pm Christmas Fair
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	12:00pm – 4:30pm Year 1-6 at the Christmas Panto, Nottm Playhouse
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of autumn 2 term
<b>2025</b>	
<b>January</b>	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of spring 1 term
<b>February</b>	
<b>Thursday 13<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>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5 Hathersage residential
<b>April</b>	
<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>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>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 Tenby residential
<b>July</b>	
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of summer 2 term

## **Family Support Worker**

I am delighted to inform you of Mrs Dempsey's appointment as Family Support Worker for our school. This newly established role underscores our commitment to addressing the evolving needs of our children and families within the context of our local community.

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for children to reach their full potential. Mrs Dempsey's appointment reflects our dedication to providing comprehensive support and guidance. Her natural empathy and commitment to the well-being of our children make her ideally suited for this role.

We are confident that Mrs Dempsey will excel in this new capacity and look forward to the positive impact she will undoubtedly have on our school community.

The following is a brief update from Mrs Dempsey:

*In my new role as Family Support Worker, I am passionate about providing more opportunities to bring our community together and supporting everyone to improve their health and wellbeing. Making connections with each other is vital to improve our mental health and our overall wellbeing this is why I have decided my first initiative is to start a 'Health and Wellbeing Community Group' made of family members from our school.*

*The purpose of this group is to come together to pool our skills and abilities to improve the adult life within the community with an ambition of raising money along the way. This in turn will provide a supporting group to help us all through the ups and downs of life. I want the group to have a voice, lead with their interests and guide the journey of this group. One idea I've had will be to hold a stall once a month, perhaps filled with arts/crafts etc made by the community to fundraise for the school. Money being spent could be decided by the group and by the school parliament combined.*

*I am really excited to hear any ideas you might have for the group and thoughts about how to further improve our community. If you are interested in joining/have any ideas, please contact me on [bdempsey@hucknallfha.co.uk](mailto:bdempsey@hucknallfha.co.uk)*

## **Ice Cream Fridays!**

We have booked an ice cream van to visit school on the last day of term, it will be parked in the usual spot. Let's hope for some nice weather to end the term.

The van will also be outside school following our first day back in September, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>.



## **School Uniform Orders for September**

Our uniform supplier, Price and Buckland has informed us that the last day for orders for September is 1st August. So please make sure you place your orders in time.

## Safeguarding Tips of the Week

### Safety in the Sun

This week our safeguarding focus is on staying safe when out in the sun. As the weather starts to warm up and the sun is shining, it is important that we protect our skin and our health in general.

Here are some top tips for being safe in the sun:

- Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 50 and at least 4 stars for UVA protection
- Reapply sunscreen if you have been in the water
- Wear sunglasses with UV protection
- Wear a sunhat and loose clothing made of breathable material
- Stay in the shade during the middle of the day when the sun is at its strongest
- Drink lots of water to stay hydrated



### Online Safety



There are lots of positives to being online for children, from staying in touch with friends to learning about the world. There are some challenges, too, and the online world can be tricky for children to navigate.

For some it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends, and the pressure can mount. Noticing how your child is affected by being online is the first step in helping them manage their wellbeing. You can manage the content that your children see, ensure the interactions they have are suitable and manage how long they're online, in balance with other activities. There are many things you can do to help support a child, e.g. using specific apps and checking app settings. For more information see:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

### Free School Meals

If you think you might qualify for Benefit Related Free School Meals, please call the following number to apply: 0300 500 8080.

It's a quick and easy process and you find out straight away if you are eligible.



### PINS project

As of the new academic year we will be opting into the Nottinghamshire PINS (partnership for inclusion of Neurodiversity). The Programme focuses on meeting the needs of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in mainstream schools is essential to improving outcomes (across attainment, attendance and wellbeing), parental confidence and delivering the financially sustainable SEND system, as envisaged in the SEND and Alternative Provision (AP) Improvement Plan.



Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) will bring health and education specialists and expert parent carers into mainstream primary settings to:

- Help shape whole school SEND provision.
- Provide early interventions at a whole school level.
- Upskill school staff.
- Support strengthening of partnerships between schools and parent carers.

Throughout the programme we will be working closely with the Parent Carer Forum who are keen to work with the parents in our school. Before their work starts in the Autumn Term, they have requested that parents complete this survey so that they can begin to target and hone the advice and support that they can offer to families within our local community.

Please find attached a link and QR code which will take you to the survey.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id= b5SEAcuUupkuYyBVFU6ZAI37JuRVFAktF-r7IPicFURVBUNDNNNjQ0TUU0MVpNNjM5MUxGUDFaTi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=b5SEAcuUupkuYyBVFU6ZAI37JuRVFAktF-r7IPicFURVBUNDNNNjQ0TUU0MVpNNjM5MUxGUDFaTi4u)