



# Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

[www.haydn.nottingham.sch.uk](http://www.haydn.nottingham.sch.uk)

<http://schoolsfinder.direct.uk/8922163/school-profile>

## HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION

This autumn, we are collecting food items for the Harvest Festival and we will be talking to the children about this in assembly next week. We are looking for donations of the following items: tinned and dried goods, such as vegetables, fruits, meat, pasta, rice, and cereal, as well as long-life milk and juice. Other non-perishable items, such as toiletries and cooking sauces, are also appreciated. Items can be dropped off at school during the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> October. We will be dropping off the donations at Arnold Foodbank on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

## PARENTAL CONCERNS

We understand that as part of a caring school community, you may have questions or concerns from time to time. If you do have any issues or worries big or small, we warmly encourage you to reach out to us directly. We are always here to listen, clarify, and work together to find solutions.

We also ask that discussions on parent WhatsApp groups remain respectful and constructive. While these groups are useful for sharing reminders and supporting one another, negative or inaccurate messages can sometimes create confusion or unnecessary concern and can be detrimental to relationships between school and home.

Let's continue working in partnership to make our school the best environment it can be for our children. Thank you for your support.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Please note that the deadline for your application for your child's secondary school is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. Please visit: [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/admissions) to submit your application.

## DIWALI CELEBRATION

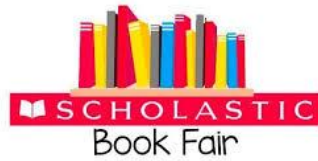
We are looking forward to celebrating a whole school Diwali day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, including a special celebratory lunch. We would very much welcome any involvement, big or small, from our local Hindu, Sikh and Jain community. If you have any time to give, please contact Mrs Harris ([r.harris@haydn.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:r.harris@haydn.nottingham.sch.uk)).

## WEEKLY % ATTENDANCE FIGURES - THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE: FS & 6CH

FS	98.47%	FW	92.72%	1ST	95.93%	1W	97.40%	2C	97.00%
2F	98.15%	3G	96.30%	3T	96.30%	4H	94.27%	4W	98.85%
5C	96.30%	5H	96.55%	6C	97.40%	6CH	99.26%		

**100% ATTENDANCE WINNERS - KS1:Zara (1W) KS2:Daniel (6CH)**

## READING, READING, READING



### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair. We loved watching the children choose books; we hope they have many happy hours reading and we look forward to hearing how much they loved what they've read and what they've learnt.

A percentage of the total amount is given to school so that we can invest in more books to enjoy.

### National Poetry Day - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Thursday was National Poetry Day and we enjoyed celebrating the annual event. Poetry enables us to share our emotions, paint pictures with words, tell stories and play with language.



Activities included listening, creating and performing poetry and it's safe to say, it has ignited an interest in the art form and I'm certain, we have our own budding poets.

"Poetry is the rhythmical creation of beauty in words." - Edgar Allan Poe.

Click the link below to discover some beautiful poetry books.

<https://happinessishereblog.com/the-best-poetry-books-for-kids/>

## WRITING, WRITING, WRITING



500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition, has now opened for submissions and will run until 9pm on Friday 7th November 2025. Since the competition was first launched, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK.

This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

The brilliant 500 Word judges are, award-winning and best-selling authors Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson, former children's laureate, Malorie Blackman and Sir Lenny Henry.

The competition has also been given the royal seal of approval and has the support of Her Majesty, The Queen.



Click on the website to find out all the details. You could be one of the 50 finalists to be invited to attend a grand final at Windsor Castle!

**Go on, have a go...**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zytbqyc>

## PE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder that children need to wear PE school uniform for PE sessions at school. Children can wear trainers or plimsolls, black or navy shorts (please make sure shorts are of an appropriate length, i.e. not too short), tracksuit bottoms or leggings, white t-shirt and a suitable hoodie/sports jacket. Please be aware, that as the weather gets colder, children will be wearing their kit all day, so clothing will need to be appropriate for the time of the year. Thank you.

## MATHS CHALLENGE

The answer to last week's maths challenge was 89,264

## SHERWOOD LIBRARY SURVEY - HAVE YOUR SAY

Nottingham City Libraries have launched a survey for you to share your thoughts and help them decide the best way forward for Sherwood Library, whilst the outstanding works have been completed. Please click the link below to share your views:

<https://www.nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk/sherwood-survey/>

The survey is open from **11<sup>th</sup> September to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 (closes at midnight)**.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5C Swimming	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 1 Family Feast and Stories Afternoon	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October - 2.30pm
FS Greens Windmill Trip	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
FW Greens Windmill Trip	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>'Cheeky Tuesday' for children in Year 1 to Year 6</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Year 6 National Holocaust Museum Trip	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October
Bike Bus	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
Half Term Holidays	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Back to School	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b>Nursery Early Reading Skills Parents Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - 4.30pm</b>
Bike Bus	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Inset Day	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Year 4 Nottingham Playhouse Panto</b>	<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Year 5 Nottingham Playhouse Panto	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Last Day of School	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
Back to School	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 5 Stratford-upon-Avon Residential	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January - Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January

## What's On Nottingham

Please click on the following link to see family events in Nottingham during October:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKNCC/bulletins/3f52d48>.