



Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM MS PAULSON

Dear families, we are coming to the end of a busy and productive half term and I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe autumn break. The children are now very well settled into their new year groups and clearly demonstrating the Haydn 5Rs - Ready, Responsible, Resilient, Respectful and Reflective. We are very proud of them all.

It was lovely seeing so many families in school last week for parents evenings. I hope you all enjoyed meeting your child's teacher and looking at the wonderful work that they have completed this half term.

We would like to wish Happy Diwali to all of our community celebrating Diwali next week and we look forward to our Haydn Diwali Day on the first Friday after half term.

BRING A BULB DAY

A big thank you to all those families who brought in bulbs and helped to plant them yesterday in our new raised beds. We are working hard together to make Haydn a green space for wildlife and we look forward to watching our bulbs bloom and grow in the springtime.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October has been Black History Month and it has served as a powerful means of amplifying the voices and stories of Black people, challenging stereotypes and creating a more inclusive and equal society. These values are of utmost importance here at Haydn and over the last two weeks children have been finding out about significant and influential Black people who have helped to shape change. Ask your child about the learning in their class.

BIKE HELMET COMPETITION

A big thank you to all the children who sent in entries for the Bike Helmet competition. The standard was very high and Ms Paulson and representatives of the Eco Team had some very difficult decisions to make when choosing winners! Well done to Sigrid in 5C and Elodie in 1W who won the prizes donated by 'Bikes Love You' for their amazing designs! Well done also to a number of children who were runners up and received small prizes from the Road Safety Team.

Thank you to all of the families who have supported our Cycle and Scoot to School Week. Let's see if we can continue to do this all year round!

Just a polite reminder that if your child cycles or scoots to school, please can they dismount on arrival and walk their bike or scooter to park it up. Similarly, can children walk their bike and scooters to the gate on exit at the end of the day. There is a heavy footfall during these times therefore greater risk of collisions. The only exception to this is if your child arrives with the bike bus.

DIWALI CELEBRATION

We are looking forward to celebrating our whole school Diwali day on Friday 7th November. Diwali is a Festival of Light. It is celebrated all over the world by communities across the Hindu, Sikh and Jain faiths. Storytelling and music are central themes running through the celebration. Children across school will enjoy a range of themed learning activities. From creating beautiful artwork and Rangoli patterns, to enjoying Diwali music, tasting traditional food and reading special stories.

We welcome any children celebrating at home to attend school wearing their traditional Diwali dress. All children are encouraged to wear non-uniform and to wear bright colours and sparkles! 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, our RE Lead. (r.harris@haydn.nottingham.sch.uk)

DIWALI CELEBRATION LUNCH - FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

On Friday 7th November, we will be having a Diwali celebration menu for lunch. There will be chicken curry served with rice and flatbread or light sweet potato curry served with rice and flatbread. For pudding there will be Diwali shortbread cookie. The cost is free to children in F2, Years 1 & 2 and £2.90 for children in Years 3,4,5 & 6.

'CHEEKY TUESDAY'

We would like to say a huge thank you for all of your very generous donations of cash on 'Cheeky Tuesday'. We've raised an amazing £675.75 for our OPAL play scheme!

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Please note that the deadline for your application for your child's secondary school is 31st October 2025. Please visit: www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/admissions to submit your application.

WEEKLY % ATTENDANCE FIGURES - THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE: 2C & 3T

FS	96.93%	FW	94.64%	1ST	92.59%	1W	94.81%	2C	97.70%
2F	93.70%	3G	97.00%	3T	99.26%	4H	96.77%	4W	95.79%
5C	97.70%	5H	96.93%	6C	97.70%	6CH	92.22%		

100% ATTENDANCE WINNERS - KS1: Eddie (2F) KS2: Orlaith (5H)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half Term Holidays	Monday 20 th October - Friday 31 st October
Back to School	Monday 3 rd November
6C Swimming	Friday 7th November - Friday 21st November
Nursery Early Reading Skills Parents Meeting	Tuesday 11 th November - 4.30pm
Bike Bus	Friday 21 st November
Inset Day	Friday 28 th November
Year 4 Nottingham Playhouse Panto	Thursday 4 th December
Year 5 Nottingham Playhouse Panto	Thursday 18 th December
Last Day of School	Friday 19 th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22 nd December - Friday 2 nd January
Back to School	Monday 5 th January
Year 5 Stratford-upon-Avon Residential	Wednesday 21 st January - Thursday 22 nd January

READING, READING, READING

World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day is celebrated every year on 10th October.

Now more than ever we need to look after our mental health and books can provide a brilliant way of helping children and young people to understand the world around them, as well as what's going on in their heads. Here are some of the best books for 5 to 8 year-olds to keep young minds healthy.



Click the link below to find out great titles for all ages.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/topics/pshe-emotional-literacy-citizenship/mental-health/>

Half term is a great opportunity to read. See how many books you can enjoy, look at author websites or visit Central Library. Take the time to talk about books and reading and remember it doesn't just have to be story books it can be comics, graphic novels, poems, instructions, menus or non-fiction.



You could also enter the 500 Words competition for your chance to visit Windsor Castle and meet Queen Camilla.

Signposting

October Half Club - Growth Through Sport - Monday 27th October and Friday 31st October, 9.00am - 3.00pm - Sports Pavillion, Rowley Drive. NG5 1GB. Boys and girls, aged 5-14. Make friends, play fun games, matches & skills, camp awards. Players will need to bring a packed lunch, drink and trainers. £20 a day or £30 for both siblings. To book: text/whatsapp: 07341 854299 or email: growththroughsport@outlook.com.

Autumn Craft Club - Sherwood Community Centre - Tuesday 28th October, 10am - 12pm and 12.15pm - 2.15pm. Leaf printing, tree landscapes, clay animals and recycled bottle poppies and vases. Ages 5-11years. £15 per session or stay for both £25 (bring a packed lunch).

Ask Lion | HalfTerm Activities (Click this link)

If you are looking for things to do in Nottingham this October Half Term, this is the place to find them! The AskLion webpage is packed with information about events and activities across the city, designed to keep children and young people happy throughout the Half Term weeks. Take a look at what is going on in your local area.

Nottingham City Libraries (Click this link)

With game shows, STEM workshops, and craft and LEGO sessions, there's lots to get involved with this October Half-Term at Nottingham City Libraries.

Free Fun & Food Holiday Activities at Bulwell Riverside Youth Centre (Click this link)

October 21st - 30th from 3pm - 6pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays! **These sessions are suitable for those families whom are in receipt of free school meals.** Anyone wanting to take part must live within Nottingham city, must be aged 11-16 years old and be registered with us. We encourage professionals working with young people and families to share this opportunity with those who would benefit most.

Family Workshops - Lakeside Arts, Nottingham (Click this link)

For creative kids, we have a fantastic range of family-friendly workshops. Join us as we explore the Viking Age by looking at the longboats that they built and travelled across the sea in, on their many voyages. Have a go at making your own model longboat!

Stonebridge Farm - Crafts for Half Term & Halloween (Click this link)

Looking for something creative to do this half term? Bring the kids along to Stonebridge City Farm for a fun-filled craft session! Little ones can get hands-on making their very own creations – perfect for keeping busy minds and crafty fingers entertained.

Lumini Daedalite Dome at Sneinton Market Square (Click this link)

Nottingham's Architects of Air bring their amazing Lumini Daedalite dome to Sneinton Market Square, allowing visitors to explore inside the colourful installation. Be immersed into a world of shifting subtle and saturated hues where you can wander, sit down, and lose yourself in sensory bliss - awakening the senses. It's a fantastic half-term activity for families and is accessible to all. General admission tickets are on sale now, with family tickets also available. Nottingham City residents can get discounted tickets by entering their council tax number and postcode.

