



Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM MS PAULSON

Dear Haydn Families,

December is here and there is definitely a magical feeling in the air! Our Christmas Fair tonight marks the beginning of the Haydn festive celebrations! There is much to look forward to over the next two weeks, so make sure you check the calendar dates and put them into your diaries! The school is filled with the voices of children practising for their performances and it's a pleasure seeing the joy that singing brings! The Christmas tree is up in the hall, again dressed with the beautiful decorations that the children made over the previous two years. A big thank you to our site manager, Darren Shaw, for getting the tree ready for us all to find lit up on Monday morning. It was a great start to the week! Christmas, of course, is one of many important religious and cultural festivals that take place over the year and families will also be celebrating Hannukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights starting on the Sunday evening of 14th December.

We started the week with an assembly about Christmas Around the World, learning about how different cultures and countries have different traditions - some of them religious and some of them cultural. We had a fun quiz which led to a discussion around the key message - celebrations may differ but they all have this in common: each is an opportunity to come together with family and friends and share precious time together. The nursery children went on their annual Lantern Walk after school yesterday with their families. They made the most beautiful lanterns to take with them to light their way and shared a song they have been practising for the night! The Year 4 children had a wonderful time at the Nottingham Playhouse pantomime of Sleeping Beauty and they represented Haydn beautifully - as always!

It's important to remember that Christmas can be a difficult time for some families so let's all hold on to the true meaning of the season and think about how we reach out to others. Life can be hectic around this time of year for many of us, so remember too that our door is always open if you are struggling in any way.

We look forward to seeing many of you in school, joining in the celebrations and enjoying your children's performances - these are memories to be treasured.

Have a lovely weekend,
Ms Paulson

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

A big thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; we raised a staggering £250.94 from the sale of poppies and merchandise!

CHRISTMAS DINNERS NEXT WEEK

Just a reminder that we are having our Christmas dinners next week at school. On Wednesday, children in FS, FW, Years 1 and 2 will be having their Christmas dinner. Children in these classes and year groups are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school (they will need to wear normal uniform bottoms and footwear).

If your child does not want a Christmas dinner they will have to bring in a packed lunch from home please.

On Wednesday, children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will need to bring in a packed lunch from home (apart from children entitled to Pupil Benefits and have already chosen a school packed lunch).

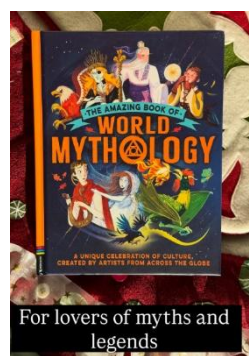
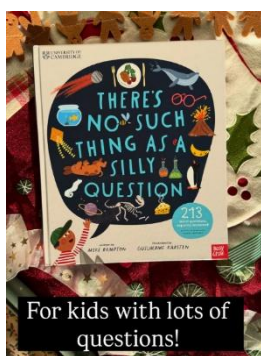
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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAYS 2025 - SAVE THE CHILDREN

On our Christmas dinner days, we will be supporting the charity 'Save the Children' and are asking for a £1 donation for children to come to school in their Christmas jumper on their respective days.

We ask that children don't bring cash as we are not handling money. Please click on 'School Shop' to make a payment. Donations can be made from Monday 8th December until Friday 12th December.



READING READING READING

Christmas is the ideal time to give the gift of a book and this non-fiction gift guide is packed with engaging books about animals, science, space, history, and more! The best present is the one that sparks curiosity in your child.

Whether your little explorer is fascinated by dinosaurs, obsessed with planets, or loves learning how things work, there's a book that's perfect for them. Non-fiction books are the ultimate way to encourage learning, discovery and imagination; making them meaningful gifts that last beyond the festive season.



WEEKLY % ATTENDANCE FIGURES - THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE: 1W & 4H

FS	93.33%	FW	94.81%	1ST	94.07%	1W	98.89%	2C	98.15%
2F	96.3%	3G	95.56%	3T	97.04%	4H	98.92%	4W	98.47%
5C	97.04%	5H	96.03%	6C	95.19%	6CH	95.93%		

100% ATTENDANCE WINNERS - KS1:Amelia (1W) KS2:Ophelia (3T)**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Singing Club & Area Band 'Christmas in the City' Concert - Albert Hall	Monday 8 th December - 5.30pm
Year 2 Christmas Performance - 'Hey Ewe'	Tuesday 9 th December - 2.30pm - families welcome Wednesday 10 th December - 2.30pm - families welcome
F2 & Key Stage 1 Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 10 th December
Key Stage 2 Christmas Dinner	Thursday 11 th December
Year 1 Christmas Songs around the Christmas Tree	Thursday 11 th December - 3.30pm - families welcome
F2 Lakeside Arts Trip - 'The Littlest Yak' Performance	Tuesday 16 th December
Singing Club Christmas Concert	Tuesday 16 th December - 4pm - families welcome
F2 Christmas Performance 'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel'	Wednesday 17 th December - 10.00am families welcome - 4.00pm families welcome
Year 5 Nottingham Playhouse Panto	Thursday 18 th December
Year 6 Christmas Cinema Trip & Ice Skating	Thursday 18 th December
Christmas Party Day	Thursday 18 th December
Nursery Christmas Song Celebration	Friday 19 th December 11.00am - 11.45am - families welcome
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 Parent/Carer Stratford-upon-Avon Meeting	8 th January - 5pm - Classroom 5H
Child's Emotions Workshop for Parents & Carers (run by Educational Psychologist Dr Annie Newton)	Tuesday 13 th January - 9.00am - 10.00am
Child's Emotions Workshop for Parents & Carers (run by Educational Psychologist Dr Annie Newton)	Thursday 15 th January - 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Year 5 Stratford-upon-Avon Residential	Wednesday 21 st January - Thursday 22 nd January
Last Day of School	Friday 13 th February
Half Term Holidays	Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February
Back to School	Monday 23 rd February
Last Day of School	Friday 27 th March
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April
Back to School	Monday 13 th April

Signposting

Join Friends of Sherwood Library on Saturday 6th December outside the Library at 11.00am - we will have new versions of Christmas classics to sing along to and are inviting everyone to bring a wrapped up book, with description e.g. "children's joke book" so we can swap gifted second hand books.

Last but not least, bring a blanket to stay warm and wear Christmas delights to look fabulous! Looking forward to seeing you there!

What's on Nottingham - Winter Nights & Sparkling Lights - please click on the link below to find family events in November and December in Nottinghamshire:

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