



# Newsletter

9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026

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## A MESSAGE FROM MS PAULSON

Dear families, it has been another busy and productive week at Haydn and as I walk around school each day, it is a real pleasure to see how engaged the children are in their learning. Now that we are well into the autumn term, it is clear that classes have settled into their routines and that the positive relationships between children and their teachers continue to grow. The enthusiasm, resilience and pride that children are showing in their work is wonderful to see.

We are looking forward to welcoming many of you to Parents' Evening next week. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements so far this year and to discuss the next steps in their learning. We greatly value the strong partnership between home and school and look forward to seeing you there.

On Tuesday, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an exciting visit to Lakeside Arts as part of their history learning. During the visit, they took part in archaeological excavation activities and explored Stone Age art, bringing their classroom learning to life through hands-on experiences. The children represented the school brilliantly and returned with a wealth of new knowledge and enthusiasm for the topic.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and I wish you all a lovely weekend.

## Harvest Festival Donations

As mentioned in assembly this week, we are collecting donations for our Harvest Festival. All donations will be given to Arnold Food Bank to support local families in need.

Harvest is an important time for reflecting on the things we are thankful for and considering how we can help others. By donating, our children can see first-hand the positive difference that acts of kindness and generosity can make to the lives of others. It is a valuable opportunity to reinforce our school values of compassion, community and caring for those around us.

Donations can be brought into school from now until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## Communication at Haydn Primary School

At Haydn, we know that children thrive when school and home, work together. We value the strong relationships we have with our families and are committed to keeping communication open, positive and supportive.

Our Communication Policy explains the different ways we keep families informed, including Class Dojo, email, telephone calls, meetings and newsletters. It also outlines what parents can expect from us, including that teachers will respond to Class Dojo messages as soon as they are able.

between 8.00am and 6.00pm, although they may not be able to reply during teaching time. We kindly ask that urgent messages are always shared through the school office.

The policy also sets out how parents can raise questions or concerns, our expectations for respectful communication and how we can work together to maintain a safe, welcoming and inclusive school community for everyone. We encourage all families to take a look at the full policy, available on our school website. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

### **Ready for Autumn: Please Remember a Warm, Waterproof Coat**

As autumn weather arrives, please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school every day.

At Haydn, children continue to learn, play and explore outdoors throughout the year, including during break times, OPAL time, PE lessons and outdoor learning activities. Autumn weather can be unpredictable, with conditions often changing quickly from sunshine to rain or wind, so it is important that children come to school prepared.

Please keep the following in mind:

- Label everything - Please ensure your child's name is clearly written on the labels of coats, jumpers and cardigans. This helps us return any misplaced items quickly and easily.
- PE days - On PE days, children should continue to come to school wearing their active uniform/PE kit (shorts or tracksuit bottoms, a white T-shirt and a navy hoodie or sports jacket). They should also bring their usual outdoor coat, as this will still be needed during breaks and lunchtime.
- Be prepared for autumn adventures - Outdoor play is an important part of the school day and occasionally, children may get a little damp or muddy while having fun. A sturdy, waterproof coat that can be easily washed is highly recommended. All children should have a pair of wellies in school please.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep children comfortable, active and ready to enjoy learning outdoors in all weathers.

### **SMART PHONE FREE CHILDHOOD ASSEMBLY**

We would like to say a big thank you to Rachel Tavener, one of our parents, for joining us in assembly last Monday to talk to the children about the idea of a *screen-free childhood*. Rachel encouraged pupils to think about the importance of balancing screen time with other activities and shared a range of ideas for things children can do instead of spending time on phones and devices. The children were fully engaged and enjoyed contributing to the discussion, sharing their own suggestions, including playing outdoors, reading, taking part in sports, spending time with friends and family and exploring creative hobbies. It was wonderful to hear so many thoughtful ideas. Thank you Rachel, for inspiring our pupils to reflect on healthy habits and the many ways they can have fun, learn and connect with others beyond a screen.

### **SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

Please note that the deadline for your application for your child's secondary school is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026. Please click on the following link to access the schools admission page:

[School Admissions - Nottingham City Council](#)

## **A MESSAGE FROM NOTTINGHAM FREE SCHOOL**

Nottingham Free School is currently consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the 2028/29 academic year. The consultation will run until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2026.

As part of the consultation, we are seeking the views of parents and carers of children within the local area. The consultation documents can be viewed on the admissions page of our school website, which can also be found by clicking the link below:

<https://www.nottinghamfreeschool.co.uk/page.php?p=transfer>

There are no significant changes proposed to our admission criteria. The consultation is being undertaken as part of the school's statutory consultation cycle.

Parents and carers wishing to comment can find details of how to respond within the consultation letter. The consultation closes on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2026.

## **WEEKLY % ATTENDANCE FIGURES - THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE: FS & 4P**

|    |        |    |        |    |        |     |        |     |         |
|----|--------|----|--------|----|--------|-----|--------|-----|---------|
| FS | 99.62% | FW | 88.52% | 1G | 96.17% | 1W  | 97.10% | 2DT | 98.33%  |
| 2F | 95.71% | 3G | 99.33% | 3T | 97.60% | 4H  | 98.67% | 4P  | 100.00% |
| 5C | 98.00% | 5W | 98.62% | 6C | 98.99% | 6CH | 97.90% |     |         |

**100% ATTENDANCE WINNERS - KS1: River (1W) KS2: Alexia (4P)**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

|                                                                           |                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6C Swimming                                                               | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October        |
| <b>Mental Health Support Team Coffee Morning for Parents &amp; Carers</b> | <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October - 08.45am - Dining Hall</b>         |
| Last Day of School                                                        | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October                                         |
| Half Term Holidays                                                        | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October       |
| Back to School                                                            | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                                         |
| <b>5C Swimming</b>                                                        | <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> |
| Inset Day                                                                 | Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November                                        |
| PTA Christmas Fair                                                        | Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December                                      |
| <b>Year 4 Ancient Egyptians Workshop</b>                                  | <b>*New Date* - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>                      |
| Last Day of School                                                        | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                                        |
| Christmas Holidays                                                        | Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January       |
| Back to School                                                            | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                                          |
| Year 5 Stratford-upon-Avon Residential                                    | Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January    |
| Last Day of School                                                        | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February                                        |
| Half Term Holidays                                                        | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February     |
| Back to School                                                            | Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February                                        |
| Last Day of School                                                        | Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                                         |
| Good Friday (School & Nursery Closed)                                     | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March                                           |
| Easter Monday (School & Nursery Closed)                                   | Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March                                           |
| Easter Holidays                                                           | Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April           |
| Back to School                                                            | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April                                           |

### **Signposting**

#### **What's On Nottingham**

Please click on the following link for events happening in Nottingham over the next few months:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKNCC/bulletins/42e4bae>.

**Macademia Creative Holiday Clubs - October Half Term** - Creative, practical and future-focused workshops for children aged 8+. Art, street art, fashion design, engineering, architecture & model making, product design, young inventors, business & entrepreneurship, creative writing & storytelling. Book now! - spaces filling fast! Flexible booking: Book one half-day, a full day or multiple sessions. To book your child's place phone 0115 646 2016 or email [info@macademia.co.uk](mailto:info@macademia.co.uk).