



Newsletter

16TH OCTOBER 2026

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A MESSAGE FROM MS PAULSON

Dear families, the first half term of the academic year has flown by and what a positive start it has been. Our children have adapted brilliantly to their new year groups and have approached every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. They are consistently showing our Haydn 5Rs in action and are proving themselves to be thoughtful, hardworking and caring members of our school community.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evenings over the last two weeks. These meetings provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate the progress children have made already and to share the wonderful work taking place across the school. As we head into the autumn break, I would like to wish all of our families a safe, happy and relaxing holiday.

HARVEST CONTRIBUTIONS

We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming generosity shown by our families through their Harvest donations. Thank you to everyone who contributed so thoughtfully to this year's collection. All donations will be given to a local food bank, providing valuable support to people within our community. The children have been proud to play their part in helping others and have embraced the spirit of giving with kindness and enthusiasm. Thank you for helping us make a difference together.

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.

FREE SWIMMING FOR UNDER-16s RETURNS THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM

Make a splash this October half term with free swimming for under-16s at Active Nottingham leisure centres. **Swimming starts on 18th October**, giving children a fun way to stay active, build their confidence in the water and enjoy the school holiday.

Bookings are now open - book via the Active Nottingham [app](#), [website](#) or at your local Active Nottingham [leisure centre](#). Sessions are open to school-age children under 16 who live in Nottingham city. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a responsible adult, or someone aged 16 or over, who can swim with them for free. **Booked a place but can't make it?** Please cancel your booking as soon as possible. Every cancelled place gives another child the chance to jump in and enjoy a free swim.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

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

[School Admissions - Nottingham City Council](#)

DIWALI DAY - FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

We will be celebrating our annual Diwali Day on Friday 13th November. Children who celebrate Diwali will be able to wear their special Diwali Day clothes and the kitchen will provide a special Diwali themed meal. If you celebrate Diwali and would like to come in to talk to children about it in their classes, we would love to hear from you! Please let your child's class teacher know, or leave a message for Mrs Harris at reception.

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 16th 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 16th November 2026.

WEEKLY % ATTENDANCE FIGURES - THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE: 1W & 6CH

FS	91.11%	FW	89.26%	1G	96.93%	1W	97.60%	2DT	96.67%
2F	94.81%	3G	98.15%	3T	97.00%	4H	97.70%	4P	98.15%
5C	88.52%	5W	96.93%	6C	92.59%	6CH	100.00%		

100% ATTENDANCE WINNERS - KS1: Eddie (2F) KS2: Andrew (4H)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half Term Holidays	Monday 19 th October - Friday 30 th October
Back to School	Monday 2 nd November
5C Swimming	Friday 6th November - Friday 20th November
Year 3 Magna Science Centre Trip	Thursday 12th November
Year 5 Stratford-upon-Avon Parent/Carer Meeting	Monday 16th November - 5pm
Year 6 National Holocaust Museum Trip	Wednesday 18th November
Inset Day	Friday 27 th November
PTA Christmas Fair	Wednesday 2 nd December
Year 4 Ancient Egyptians Workshop	*New Date* - Friday 4 th December
Last Day of School	Friday 18 th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21 st December - Friday 1 st January
Back to School	Monday 4 th January

Year 5 Stratford-upon-Avon Residential	Wednesday 6 th January - Thursday 7 th January
Last Day of School	Friday 12 th February
Half Term Holidays	Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February
Back to School	Monday 22 nd February
Last Day of School	Thursday 25 th March
Good Friday (School & Nursery Closed)	Friday 26 th March
Easter Monday (School & Nursery Closed)	Monday 29 th March
Easter Holidays	Tuesday 30 th March - Friday 9 th April
Back to School	Monday 12 th 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>.

St Ann's Community Orchard - Play, Grow & Eat - Wednesday 21st & 28th October - 11am - 2pm. Come along and enjoy a free lunch, workshop & food prep demonstrations, plus outdoor activities for children. Space for families to relax while kids play and explore outdoors. Come along on the day, everyone welcome. Any questions text Rachel 07948 864498. The Community Orchard is on St Ann's Allotments off Ransom Road, NG3 3LJ.

Friends of Sherwood Park (Corner of Hood Street & Marshall Street) - Come join Friends of Sherwood Park for half term spring bulb planting at Sherwood Park on Friday 23rd October, 1pm - 3pm. Everyone Welcome!

St Ann's Community Orchard Apple Day - Saturday 24th October - 12pm - 3pm. A fun-filled afternoon of apple day games, pressing, tasting and refreshments. FREE to attend and no need to book! The Community Orchard is on St Ann's Allotments off Ransom Road, NG3 3LJ.

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.

Holiday Football Camps - Southglade, Nottingham. NG5 5GU - 9.00am - 3.00pm (drop off from 8.30am). 23rd October - Holiday Camp, 30th October - Challenge Event Day. £21 per day, limited spacing. Discounts available for multiple bookings. To book your child's place, please visit, www.wemakefootballers.com/nottingham, email richard@wemakefootballers.com or phone 07355 771175.