Newsletter

HAYDN PRIMARY SCHOOL
City of Nottingham Education Department

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13th November 2026

DIWALI CELEBRATION & BBC CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

Diwali Day and BBC Children in Need 2026 has brought lots of colour and joy to our Friday! At assembly time today, we gathered together to create our kaleidoscope of colour. Children across school enjoyed a range of themed learning activities, from creating beautiful artwork and Rangoli patterns, to enjoying Diwali music and sharing a special Diwali lunch.

Just a reminder that donations for BBC Children in Need can still be made on the Arbor app/portal. Please click on 'School Shop' to make a payment. Donations can be made until Monday 16th November. So far, we've raised £108.00 for Children in Need.

COLDER WEATHER

Now that the colder weather has arrived, please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear in school and that it is clearly labelled with their name. Thank you.

REVIEW OF DAVID WALLIAMS BOOKS IN SCHOOL

No doubt you will have heard the news about the recent criminal accusations regarding David Walliams. With this in mind, we felt it was time to review how his books are used in our school. Currently, we do not use any of David Walliams' books as part of our English or Reading curriculum. While his books are enjoyed by many children, a closer look at his writing reveals some problematic language and stereotypes linked to gender, race and body-shaming. This does not align with our school values. As such, we are undergoing removal of his books from our class libraries. We understand that some of his books have been part of helping form a love of reading for certain children and we are not planning to 'ban' children from reading his books if they have brought them from home. However, we also feel that we are able to provide many alternative options for children to enjoy. If you would like some ideas of books for your child, we strongly recommend looking at some of the fabulous titles compiled by Books For Topics.
https://www.booksfortopics.com/ages/

HAYDN PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR – WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER – 3.30PM – 5.00PM

The Haydn PTA Christmas Fair is on Wednesday 2nd December. We would really welcome donations of wine, alcohol, bottle bags and items for the tombola. Please leave donations with the office or by the PTA shed in the KS1 playground on Friday mornings after drop off.

The annual Christmas cake competition will also be held at the fair. Please bring entries to the office on the morning of the fair clearly labelled with your child's name, class and full list of ingredients and allergens. A reminder than Haydn in a nut free school.

If you would like to have an external stall please email the PTA haydnprimarypta@gmail.com

WEEKLY % ATTENDANCE FIGURES – THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE: 1W & 6C

FS	96.00%	FW	88.28%	1G	93.45%	1W	98.52%	2DT	91.33%
2F	93.33%	3G	95.64%	3T	94.33%	4H	97.00%	4P	99.33%
5C	94.00%	5W	97.00%	6C	100.00%	6CH	96.67%		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5C Swimming	Friday 6th November – Friday 20th 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 27th November
PTA Christmas Fair	Wednesday 2nd December
Year 4 Ancient Egyptians Workshop	Friday 4th December
Area Band and Singing Club 'Christmas in the City' Concert at The Albert Hall	**Monday 7th December – children to arrive at 4.30pm for rehearsal** **Concert starts at 5.30pm**
Year 2 Christmas Performance – 'Christmas Around the World'	**Tuesday 8th December – 2.00pm – families welcome**
Year 2 Christmas Performance – 'Christmas Around the World'	**Wednesday 9th December – 2.00pm – families welcome**
Year 1 Christmas songs around the Christmas Tree	**Thursday 10th December – 2.15pm – families welcome**
Year 1 & F2 'The Snowsmith' Performance at Lakeside Arts Centre	Tuesday 15th December
F2 Christmas Performance 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'	**Wednesday 16th December** **10.00am - families welcome** **4.00pm – families welcome**
Last Day of School	Friday 18th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January
Back to School	Monday 4th January
Year 5 Stratford-upon-Avon Residential	Wednesday 6th January – Thursday 7th January
Last Day of School	Friday 12th February
Half Term Holidays	Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February
Back to School	Monday 22nd February
Last Day of School	Thursday 25th March
Good Friday (School & Nursery Closed)	Friday 26th March
Easter Monday (School & Nursery Closed)	Monday 29th March
Easter Holidays	Tuesday 30th March – Friday 9th April
Back to School	Monday 12th 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/4322779