

I'm really pleased to share some highlights and updates from school over the past half term. It's been lovely visiting classrooms and seeing the great progress our children are making in all areas of their learning.

Our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme is going from strength to strength – thank you so much for your continued support. More details are in a special OPAL newsletter attached with this newsletter.

We've also received lots of positive feedback about our children's fantastic attitude and behaviour when representing the school at events and visits, which is always wonderful to hear.

We've had plenty to celebrate too!

Our Girls' Basketball team are now North West Leicestershire Champions – an amazing achievement. The Year 6 Basketball team were proud runners-up in their event, and our Year 5/6 gymnasts gave an outstanding performance, earning the Spirit of the Games award.

Year 6 recently took part in the Symphony Trust Schools Maths Challenge and achieved an impressive runners-up place. Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating trip to the Snibston Centre to learn about the local history of coal mining, while our EYFS children had a fantastic day meeting and learning about farm animals at Ash End Farm.

The Year 6 residential at Robinwood was a brilliant experience for everyone involved. A big thank you to the staff who gave up their time to support the children on this special trip.

This week, we've also marked two important national events: Children's Mental Health Week, focusing on the theme of 'Belonging', and Safer Internet Day. Both are key in helping us support our children's wellbeing and development.

Important upcoming dates for your diary:

- **World Book Day: March 5th**
  - Children may come in non-uniform or dressed as a book character
  - £1 contribution, with proceeds supporting new school library books
- **Parent Consultation Evenings: 3rd and 5th March, 3:30–6:30pm**
- **Easter Service: 24th March**

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you all have a lovely half-term break.

**Paul Driver**  
Headteacher

## **Year 5 Visit Snibston Colliery**



**In January, our Year 5 children enjoyed an exciting visit to Snibston Colliery. The trip brought their learning about mining in Coalville to life!**

**During the visit, the children experienced complete darkness in a make-shift underground mine, helping them to understand what it would have been like for miners working below ground. They also took part in a hands-on workshop where they re-enacted the roles of Victorian child miners, discovering just how tough and dangerous life could be for children their age in the past. The day also included an informative tour of the colliery, where pupils learned about the history of mining and the important role it played in local communities.**

**It was a fantastic day and a great time was had by all!**



## **EYFS Visit Ashend Farm**

**The EYFS children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Ashend Farm, packed full of learning and fun. The children loved meeting the farm animals, feeding goats and sheep and learning about how animals grow and live. A special highlight was stroking one-day-old chicks and hunting for fresh eggs to take home.**

**After enjoying a picnic lunch together, the children spent time in the play barn, exploring the soft play and slides. It was wonderful to see them playing so happily and supporting one another. Everyone returned to school tired but buzzing with excitement after a truly memorable day out.**



# Sports News

## Year 5/6 Gymnastics Competition

On Wednesday 12th February, we took 4 teams of Year 5s and 6s to the Gymnastics Competition at Coalville Gymnastics Club.

All of the gymnasts did so well, with many of them competing for the first time this year. They were so supportive of each other and we couldn't have been prouder of them all.

Well done to Hattie for finishing 3rd individually. And also to Team C who finished 2nd overall, narrowly missing out on 1st again!

The best news though was that Hugglescote won the Spirit of the Games Award again this year for their amazing attitude at the competition!

## Girls Basketball

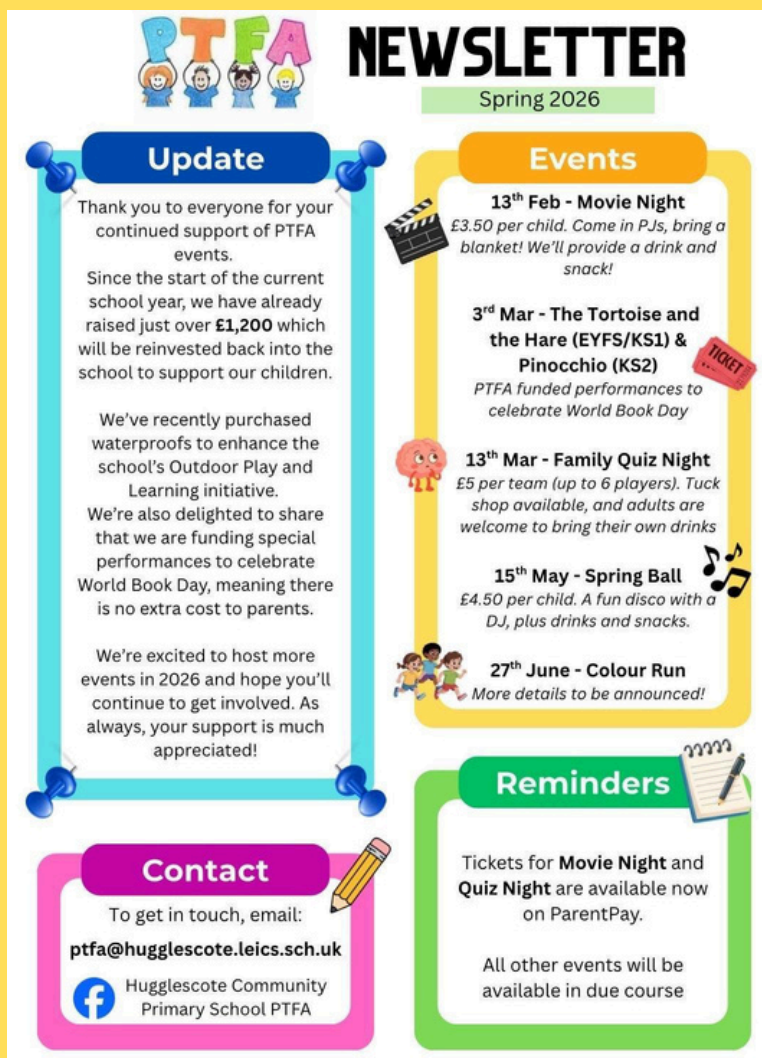
Champions 🏆 What a great night we had winning every game we played. Through to the semi-final and then final, with some amazing baskets scored. Grit, determination, listening and superb team ethic!

Super proud of the girls. ⭐🏀👧

## Year 6 Basketball

Wow! The Year 6 team went to the Basketball 🏀 tournament and made it through to the semi final from their pool. They played All Saints and knocked them out. Going through to the final. Unfortunately we lost to New Swannington. But what a great atmosphere and super team effort. Proud as always. ⭐⭐

Please see all sporting event photos on our weduc newsfeed.



**PTFA NEWSLETTER**  
Spring 2026

### Update

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of PTFA events.

Since the start of the current school year, we have already raised just over **£1,200** which will be reinvested back into the school to support our children.


We've recently purchased waterproofs to enhance the school's Outdoor Play and Learning initiative.

We're also delighted to share that we are funding special performances to celebrate World Book Day, meaning there is no extra cost to parents.

We're excited to host more events in 2026 and hope you'll continue to get involved. As always, your support is much appreciated!

### Contact

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 Hugglescote Community Primary School PTFA

### Events

**13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Movie Night**  
£3.50 per child. Come in PJs, bring a blanket! We'll provide a drink and snack!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mar - The Tortoise and the Hare (EYFS/KS1) & Pinocchio (KS2)**  
PTFA funded performances to celebrate World Book Day

**13<sup>th</sup> Mar - Family Quiz Night**  
£5 per team (up to 6 players). Tuck shop available, and adults are welcome to bring their own drinks

**15<sup>th</sup> May - Spring Ball**  
£4.50 per child. A fun disco with a DJ, plus drinks and snacks.

**27<sup>th</sup> June - Colour Run**  
More details to be announced!

### Reminders

Tickets for **Movie Night** and **Quiz Night** are available now on ParentPay.

All other events will be available in due course

Since the introduction of the Reading Champion Bear, we have seen a massive improvement in children reading 4 times or more at home. The colours indicate the winners of the bear each week which really motivates the children.

Remember to keep reading at home over half term and we will see which class our bear visits after half term.

Thanks for your continued support,  
Mrs Partner

Reading Champion Data – Spring 1 2026

	Butterflies	Ladybirds	Bumblebees	1DP	1LC	1NS	1JW	1MP	1SS
16/01	No data	59%	67%	71%	58%	13%	37%	38%	33%
23/01	72%	67%	77%	83%	88%	75%	60%	43%	67%
30/01	68%	74%	77%	50%	76%	No data	60%	57%	72%
6/02	80%	81%	77%	71%	72%	75%	72%	46%	62%
13/02	No data	70%	85%	58%	68%	63%	72%	46%	69%

### Maths News



Well done to all the classes who have won the Numbots robots to play with in EYFS and Year 1.

Including Ladybirds, 1NS and 1DP.

Well done to those Year 2 classes who have been rocking out after winning the rock guitar for TTR.

Including 1MP, 1SSm and 1JW.



Congratulations to all KS2 class who have won the TTR Trophies this half term.

Including: 2CT, 2SR, 2LR, 2LB, 2KT, 2DB

Special mention to Year 3 and 4 whose extra TTR practice has put them top of the charts in TTR schools in Leicestershire.



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> we will be taking part in an NSPCC Rocks Challenge. Children have all been reminded of the special phone number they can call in assemblies this week and to raise awareness they can also play Numbot and TTR games to get points for our school tomorrow.

Childline Number to call: 0800 11 11

Each week, we ask that children read at least four times at home and record these sessions in their green reading records.


This regular practice makes a huge difference to their confidence, fluency, and enjoyment of reading.

To celebrate their effort, children who achieve their four reads each week earn a stamp on their Starbooks loyalty card. In Key Stage 2, once they have collected six stamps, they enjoy a special in-school trip to our very own Starbooks Café, a fun reward that keeps everyone motivated and excited about reading.

Spring 1					
Class	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
2MD	18/30	73%	65%	68%	70%
2GH	68%	63%	68%	75%	76%
2SR	87%	83%	77%	69%	66%
2DB	67%	77%	89%	84%	88%
2CT	89%	85%	89%	74%	78%
2KT	56%	63%	75%	71%	76%
2LB	55%	87.5%	83%	92%	80%
2LR	79%	87.5%	87.5%	87%	83.2%
2ZN	77%	72%	67%	76%	65%
2JN	58%	71%	68%	No data	65%

Wk 1 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>

## ATTENDANCE

LADYBIRDS	98.1
BUMBLEBEES	92.7
BUTTERFLIES	97.5
1DP	97.8
 1NS	98.2
1LC	98
1MP	95.4
1JW	96.6
1SS	97.6
2DB	97.4
2GH	97.6
2CT	93.7
2LB	95.9
2MD	93.2
2KT	97.4
2SR	97.7
2LR	97.1
2ZN	96.9
2JN	96.1
2RW	97



## DIARY DATES

All Diary Dates can now be found on the Weduc Calendar. Please check this regularly as it is updated often.

## Reminder

- Please label every item of your child's clothing as lost property is increasing significantly. All named items found are returned to your child's class.
- All Breakfast Club, Dinner Money and Pitstop fees should be paid by 22nd February 2026. Wrap around care places will not be available next term with an outstanding balance.

## PTFA Quiz Night

Family Fun • Big Questions • Prizes

**FRI 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**6:30 - 8:00 pm**

### DETAILS

Prize for the winning team  
Adults welcome to bring their own drinks, including alcohol  
Tuck shop available

### BOOK YOUR PLACE

£5.00 per team  
Maximum of 6 people per team (including children)  
Book your team's place via ParentPay - Don't forget to include your team size in the notes  
Spaces are limited!

Parents/carers remain responsible for their children throughout quiz night.