

Newsletter

31st January 2025



A belated Happy New Year to our whole school community! I hope the New Year has started well for you all – it certainly has been a positive start to the Spring Term here at Hugglescote Community Primary School.

As we settle into the rhythm of a new term, it's been wonderful to see our children fully engaged in their learning. Our recent classroom visits have revealed a purposeful learning atmosphere across the school, with all children actively participating and making pleasing progress. It's truly heartening to witness their growth and development.

Our commitment to bringing learning to life through enriching experiences has been in full swing. Year 4 enjoyed a captivating Roman Day, immersing themselves in the ancient world and bringing their topic work to vibrant reality. Year 5 ventured out to Snibston Colliery Park, delving into the rich history of coal mining in our town and gaining insights into the lives of miners. Our youngest learners in EYFS had a delightful visit to Ash End Farm, furthering their understanding of animals and life cycles.

Year 6 recently returned from an exhilarating three-day residential in Wales. I'm incredibly proud of how they demonstrated the 'Hugglescote Way' throughout their adventure. A huge thank you to the dedicated adults who accompanied them, ensuring a memorable and enriching experience for all.

Our school's commitment to sports and physical activity continues to shine. On Saturday 18th, we had the privilege of hosting the NWLSSP Cross Country event, welcoming over 350 young athletes. A big well done to all our children who represented the school with such enthusiasm and determination. I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the adults who generously gave their time to make this event such a resounding success. Our sporting achievements don't stop there – congratulations to our children who participated in the Boccia tournament (and final) and the Basketball event. Your dedication and teamwork make us all proud.

We were thrilled to welcome Luke Temple, the talented author, to our school recently. His visit was a wonderful opportunity for our children to engage with literature in a fun and inspiring way. Luke's passion for storytelling and writing captivated our young minds, encouraging their creativity and love for books.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events on the horizon. The Young Voices Concert in Birmingham on 27th February promises to be an unforgettable experience for our budding musicians.

As we approach Children's Mental Health Week beginning 3rd February, with the theme "Know yourself, grow yourself", our children will be embracing self-awareness and exploring what it means to them. This is a crucial aspect of their personal development, and I encourage you to engage with them about their experiences during this week.

Our OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) initiative is gathering momentum, and I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed donations so far. We're looking forward to the launch after half term. Please keep an eye on Weduc for updates on items we still need – your support is invaluable in making this a success for our children.

Important dates for your diaries: Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on 4th and 6th March (booking details to follow next week), World Book Day is on 6th March, and Year 4 will have their Life Skills Day on 12th March.

Finally, best of luck to all our children competing in the cross country event at Measham tomorrow. Once again, thank you to the adults giving their time to support our young athletes.

As always, I'm immensely proud of our school community – the children, staff, and parents who make Hugglescote such a special place. Your continued support and engagement are what drive us forward, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

Paul Driver
Headteacher

EYFS- Storytelling Sessions

Every Wednesday afternoon, EYFS host a special Reading Workshop where parents join us to share the joy of reading. It has been heart-warming to see the excitement in the children's eyes as they sat together exploring stories and discussing characters with Daddy's, Mummy's and grandparents.

Reading is a vital skill that underpins all learning; fostering a love of books at an early age can have a profound impact on a child's education.

We would like to thank all the parents who have participated so far, making this event so meaningful for our children.

The workshop is every Wednesday afternoon from 2.45 till 3.10pm. Hope to see you there!



EYFS- Visit to Ashend Farm

EYFS had an amazing day out at Ashend Farm to support our learning of our current project 'Amazing Animals'! They started their adventure on a double-decker bus! The farm tour was a big hit, with the children excitedly feeding the goats, the ducks and the sheep. In the hen house the children stroked 1-day old baby chicks and held a chicken. They had the opportunity to hunt for their own fresh egg to take home. They were so curious and loved learning about how the animals grow and live.

The play barn was an absolute highlight – the giant bouncing pillow had everyone laughing, jumping, and having the best time together. They were given free access to the play barn and had time to venture into the soft play and enjoy the many slides. It was so lovely to see them playing so happily and helping each other along. The whole trip was full of fun, learning, and unforgettable moments that left everyone buzzing with excitement!



Boccia Final

On Monday 27th January, the school's Boccia 'A' team competed in the North West Leicester Boccia final. It was a closely contested match which was, unfortunately for us, won 4-3 by the children from Holy Cross School.

Despite being on the wrong end of the result, our children were exceptional role-models and played the match with a positive attitude, great determination and no shortage of skill.

Well done :)



Year 5- Visit to Snibston Colliery

To end year 5's history topic 'How coal mining changed our local area' - they visited Snibston Colliery in Coalville. They have had the opportunity to see first-hand what they have been learning in class.

They had a tour around the site by an ex-miner Brian, who showed them many exciting areas of the colliery and were also transported back in time to the Victorian era to see how it would have been for children, who had to work down in the mines.



Basket Ball Event 1

On Tuesday 21st January - I took another of our fantastic group of Year 6 children to a basketball event. I will get a photo- we were just so busy playing. They played 5 teams and we won and drew which took us into the semi-finals. Here we played another game and as we had tied it went to sudden death.

It was gripping and exciting and as always our children did not let us down. Amazing skill, sportsmanship on show. Unfortunately we did not make it any further but we did enjoy the experience.

Very proud again of the children taken. Some of our children were selected to help score games too. Well done, Mrs Baugh



Basket Ball Event 2

On Monday 20th- Mr Sands and I took this great bunch to the Excel Basketball competition with 7 other schools participating. It was fast and furious- as Basketball is.

We won one, lost one and drew one, but with the other results going against us- we did not then continue in the competition.

Some fantastic skill on show by all the children who represented us and what a fantastic attitude they had too!

Very proud of all the children involved.



Christmas Jumper Day 2024

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Marlene Reid Christmas Toy Appeal. We raised £250!

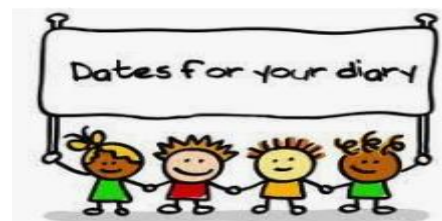
This will make a huge difference to children within our community.

OPAL UPDATE!

A huge thank you to everyone who has dropped something off in the OPAL collection boxes this week; we have had a fabulous start to our collection. We are so pleased to be able to cross off toy dinosaurs from our bingo cards.

We have a number of toy pushchairs which is fabulous. We are also looking for any baby buggies that you may no longer have use for. Dressing up clothing can also be any items of clothing that are a little different like work uniforms, shirts, waistcoats, hats, handbags etc.

The dressing up will not just be for our younger children but all the way up to Year 6! The boxes will be there every day and every little bit does help to add to the wider collection. Thank you all so much.



February

5th – Y2 Collab Trip – Leisure Centre
14th – EYFS Bring Someone You Love to Breakfast
15th- 23rd – Half Term School Closed
25th – OPAL Launch!
26th- EYFS and Year 6 Heights and Weights

March

3rd- Year 7 National Offer Day
4th – Parents Evening
6th- World Book Day
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7th- KS2 – Jungle Book Performance
12th- Year 4 Life Skills Trip
18th- Class Photos
21st- Red Nose Day

April

12th-27th – Easter Break – School Closed
16th- EYFS National Offer Day (Sept 2025 starters)
30th- Year 5 RE Day- Leisure Centre

May

12th-15th – KS2 SATs Week
23rd- EYFS Pirate Picnic - All Saints Primary School
24th-1st- May Half Term – School Closed

June

11th – Saffron Lane Athletics
12th – EYFS Punch and Judy Show
20th- Year 3 Spinney Hill Visit
20th – Year 6 Collab Fun Day
23rd-25th – Year 4 Beaumanor Residential

July

9th – End of school year

Attendance



<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance Percentage</u>
Ladybirds	96.5%
Bumblebees	94.3%
Butterflies	95.3%
1MS	92.9%
1LC	95.4%
1SSm	94.3%
1SS	95.1%
1JJ	94.6%
1JW	97.1%
2MD	94.5%
2NS	95%
2DB	93.2%
2SR	95.8%
2JN	95.5%
2ZN	95.7%
2RW	95.5%
2KT	95.4%
2GH	96.1%
2LR	96%

Well done to 1JW for having the highest attendance so far this year!