



Hugglescote Newsletter

26TH SEPTEMBER 2025



I am delighted to welcome you to our first newsletter of the academic year. A very warm welcome to all new families joining our school family. It has been wonderful to see our children return after the summer holidays, and I am incredibly proud of how well they have settled into their new classes. We have had several exciting experiences and achievements to celebrate this month. Our Year 6 children had an outstanding day at The Warning Zone, learning crucial safety skills. Their behaviour was impeccable, and they represented our school with great distinction. Additionally, 2RW enjoyed a fantastic trip to The Ashby Statutes, with special thanks to the Ashby Lions for their support in making this event possible.

I am also pleased to introduce new members of our school team. We warmly welcome Mrs Partridge, Miss Bishop, Miss Tunbridge, Miss Crann, and Miss Poynton, who have already made significant contributions to our school community.

Our recent creative work has been particularly inspiring. Following our two-week focus on Peter Reynolds' book 'The Dot', our children have produced extraordinary writing and artwork. The book's themes of creativity, collaboration, and courage were embodied by our children, and the resulting displays around the school are truly fantastic.

On a personal note, we extend our congratulations to Mrs and Mr Binns on the birth of their baby boy last week - a moment of joy we are delighted to share.

Looking ahead, I would like to highlight some important upcoming dates:

- Harvest Festival: 7th October at St John The Baptist Church
- Parent Consultations: 7th and 9th October
- PTFA Information Event: 14th October at 6pm
- OPAL Parent Event: 17th October at 1.45pm (further details in the OPAL newsletter)
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I am particularly excited to share a new initiative we are introducing this term. During the week beginning 15th December, all classes (except EYFS) will invite parents and carers into classrooms to hear children sing festive songs and share their learning from the term. Each class will send a separate invite. Our aim is to develop termly opportunities for parents and carers to engage directly with their children's learning experiences.

Our EYFS children will be performing Nativities on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of December more details on this to follow.

We look forward to continuing our journey together and creating meaningful educational experiences for our children.

Kind regards,

Paul Driver
Headteacher

Outcomes 2024-2025

We wanted to take this opportunity to share the positive outcomes for our children across the school last year. Our results were extremely strong and something for the whole school community to be proud of.

EYFS (Good Level Of Development) - 74% a 9% increase and above national average of 69%
Yr 1 phonics 82% increase of 5% and above national average of 80%

KS2 (Yr 6) Reading, Writing and Maths Combined - 70% increase of 11% and above national average of 62%.

All KS2 (Yr 6) outcomes were above national averages at the expected standard.

EYFS & Year 1 Learn About Water Safety

On Thursday 25th September, EYFS and Year 1 children welcomed a visit from Whitwick and Coalville Leisure Centre to learn all about water safety. The children discovered how to stay safe around swimming pools, rivers, lakes, and the seaside, and learned about the important role of lifeguards.

Through fun games and discussions, they explored safe choices such as always being with an adult, wearing a life jacket, and following poolside rules. We also learnt about the different flags and what they mean.



A big thank you to the team for such an engaging and important session!



Well done to September Numbots and Year 2 TTR Winners:

1DP and Year 2 TTR Champions: 1JW who also won Spelling Shed!

Congratulations to KS2 TTR September winners.
Rock on!

5/6 TTR Champions: 2ZN

3/4 TTR Champions: 2CT

Look out for even more TTR Rockstars on Weduc!



Little Wandle Phonics – Support for Parents

Did you know the Little Wandle phonics website has a dedicated Parents' section to help you support your child with phonics and early reading at home? It's full of helpful resources including videos showing how sounds are taught, guidance on tricky words, ideas for supporting reading at home, and even nursery rhyme videos to enjoy together.

We encourage all families to explore this section to build confidence and make phonics fun!

[For parents](#) | [Letters and Sounds](#)

Wellbeing

We are delighted to have successfully been reaccredited for the Wellbeing Award. This is a national award that recognises the commitment we have as a whole school community to everyone's wellbeing.

Thank you to parents/carers who have offered to be involved with the school's work with wellbeing. We will be in touch soon to arrange a meeting to start the ball rolling!



We are beginning to work with the NHS's Mental Health Support Team in schools. We will be providing more information on this over the next term.

If you have a concern about your child's wellbeing please do talk to your child's teacher or Miss Walker who is the school's Mental Health and Wellbeing lead. Information on our Mental Health and Wellbeing strategy can be found on the school website

<https://hugglescote.leics.sch.uk/parents-carers/mental-health-wellbeing/>

Harvest Festival Foodbank Collection

This year as part of our Harvest Festival we have decided to once again support the local foodbank at the Marlene Reid Centre in Coalville by donating all of the goods we receive to their Harvest Foodbank Appeal.

Below are some of the items they find most useful for emergency parcels (non-perishable/ in date items only please)

- Canned vegetables, Tomatoes, Beans/Sausages, Hotdogs, Spaghetti etc.
- Canned meals: Chilli, Bolognese, Curry, Ravioli, Meatballs, Stews, Tinned pies.
- Jars of pasta sauce, sandwich pastes, jam/marmalade etc.
- Canned soups/Packet Soups, Dried Pasta, Rice, Pot/Super Noodles etc.
- Cereals, Biscuits, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Puddings, chocolate etc.
- Sanitary products, shower gels, soap, wipes, toilet rolls, shampoo etc.
- Nappies, wipes, baby food etc.
- Cleaning products
- Pet Food
- Tea bags, coffee, UHT/powdered milk.

If you can spare just a few items no matter how little we will be able to help a local person/ family over the coming months. Please do not send fresh food items.

We do appreciate all your support and kind donations towards this event and would ask that all donations be brought to school between Monday 6th and Wednesday 8th October 2025.





Sports News



First sporting event of the year and a first Hugglescote win! On Tuesday the year 6 girls travelled over to Newbridge to play in the Girls Table Tennis competition. It was a fantastic afternoon, with some brilliant performances from all 7 of the girls! In the end we came out as winners! Cannot explain how proud I am of all 7 of the girls! We've had 2 practices beforehand and some had never picked up a bat before! The improvement in such a short space of time has been incredible! Well done girls! 🏆



2nd Table Tennis Competition! This time it was the turn of the boys. They did so well against really difficult competition. But they persevered and showed great spirit.

So proud of them, their heads never dropped as they battled through game after game.

Although they didn't get through to the semis, we finished as 4th best school on the day. Well done!

Year 6 visited the Warning Zone on 15th September. They gained valuable knowledge on how to keep themselves safe online as well as in the real world.



ATTENDANCE



LADYBIRDS	98.25
BUMBLEBEES	97.62
BUTTERFLIES	98.69
1DP	94.45
1NS	92.77
1LC	93.64
1MP	93.86
1JW	94.69
1SS	93.38
2DB	92.62
2GH	93.72
2CT	93.79
2LB	89.75
2MD	94.85
2KT	93.13
2SR	91.99
2LR	93.66
2ZN	94.50
2JN	91.68
2RW	96.11



DIARY DATES

30th September- 5pm- EYFS Phonics Meeting

7th and 9th October- Parents Evenings

14th October - Flu Spray

18th-26th - Half Term

27th- Year 6 WW2 Day Trip

6th November- Individual and Sibling Photos

13th/14th November- Year 3/4 Saxon Workshop

14th November- Children in Need

2nd December - EYFS Nativity

3RD December - EYFS Nativity

4th December - EYFS Nativity

12th December - Whole School Panto

19th December- End of term

More dates to follow....

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.
- We are a nut free school, please do not send any form of nuts into school with your child, this includes Hazelnut Chocolate spread.
- All Breakfast Club, Dinner Money and Pitstop fees should be paid by 24th October 2025. Wrap around care places will not be available next term with an outstanding balance.