

What a busy half term it's been at Hugglescote Community Primary School! There's been so much going on across the school, and I'm really pleased to share some of the highlights with you.

Our children have had some fantastic experiences this term. For World Book Day, Key Stage 1 enjoyed a performance of *The Hare and the Tortoise*, while Key Stage 2 were treated to *Pinocchio*. It was lovely to see how engaged and excited the children were – these experiences really help bring stories to life.

It was also great to see so many of you at parents' evening. These meetings are such an important chance to talk about how your child is getting on, and we really appreciate you taking the time to come in and meet with staff.

A big thank you to our PTFA for organising the recent family quiz – and to everyone who came along. It was a brilliant event and a great way to bring everyone together.

Our visit to the Easter Service at St John The Baptist Church was another special moment this term. These experiences are really valuable in supporting the children's wider development. I'm also really proud to share the success of Young Voices. The children who took part were absolutely fantastic – they performed brilliantly and represented the school so well. Thank you as well to the staff who supported this event and made it possible.

One of the standout highlights of the term and year has to be achieving the Platinum OPAL award following our recent audit. This is an incredible achievement and places us in the top 1% of schools nationally for outdoor play. A huge well done to Mrs Senior and Miss Walker for leading this, and thank you to our play team for all their hard work behind the scenes.

During Science Week, the children created some brilliant question posters – well done to all of our winners! It's always great to see their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. There's also been lots happening in sport this term, with many children representing the school with energy and enthusiasm. You can read more about these achievements elsewhere in the newsletter.

Looking ahead to next term, there are a few key dates to note. Relish Catering will be starting after the Easter holidays. Road Safety training will take place on 21st April for EYFS, Year 2 and Year 5. SATs week begins on 11th May, which is an important time for our Year 6 pupils.

I hope you have a lovely Easter and a good break. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Paul Driver Headteacher

## Parent & Carer Coffee Mornings

We're pleased to be hosting a series of coffee mornings for parents and carers during the summer term. These will be relaxed, informal sessions where you can meet other families, have a chat with members of the Senior Leadership Team, and talk about transition into the next year group. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions or share anything you'd like us to know.

To help keep things focused, the sessions will be organised by year groups:

- EYFS & Year 1 - Thursday 21st May
- Year 2 & Year 3 - Thursday 4th June
- Years 4, 5 & 6 - Wednesday 10th June

All sessions will run from 9:00-10:00am

We hope you'll be able to join us - it would be lovely to see you there! Please keep an eye out for invitations and further details closer to the time.

## Bikes and Scooters

We've noticed that some children (and younger siblings) are riding their bikes and scooters on the school grounds. To help keep everyone safe, please make sure that children get off their bikes and scooters before coming onto the school premises.

This is important for safety reasons and also helps us meet our insurance requirements.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school a safe place for everyone!

## Young Voices!

On Thursday 26th February, we took 60 children to the BP Pulse Live Arena in Birmingham to perform as part of the Young Voices Choir. It was a very long and exciting day, but the children were absolutely fantastic from start to finish. They represented the school brilliantly, following the Hugglescote Way at all times. Their behaviour, enthusiasm and teamwork were outstanding, and they truly made us proud.

The children had an unforgettable experience, singing beautifully and giving their all during the performance. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to be part of such a large-scale event and they embraced every moment of it.

Well done to all involved!



To celebrate Science Week, the EYFS children enjoyed a special visit from Miss Springthorpe, Hunter James' mum, who works as a science technician at a local high school.

Miss Springthorpe came dressed as a scientist in her lab coat and safety glasses and showed the children some of the equipment used in a real science lab. She also shared a fun story linked to science.

The highlight of the visit was a volcano experiment, where the children watched with excitement as a mixture of bicarbonate of soda and vinegar created a bubbling eruption.!

A big thank you to Miss Springthorpe for helping us celebrate Science Week in such an exciting way



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### Year 1 and 5 Fire Service Visit

This half term, Year 1 had a visit from Leicestershire Fire Service. We learnt the importance of being safe if there is a fire at home.



- We need to check our smoke alarms once a month.
- Check the door handles to see if they are hot
- If there is smoke, drop to the ground
- We learnt Stop! Drop! Roll!

We also learnt that if there is a fire, an adult needs to call 999

We had lots of fun learning but know it is really important to be safe.

### EYFS & KS1 Reading

Another great half term for reading in EYFS and KS1.

Keep up the good work and remember to continue to read over the holidays...it will still count.

Well done to all our winners this half term, the Reading Champion Bear has enjoyed all of his adventures across the classes.

Reading Champion Data – Spring 2 2026

	Butterflies	Ladybirds	Bumblebees	1DP	1LC	1NS	1JW	1MP	1SS
27/02	68%	70%	69%	79%	72%	67%	66%	54%	59%
6/03	76%	85%	58%	79%	72%	75%	72%	41%	76%
13/03	76%	67%	69%	79%		75%	45%	57%	72%
20/03	68%	78%	81%	79%	73%	63%	55%	57%	62%
27/03	76%	74%	73%	79%	76%	64%	52%	39%	76%

### KS2 Reading DATA

Number of children who have read 4 times or more- monitored weekly and reward given to all children who have and the class that has the most will receive a trophy/certificate.

#### Spring 2

Class	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5		
2MD	No data	62%	No data	73%	76.6%		
2GH	79.3%	57%	68%	57%	69%		
2SR	No data	73%	73%	85%	66.6%		
2DB	79%	68%	72%	92%	77.7%		
2CT	78.5%	73%	62%	75%	82.1%		
2KT	No data	71%	68%	73%	91%		
2LB	87.5%	79.8%	87%	91.30%	79.1%		
2LR	91.3%	92%	91%	91.6%	95.6%		
2ZN	77%	77%	69%	75%	68%		
2JN	52%	61%	70%	73%	76%		

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

## PCSO Abigail Carter

We welcomed PCSO Abigail Carter from the Bardon Beat Team, who spent the time working with our School Council. Together, they explored ideas for making traffic safer at pick-up and drop-off, as well as ways we can strengthen road-safety awareness for all children in school.

The pupils were thoughtful, engaged, and full of practical suggestions, a brilliant example of pupil voice in action.

Watch this space... exciting improvements are on the way.



## Swimming Gala

We had a fantastic time at the swimming gala today with Year 5 and Year 6.

The children were absolutely fabulous from start to finish, showing real team effort, resilience, and determination in every race.

Their hard work truly paid off - they won the day with zero penalty points, and many of our swimmers achieved brilliant times in their events. They represented the school with pride, positivity, and great sportsmanship.

A huge well done to all of them. What a team.



## World Book Day

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, EYFS and KS1 enjoyed a live performance of The Hare and the Tortoise and what a wonderful experience it was!

The children loved seeing this well-known story brought to life with lively acting and plenty of humour. There were lots of smiles, laughter and excited cheers as they watched the race unfold and were reminded of the story's important message about perseverance.

Experiencing live theatre made the story feel even more special, helping to spark the children's imagination and deepen their love of books. A fantastic way to celebrate World Book Day!

Key Stage Two enjoyed the production of Pinocchio this morning. The children in year 6 loved their 'behind the scenes' workshop afterwards. Thank you to the PTFA for funding this wonderful experience for the children.



## ATTENDANCE

LADYBIRDS	97.3
BUMBLEBEES	94
BUTTERFLIES	96.9
1DP	96.6
1NS	96.1
1LC	96.9
1MP	95.6
1JW	97.5
1SS	96.6
2DB	96.4
2GH	97.4
2CT	96.4
2LB	95.3
2MD	96.1
2KT	96.2
2SR	95.7
2LR	96.7
2ZN	96.7
2JN	95.8
2RW	96.3



## DIARY DATES

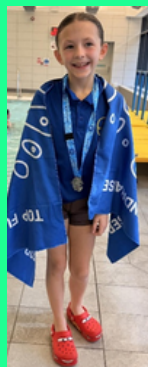
All Diary Dates can now be found on the Weduc Calendar. Please check this regularly as it is updated often.

## Reminder

- Please check your emails for your child's most recent reports.
- Please name all of your child's items.
- All Breakfast Club, Dinner Money and Pitstop fees should be paid by 12th April 2026. Wrap around care places will not be available next term with an outstanding balance.

## Thank you!

A huge thank you to Noah in Bumblebees who completed a 5k sponsored fun run to raise funds for the EYFS. Noah wanted to support the school and decided to complete a 5k run raising £220. Thank you so much for your support Noah.



A massive well done to Harper in 2LR who managed to raise a huge £506 for Marie Curie, Swimathon Charity and Cancer Research. Harper did a 1.5km solo swim and managed to absolutely smash her expected time, doing it in an amazing 36 minutes.

Harper would like to say a special thank you to her friends for going to cheer her on.