



# Hugglescote Newsletter



9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of a full academic year. The pupil reports have been issued, the children have tried out their new classes, the leavers' events have taken place and the school year is at an end. It's a time when we say farewell to our Year 6 children and some members of our team, as well as looking forward and welcoming new children into EYFS, new families and new colleagues.

Firstly, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs James who has dedicated 15 years to teaching here at Hugglescote. Her caring and kind nature has left a lasting impression on both children and staff alike as will her love of all things Elvis! The staff will also remember her for her fantastic baking! We wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement

We also say goodbye to Mrs Murray who has supported many children as a Learning Support Assistant over the past 10 years. She will continue her passion for helping children with dyslexia and we wish her every success in her future ventures. Mrs Murray is also a talented artist- if you've admired the wall art at the Co-op, she coordinated this project with our pupils when the store first opened in 2020.

To our Year 6 children, we are proud of all you've achieved. You've embraced every opportunity, and we know you are ready for the exciting challenges of secondary school! We will miss you and wish you good luck, happiness and much success for the future.

Finally, farewell to those families whose journey with us ends here. We thank you for all your support and contributions over the years and we wish you all well. As always, once part of the family here at Hugglescote Community Primary School, you are always part of our family. We hope to see you again at a future Christmas or Summer fair!

Welcome to Miss Bishop, Miss Tunbridge and Mrs Partridge who will be joining us as part of our teaching team. They were with us on transition day and we look forward to working with them.

When I talk to the children and staff about the past year, there have been many memorable moments. They talk about Young Voices, History Club, OPAL, H Factor, Sporting competitions and events, residentials, and the recent Spotlight show. Many of these opportunities have happened due to dedicated staff members giving their time voluntarily outside of normal working hours. I'm sure you will join me in thanking the staff across school for all that they do to ensure these memorable moments are there for the children to enjoy and experience.

The word community is central to our school's name and to our values. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support you provide, whether it's helping with home learning, volunteering your time, sending your child to school on time, donating to OPAL, raising funds to support school causes, attending events or supporting our policy and procedures. Your partnership makes a real difference. Thank you also to all our school Governors and members of our PTFA who volunteer their time to benefit all the children at school. We will be looking next year at how we can develop more opportunities across the year to enable the children to share more of their learning with you.

Pupil achievements across school have been strong this year. We have achieved good outcomes from EYFS, Phonics in Year 1 to the Year 6 SATs results. A good foundation in Primary school is vital to ensure future success into secondary school and beyond. Well done everyone and keep on learning.

Our school motto is Enjoy, Learn, Achieve and this year, we've seen that motto come to life in so many ways. As we close this chapter and look ahead to a new school year, we thank you once again for being part of our journey. Whatever you may be doing over the summer holidays, we wish you all a restful and joyous summer break and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Kind regards

Nicky Walker  
Deputy Headteacher.

## From the Chair of Governors:

Over the summer holidays, I shall be signing the final document for the school to convert from a Maintained School to an Academy and to join Symphony Learning Trust.

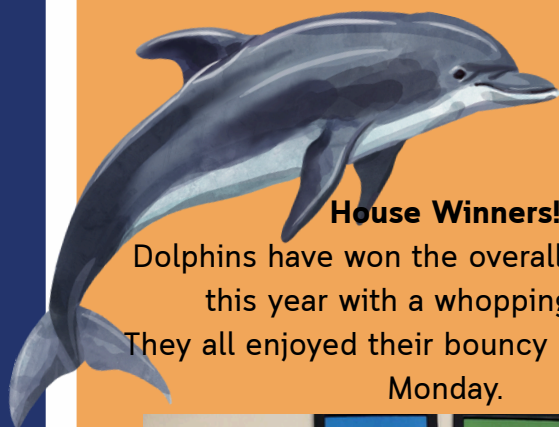
The Governing Body gave their final approval for this at our last meeting. This has rightly been a long process, which has taken some 17 months from first thoughts to completion. We have undertaken a number of actions, which has included speaking to several Multi Academy Trusts; visited schools in Symphony; spoken with Headteachers, Teachers and Chairs of Governors in Symphony schools; conducted consultations; and completed extensive Due Diligence reviews on Symphony to ensure that they are a good fit for us. We have also held meetings with the DfE, the Local Authority and Symphony to ensure all the legal aspects have been approved by all parties.

As you can see, the decision to join Symphony has not been taken lightly. However, we believe that joining Symphony Learning Trust is the right decision for the school to continue to move forward in its journey and to improve the outcomes for our children.

You and our children will see no obvious changes in us joining Symphony. No name change or change in ethos. We will still be serving our community to the best of our abilities as we have always done. Most of the changes will be behind the scenes.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic and safe summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you again in the new academic year.

Nick Fordyce Chair of Governors



### House Winners!

Dolphins have won the overall house points this year with a whopping 39,587. They all enjoyed their bouncy castle treat on Monday.



### Year 1 Summer Picnic

Year 1 welcomed our parents to taste our fruit kebabs we made in Design and Technology.

They were also treated to the children's musical ability through our call and response songs.





LITTLE PERFORMERS, BIG APPLAUSE

# SPOTLIGHT

WOWS WITH WEST END FAVOURITES!

On Wednesday 2nd July, Spotlight thrilled audiences with two performances of A Musical Tale, featuring popular songs from Oliver!, The Sound of Music, Annie, Mary Poppins and Wicked.

Mr Fordyce, Chair of Governors, remarked, "The children's performance was excellent!" Many parents commented on how their child's confidence had been boosted since joining Spotlight and how the children were directed with such joy and passion. One of the youngest member's parents said, "We are so pleased Spotlight has introduced our child to the wonders of musical theatre."

Spotlight's director, Miss Watson shared, "It has been my pleasure and privilege to witness such joyful children blossom into vibrant and talented performers. These are the moments we will all remember for the rest of our lives!" Being part of a musical theatre club is not only exciting and memorable but can also play a vital role in developing children's oracy - helping them to speak clearly, express themselves with confidence, and communicate effectively with an audience. At Hugglescote, we are proud to be a Voice 21 school, and opportunities like Spotlight directly support our commitment to nurturing articulate, confident communicators.

Spotlight is a musical theatre club run by Miss Watson on Tuesdays after school and will be welcoming new members from all year groups in September.

To register your interest, please contact Miss Watson via weduc.





# Sports News



What a brilliant experience! Our 3 4 team represented North West Leicestershire after winning the Quad Kids event in our area. That means already they are the top. We went and competed against the other 9 districts of Leicestershire. We came 5th overall only 19 Points between 5th and 1st. High standards - great skill.



Early June we attended the NWLSSP Netball Tournament at Ashby School. We took two teams who played with tenacity and determination. Thank you to the children and the parents. We all got soaked and it was a late finish. But.... Netball is a fast paced, disciplined game and our Year 5 team showed great skill getting though to the semi- finals. We were just pipped at the last hurdle by Swannington but absolutely not through want of trying. As always it was a pleasure to take them. Thank you to all who came and parents for being great support on the sidelines!



## Year 5 Visit to Bosworth Battlefield and The Manor House Takeover

To start the new term, year 5 visited Bosworth Battlefield to learn more about their recent topic in history. We all had a great day in the sunshine and all got involved with the activities.

Year 5 have had an amazing time at the Manor House takeover day. The staff there said they were a credit to the school! They have taken part in catering duties in the cafe, worked front of house, travelled around the site as customers, worked as management and planned upcoming events, conducted tours and even worked in the gardens planting seeds! Well done Year 5 for being great workers and really getting stuck in and giving new things a go.

## Year 6 - National Writing Day

Year 6 took part in a live lesson from Pobble for National Writing Day.

Using a picture to spark their imagination, they enjoyed some drama and wrote a story based on the picture. The live lesson presenter gave some story writing top tips. Juno (2ZN) had her story ending read out to the nation!

## Year 6 HSBC Financial Education Workshop

A representative from HSBC delivered a finance education workshop to each year six class. They found out about the different type of scams to be aware of.





# EYFS Pirate Picnic

Our EYFS children had a swashbuckling time on their adventure to All Saints Primary School for a special Pirate Picnic Day!

At lunchtime, the hungry crew sat down for a lovely picnic together. It was a wonderful chance to make new friends and share in the fun.



## Year 4 Residential

Year 4 has a wonderful time at Beaumanor Hall. They took part in canoeing, climbing, archery and survival in the woods. So much fun was had and the weather was super.



## Y3 - Bardon Quarry Visit

Year 3 had a fantastic trip yesterday courtesy of Holcim, Bardon Quarry. Thankfully the weather was kind and we walked all the way and back. Whilst at the quarry they took us on a tour, showing us all their ways of preserving the environment as they dig too. The children were gifted with bags, water bottles, notebooks and a few sweet treats. As always the children were fantastic at asking searching questions to the workers who took us on a tour.



# H Factor 2025

Last week we held our final performance. All finalists put on an amazing show of talent for all to see. Every child and adult got to cast a vote for their favourite act. A special mention to Lewis and Nova and Angus who helped warm up the show and also to Hugglescote's own Ant and Dec: Ronnie and Max who took on the presenting job this year.

We had piano playing, DJ ing, dancing, singing and gymnastics. The number of children who auditioned in class, as well as in the semi-finals, was fantastic. Hugglescote really does have talent. Well done to everyone who performed at any point in the process. You are all stars.

When the whole school gathers to hear the announcement of who has won.



The Finalists



And the winner is: DJ Alfred.



Until 2026.... Keep practising children and next year it could be you 😊



## ATTENDANCE

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
LADYBIRDS	95.87
BUMBLEBEES	94.77
BUTTERFLIES	94.52
1DP	94.18
1SSM	95.27
1LC	95.49
1JJ	95.40
 1JW	96.75
1SS	95.66
2DB	94.03
2GH	96.55
2NS	95.20
2MD	94.24
2KT	96.00
2SR	95.36
2LR	95.55
2ZN	94.32
2JN	94.29
2RW	95.23

## Uniform Orders

Please place all uniform orders by 8<sup>th</sup> August for guaranteed delivery. Uniform can be ordered via

<https://violetembroidery.com/all-products/ols/categories/hugglescote-primary-school>

### Co-Op Uniform Swap Shop

[https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/school\\_uniform\\_swap\\_shops](https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/school_uniform_swap_shops)



## DIARY DATES

26th August- Years 1-6 Return to School

29<sup>th</sup> August- EYFS First Morning

1<sup>st</sup> September- EYFS Full Time

More dates to follow after the summer break.

## 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 31st July 2025. Wrap around care places will not be available next term with an outstanding balance.
- Children in years 1-6 will return on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025.
- Children joining us in EYFS will start on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am-11.30am, their first full day will be Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September, EYFS children cannot attend Breakfast Club/Pitstop until they are in school full time.